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The 25th annual North Carolina Pride Parade was held on Duke University's East Campus last weekend. Hundreds of people from diverse backgrounds marched together to demonstrate their support of gay pride and acceptance.

## Area students take pride in **DIVERSITY** of community

Sarah Chaffee  
Reporter

A man dressed as Jesus strapped on roller blades and skated down the main quad at Duke University's East Campus last Saturday. This man was joined by several local church members, all marching to show their appreciation of the hundreds of people that came out to celebrate the 25th annual North Carolina Pride Parade.

Churches from every denomination accompanied this roller-skating "Jesus" down the road, some holding signs that read, "I'm Baptist and I'm gay!" The demonstrators were attempting to showcase pride and acceptance of both their sexuality and faith.

People from several ethnic, religious and socioeconomic backgrounds walked down the streets of Durham, passing along smiles and hugs as they marched.

"We've been going to this parade for eight years, and this year we have a great turnout," said Frank Cotton of Saint Francis of Assisi, a Catholic Church located in Raleigh with a gay and lesbian outreach ministry.

"Our church provides social and spiritual retreats for the gay and lesbian members of our community," said Chuck Small, a fellow member of the church.

Several members of Elon's own gay and lesbian group, Spectrum, strolled the streets, flashing huge smiles of excitement as the people lining the streets cheered them on.

"Pride is for everyone," junior Madeleine MeJean said. "It made me really happy to see people united."

MeJean said every day should be

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- Madeleine MeJean  
ELON JUNIOR

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filled with this kind of acceptance and that people should try to attend a pride parade whenever they get a chance.

Sophomore Rhiannon Clark said she felt the parade made being different feel acceptable, something people should constantly feel.

"It's great to see support from churches and parents," Clark said. "It's good to see everyone being so open and not scared."

Impressed with the outcome, Clark casually pointed out the lack of protesters. A few protesters silently held signs that stated, "Homo sex is sin."

Sophomore Brittany Moore attended the parade with a car full of friends.

"I thought it was so much fun," Moore said. "Everyone was happy and we got to dance with all the people in the parade."

As the parade came to an end, Sen. Ellie Kinnaird (D-Orange) gave a speech celebrating the progress of gay rights in the South. Kinnaird emphasized, that even though the progress has been significant, there is always more work to be done. She thanked the community for showing its support and making the event possible.

"Everyone should experience the love and excitement," MeJean said.

## Catholic leader visits Elon, blesses Newman Center

Kristin Feeney  
Reporter

Hundreds of hours of planning, countless prayers and the collaboration of many came to a climax last Saturday when Bishop Michael F. Burbidge of the Catholic Diocese of Raleigh visited Elon to celebrate Mass and bless the university's new Catholic Newman Center.

Now housed in the Holland House on South Campus, the Catholic Newman Center is the sixth facility supported by the Catholic Diocese of Raleigh. Newman Centers already exist at Duke University, East Carolina University, North Carolina State University, UNC Chapel Hill and UNC Wilmington.

Named in honor of John Henry Cardinal Newman, a highly influential 19th-century British priest and cardinal, Newman Centers are residences and Catholic ministry centers at non-Catholic universities throughout the world. The blessing ceremony is a tradition that accompanies the official installment of the facility.

At Elon, Associate University Chaplain Phil Smith presented the welcome. President Leo Lambert gave

the introduction and reflection for the blessing. Burbidge offered the official blessing of the Diocese of Raleigh, and The Rev. Gerry Waterman and senior Justin Sposato, president of Catholic Campus Ministry, reflected on the gratitude of the program.

The blessing marked the first time an Elon religious organization has received a house of faith.

"This is the first of several houses (at Elon) affirming faiths," Lambert said. "There's a reason why the Catholics are first and that reason is the Rev. Gerry Waterman. He was the visionary who convinced us all."

Waterman is the Diocesan representative who has been serving Elon Catholic Campus Ministry for the last four years. He regularly presides over Sunday night masses as well as the Wednesday night Catholic mass.

"I am an external shepherd of the Diocese," Waterman said. "Having Bishop Burbidge come to campus shows our universality ... it connects the Catholic community at large."

At the blessing ceremony, Waterman thanked the many benefactors who made the Catholic Newman Center a reality.

"There's a saying that when it is in your power to do good, do not hold back ... your support and dedication have not gone unnoticed," he said.

Sposato echoed Waterman's gratitude.

"It's a pretty big thing to have the president of your university and the bishop of your Diocese at the same event," Sposato said. "It's a blessing to have that kind of support."

Twenty-five percent of Elon students, roughly 1,200-1,300 of the overall student body, are Catholic. Two hundred students regularly participate in Mass and 40-50 are actively involved in Catholic Campus Ministry programming, Sposato said.

The blessing of the Catholic Newman Center opens a new chapter for the Catholic Campus Ministry and its role on Elon's campus.

"We really do appreciate this amazing opportunity we have," Sposato said. "We have a lot of programming in the works. From Monday Night Football fellowship to small group discussion, we have a lot in store."

Catholic Campus Ministry invites all students to come and visit the Catholic Newman Center.

As Lambert said in his closing remarks, "the best purpose (of Holland House) is yet to come."





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# Students interested in volunteering locally encouraged to “Get on the Bus”

Jessica Turner  
Reporter

An eerie silence settles over the gym. Two lines of kids stand facing each other. They are ready for battle.

The silence is broken with a war cry, “Giants, Wizards, Elves!” A parade of children run after each other, letting out shrieks of joyful laughter. Elon students are caught and dragged back to the other side.

Ten minutes earlier, 10 Elon students stepped off a BioBus ready to make a difference. The overcast weather did not deter them. They were participating in “Get on the Bus,” a six-week program run by the Kernodle Center for Service Learning.

Every Friday, two or three students can sign up by the east entrance of Moseley. At 3 p.m. the bus departs to the volunteer location, returning them to campus around 6 p.m. when the activity commences.

Two weeks ago, Elon students spent quality time with the kids at the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club. Children and volunteers painted faces and played sports. Freshman Elise Noyes was taught bumper pool by one of boys.

“The little boy totally beat my butt,” Noyes said.

Noyes said she enjoyed the experience and plans to participate again. Other Elon students did face painting with the children, and one volunteer even painted the Batmobile on a little boy’s hand.

Children in kindergarten through eighth grade attend the afterschool program, which hosts a total of 85 children. In the afternoons, the children play games, finish homework and watch movies. It is a safe place for children who may have nowhere else to go.

Xylde Gee, a cooking instructor at the Boys and Girls Club, welcomes the Elon student volunteers.



President Leo Lambert cuts the ribbon for the first “Get on the Bus” outing Sept. 18, which went to the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club. The program is run by the Kernodle Center for Service Learning.

“Volunteers make the kids feel special,” she said.

Mickia, a fifth grader in the program, said she “enjoys it when the volunteers are here.”

The idea for “Get on the Bus” was first proposed at a conference last spring attended by students in the Kernodle Center. Interns at the center decided the idea was right for Elon.

“The purpose of the program is to introduce people to community partners,” said Mary Morrison, the director of the Kernodle Center.

She said they hope Elon students will continue to volunteer in the community when the program is over.

During the first week, 45 students participated, and there is still a growing interest in the program in the Elon community.

Morrison encouraged organizations to “Get on the Bus” and for participants to report their volunteer hours to the Kernodle Center. The hours will be validated and counted toward an experiential learning requirement.

This Friday, “Get on the Bus” is going to the Burlington Housing Authority. Although the location changes every week, the opportunity to make a difference remains the same.

“Two hours a week can be very special to that child,” Gee said.

## GET ON THE BUS VOLUNTEER LOCATIONS

### OCT. 2 KOPPER TOP

A non-profit organization that offers non-clinical therapy, such as horseback riding, recreational therapy, animal-assisted therapy and horticulture therapy to individuals with or without disabilities. The farm is located on 33 acres in southeast Guilford County.

### OCT. 9 POSITIVE ATTITUDES YOUTH CENTER

The center strives to enable children and young adults to mature physically, emotionally, spiritually and academically. Through after-school, daytime and summer programming, the center hopes to see a stronger, more peaceful community.

### OCT. 16 LOAVES AND FISHES

Loaves and Fishes is a Christian food ministry that provides groceries to hungry families in Alamance County and the five surrounding counties.

### OCT. 23 ALLIED CHURCHES

This non-profit organization incorporates a Christian assistance network, soup kitchen and emergency overnight shelter to help the lonely, hungry and hopeless.

# Small crowd gathers to discuss big changes to university’s future

Samantha King  
Assistant News Editor

A small group of three university officials and two students met last Wednesday in an open forum to discuss “Imagine Elon,” the university’s new 10-year plan.

During the brief introductory explanation of the plan, Connie Book, associate dean of the School of Communications, stressed Elon’s commitment to innovative change.

“What is most important is that we remain a best-value institution,” she said.

Book highlighted topics such as renovating student residence halls, building a new 5,000 seat convocation center and expanding the diversity of Elon by bringing in a more diverse staff and foreign exchange program.

“We spoke to The Pendulum, Resident Students Association, Org Leaders — now is the time for all students to have their say,” said Gerry Francis, executive vice president.

The information session lasted 30 minutes before the floor opened for questions. Many of the students’ concerns dealt with topics such as environmental sustainability, student residency and the new convocation center.

Francis also highlighted the progress Elon has made during the last 10 years.

“Ten years ago, Daniele Center

“This makes you want to come back and see the campus. If all of these changes can be conceived in 10 years, imagine 20.”

- Alexa Skyes  
ELON FRESHMAN

did not exist, the stadium did not exist, we had half the faculty we have now,” Francis said. “When we make lists, we generally get them done.”

The “list” Francis has in mind will not be completed without a strenuous price tag and a great deal of fundraising. To complete the plan, the university will need \$283 million.

In the next few years, students should expect increases in tuition of a little more than 5 percent.

Regardless of the price-tag, freshman Alexa Sykesmany said she feels the change will be great.

“This makes you want to come back and see the campus,” she said. “If all of these changes can be conceived in 10 years, imagine 20.”

The final draft is due to the board of trustees next week.

For more information and an overview of the plan, search “Imagine Elon Campaign Plan.”



The final plan is due next week, but senior staff, including **Dean of Students Smith Jackson**, felt student input was required prior to the final draft.



**Connie Book**, associate dean of the school of communications, stressed the importance of keeping Elon’s label as a “best value institution.”



The most important aspect of the university’s future was to remain a “best-value school” said **Gerry Francis**, executive vice president.

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# Students pursue research and post-grad opportunities overseas

Hannah Williams  
Senior Reporter

Ambitious Elon students and alumni capitalize on the university's international emphasis every year — studying, researching and pursuing higher education abroad.

"It's very much in line with Elon's goals of creating global citizens who are aware of what's going on in the world and engaged with activities in other countries," said Janet Myers, director of fellowships and associate professor of English at Elon.

According to Elon University, 71 percent of Elon students study abroad at least once before graduating, and 14 percent complete undergraduate research. Senior Nichole Rawlings combined these two Elon experiences and researched two-dimensional art in Florence, Italy while studying abroad in spring 2009.

"I wasn't really planning on going abroad for a semester," Rawlings said. "After some serious consideration I began to realize the benefits of a semester in Florence would prove to be an integral part of my research on perspective in two-dimensional art."

Unlike the 91 percent of Elon freshmen who enter school planning to study abroad, according to the National Survey of Student Engagement, study abroad wasn't in Rawlings' Elon plan. She said she decided to apply to the Elon in Florence program when her honors thesis mentor and academic adviser, associate professor of art Kirstin Ringelberg, told her she would be one of the faculty members for the program's inaugural semester.

Before venturing to Florence, Rawlings said she researched the specific cities, museums and works of art she would like to visit and include in her research. She said planning ahead helped make her experience more productive.

Rawlings plans to submit her research to various undergraduate research forums, including SURF and the National Conference for Undergraduate Research. After Elon, she said she will pursue her master's degree in art and museum studies.

"I want to work in a museum after graduation, and I think that my research will help prepare me for the practical elements of museum work," she said. "There is also a possibility that I could continue working on my research into graduate school, or at the very least be extremely prepared for the dissertation process."

While Rawlings said she will probably apply to schools stateside, Elon graduates also have the option of completing higher education overseas.

"I see the benefit as getting the international perspective, getting the cultural experience and getting another perspective outside of the American educational system, which can be really valuable," said Myers, who advises students in the application process for national and international fellowships.

Myers said applying for international fellowships is a good option for Elon students who wish to go abroad after graduation to attend graduate school, teach English or complete independent research.

"I wanted to pursue post-grad abroad because I thought it would give an interesting perspective to my studies," said Julie Kenneally, a 2008 alumna and Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar currently working toward a master's degree in strategic studies of war theory at the University of Aberdeen in Aberdeen, Scotland.

The Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship Program provides money to students who wish to pursue one or two years of degree-oriented study in a foreign country and simultaneously further international understanding.

As a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar applicant, Kenneally named her top five graduate schools in her application and, after being selected as a scholarship recipient, Rotary International chose which program Kenneally would attend. She based her selections on program availability and English language instruction.

"I speak Spanish and a little Arabic, but I wanted to make sure that I was able to fully understand the textbooks and lecture," Kenneally said.

She will complete four modules, the Scottish equivalent of courses, during the 2009-2010 academic year. Kenneally said she will work on her dissertation from June to September 2010, when she will complete her program.

"My least favorite thing is all the bureaucracy I've had to go through as an international student," Kenneally said. "Obtaining a visa was an insane process that was so complicated that it would have almost been a deterrent had I not had a scholarship. Once over here, I've just been running from building to building trying to get approved and registered and get my passport checked and all my information covered. I haven't even been able to open a bank account because they are so security-conscious about international students here."

As a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar, Kenneally will not only pursue her master's degree but also connect with the local Rotary club in Scotland and give cultural presentations there.

"I'm hoping to continue my research on terrorism as well as establish contacts to possibly get a job overseas after I finish my dissertation," said Kenneally, who completed an undergraduate thesis about media coverage of female suicide terrorism as an Honors Fellow during her time at Elon.

Since the program's founding in 1947, local Rotary clubs have sent nearly 38,000 men and women from about 100 countries abroad, making it the world's largest privately funded international scholarship program, according to the Rotary International Web site.

International fellowships are appealing because they are very prestigious and offer opportunities to connect



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Julie Kenneally, a 2008 alumna and Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar, attended Scottish Culture Day at the University of Aberdeen in Scotland while she was there working toward her master's degree.

and to integrate into the country, Myers said.

"It's a lifelong networking opportunity once you're accepted to one of these programs," Myers said. "You also have more of a support system."

She cited pre-U.S.-departure orientation programs and cultural introductions where students have the chance to learn about the places they will be studying and to network with current and past participants.

"You have a guided introduction to the country and the cultural expectations," Myers said. "The programs also offer an opportunity to be a cultural ambassador."

Myers said the Fulbright U.S. Student Program is a popular choice for students who want more flexibility in what they will propose to do while abroad. While competitive, students are judged on the merit of their application and only compete with other students applying for a Fulbright in the same country.

Other country, school and program-specific international fellowships exist, and Myers works with students to determine what programs are most suitable and how to construct a convincing application.

"Plan ahead," Myers advised students considering international research and post-graduate opportunities. "Look at the study abroad opportunities and see how they can translate into the international fellowship applications. Pursue foreign language studies. And keep up your GPA."



DAVID WELLS | Photo Editor  
Renovations to The Zone provide students with a new option for coffee, snacks and a place to study with the addition of Irazú.

## New location, same Irazú

### The Zone renovation provides new food services, comfort for Elon community

Caitlin O'Donnell  
Reporter

After months of preparation, Irazú Coffee has opened its doors to those at Elon in need of a quick coffee break or a quiet place to study.

Without a Starbucks on campus, many students and teachers eagerly anticipated the opening and took advantage of the free coffee available the first few days.

Irazú is owned and operated by Rod Salazar and his family, who are originally from Costa Rica. The first shop opened in Burlington almost five years ago and was a frequent stop for many Elon students.

"We knew it wasn't very convenient for them to get there," Salazar said. "So now we hope to bring the same Irazú experience to Elon's campus."

So far, business has been busier than anticipated.

"The shop has really only been open a couple of days, but the traffic through has been wonderful," said Jodean Schmiederer, assistant dean of students.

Joel Karty, an Elon chemistry professor and frequent Irazú

customer, said he has no doubt the shop will be successful in the long run.

"Certainly, a lot of our students have sophisticated tastes and will appreciate the quality of the coffee," he said. "And students are customers, too, and will really appreciate the service and friendliness that Rod and his family have to offer."

Schmiederer said she is confident the atmosphere of Irazú will attract students.

Computers were installed to meet students' technology needs, as well as a stage and sound system.

"Our goal was to provide a comfortable place for students to hang out, get a cup of coffee, study and possibly enjoy a little entertainment," Schmiederer said.

Salazar said he hopes the new location at Elon will generate customers and business at the Burlington shop, which has been struggling.

"I see the campus shop as another means of letting people know about our Burlington location and encouraging them to visit it," he said.

Salazar has been described as

a student of coffee, committed to understanding as much about it as he can. He said he is constantly in search of knowledge about his product.

"Brewing coffee and pulling shots of espresso are more than just tasks," he said. "It's an art, and we take the art of making good coffee very seriously."

Many customers said they are continually impressed with the service provided by the Salazar family.

"If your coffee is too weak, too strong, too hot or too cold, they will take care of it," Karty said. "They're not happy unless their customers are happy."

Salazar said he doesn't want to just provide a good cup of coffee for students. He also hopes to provide opportunities for them to increase their "coffee knowledge" through various activities on campus.

Though the shop has only been open for a week, Irazú seems to have improved the Elon community and become an important part of it.

"The coffee shop enhances the international atmosphere of the campus," Karty said. "And simply put, they have the best coffee around."

"Brewing coffee and pulling shots of espresso are more than just tasks. It's an art, and we take the art of making good coffee very seriously."

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# 'Wake Up America' shakes world of microcampaigning

Pam Richter  
Sports Editor

Last week, conservative leaders of a North Carolina-based group, Wake Up America, launched an advertisement criticizing Democratic leaders for approving the latest national budget and higher taxes.

"We're going to continue to have a budget crisis as long as we have leaders in Raleigh that continue to spend inappropriately," said junior Nick Ochsner, president of Elon's chapter of College Republicans.

The advertisement has received national attention, as Wake Up America looks to extend its message beyond the North Carolina border.

"The make up of our state is the make up of a lot of people in the country: hardworking people, industries, a lot of different backgrounds," Ochsner said. "What you are going to see is that people are looking to North Carolina for common sense issues."

The advertisement group calls Democratic leaders socialists. Mileah Kromer, assistant professor of political science, said this message isn't going to appeal to moderates.

"They aren't going to get everyone," Kromer said. "What they'll do is appeal to a real passionate minority."

Wake Up America is the conservative counterpart to

the liberal group Moveon.org.

Junior Taylor Foshee, president of Elon's chapter of College Democrats, said she doesn't believe it's a fair statement for the narrator in the ad to call Democrats socialists.

"I think that's been a term used to polarize Democrats and build the conservative base," Foshee said. "There's an ideological difference between Democrats and conservatives around the budget."

Wake Up America is a 527 group, which is an independent political group. These groups can receive unlimited contributions from business and individuals as long as they don't endorse a specific candidate and focus on issues.

"Depending on what campaign you are for, these can be really beneficial," Foshee said. "The groups have the ability to raise money and donate in a different capacity."

These smaller grassroots movements are a type of microcampaigning, which means it targets a specific group of individuals to get a message across.

Wake Up America and other microcampaigning groups have proven effective on grass roots issues, Ochsner said.

"These groups are bringing attention to issues," Ochsner said. "They are motivating people on issues. These are the groups that do most of the labor on the ground now."

These types of political grassroots movements

became more popular in the 2000 election and have been built upon by both Democratic and Republican leaders since that time. Foshee said the Obama administration used microcampaigning in the 2008 election through different types of media.

"I think it's the new wave of campaigning," Foshee said. "It was really effective in 2008 and will be effective in the Senate and Congressional elections as well."

Kromer, Foshee and Ochsner all said they agree these types of movements may become more popular in the near future. But there may be some more restrictions for them as well.

"There are going to be more restrictions as it becomes more of a role in the campaigning process," Foshee said. "Keep it fair in terms of the political issues and manage these groups that have come along."

"I think that's been a term (socialist) used to polarize Democrats and build the conservative base. There's an ideological difference between Democrats and conservatives around the budget."

- Taylor Foshee  
PRESIDENT OF ELON'S  
CHAPTER OF COLLEGE  
DEMOCRATS

## Elon poll results optimistic about Charlotte economy

Keegan Calligar  
Senior Reporter

Many Mecklenburg County residents believe Charlotte's economy will improve in the next year, and they support widening existing roads and improving public transportation, a recent Elon University poll found.

Of the 422 Mecklenburg County residents surveyed Sept. 16 - 20, 79 percent said they think the economy will either remain the same or improve in the next six months. Eighty-five percent believe their personal finances will reflect the local economy.

Hunter Bacot, associate professor of political science and director of the Elon University Poll, said Charlotte's economy is much better than it was last year.

"Charlotte is the second largest financial center on the East Coast outside of New York," he said. "That being said, they were pretty down last year and last fall and this spring, and so they've probably seen the worst of the worst. And I imagine that people are seeing some movement."

Bacot said Bank of America starting to recover and Wells Fargo buying out Wachovia also helped the situation.

"So while (the economy) might not be improving from a national perspective, for that direct, local community, that those banking and industrial centers have stabilized is a marked improvement from last year," Bacot said.

Seventy-six percent of those polled said they have been negatively impacted by the poor economy: 67 percent lost money in the stock market, 46 percent saw their retirement funds decrease in value by at least 25 percent and more than half of respondents (59 percent) said their home's value declined.

Half of respondents (51 percent) do not support the federal government providing funding for struggling local banks. This could be because an even larger percent of respondents (63 percent) said the reason those Charlotte banks are now under pressure has more to do with mismanagement than the poor economy.

Respondents were also asked about ways to improve the county's traffic congestion. Widening existing roads appeared to be the best, most popular solution, as 86 percent said it would be effective. Fewer respondents believe improving public transportation services would help (79 percent), while 77

and 75 percent said building more roads and increasing the number of park-and-ride locations would be effective, respectively.

Students conducting the poll also asked residents about local schools.

When asked if they supported having schools closer to home, even at the expense of diversity within the schools, 66 percent of respondents said they did. A slightly smaller percentage (63 percent) said they either "support" or "strongly support" lottery systems to determine who can enroll in schools that too many students want to attend.

Additionally, most respondents did not support students with lower test scores or from lower-income neighborhoods receiving a priority in school assignments. Sixty-two and 52 percent of respondents disagreed with these practices, respectively.

When asked about health care, 61 percent said they are satisfied with the country's quality of health care. Half (51 percent) do not support a national health plan through which the government would pay for most hospital and medical costs.

For this poll, the university also worked in cooperation with Johnson C. Smith University to ask Charlotte residents about the city's Nov. 3 election. The Charlotte-based school sought the data to use during a candidate forum Sept. 22.

The poll found that 51 percent of respondents believe the Charlotte-Mecklenburg community is on the wrong track, and 68 percent said the upcoming election is very important.

What Bacot found surprising about the results of the poll was that many residents did not know which candidates would best handle issues, and many did not know if they would approve or disapprove of a candidate as mayor.

"People don't really pay attention to local elections," Bacot said. "So you have a lot of apathy for local elections, where only about 20 to 25 percent of people turn out to vote. It looks like it might be even worse this time."

Bacot said last year's presidential election might be to blame for a fatigue when it comes to voting.

"It was pretty intense (in North Carolina) April through November of last year, so there might just be a let down," he said. "It's hard for people to get that excited and that intense again so quickly."

The poll had a margin of error of plus or minus 4.9 percentage points. Forty students conducted the poll daily over four days.

# Facebook member count reaches size of U.S. population

## Popular social media sight sees exponential growth in recent years

Christina Edwards  
Copy Editor

With more than 300 million users, Facebook is now roughly the size of the U.S. population, a fairly impressive feat for a Web site founded as an exclusive network for Harvard students.

Founded in 2004 by Mark Zuckerberg, Facebook quickly expanded to more than 30 networks in four months.

A little more than five years later, the Web site's reach has extended far beyond the Boston area to include colleges, universities, high schools and numerous cities around the world.

Since fall 2007, Facebook has become more and more accessible to anyone with a valid e-mail address.

"I joined in my sophomore year of high school, right after they opened it up to high school students," sophomore Katie Seringer said. "I never understood why people were upset about that. It wasn't a big deal."

In May 2006, Facebook expanded further, opening its services to work networks in addition to the school networks. This, coupled with the addition of city networks, allowed people not attached to academic establishments to use the Web site.

In 2006, the site began to allow anyone to join. This inclusion has subsequently led to teachers, potential employers and parents signing up.

"All of my friends' parents have a Facebook," sophomore Jenna Thrash said. "My mom was jealous, and now she wants one."

Parents joining the social networking site are part of an active trend — the fastest growing demographic on the site is currently people age 35 and older.

The expansion of Facebook's accessibility has led not only to an increasingly growing number of members, but also to numerous upgrades.

"Being able to tag people in pictures was big," said freshman Alicia Varcoe, who said she joined her freshman year of high school, shortly after high school networks were opened. "When I joined, you couldn't tag people yet in pictures, and now you can tag them in status updates. They've added a lot."

## Facebook fanatics

Highest percentage of profiles per population



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In 2006, Facebook also introduced the news feed and the mini feed, which have gotten makeovers in recent months with the addition of status tagging and the like button.

"When they had the major overhaul last year, with the new Facebook, that was a huge deal," Varcoe said.

Five years ago, the group application was added. The site now hosts 45 million active user groups, two billion photos uploaded per month and more than three million events created each month in addition to the numerous quiz and game applications.

The "fan" designation on Facebook has been picked up by many companies trying to get the millions of users aware of their business.

Diana Wortham Theatre in Asheville, N.C., started a fan page as a way to advertise to a younger demographic.

With all the additions and membership expansion, Facebook has seen a shift in format to accommodate the changes and compete with other social networking sites, such as Twitter.

"People flipped out about the changes in the new Facebook," Seringer said. "People got so mad about that, but they got used to it."

# Inexperience, reliance on technology make college students prime targets for scams

Alexa Milan  
Managing Editor

Seniors Stephanie Allen and Jenna McNair thought it seemed harmless. When they were freshmen, a girl made her way down the hallway of their dorm asking students to buy magazine subscriptions.

She didn't give them much information about what she was selling the magazines for, but the girl was accompanied by a friend of Allen and McNair's who said he knew her. Wanting to help their friend, Allen and McNair bought a few subscriptions.

"We assumed because he knew her it wouldn't be a fraud, because he would know where she lived and have her phone number if it didn't work out," McNair said.

Allen and McNair later discovered their friend had actually just met the girl. A few other students from the dorm told them they suspected it was a scam after finding an article online about similar cases in the area in which fake subscriptions were sold.

Allen and McNair immediately called their banks, canceled their checks and put alerts on their accounts before contacting Campus Safety and Police.

"Some people gave her cash, which they couldn't get back," Allen said.

Because college students are usually living on their own for

the first time, many con artists think they are easy targets for credit card scams or magazine schemes like the one Allen and McNair experienced.

Campus Safety and Police Captain Vickie Moehlman said students only report a few cases of fraud a year, but they should constantly remain cautious.

"If it looks unbelievable or too easy, then it's probably dangerous," Moehlman said.

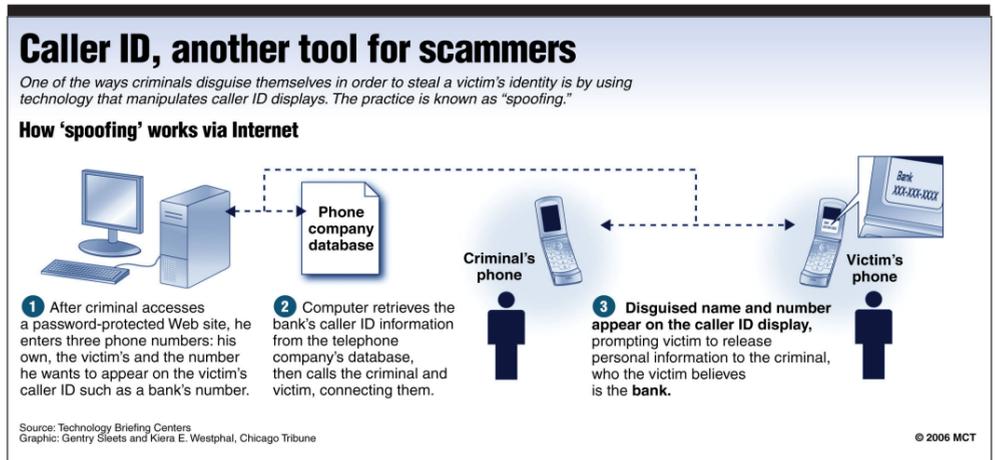
According to Chris Fulkerson, assistant vice president for technology, the amount of technology college students use is making it even easier for scam artists to target them.

"College students are used to putting so much information out there on Facebook and blogs and other social media that they tend to trust the Internet a little too much," Fulkerson said. "It's healthy to have some skepticism."

Fulkerson said the "Nigeria scam" was popular several years ago, in which scam artists sent e-mails claiming to be Nigerian government officials who wanted help getting money out of the country. This scam was used to get people's bank account numbers.

Now, phishing e-mails, which ask students for their username and password, are the most common online scam at Elon.

"Once they have your



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username and password, they have access to your e-mail, your network storage, your Web site, your billing, your grades," Fulkerson said. "There's a lot they can do with your password."

Fulkerson said hackers also used to send e-mails claiming to be from banks asking for a social security number. To combat these phishing e-mails, the technology office increased protection on the spam filter so any e-mails containing both the words "username" and "password" are labeled a possible scam.

"We look to make sure it's nothing new," Fulkerson said. "We're always watching for a different twist that people might not catch."

National efforts are also underway to prevent scam

artists from doing further damage. Microsoft recently filed a lawsuit against scammers who ran a fake anti-virus software scheme that actually infected customers' computers.

A new federal law will go into effect in February that will restrict the practices of credit card companies on college campuses.

Despite these restrictions and safety measures, some scammers still manage to sneak through. Last semester, a student received a fraudulent check from someone who answered her E-net ad about subletting her apartment.

"When you put an ad on E-net, it's open to the Web," Fulkerson said. "You're going outside of the Elon bubble, and there are people who are

trying to take advantage of you."

Allen said she learned from her defrauding experience that students should always exercise caution when approached by people trying to sell things on campus, even if it seems legitimate.

"If you've never heard of a program, look it up," Allen said. "People should have documentation for the things they're selling."

Fulkerson emphasized the importance of students never giving out their social security number, and Moehlman said students should always think twice before putting personal information online.

"Just realize (scammers) are out there looking for you," Moehlman said. "Keep your guard up."

## College classrooms get smarter with new technology



Laura Smith  
News Editor

A few years ago, a colorful Powerpoint presentation was enough to teach a classroom full of college students about the principles of business or the alignments of the planets. Today, students are learning on a more advanced level thanks to the installation of new technology in classrooms.

At Oakland University in Michigan, the administration recently spent \$15,000 in technology upgrades in each general classroom, according to an article by the Detroit Free Press.

Elon University is no different. The school has spent anywhere from \$18,000 to \$24,000 per classroom in the past several years, according to Fred Melchor, director of technology support.

"Back in the early days all a professor needed was a chalkboard and chalk," Melchor said. "We have always tried to stay not ahead of the curve but on the curve. As the technology progressed, we went with it."

Elon's classrooms are considered either level one, two or three, Melchor said. A level one classroom has no technology. A level two classroom has moderate technology such as a TV and DVD player. A level three classroom has full hookups, including a TV, DVD system and a wireless control system.

According to Melchor, 90 percent of Elon classrooms are at level three and the rest are at level two.

In addition to HD televisions and DVD systems, Elon is moving toward the use of Smartboards. Smartboards are white boards that can throw an image a short distance and allow for professors to map to other elements within the board using special pens and a projector that is built in. Currently there are three in Lindner Hall, one in Duke, one in Belk Library and one in Mooney.

Smartboards are gaining popularity in the School of Education, Melchor said. Because of the rising prevalence of these systems in public schools, the education program at Elon felt it was necessary to have education majors trained in using a Smartboard.

Touch screen panels are also becoming more prevalent on Elon's campus. Created by Creston Digital Media, these panels allow for information at the touch of the finger. There is a panel already installed highlighting Elon sustainability in the lobby of Lidner.

Another feature Elon has been using is electronic response systems. These gadgets allow students to respond to a question anonymously by clicking.

"You can immediately see on the screen how many people chose what answer," Melchor said. "You can see if you get (the answer) right or wrong."

Tony Crider, associate professor of physics, uses

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these devices on a regular basis. He said they allow for group work where students can decide the answer in groups and as a whole.

"They keep students engaged," Crider said. "Sometimes there's no moment to say 'What do I really think?' It's nice to pause and get input from everybody in the classroom. It's helpful for students to put in an answer."

Crider said he also enjoys using the Smartboards, especially for annotating slides.

"It's difficult on the spur of the moment to draw on a slide," he said. "You can't do that with a mouse easily. (With a Smartboard) I can pull up a pen and start sketching right away."

Crider is also a member of the Elon Visual Culture Group, which consists of different faculty members from varying departments who look at how visuals can help students and how data can be presented.

In the future, the Elon faculty is hoping to integrate even more technology into their lessons.

"I think you'll see we always take into consideration what the faculty want," Melchor said. "They would like to have more HD on campus ... and remote clickers for Powerpoint."

Another feature the faculty is hoping to acquire is video conferencing, Melchor said. This would allow professors to record their class and post it on Blackboard.

"Regardless of the Smartboards or whether it's the clickers, you need to have multiple lines of information coming into the classroom," Crider said. "I don't like the idea of the instructor being the source of all knowledge."

Joe Davis, assistant director of campus technology support for classrooms, said this technology is also beneficial for marketing the university.

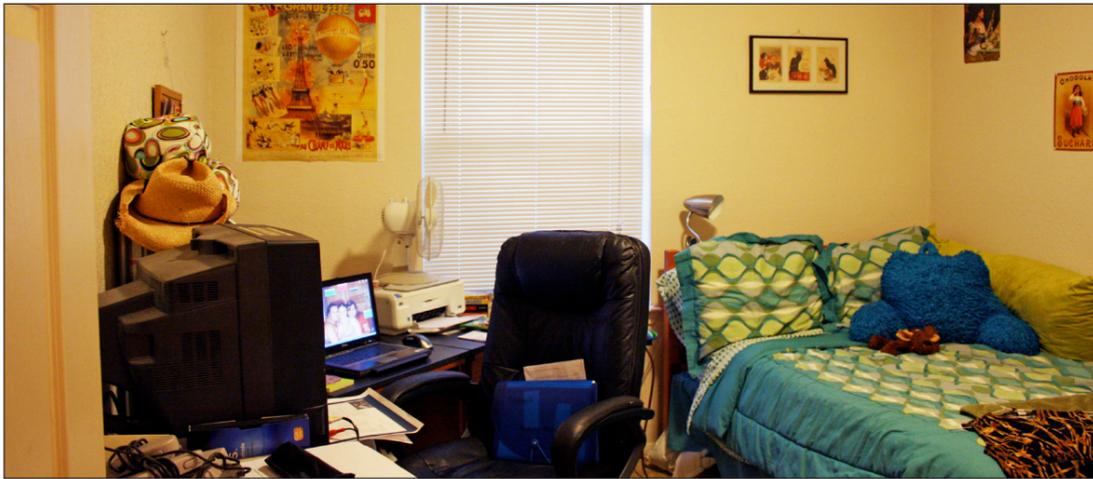
"We're bringing in students who almost expect to see (the technology)," he said. "If we don't have it, what gives us that marketing edge? It also gives faculty members a new way to help transfer that knowledge to the students."



Business professors teach in classrooms with high-tech gadgets in the Koury Business Center, which was built in 2007.

DAVID WELLS | Photo Editor

# Colleges reel in students with luxury amenities



JUSTINE SCHULERUD | Staff Photographer

Senior Stephanie Allen lives in Oaks F and has a single bedroom, two full baths and a kitchen. The Oaks Apartments are part of the university's efforts to provide more luxurious dorms to keep upperclassmen living on campus.

Lindsay Kimble  
Copy Intern

Visit High Point University on any given day and find students hailing the campus ice cream truck or visiting the school's own personal concierge desk for luxury service.

Check out Perdue University, where students can now enjoy the amenities of a maid service, climate-control room panels and private bathrooms.

There are two communal lounges on every floor of the residence halls featuring 47-inch flat screen TVs, custom-designed entertainment centers and ceramic-tiled kitchenettes.

Or stop by Boston University, where students live in the lap of luxury in the university's new high-rise dorm. Singles and doubles boast large private bathrooms, walk-in closets and laundry machines that alert students when their clothes are dry.

The perpetual presence of cinderblock walls with communal bathrooms and plain, wooden desks seems to be no longer commonplace in college residence halls.

As colleges and universities across the country begin to make the jump from traditional-style student housing to luxurious dorms akin to hotels, students wonder what Elon is doing to keep up with the competition.

Elon's initial movements toward providing

students with less traditional housing came in the form of the Oaks and the Colonnades.

The Colonnades residence halls, which opened in fall 2007, are carpeted, air-conditioned and come fully furnished with a full-size bed, as opposed to the traditional twin extra long.

On every floor, students have a common room that includes not only a television and DVD player, but also lounge chairs, couches, a microwave and a refrigerator.

Upperclassmen also have the opportunity to live in the Oaks, a 500-bed residence area with six different halls and a common building.

Rising sophomores, juniors and seniors can live in the apartments, which qualify as student housing.

Apartments come in two styles: a unit with two single bedrooms, two baths, a living room and a kitchen, or four single bedrooms, two baths, a living room and a kitchen.

All the units come fully furnished and include a washer and dryer, microwave, dishwasher, refrigerator and stove. The commons for the Oaks is equipped with meeting rooms, a community kitchen and an outdoor volleyball court and picnic area.

Although there may not be a maid service, many upperclassmen choose to remain in this on-campus housing because they find the all-inclusive amenities hard to get anywhere else.

Junior Stacey Markham is a first-year resident of the Oaks apartments, spending her previous two years living in Staley Hall and Danieleley Center.

Although Markham could live off campus, she chose to remain in the Oaks not only for convenience, but so she could "feel like a part of the campus community."

While the prices may be a bit steep (\$640 per month for a two bedroom, \$465 per month for a four-person double), according to Markham, the quality of living makes up for the added cost.

"I honestly think that maid and laundry services, while nice, are completely unnecessary for students living in luxury campus housing," Markham said. "Most students living in the Oaks have lived in residence halls for two years and have enough skills to do their own laundry and clean their own space. College is supposed to prepare you for the real world and having someone wait on your every need is unnecessary and unrealistic. Other services like tanning beds and deluxe dining halls are also not needed."

Senior Stephanie Allen said she agrees with Markham that students need to learn to fend for themselves.

"If you don't learn to do your own stuff," she said, "how are you supposed to survive in the real world?"

This year will be Allen's second as an Oaks resident, and while she said she enjoys the proximity to campus, she doesn't feel there is any added luxury the Oaks have over regular on- or off-campus housing.

In particular, Allen said she was surprised to find in her two-person bathroom there was only one towel rod, leading her to install her own. She said she feels Residence Life should put more consideration into the amenities needed for the appropriate amount of people living in the dorm.

Allen said Residence Life has yet to provide a truly "luxurious" living experience.

Although representatives from Residence Life did not comment, rumors of Elon's move toward more comfortable housing have been spreading around campus.

In President Leo Lambert's annual "State of the University" address given Aug. 24, he addressed the university's plans to provide every junior and senior with the ability to live on campus by adding as many as 1,600 new beds through new living-learning communities and themed housing.

## Professors give caution to students bringing informalities, behavior into classroom

Margeaux Corby  
News Editor

Students can now get online in gigabytes per second and can instantly contact with friends and family via calls, texts, e-mails, instant messages and tweets. It seems this virtual immersion has hindered the ability of many to put down the phone, close the Firefox browser and pay attention in class. Others have even stopped separating texting lingo from professional writing needed when sending e-mails to professors and employers.

Manners, it seems, are the latest collateral in a technology savvy generation.

"If we don't teach etiquette, then (students) are going to be set up for failure when they leave Elon," said Kenn Gaither, assistant professor of communications. "It's incumbent upon us and we as faculty continually need to review our policies."

Gaither, who also heads the Journalism and Communications Fellows program, said the increasingly pronounced presence and availability of such ultra-personalized technology is largely unprecedented. Faculty members, he said, need to continually adjust and modify their policies about cell phone and laptop use in the classroom to ensure student learning isn't hindered.

He said activities like texting and online shopping on laptops during class are a distraction to everyone, not just the individual engaging in the behavior, and he has even asked a student who was incessantly texting to leave.

Gaither said he considers laptops in class "visual secondhand smoke" when they are misused. The person behind the Internet surfer often cannot help but be sidetracked by the game of solitaire or the e-mail checking of their neighbor.

Linda Niedziela, associate professor of biology and biology department head,

echoed Gaither's sentiment.

"If you're sitting behind a student who is using a laptop incorrectly, it's distracting," Niedziela said. "I don't mind them distracting themselves. It's when it's distracting others it's a problem."

Unlike Gaither, Niedziela said she does not take as much offense to texting in class.

"Texting in small doses is not a battle I'm willing to fight," she said. "I'd rather put the responsibility in students' hands."

Both professors said the university's small class sizes and opportunities for professor and student contact outside of class account for the increasingly informal communication and actions taken by students.

"Elon breeds this informal relationship that makes it difficult to be a teacher of a student when you have a personal relationship with them as well," she said.

Something Niedziela said concerns her even more than texting and improper laptop use is the informal and sometimes aggressive tone students take in e-mails.

"With e-mails, sometimes students don't filter themselves the way they should," she said. "Words are there but there is no sub-context of what's being written. As e-mail gets more and more informal, it's harder to see under the surface."

Niedziela said one frustrated student wrote her a message almost all in capital letters.

"I knew he was shouting at me," she said.

Gaither said this trend toward informal writing in cyberspace communications will only breed problems in the job market and professional sphere.

"There are certain principles of writing, and if we start to lose those in a digital world it has to impact the physical world," he said.

Career adviser Rene' Jackson said e-mails to internship directors and

### WHEN WRITING AN E-MAIL TO PROFESSORS AND EMPLOYERS:

No "lol," or emoticons — use capital letters.

Never assume because the person you're e-mailing has been informal with you, that you should be informal with them.

Always use a full name and spell correctly. When you misspell someone's name, it shows you haven't done your research.

Stick with traditional salutations and closures.

Don't be impatient for a response, people you're e-mailing might get 50-100 a day.

Use a salutation. Putting a name in the "to" box is not a salutation.

Use a subject line that's not something mundane like "Hi."

Have a signature box with your e-mail address since e-mail address can get lost in forwarding.

potential employers should be considered a part of a formal application packet and not something that should just be zipped off.

"An e-mail should be composed the same way you compose a letter," she said.

Students have to remember, she said, when they communicate with someone, 93 percent of what we communicate is nonverbal. Jackson suggested students writing e-mails need to be critical of what overtones, even if they are unintentional, they may be conveying.

"It's not text messaging, it's not instant messaging," she said.

Students who think they are checking their Facebook wall and responding to texts without being spotted by the professor are not quite as sneaky as they may believe.

"Just because a faculty member doesn't say anything doesn't mean they didn't see," Niedziela said.

### NEWS BRIEFS

#### Support the troops during the holidays

The North Carolina Branch of Give2theTroops Inc. has announced the 2009 Holidays for the Troops Care Package Collection Drive. The North Carolina Branch expects to ship about 800 packages, with each package containing enough items for 12-20 members to share.

Financial contributions are also needed to help with postage costs, which will be about \$18,000.

Decorations, food, cards, holiday CDs and DVDs and gifts for deployed military are being collected and sent in packages to troops serving in combat areas.

Give2theTroops Inc. is a volunteer, national, 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization and a receipt will be provided for tax purposes.

Items will be collected until Nov. 14 and can be shipped or delivered to the North Carolina Branch, Give2theTroops, at 3109 Landmark St, Greenville, N.C., 27834.

For more information, call Barbara Whitehead, (252) 321-8227, or visit: [www.Give2thetroops.org](http://www.Give2thetroops.org)

### CORRECTION ...

In the Sept. 16 article, "Inspiring interaction, encouraging education," it incorrectly said the *Difficult Dialogues* will be sponsored by only DEEP. The program will be sponsored by both DEEP and the Black Cultural Society.



ANNA JOHNSON | Photographer

To fund the proposed public transportation plan, commissioners are suggesting rental car agencies, like Enterprise Rent-A-Car, may be taxed.

## Commissioners in gridlock over park-and-ride program

Anna Johnson  
Senior Reporter

Alamance County commissioners' differing opinions on funding may have the proposed park-and-ride lots stuck in a traffic jam.

The Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation is attempting to provide a public transportation system that, if fully funded, would connect Elon University, Burlington and all of Alamance County to a larger grid of public transportation systems in the area.

Stimulus money, totaling more than \$1.3 million, will only cover the cost of buying the land and building the proposed lots near University Drive, N.C. Highway 87 and Alamance Community College. It will not cover the expense of the buses and maintenance of the routes.

Brent McKinney, executive director of PART, told county commissioners at the September commissioners meeting that 90 percent of the cost would come from grants and the county would need to find a way to fund the remaining 10 percent, totaling \$310,000.

McKinney provided the county with two options for reaching this 10 percent match: allow PART to place a 5 percent tax on all short-term vehicles, or charge an annual license plate fee of \$1 for up to five years.

Commissioner Bill Lashley said he has heard of problems concerning ridership with the park-and-ride buses, especially in other counties, when they projected ridership they were only getting about 10 percent of what they needed. He said he would like to see more options before making a decision.

"In my opinion they are both bad," Lashley said. "We need more options and I am not in favor of raising taxes for the general public so one group of people can ride the bus."

If commissioners chose the tax on rental cars, then the money from the tax would be placed into a pool with other counties who have enacted the tax already.

The money would later be divided out to the counties based on need. McKinney said most of the money in the pot comes from counties with local airports where an increased number of rental cars

are needed.

McKinney said the decision is up to the commissioners and there is no real sense of urgency or deadline.

After McKinney spoke, Tim Westfall, regional vice president of Enterprise Rent-A-Car, spoke against the proposed tax on rental cars.

Westfall said car rental sales were already down because of the economy, and this increased tax would cause an even higher burden on local citizens.

He said while many cars were rented at airports, Alamance County would still feel the increased tax with local residents renting cars for a variety of reasons, including the aftermath of a vehicular accident.

He also said Enterprise has closed some locations in other counties where the tax is enacted because of the extra expense.

No decision was made at the meeting. A public hearing will occur before the commissioners vote on which option they prefer.

Commissioner Chair Linda Massey said she wished there was another way to pay for the program.

"It would be better to do the license plate (tax), but I don't want to put that on the county populous," Massey said. "And I don't think that it is fair to do that to rental cars either, but that is the lesser of two evils. I want to find more options."

Sutton said he would not support either of the two options. In regard to the rental car tax, he challenges anyone to explain to him why a private company should be taxed to pay for another private company.

"It all falls back on the rental companies," Sutton said. "It would be more fair to tax everyone, but the board isn't going to do that. People will raise Cain. It's symbolic. But the rental cars are out of sight and out of mind so that is the way the rest of the board will vote."

According to an e-mail sent by Patrick Harman, chair of the community council public transit task force, if the \$1 tax on license plates was enacted, a person in Graham would have to ride the bus once to the Four Seasons Mall in Greensboro every 15 years to get a return on their money.

So far a public hearing has not been placed on the agenda for the next commissioners meeting.

## GI Bill makes private schools a possibility for war veterans

Samantha King  
Assistant News Editor

Elon University students may soon find themselves welcoming veterans to the campus because of the new Post-9/11 GI Bill and Elon's partnership with the Yellow Ribbon Program.

The Post-9/11 GI Bill offers scholarships to veterans who served on or after Sept. 11, 2001 who wish to go back to school. The bill also provides a housing allotment of \$919 for those with dependents and \$730 for those without, plus a book stipend of \$1,000.

"The bill will provide funds to match the most expensive public in-state institution," said Pat Murphy, director of financial planning.

In addition to the scholarship provided by the Post-9/11 GI Bill, the Yellow Ribbon Program guarantees matched funds from the Department of Veteran Affairs to whatever the institution agrees to pay, as long as it does not exceed the specified amount.

Currently, Elon offers a \$5,000 scholarship,

bringing the total amount available for tuition to \$10,000.

The Yellow Ribbon Program is a voluntary agreement between universities and the Department of Veterans Affairs. For a school to join this program, it must agree to honor the following provisions:

- The contract must be honored to students applying on a first-come-first-serve basis.
- The institution must state the exact number of individuals the school will accommodate during an academic year as well as the dollar amount awarded.

"The Post-9/11 GI Bill is an important part of fulfilling our promise to the men and women who have served our country so honorably," Veterans Association Secretary Eric Shinseki said in a statement. "Implementing this landmark legislation and providing even more veterans with a quality education is a top priority for the VA, and we are grateful so many schools are joining us as partners in this unprecedented effort."

The Yellow Ribbon Program began Aug. 1

at Elon and is currently available at the graduate level, specifically in the law and physical therapy schools.

"We wanted to offer the funds in the areas we felt the veterans would use them most," Murphy said.

Although Elon is offering many incentives to veterans to partake in higher education, the university has not seen a large increase in veteran admission.

"The enrollment has been less in 2009 than in some of the previous classes," said Sharon Gaskin, assistant dean of admissions at the Elon School of Law.

Currently, the university has about 10 students enrolled, but financial planning would not release whether or not they were using any of the veteran benefits available.

"We can only hope enrollment will increase," Gaskin said. "Elon has a huge focus on leadership, it would only make sense to further their leadership education."

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(left to right) Blanca Zendejos Nienhaus, wife of business professor Brian Nienhaus, senior Erick Marin, Director of the Spanish Center Sylvia Muñoz and Senior Associate Director of Admissions Zaire McCoy discussed Latin culture discussion at Tuesday's event.

## Panel creates mixed emotions on Latino experience

Cyntra Brown  
Reporter

As the panel opened, senior Keadrick Peters asked the audience a simple question: "We want to hear your thoughts. What is it like to be Latino in America?"

This was the discussion Monday night at the "Latino in America" panel, sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

For many students at Elon, being Latino means joining the melting pot in America and starting a new life. In reality, some said they feel the lack of Latinos on campus makes the melting pot seem like a salad bowl.

Junior Jericka Fernandez said she thinks there's not much here at Elon to make Latinos feel at home.

"Elon hasn't embraced our culture," Fernandez said.

Fernandez and others on the panel said they believe they're stuck between two cultures. Being Latinos born in America, they are seen as American when they visit their native land. Fernandez, sophomore Mayra Garcia, sophomore Nicole Morillo and Senior Associate Director of Admissions Zaire McCoy all said they share this experience.

Senior Erick Marin is an exchange student from Latin America. Not being stuck between cultures, he said he feels welcomed at Elon. Since he is only here for education he said it's hard to answer the question of

being Latino in the Elon community. He lives in the Spanish house, where he said "everyone's from Maryland." Marin spends his spare time where he feels most comfortable: El Centro.

He said El Centro is one of the only places where Latino students can fully express themselves and not feel any pressure. McCoy said she remembers when she was a freshman at Elon and El Centro was only two years old.

"It was great to be able to be in a place and to speak Spanish," McCoy said.

Sylvia Muñoz, director of El Centro, said the center was an initiative to get more students to speak Spanish.

"Elon is different, educating people to be open," Muñoz said. "Latinos aren't just one group. They're many different people from many different countries."

Morillo said she feels no need to suppress her culture. Being Colombian gives her a chance to bring balance to her life and the campus.

"We're only 3 percent here," Morillo said.

She said it's really about preserving a culture and not forgetting the heritage behind it, as well as what a student is to the community as a whole.

Junior Jay Celin asked the students on the panel if they felt

they "belonged" at Elon, a popular phrase at the university.

"They try to make you belong, but I feel like I kind of don't in a way," Frenandez said.

Overall, three out of the four said they felt Elon doesn't make them feel at home. But Marin said he believes it's all about perception.

"You can't just come here thinking you won't belong," Marin said.

Some members of the panel said they think they can do more to show the awareness of Latinos on campus. They believe Elon can embrace their culture by giving a Latin flare to current everyday activities.

"Hispanics are scarce. You're not just going to run into them all the time," Morillo said.

She suggested showing international movies as well more Latino music played at events.

Fernandez, with the help of some of the other students, is trying to start an organization called Latin American Student Organization. The organization will be a tool for those who are Latino and for those who just want to learn more.

"You've got to go to the source," she said.

Overall, the students said it's all about wanting to learn and having that desire to do so.

"Just ask questions," McCoy said. "You could be that one person, just ask questions."

## China-U.S. relations expert will speak tonight

Eva Hill  
Reporter

Orville Schell, the director of the Asia Society's Center, will speak about U.S.-China Relations and the importance and interconnectedness of China and the United States tonight.

In an article published in Time Magazine earlier this year, Schell said China and the United States are in a "state of co-dependence that makes separation virtually impossible."

This idea of mutual reliance will be the topic of his speech at Elon tonight. More specifically, his speech will reflect on issues like climate change, trade and the U.S. debt.

Schell will speak on Sino-American affairs at 7:30 p.m. tonight in the LaRose Digital Theater in the Koury Business Center. Admission to the event is free and tickets are not required. The Office of Cultural and Special Programs will host Schell.

The Asia Society's Center on United States-China Relations is currently working on several projects to strengthen relations between the two nations. Cooperation regarding climate, energy and environmental defense are just a few issues the center is striving to improve during the next few years.

Schell has contributed to Time Magazine, Newsweek and The Washington Post, and has also published 14 books, nine of which relate to China. He has attended several world-renowned colleges, including Harvard University, Stanford University, National Taiwan University and the University of California Berkeley.

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# Working hard PLAYING HARD

## AN ATHLETE'S PERSPECTIVE

Laura Wainman  
Special Projects Editor

Junior Jimmy Reyes knew from the moment he arrived at Elon his college experience would be different than most of his peers'. As a baseball pitcher, his days begin at 5:30 a.m. with a morning workout, and are typically completely booked until after 10 p.m. He manages to balance a full academic load along with his daily workouts, practices and games. Yet, for the majority of varsity athletes at Elon, this is nothing out of the ordinary.

### 1 STUDENT ATHLETE OR ATHLETE STUDENT?

Despite the fact that a large majority of their college career is spent on the fields or the courts preparing for competition, most Elon athletes place academics as their first priority.

"I definitely see myself as a student who also plays baseball," junior baseball pitcher Jimmy Reyes said. "When I was choosing a school, I asked myself the same question at each one: if baseball ended tomorrow, would I be happy here? Elon was a yes."

But there are others who feel that since athletics were the avenue which brought them to Elon, it deserves to be top priority.

"Honestly, basketball is the reason I am at Elon," senior guard Devan Carter said. "But I don't take my school work lightly either. Academics are taken very seriously by the entire athletic department at Elon, and that is made clear from day one."

Though the athletes may differ as to the personal order of priority allotted to academics and athletics, the university makes the goals of the institution clear with regards to both arenas. The Athletic Handbook states that Elon University is committed to offering a program that emphasizes and rewards academic responsibility, consistent academic progress toward graduation and preparation for successful living.

The coaching staff for each team emphasizes the importance of academics by creating team GPA goals.

"Each athlete has an individual GPA goal that they are pursuing, but as a team we have a goal of maintaining an overall minimum GPA of 3.0, and we are pushing to achieve a 3.2," men's tennis coach Michael Leonard said. "Nine out of my 10 semesters at Elon we have maintained a 3.0 team GPA, but to earn the Intercollegiate Tennis Association All-Academic Team award, we need to be at 3.2."

Leonard is not alone in the high standards he sets for his team. Last year the men's soccer team was named an academic all-American team for achieving a team GPA of 3.0, and coach Darren Powell said he expects that his team can be both the conference champions and academic all-American team this year. Volleyball coach Mary Tendler, whose girls had more than a 3.4 team GPA last year, said she believes the academic success of Elon's athletes is largely due to the caliber of students Elon recruits.

"Athletes at Elon were all top performers in high school, so they have already had to learn how to balance sports and academics," Tendler said.

Leonard echoed this sentiment when he said that he didn't bother recruiting tennis players that he thought couldn't handle the work load.

The school provides student-athletes with a number of academic support opportunities to ensure their continued success in the classroom. Freshmen are required to complete six hours of study hall between Sunday and Thursday. Upperclassmen have a choice as to whether they wish to continue study hall or not, but if their GPA falls below a certain level it becomes mandatory again.

"My grades are higher than the GPA required for the tennis team, but I participate voluntarily because I tend to procrastinate otherwise, and study hall keeps me on a schedule," junior tennis player Chase Helpingstine said.

Athletes have an athletic academic adviser whom they meet with in addition to their major adviser. Cayce Crenshaw, the director of academic support for athletics, meets with the students to discuss any questions they may have regarding their academic and athletic workloads. Elon's athletes agree that Crenshaw is essential to their academic success.

"Before Crenshaw came, it was a lot harder to balance everything," Carter said. "She is really great and takes the time to get to know all of our professors so we all work together better. She has made a huge difference."

For many of the athletes, the emphasis on academics is practical.

"I plan on continuing to run after college, but I know it isn't something I will do professionally," senior cross country and track runner Cait Beeler said.

Others keep academics as a primary focus, but may not be quite ready to give up professional aspirations just yet.

"If the opportunity to play (basketball) professionally presented itself, I would absolutely take it," sophomore forward Courtney Medley said. "But if it isn't in the cards for me, I will pursue a career in human services."

### 2 STARTING WITH A FAMILY

One of the biggest worries for most freshmen is meeting people and making friends. Being a student-athlete diminishes that worry as athletes start school with a whole team of friends.

"Right away I had a group of guys to be friends with so I didn't have to worry as much about meeting people," Helpingstine said. "We all have this major part of our lives in common which makes for a natural friendship."

Though freshman cross country runner Jacqueline Alnes is just beginning to experience life as a student-athlete at Elon, she said she has already reaped the benefits.

"The support from my teammates and coaches has made the transition so much easier," Alnes said. "Everyone was so welcoming and helped me get situated on campus. My teammates even offered to help me move in."

### 3 NOT ALL IT IS CRACKED UP TO BE

It is easy to look at the life of a fellow classmate performing in the athletic arena and be jealous. Who wouldn't want to hear a crowd of more than 2,000 people chanting their name and be treated like a celebrity after a big win? But what is often overlooked are the sacrifices made by student-athletes pursuing success at the collegiate level.

"I definitely don't get to hang out with my friends as often as I would like to like normal college students do," Carter said. "Even though my teammates are my closest friends, it would be nice to spend more time with other friends."

Student-athletes must learn to master the daily balancing act of juggling hours of weightlifting and practices while still attending all classes, studying for tests and maintaining their grades. During the season, they must also factor in 2-4 games a week, some of which can be as far away as Chattanooga, Tenn. Bus rides become a critical study time.

"The biggest drawback of being an athlete is the amount of time you have to dedicate to your sport," Reyes said. "I am often doing homework well into the morning, because the free time that most college students have, I spend playing baseball. My free time has to be used as academic time."

With academic and athletic commitments occupying most of the day for an athlete, little time is left for other student organizations. But the only opportunity that varsity athletes are barred from participating in is club sports. Otherwise, it is a personal decision.

"There are a few organizations I would enjoy being a part of, but there simply isn't time," senior soccer defender Laura Norwind said.

### 4 DO IT ALL AGAIN

When all is said is done, there doesn't seem to be many athletes at Elon who regrets their decision to pursue athletics at the collegiate level. While it may be tough to balance the dual roles of student and athlete, most agree that the extra work is well worth it in the end.

"I would make the decision again in a heartbeat," Carter said. "I can't imagine being at college and not being an athlete. There isn't anything like it. I honestly don't know what I would do with my free time."

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## BUSTING THE MYTHS

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"Professors still make us participate in class. We can't just sit comatose in class because we have a game coming up and expect to do well in the class."

JIMMY REYES  
JUNIOR, PITCHER



BASEBALL

"We can't get away with skipping class just because we are athletes. Last year, we got back from a weekend at Auburn at 4 a.m. on a Sunday, and coach called all of our professors the next day to make sure we had gone to our class, even those of us with an 8 a.m. They definitely check up on us."

DEVAN CARTER  
SENIOR, GUARD



BASKETBALL

"The professors don't cut you a break just because you are an athlete. If you miss class for a game it is still your responsibility to figure out what you missed and find a way to get your work to the professor before you leave, just like any other student who misses class."

CAIT BEELER  
SENIOR, CAPTAIN



CROSS COUNTRY

"I would just like to say once and for all, I don't get to register early because I'm a varsity athlete. We register based on credits completed just like everyone else."

LAURA NORWIND  
SENIOR, DEFENSE



SOCCER

"It is not as glamorous as it may seem to be a student-athlete. It takes a ton of effort and dedication, but in the end it is so, so worth it."

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# Editorial

## Healthcare's unhealthy lapse

### Filling the void between dependency and self-sufficiency

Healthcare, the incessant buzzword on the lips of politicians and protestors alike, the subject of nightly broadcasts and daily picket lines, seems to be the most important debate about the country's future.

But why should a college student care? Medically, undergraduate students are at the peak of their lives, and their age group is stereotyped by a collective aura of invincibility. Impervious youths, staying up late cramming for tests and living for the weekend, can apparently enjoy perfect health forever.

And when something goes wrong, a majority of college students fall back on employer-sponsored health insurance plans that come as a result of their dependency on their parents. The Government Accountability Office, in a report on the status of collegiate health insurance, found that 67 percent of college students between the ages of 18 and 23 benefited from such plans in 2006.

Two factors shake up this playing field. Eventually, students grow up and lose their dependency status, either because of their age or their graduation from college. In fact, many private insurance plans mandate that students must take a certain number of credits to maintain their insurance.

Up until the passing of Michelle's Law in Congress this year, it was even legal for insurance companies to drop students from their plans if they were unable to fulfill their credit requirements because of a medical emergency.

The decline in employer-sponsored plans, which dropped nine percent nationwide between 2000 and 2007, according to the U.S. Census, has also been exacerbated by the recent recession.

In North Carolina alone, the number of uninsured residents increased by 22.5 percent from 2007 to early 2009, the largest jump in the country. That figure is largely caused by the parallel rise in unemployment from 4.7 percent to 10.8 percent in August. As employees are laid off, they lose their

healthcare. Though COBRA, an organization created by Congress in 1986 that gives workers and their families health benefits, serves as temporary insurance for up to 18 months after a layoff, its costs are only partially subsidized.

And nationwide, it's those who are the youngest eligible independent participants in the healthcare system who receive the fewest benefits. In 2007, the Census reported 13.2 million uninsured adults between the ages of 19 and 29. That's 29 percent of the estimated total of 45 million uninsured Americans, despite the aforementioned age group accounting for only 15 percent of the total population.

It's even worse for those without a college education. The Commonwealth Fund found that 38 percent of those in the 19 to 29 age group, who only have a high school education, are enrolled in a health insurance plan. In North Carolina, there are few options for those without the means to pay for insurance unless they fit into one of several niches.

There are publicly funded plans available for pregnant women, infants, children in low-income families, those in need of cancer screening, high-risk individuals and seniors. But there isn't one directly aimed at young adults, or those coming out of college without any insurance in tow. If their income is low enough, residents could be eligible for Medicaid, but there's still an ambiguous grey area between poverty and prosperity in which many of the uninsured sit.

What North Carolina could do, in order to help cover the increasingly large number of young adults emerging from their final days of health insurance dependency, is create a minimalistic, publicly funded plan similar to that offered by many private colleges, Elon included.

Elon's health insurance plan, which is provided by Collegiate Risk Management, provides essential coverage, but little else. "We look for a good, basic, general

policy that's cost effective," said Jana Lynn Patterson, the assistant vice president for Student Life. Elon's program is buffered by the Health Center, and it covers about 100 to 150 students every year. All students are not required to be insured, though international students do need to either have an applicable plan from their home country or enroll in Elon's program.

Pre-existing conditions, injuries as a result of the use of equipment for the purpose of benefiting in any sort of athletic activity and medical problems arising from reckless activity (legal or illegal) aren't covered. But for \$903 for an entire calendar year, it's a fair shake for students who aren't particularly likely to have major medical emergencies.

Despite that lower risk, it's still important for students to be insured. To make sure uninsured students don't burden emergency rooms and the cost of such care isn't passed on, New Jersey, Idaho, Illinois, Montana and California all require health insurance for students to be eligible for enrollment. But ultimately, as the GAO found, only 57 percent of colleges nationwide offered student insurance plans last year.

New Jersey also guarantees the gap between the loss of dependency status and sufficient financial well-being for college graduates is eliminated. State law requires insurance providers to allow parental coverage to extend to their kids up to age 30, and several other states provide the same mandate until age 25.

Though they're without a lobby as powerful as the AARP to vouch for them, college students still account for a proportionately large number of the nation's uninsured. This problem needs to be remedied either by the wider implementation of college-supported plans, or by a minimal, state-funded option to serve as a safety net to prevent medical emergencies from creating a crippling financial domino effect so early in life.

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#### BREAKING DOWN HEALTH CARE REFORM

##### BY THE NUMBERS

**8 MILLION** uninsured 18 to 24 year-olds in 2007

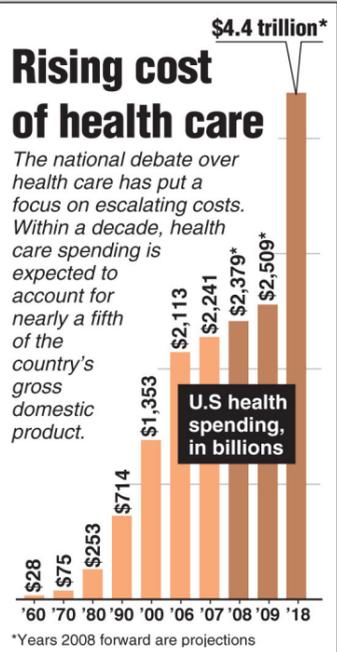
**20 PERCENT** of uninsured students as compared to the total student population under 24

**22.5 PERCENT** increase in the uninsured population in North Carolina between January 2007 - 2009

**57 PERCENT** of United States colleges offering health insurance plans

**67 PERCENT** of students using employer-sponsored health insurance

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# Opinions

## THE FOOD FIGHT

### Is soda sinful enough to deserve taxation?



**Robert Wohner**  
Columnist

Mariah, it's a pleasure to share this column with you. Since you're a freshman, I am compelled to give you some advice. Not about writing, as I'm still trying to figure out this subject-verb agreement thing, but about college. I'm sure you've heard about the "freshman 15."

It's a myth. After my sophomore year, I gained the freshman 40. As amazing as the food at the Colonnades is, the freshman 40 is a drag, especially during beach

season. So I spent the summer dieting. But dieting isn't enough. The real secret is this: Stop drinking soda. Soda is the enemy of dieting. It is bubbly sugar. And the no-soda diet works. The freshman 40 is no more.

That being said, these proposed soda taxes couldn't be more ludicrous. It speaks to a troubling trend in this country when we allow the government to dictate what is and what is not good for us. Like you will learn in health class, life is about choices. It is inexplicable to me that Americans do not protest these blatant attempts to control behaviors that have no impact on other people. Last week, New York City Health Commissioner Thomas Farley indicated that he would propose a ban on smoking in public parks and beaches. Now, if Farley really wanted to make New Yorkers healthy, he would ban drinking soda in public beaches and parks. At least then he would be consistent. Chances are high that smokers realize their cigarettes will more than likely hurt them. If they choose to smoke, so be it.

When is enough, enough, Mariah? When will the government grant people the right to live with the consequences of their actions? That is the essence of liberty. I'd rather the government not clean up messes that I made myself. I can live with them. Besides, I earned my freshman 40. Nothing can take that away from me.



**Mariah Irvin**  
Columnist

You present some valid points, Robert. I, too, have banned soda ever since I became involved in athletics during my high school years. A no-soda diet is a good way to prevent obesity, and I think that's what the government has in mind by proposing a tax on soda. Such a tax would not discourage consumers from buying

soda. Instead, it would help them make healthier choices.

It is also important to take the healthcare system into consideration. The United States currently spends \$147 billion on medical costs associated with obesity. That's almost 10 percent of all health care expenditures. The key is understanding that soda is not being banned, but the government is looking for a way to raise revenues, as there is currently a huge deficit. President Barack Obama agrees that taxes like this one would help with the costs of repairing our current health system.

And I personally agree with Farley's decision to ban smoking in public parks and beaches because they are public venues. This means that everybody, including young children, can be exposed to the harmful effects of smoking. In contrast, individuals drinking soda in a public place are only risking their own health.

Nobody is trying to ban soda completely. The tax would only help consumers to spend their money wisely and prevent future health issues. You can be proud of your freshman 40, Robert, but I choose to save myself the trouble of spending all of my time in the gym!

## The immigrant debate goes South



**Dan Rickershauser**  
Columnist

Last week's issue of The Pendulum covered a protest by those opposed to illegal immigrants being allowed to attend North Carolina community colleges. The story illustrates an ever-widening gap between opposing sides on the illegal immigration issue, a dangerous trend. The more bitterly divisive the debate becomes, the less likely both sides are to reconcile and find a resolution.

As with many polarized political issues, the debate is often fueled by misconceptions. But what makes the misconceptions surrounding illegal immigration particularly dangerous is that the blame is put solely on illegal immigrants, and not the history and policies that have created and aggravated the problem.

One of the most common frustrations many have with illegal immigrants is that they take jobs away from hard-working Americans. This is largely true. Were there no jobs for illegal immigrants in the United States, they wouldn't be able to make a living here. But does that warrant those who oppose illegal immigration to attack the illegal immigrants themselves?

But aren't the employers of illegal immigrants responsible for legal citizens losing their jobs? For employers looking to increase profit margins, hiring illegal immigrants works well with their bottom line. They don't have the same rights as American citizens, and they are less likely to complain about worker safety issues or other job-related issues for fear of deportation.

Employers can save money by paying illegal immigrants under the table. Illegal immigrants are taking jobs away from American citizens, but the finger should be pointed at employers compromising their ethics, not the illegal immigrants seizing whatever opportunities are available to them to make a better life.

The phrase "illegal alien" is used all too often in the same way the n-word was used in the 20th century, a term used to strip a group of people of their humanity. This is never right, and it should be avoided at all costs. Such hateful rhetoric is poisonous to any political debate and does nothing but promote and encourage dangerous ideologies.

The dangerous side effects of this hateful rhetoric are not only seen nationally, but also within Elon. When Elon political science professor Laura Roselle published a study that found a discrepancy in the number of Hispanic drivers pulled over that

the Alamance County Sheriff's department were reporting, she received several threatening phone calls, even though the Sheriff's department later verified her findings, citing their low filings to be the result of human and computer error.

There is nothing that justifies threatening a professor for uncovering the truth, and it's sad and unfortunate to see that illegal immigration debate reach such a boiling point.

It is true that illegal immigrants use resources that they do not pay for through taxes, such as health and social services. But when they get hurt or are in danger, where else are they supposed to turn? How are they to pay their taxes when doing so would require forging information and risking deportation? How are they to know how to properly pay the taxes that American citizens pay when they work for an employer who is profiting off them not doing so?

The longer this nation prolongs finding a realistic approach to dealing with illegal immigration, the worse it will become. Local communities, acting to their own accord in absence of federal immigration reform, all too often find themselves escalating the problem.

The argument has also been made that any services offered to illegal immigrants only increase the incentive for more illegal immigration to occur. While there is truth to this, denying all services to illegal immigrants could have equally negative implications.

We can deny illegal immigrants the access to education at a community college, but doing so only further marginalizes an already marginalized population. The more this happens, the more desperate they become for any source of income and the more likely they are to be exploited by employers. If jobs and legitimate opportunities run dry for illegal immigrants, they are more likely to turn to illegal and black-market revenue streams, such as drug trafficking.

There are those who are completely opposed to any sort of "amnesty" that would grant illegal immigrants the opportunity to stay in the United States legally. But what alternatives are there? Not only do we not have the resources to forcibly remove some 12 million people from this country, the mass disruption of people's lives would become a human rights tragedy. Such a reduction in our workforce would also cause a financial avalanche at a time when we need it least.

The issue of illegal immigration is one of the most important debates of our time. But the more divided we become fighting over the minutia, the less likely meaningful federal reform is to happen, and it needs to happen. A failure to do so would be a detriment to everyone residing in this country, legally or illegally.

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## Iran returns with a bang



**Ryan Maass**  
Columnist

Last Thursday, President Barack Obama delivered a speech from Pittsburgh to report on a very successful G-20 summit. A member of the press asked Obama about his stance on what measures to take against Iran's blatantly belligerent nuclear motives.

"The preferred action is to resolve this in diplomatic action," Obama said, as opposed to a military option.

Beneath his banter with the press was a hint of confusion. The president ignored the reality of the situation in his impromptu response.

The reality is that Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has often expressed the desire to blow Israel off the face of the Earth. The reality is that Iran's government has been frantically yet unsuccessfully trying to cover up their plans to develop nuclear weapons to follow through with this desire. At this point, a diplomatic solution seems more like a fantasy rather than a course of action.

In Obama's defense, he did mention that he would not "rule out" the use of our military to resolve this problem. But Obama has appeared very reluctant to use hard power in the past — as he has yet to fulfill a request from Gen. David McKiernan, the top commander in Afghanistan, for a 30,000-troop reinforcement in the country as part of an effort to stifle the intensifying insurgencies. So far, Obama has chosen to send in only 17,000 troops.

Military force would, without a doubt, better persuade Ahmadinejad to halt his production of what he likes to call "nuclear energy." But if one were to observe the results American military presence has yielded in both Iraq and Afghanistan, the use of hard power becomes a far less attractive choice.

President George W. Bush's War on Terror had a helping hand in our budget's epic nosedive into some of the deepest deficits in U.S. history. Not to mention American forces are spread thin across various points on the globe and barely in condition to sustain a third long-term occupational conflict. An attack on Iran would inevitably lead to the Pentagon's policing of yet another foreign country. Taking this into consideration, Obama's preference for a diplomatic solution seems understandable.

Another issue that complicates the situation with the United States' involvement in the Middle East as a whole is the lack of understanding the military has shown in handling the indigenous conflicts within. While insurgencies and heavy conflicts have indeed become less commonplace in Iraq and Afghanistan, the fact of the matter remains that jihad advocates still seek to cast infidels away from Muslim lands.

Our military's interventions have had similar effects before, as the Vietnam War transformed itself into an effort to ensure peace and tranquility by attempting to police the villagers — an ambition that failed and inspired a new wave of radical dissent inside America's own borders.

Iran is not the only government that wants Israel out of the picture. Before the Zionist cause was realized by the creation of a Jewish state by Britain, France and the United States, countries like Iran had no incentive to become as much of a threat to Americans as they are now.

While it seems cliché, the federal government would be wise to prepare for the worst by building up our forces and withdrawing inactive troops from the various locations in Europe and Asia and hope for the best by adopting a firmer application of soft power.

Iran's government needs to be reminded that the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty applies to them as well. Should we fail to do this, it is likely that another Middle Eastern conflict looms close on the horizon.

# Style

# DANCE

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**landscape**

David Wells  
Photo Editor

The Elon Dance Company performed a collection of site-based dances choreographed by faculty artists on Young Commons Sunday afternoon.

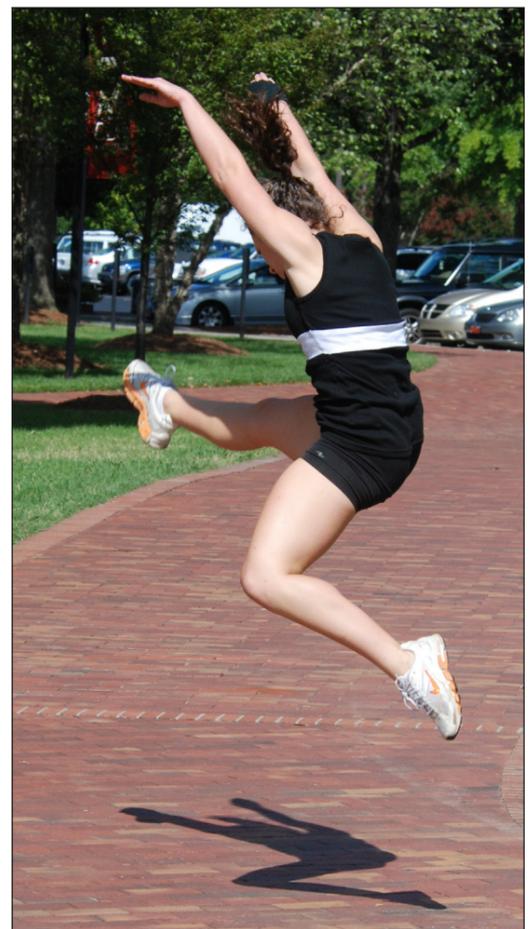
A large crowd watched the four pieces on a perfect afternoon during Elon's annual Family Weekend. The performances' inspiration came from the physical parameters, architectural elements and environmental characteristics of the space available, including Belk Library and the surrounding area.



Seniors Rachel Fine, right, and Casey Castine perform in dance professor Amy Beasley's "Ingress."



Sophomores Kassi Mattera and Jessica Duffy perform in performing arts professor Jane Wellford's piece, "A Classic Romp."



Junior Ann Sterling Dale dances during performing arts professor Jen Guy's piece, which featured artists using the clock outside Belk Library and some of the brick paths in the surrounding area.



Senior soloist Michelle Micca, second from right, moves across boxes, playing a key role in dance professor Lauren Kearns' dance that featured two dancers who stayed mostly off the ground for the entire performance.

## Parents and students bond, once dance step at a time

Sarah Beese  
Reporter

The sounds of Michael Bublé and Latin beats echoed through East Gym Friday night as parents and students alike danced the night away at "Bring Your Parents to Ballroom." Club Dance, Elon's ballroom dance club, hosted the event which offered Elon students the chance to show their parents what they had been learning for the past three weeks.

Ladies were on one side and gentlemen were on the other as the night began with senior Jamie Gorsuch, captain of the Fire of the Carolinas competitive dance team, instructing everyone on the basic steps of the foxtrot. After practicing, the dancers moved on to learn the merengue. Most parents stayed to the side of the room and watched their children dance, but as the night went on, parents slowly made their way to the floor and everyone got a chance to dance.

Mike Altizer, father of senior Carly Altizer, Club Dance's secretary/treasurer, is a returning parent to the club's event. He said he believes his daughter has benefited from being part of the club. Carly's mother, Jane, agrees, and enjoyed having the chance to see her daughter in action.

"I think it's great that the parents can see some activities that the school has to offer the students," Jane said.

Watching the dance floor, it was clear some parents were no strangers to ballroom. One couple in particular stood out among the many talented dancers in the room.

Janet Adams and Peter Ma, parents of sophomore Patrick Ma, moved across the floor with a grace that can only come from years of practice.

"We have been doing this for over 10 years now," Adams said.

Many of the students were impressed with the pair and enjoyed watching them dance.

While their son has only been involved for a year, it is clear Patrick shares his parents' talent for ballroom, as they were the ones who encouraged his involvement with Club Dance.

"We told him to come try," Adams said. "It was something fun and a good way to meet girls."



Elon's all-male a cappella group, Rip\_Chord, had their first performance with six new members last week. The group premiered a new song, "Good Ole A Cappella."

## Six new dys'funk'tional singers join Rip\_Chord

Ashley Barnas  
Online Editor-in-Chief

Auditions, retreat, Midnight Meals and the national anthem at the football game against Georgia Southern: That's how the past three weekends flowed for Rip\_Chord. Elon's all-male a cappella group inducted six new members this semester and put them to work right away.

"They're awesome," said Josh Tate, president of Rip\_Chord. "That's an understatement."

He said the new guys are "stoked to be in the group."

"It's really nice to have new and fresh ideas," Tate said. "They're all extremely, extremely gifted and taking all of our solos."

Freshman Connor Stirland sang one of those solos during Midnight Meals, last Thursday. He and veteran sophomore member Chris Kilgore led a new song in the group's repertoire, "Good Ole A Cappella."

The group also spent a weekend retreat learning new songs and catching the new guys up to old favorites. Tate said the retreat really brought the group together and was productive since the new guys were able to pick up quickly and learn eight songs in two days. It was also a time for bonding and inducting the new members into the "dys'funk'tional" family Rip\_Chord embodies.

"We like to say we put the funk in dysfunctional, to use a perfectly punny term," said new member and sophomore transfer student Pat McLendon. "Overall, it's been a lot of fun. We get along so well. I don't think I could have found a cooler group of guys on campus."

Stirland saw Rip\_Chord perform when



Senior music director Chris Beeson, center, winks at the crowd during a performance of "I'll Be."

he visited Elon during orientation weekend last spring. After speaking with one of the members after the group's performance, Stirland said he knew he wanted to be a part of the group.

"They just seemed like a bunch of really great guys," he said. "They're such a small group, but they sound so good. They're so tight-knit and everything. I guess I'm one of six new people, but we're all really well assimilated and acclimated to the group."

The new men of Rip\_Chord come from different years, majors and experience levels.

"I sang in an a cappella group for two years at my high school and I've been singing musicals and in choir my entire life," Stirland said.

Unlike Stirland, McLendon had no a cappella experience prior to Rip\_Chord.

"In high school, I did theater and musicals," McLendon said. "But until (Midnight Meals), I've never sung without a piano or something behind me, so it's going to be interesting."

As a music theater major, sophomore Turner Rause said he auditioned for "Kiss

### ACAPPELLOOZA

Come see Rip\_Chord perform with Elon's other a cappella groups, Sweet Signatures and Twisted Measure, from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Oct. 3 in Whitley Auditorium.

Tickets are \$5 for students and \$7 for community members.

Also performing will be UNC Greensboro Spartones, UNCG Sapphires, University of Maryland Pandemonium, UNC Wilmington High Seas and UNC Achordants.

The groups will hold a party at Lighthouse directly afterward. There will be no cover charge.

Me, Kate" and "Psycho Beach Party" but did not get called back for either. The opportunity to audition for Rip\_Chord was opened for him. Rause had some experience with a cappella and beat boxing during the summer and took this opportunity to expand his interest.

"It's really just about having fun," Rause said. "I'm really looking forward to possibly getting into some arranging musically, so we'll see what the future entails."

For now, the future includes Acappellooza, an event featuring eight different a cappella groups, including Rip\_Chord and Elon's other a cappella groups, Twisted Measure and Sweet Signatures.

"It's pretty much the best part of my college experience so far," Stirland said. "I mean, it's a great group of guys and I'm having a lot of fun."

## Open Mic Night AT IRAZU

Molly Carey  
Photographer

The newly remodeled Zone and Irazu coffee shop was the place to be last Friday as Nick Dioguardi from Student Union Board extravaganza hosted an open mic night and sing along. Participants sang, recited poetry or played musical instruments as they took the stage.



Senior Nick Dioguardi, right, plays the guitar with senior Walt Yates for one of his performances of the night.



The first open mic night, held Friday, proved to be a success as many students and families came together to listen to a talented group of students.



Sophomore Anne Lukens plays the Ukelele as she performs for the crowd in Irazu.

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## MOVIE REVIEW

★★★★★

# 'Surrogates' fails to breathe any life onto the big screen

Adam Constantine  
Film Critic

The film "Surrogates" is about as shallow as the idea of living through a perfectly sculpted robot.

The basis of the movie revolves around the fact that the human population has found the technology to see, feel, touch and speak by fully integrating themselves into an artificial life form that can look any way they would like. Most people have their own facial features with some enhancements such as an in-shape figure and no facial flaws.

Others go completely off of the deep end. Example: A blonde model surrogate is actually controlled by an overweight bald man. A 6'10" young black surrogate is actually a late 50's, white engineer.

"Surrogacy" has taken control of more than 98 percent of the human population and forcing the other 2 percent to move into what are called Dread Zones. These areas are human reservations that robots are not allowed to enter at any time.

The institution of surrogacy has resulted in a drastic decrease in crime, since surrogate robots can be destroyed without killing the operator. But when two surrogates are found offline, it is even more troubling to discover that their operators were found murdered.

Detective Tom Greer (Bruce Willis) is put in charge of figuring out what happened to the operator and what weapon has been created with the ability to put the whole Surrogate program in jeopardy.

"I, Robot" anyone?

It was weird enough that both films share a similar plot. Man creates robot. Robot has fatal flaw. Man must fight robot. That was cliché enough. But what made it even more like "I, Robot" was the fact that the creator of the surrogates, Canter (James Cromwell), is the same actor who portrayed the creator of the robots in "I, Robot."



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Bruce Willis stars as detective, Tom Greer in "Surrogates."

Basically, "Surrogates" was another "I, Robot," but at a disadvantage: There was no Will Smith to be seen.

The acting was one of the most unique dynamics of the film, because while the surrogates were built to mimic human behaviors, there were still rigidity and robotic motions in the actors' movements. This made the surrogacy concept a lot easier to believe.

"Surrogates" also has a classic case of a big name actor driving the movie. Bruce Willis was the star, and the movie was basically focused solely around him.

Overall, the movie was rushed and not really fully explained. Many different pieces were thrown together to make the movie fit, even though it was clearly forced.

The bottom line: Support Bruce Willis if he is your guy.

Surrogates is now playing at Carousel Cinemas, but it's probably not even worth it to send your surrogate to see this one.



# Transition from summer to winter in style

The leaves may not be falling quite yet, but the weather during recent weeks has given a preview of the chilly months to come. Take heed of this early warning and begin to prepare a fall wardrobe.



Alexandra Johnston  
Style Columnist

**Invest in classics:** Some fall pieces never go out of style, so don't hesitate to spend a little more on a few items of quality that will last for many more years. A well-tailored blazer in a neutral color is definitely one of these pieces.

For early fall, try reworking more muted summer printed dresses by adding a blazer and ankle

boots. When the weather truly turns colder, a blazer works magnificently with a crisp white top, jeans and heels or boots. If you are going to invest in a classic blazer, make sure to get one that fits properly in the shoulders, sleeve, bust and length and is made of a finer quality fabric.

**Dress appropriately:** Summer clothes are great in relation to freedom from class and long sunny days, but when fall arrives it is time to pack up warm weather attire. The easiest way to start is with footwear. Flip flops and other sandals belong in summer. To replace these, find a few versatile pairs of ballet flats in neutral and transitional tones and one sturdy pair of boots.

Thin cotton or unlined summer dresses generally have no place in fall, but dresses with dark prints or color schemes worn over leggings or tights can be worn in early fall. Tights and leggings are a lifesaver in the winter. Throwing on a pair under dresses and tunics will prevent getting chilled and avoid exposing pale winter skin. One stipulation to leggings and tights: They are not pants and should not be worn as such.

**Add some color:** Fall and winter can get pretty dreary, day after day of wearing the same wool coat over otherwise impeccable outfits. Why not add some color to that coat and make it seem less monotonous? Something in a stunning red or royal blue is eye-catching without being inappropriate for winter.

**Incorporate trends:** Once the basics are covered, incorporating new fall and winter trends will enhance any wardrobe. For fall, the runways showed biker-style jackets in textured and smooth leathers featuring exposed zippers. These jackets work well with skinny jeans and boots, or over a simple dress.

Another trend for fall is the continued use of the vintage silhouette. Pair '30s-and-'40s inspired dresses with modern accessories to give an air of romance and sophistication. Vintage and thrift stores are great places to find these looks. But searching through the clothing to find something that works can often be quite a task. When shopping for vintage, make sure to have enough time to really peruse the racks in order to make a good choice.

This fall and winter are all about feeling luxurious. Draped blouses, dresses and skirts in creamy, soft silks are great for evening, or with simpler pieces for day wear.

With the falling of yellow and orange leaves and the quickening wind, fall can be one of the most beautiful seasons of the year. The addition of new trends and classic pieces can only extend the beauty of the season.

## RESTAURANT REVIEW

★★★★★

# Prego's Trattoria brings Italian style to small town lacking in unique dining

Rachel Cieri  
Features Editor

Near the corner of Huffman Mill Road and Church Street sits an aging, unassuming and grayish building.

From the outside, it doesn't look very promising. With the drive-thru from its previous owner still intact, the restaurant's appearance sends most Italian-seeking patrons back down the road to Olive Garden. But one step inside changes everything.

Welcome to Prego's Trattoria, Burlington's best-kept secret and the closest thing to real Italian food for miles.

Once inside the odd little building's fast food-style double doors, the atmosphere completely changes. Evening low-lighting, fine dining décor, Italian opera ambiance and servers in black-and-white tuxedos greet patrons in an intimately sized, but not overcrowded, dining room.

Even on a weekend night, there is seldom a wait for seating, making this off-the-beaten-path restaurant worth the venture off the interstate. As diners soon find, the chain restaurants have nothing on this place.

Sure, Olive Garden might have its breadsticks, but Prego's offers not one, but two choices of free appetizers. Along with a delectable bread and olive oil combination, each table is set with a dish of fried polenta cubes, a boiled cornmeal dish that is a staple in Northern Italy.

The "Old World" style service is a refreshing change to the



LINDSAY FENDT | Staff Photographer  
Despite its unappealing outside appearance, Prego's intimate indoor atmosphere and "Old World" style service make it a prime choice for Italian dining.

rushed speeches of most wait staffs. In excellent English, the servers can assist in describing any menu item in detail and will offer a list of tempting daily specials. Here, no water glass will ever be empty, yet you'll never be rushed into leaving if you're looking for a leisurely meal.

A salad at Prego's is certainly a must. The restaurant has its own house dressing, a mustard vinaigrette of the perfect potency, and one salad is enough to feed four.

Splitting orders is the way to go here, as the prices for dinner entrees can be on the expensive side.

For a college student, Prego's provides a nice night out that won't quite break the bank. A nook in one corner of the restaurant is home to a

generously stocked wine bar that can be affordable even for those with part-time jobs and student loans. Prego's house white is well worth the extra buck, even in a time when cheap \$4 bottles are the norm.

No matter the craving, Prego's menu won't disappoint. More than 20 pasta dishes and a full page of entrees that range from veal to seafood to chicken to steak provide patrons with more than enough options. And these dishes live up to their peculiar, foreign names.

It's obvious every dish is homemade, as the taste and texture is distinctive. Even Italian food snobs will love it.

To a restaurant whose name means "You're welcome" in Italian, there is only one word: Grazie.

## NEW ON WSOE

## LOCAL

Bombadil  
Tarpits and  
Canyonlands

Electric Owls  
Ain't Too Bright

Midtown Dickens  
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A Rooster for the  
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## MEDIUM

Band of Skulls  
Baby Darling Doll  
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Gordon Gano & the  
Ryans  
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Mason Jennings  
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Porcupine Tree  
The Incident

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ILLUSTRATION SUBMITTED  
The Carousel Cinemas commissioned comic book artist T.A. Boatwright to design publicity artwork.

### Carousel Cinemas brings Scare-ousel to Burlington

Merissa Blitz  
Reporter

Love horror? Love movies? Love having a good time with your friends? If answering yes to at least one of these questions, be prepared for the Halloween event making its way to Carousel Cinemas at Alamance Crossing: Scare-ousel 2009.

For the past two years, the Carousel Cinemas located in Greensboro has hosted Scare-ousel. The Burlington branch hopes to make the event a staple in the local community. Every Saturday night during October, the theater will show a special screening of a horror film. But the event includes more than a movie.

Before each showing, there will be horror trivia and a chance for scary movie aficionados to win prizes. During the movie, Carousel Cinemas offers reduced priced concessions that won't hurt the wallet. For the crowd 21 and older, the theater will also be selling \$1.50 bottled beer.

Attendees can also wear a costume each night when coming out for the movie. Carousel Cinemas offers special treats for those decked out in their Halloween best. On Halloween night an official costume contest will be held with grander prizes.

Joe Scott special promotions coordinator at Carousel Cinemas has been planning movie events at the cinemas for more than a year. Recently, Scott was put in charge of Scare-ousel 2009.

"I love Halloween," Scott said. "It's my favorite holiday."

For his favorite holiday of the year, he said he wants to provide a safe holiday outlet for people to have inexpensive fun.

This year's Scare-ousel brings five special horror films for the month. The event opens with the 1984 classic "Ghostbusters." Scott said people are constantly requesting the theater to show the film, since the video game was released this year.

"Evil Dead 2: Dead by Dawn" is the next movie on the list. The theatre department of the UNC Greensboro will be performing "Evil Dead the Musical," so Scott thought this would be the perfect time to show the movie.

The next film, "Pieces," is a horror film with a funny twist.

"I hope people will be inclined to make fun of the movie together," Scott said.

Scott said he is most excited to see everyone's reaction to the movie "Audition."

"The Japanese are the modern masters of horror," Scott said. "If you aren't scared by this movie, nothing can scare you."

The final movie of Scare-ousel 2009 is "Dead-Alive," to be screened on Halloween.

Beginning Oct. 3, a horror film will play at 11 p.m. every Saturday night at Carousel Cinemas in Alamance Crossing. Tickets will be \$3 each for a night of fun and horrific movie viewing.

The theater has high hopes for the event and Elon community's support.

"I hope Elon represents by coming out and showing that Elon knows how to party," Scott said.

For more information about Scare-ousel 2009, contact Joe Scott at (336) 662-5691.

# Casts of fall musicals preparing to provide laughs, entertainment

Rachel Southmayd  
Reporter

While most Elon students are still settling into their routines, two groups of performing arts students are hard at work preparing for the upcoming fall play and musical. This fall's feature pieces are "Psycho Beach Party" and "Kiss Me, Kate."

According to Fred Rubeck, chair of the department of performing arts and coordinator of the acting program, the Black Box Theatre will feature Charles Busch's "crazy, wacky play" previously titled "Gidget Goes Psychotic."

"(The show) pokes fun at 'Gidget' and the classic Frankie Avalon and Annette Funicello beach movies," Rubeck said.

It explores a teenager with multiple personalities in the context of a '60s beach-blanket, bingo-esque atmosphere.

The rehearsal period for "Psycho Beach Party" is short. It was cast the first week of classes and must be entirely put together in one month.

"It's a great ensemble show," Rubeck said. "There are 17 cast members with seven or eight main roles. (The cast) is a good mix of freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors, and features students from three different majors."

Cast and crew alike enjoy the roles they have in the production, making it feel less like work, Rubeck said.

"It's just so much fun to come to rehearsal every day," senior Sarah Glover said.

Older audience members can enjoy the show's reminiscent qualities.

"College kids will have a blast (watching this show), as will older people remembering 'Gidget' and the old beach movies," Rubeck said.

Viewer discretion is advised for "Psycho Beach Party." The show is meant for mature, not easily offended audiences.

A few weeks after "Psycho Beach Party," McCrary Theatre will come alive with the clever antics of the classic 1948 Cole Porter musical, "Kiss Me, Kate."

Assistant student director, senior Sarah Pace, describes this show as "a



RACHEL SOUTHMAYD | Photographer  
This season's performances of "Psycho Beach Party" and "Kiss Me, Kate" promise quirky storylines and lots of laughs for audiences.

golden-age musical."

"Kiss Me, Kate" is different from many recent Elon performances. After darker musicals like "Sweeney Todd" and "Jekyll and Hyde," "Kiss Me, Kate" will provide a lighter fare for audiences.

This show also presents its cast with a slew of challenges.

"The singers must be semi-operatic, and the show includes speaking Shakespeare and a lot of dancing," Pace said.

This is not to say the 40 cast members aren't rising to the challenge.

"Our featured dancers are fierce," Pace said. "Everyone is having fun exploring a different style. It's a different kind of comedy. It's very clever and very fun."

This fall's musical hopes to prove different from those of Elon's past.

"The show's really different from anything Elon's done, because the audience gets to watch what they're not supposed to see," said senior Courtney Markowitz, who plays the title role in "Kiss Me, Kate."

The cast and crew are well under way in bringing the Shakespeare-inspired play to life. "Kiss Me, Kate" follows the feuds of two couples backstage during an ongoing production of Shakespeare's "Taming

#### WANT TO GO?

##### "PSYCHO BEACH PARTY"

###### WHEN

7:30 p.m. Oct. 7 - 9  
2 p.m., 7:30 p.m. Oct. 10  
2 p.m. Oct. 11  
7:30 p.m. Oct. 12 - 13

###### WHERE

Black Box Theater

###### ADMISSION

\$12 or free with Elon ID

##### "KISS ME, KATE"

###### WHEN

7:30 p.m. Oct. 29 - 31  
7:30 p.m. Nov. 6 - 7  
2 p.m. Oct. 8

###### WHERE

McCrary Theater

###### ADMISSION

\$12 or free with Elon ID

of the Shrew."

"Rehearsals are going very well," Pace said. "We had one good week of music rehearsal, and we just completed our first week of blocking through choreography and we'll have another week or two of that and it will all start to come together."

#### PERFORMANCE REVIEW

## Sold-out 'Collage' dazzles audiences

Rachel Southmayd  
Reporter

Last Friday and Saturday night, music theater majors lit up the Yeager Recital Hall with their annual performance of "Collage," a musical revue of song and dance.

"Collage" got started with the sophomore class reviving a piece from last April's "Grand Night," "Come So Far," from the movie musical "Hairspray." It was upbeat, energetic and, like the other large group numbers, featured a wide array of performers, which is definitely one of the department's strengths. Each and every student gets an opportunity to be in the spotlight.

The theme of showcasing many different individuals' talents continued as the evening progressed, with the fun and (mostly) elegant "Elegance." The piece "Once Upon A Dream" featured four women whose control of tone and vibrato was outstanding, as was their awareness of each other. "That Smile" proved cheerful, if a bit intentionally awkward, and the adorable and amusing "Sing for your Supper" was a perfectly placed ironic precursor to the number that followed.

The "guys' number" for this show was a hilarious, raucous, all-around good time number called "Aggie Song" from "Best Little Whorehouse in Texas." The performance presented a chance for the men to be men, with foot stomping, loud singing and wistful dreaming about getting to sleep with many women.

One of the most applauded moments was the slow-motion football sequence, complete with fistfight, throttling, a man flying through the air, death and one of the most exceptional performers

doing a split off the piano. The square dancing and country western line dancing also captured the mood of the song and showed off the skills of these very talented gentlemen.

Following "Aggie Song" were several other very strong numbers, from the girl power song "I'm A Woman" to the beautifully simple "We Sing," which proved every young adult on that stage was still a child in spirit. The dance-heavy "Steam Heat" proved an excellent match to Fosse's original work for "The Pajama Game."

"Collage" was performed during Parent's Weekend, and appropriately, one of the final pieces was Il Divo's "Mama," sung by four men who moved several members of the audience to tears with their powerful voices and earnest delivery of the touching lyrics.

The finale piece was particularly meaningful for all involved because a current Elon musical theatre senior, Christopher Staskel, wrote the song. Staskel is writing his own musical along with 2009 Elon graduate Dan Gibson.

"I Will Turn To You" was sung by the entire cast, with harmony that was beyond amazing. The lyrics were fantastically relevant. Through tears and hugs, the seniors took the lead on this piece, surrounded by the underclassmen. The most moving section occurred when the seniors "passed the torch" to the freshman class who had been seated along the sides of the hall, and they stood and accepted, through tears of their own.

Watching this performance was like getting to look through a window at a family enjoying an evening together. There was so much love, and every smile and gesture rang with sincerity. If "Collage" had one flaw, it was that it ended far too quickly.

# PAINTED *with* PRIDE

Four Elon students support Phoenix football in their own special way

Amanda Bender  
Reporter

Neither rain nor snow has prevented four Elon students from showing their school spirit. They are the ones at the football games with a big "E," "L," "O" and "N" painted across their chests.

For Phoenix fans, the tradition of chest-painting began almost three years ago at the 2007 homecoming game. After getting annoyed with the fans that left halfway through past games, a group of four guys decided to do something extreme for the homecoming game, and the tradition stuck.

Senior Martin Burke, now the "E," is the only remaining member from the original four. Senior Craig Orsi is the "L," junior Justine Robertson is the "O" and freshman Kevin Sharkey is the "N."

Their main priorities are school spirit and having a fun time. With their painted chests, they can get people fired up about the game, Burke said. They just want people to be excited about it for the right reasons and want them to have fun, too.

The members of the group said they realize some people may think they are crazy.

"I was always a crazy fan in high school," Sharkey said. "And it would feel unnatural to me if I was not a crazy fan in college."

Burke was certain some thought they were crazy after they appeared with chests painted at the Appalachian State game last year — in the snow.

Burke is known as the letter "E" both in and out of Rhodes Stadium. He said he has had people recognize him even when it's not a game day. On the first day of classes, Burke has found that introducing himself, as "the guy who paints the letter 'E' on his chest" is a good icebreaker.



DAVID WELLS | Photo Editor



Photo submitted

The chest-painting tradition began nearly three years ago as a way to encourage school spirit at football games. Senior Martin Burke, left, is the only remaining member of the original team.

But what people think does not matter to these four.

"We really are indifferent to what others think because we know, deep down, all the people who will say they don't like it really love it, and all the people that love it wish they could be us," Sharkey said.

Sharkey became a part of the group last year, while he was still a senior in high school. He came to Elon to visit his sister, a friend of the group. They decided to let him be the exclamation point at that game. This year, he was promoted to the letter "N."

Although Robertson, the only female member of the chest-painters, cannot

paint her chest, she does have a T-shirt she wears to the games with a large "O" painted on the front. She also helps by painting the rest of the team.

Robertson, an Elon track athlete, and Sharkey are planning on continuing the tradition next year with the addition of new members to replace the seniors.

"I think school spirit is good this year, but I am hoping that it just keeps getting better, not only for football games, but for all Elon athletics," Robertson said. "Because the more support we have, the better the athletes get. It is amazing, when you have people backing you, how much better you can perform."

## Ridin' in style ... or at least safety



DAVID WELLS | Photo Editor

The SafeRides staff has adopted the "Ghost Busters" theme, "Who're you going to call," to promote the organization at events like the Organization Fair.

## SafeRides marks 16 years of service, becomes longest-running program of its kind on campus

Jessica Riviere  
Reporter

It is late Friday night, and an Elon student is with his roommates at a crazy party, about to begin the journey home before he realizes he is having enough trouble trying

to leave the house. Who does he call?

SafeRides, a confidential student organization that has played a significant role for the past 16 years in helping transport students from one place to another within a one-mile radius of campus.

Former Elon students Patrick O'Malley and Eddie Stuart started the organization in March 1993, one year after the death of a student involved in an alcohol-related car accident.

The death of a well-rounded, dean's list, newly recruited Kappa Sigma, Elon football athlete and academic scholarship freshman was a caveat and tragedy to many within the community. Chad Edward Macy, 18, died after a car accident that occurred on West Trollering Avenue around 2:30 a.m. one Saturday night.

"SafeRides is such an important program," Public Relations Coordinator Earl Pope said. "It's great to see unanimous support."

Programs like SafeRides operate across the country for numerous universities, including Texas A & M, Florida State University and UNC Chapel Hill. Whereas FSU's campus bans the organization from operating on campus because of lack of faculty and administration approval, Elon's program had overwhelming support.

Unlike some similar programs, no one gets paid and the organization operates its own vehicles rather than renting from local agencies. SafeRides is also the longest-running organization of its kind at any college or university.

Junior Nicole Parker has been volunteering for SafeRides since her freshman year and became a captain during her sophomore year.

"I love the whole concept, not really caring what state of mind students are in, not judging and bringing people safely home or around campus," Parker said.

"I'm more glad that they care about their safety."

Students love the idea, but hate the fact it sometimes takes long for the cars to arrive. It is a hectic challenge faced weekly.

"We try our best," Parker said. "We're one of the few organizations that doesn't just take you home," Pope said. "We also take you to the bar, another on-campus party, as long as we prevent you from driving yourself. Let's face it, Elon students pregame pretty hard, and there's no reason for them to be on the road."

Times are changing, and things have become more efficient with paperless systems in the dispatch center, accredited to Texas A & M's CARPOOL program, "Phoneroom."

SafeRides continues to climb in popularity.

"We don't even have to do the advertising, people do it for us by acknowledging us on the street," Pope said.

The program is investing in an additional vehicle, which will bring the total to three cars operating Thursday through Saturday, allowing more students to be moved. The "party van" will also run Fridays and Saturdays.

"An additional vehicle would make things crazy," Program Director Kimberly Duggins said. "I'd love it if we were to get back on 15-minute wait times."

Last year, SafeRides moved 7,844 students, and on average 153 people are moved weekly.

An additional benefit of being a member of SafeRides is the new "VIP night" requests. Members receive two per month and are able to jump the waiting line to be picked up.

Volunteers can work as a dispatcher, on the computer, or as a driver or passenger.

"We're proud to be a part of SafeRides," Duggins said. "It's time consuming but very important to the community."

## A hidden medium for memories

Elon's yearbook aims to gain interest

Lindsay Kimble  
Copy Intern

"There was a yearbook in high school," said senior Lesley Cowie, editor-in-chief of Phi Psi Cli. "Why shouldn't there be on in college?"

The theme for the Phi Psi Cli this year is "Work Hard, Play Hard," encompassing what Cowie said is the "essence of student contribution" at Elon.

"Elon is a school that prides itself on the number of students who study abroad, volunteer and participate in research," Cowie said of what the theme hopes to commemorate.

The sections the Phi Psi Cli covers are: Life, Academics, Sports, Seniors, News and Index. "Both the News and Index sections are completely new," Cowie said. "We will be including more feature stories and sidebars in this book than ever before."

Generally the yearbook encompasses not only campus events like Homecoming but chronicles groups including Elon's a cappella groups and Student Union Board, and highlights specific programs on campus, like the theatre department.

The 2010 edition of Elon's yearbook is going to focus mainly on the graduating senior class. Normally, underclassmen photos are featured in the yearbook, but for this edition, their presence is being eliminated. Also, instead of the traditional tux and drape pictures Elon has done in the past, seniors will be photographed in caps and gowns.

The staff feels that to ensure a good book, the turnout on senior picture day is crucial. In the past, attendance has generally been fairly low.

"The number of undergraduate photos in the yearbook have been grossly disproportionate to the number of undergraduate students," Cowie said. "We hope to see a large increase in the number of senior portraits this year, as the maroon cap and gown photo has never been taken."

Freshman Meghan Stanley did not even know Elon's yearbook existed until questioned.

"I always assumed that yearbooks were a high school thing, but I think it's very cool that Elon has one," Stanley said. "I most likely haven't heard of it because it's my first year here at Elon, but I feel like it's not really that well known around campus in general."

The current staff is determined to not only increase awareness but to establish a "quality" book. But Cowie said she is not worried about consciousness of Phi Psi Cli's existence.

"Our marketing team has some been brainstorming innovative tactics to get our name out there," Cowie said. "They've got a few strategies up their sleeves."

The yearbook staff is always looking to add new members to this staff.

Students are currently leafing through the 2009 edition of Phi Psi Cli, "Log In." The staff hopes the book is generating some talk among students.

"The yearbook was founded in 1913. In four years, Elon will have had a century of yearbooks. How could you just get rid of that?" Cowie said.

The first senior picture day was held Sept. 28, and additional photo days will be in November and at the graduation fair in March.

# BRIDGING THE GAP

## Lumen Scholar brings holistic, traditional medicine to Elon from remote corners of globe

Rachel Cieri  
Features Editor

Even before he left for Australia, senior Ryan Blead knew the Aboriginal town he'd visit would be different. But when he found himself surrounded by people eating half-cooked kangaroo legs like fried chicken, he had to fight the urge to flee.

"I've never felt so out of place," the Doylestown, Penn., native said. Instead of sprinting back to his home for the week, Blead made the most of situation, forcing himself to "really experience the moment."

After all, this unique culture was what brought him to the middle of the Australian desert in the first place.

A Lumen Scholar studying sociology and anthropology, Blead spent a semester at Curtin University of Technology in Perth to research "bush medicine," the holistic health care of the Aboriginal population.

"I've always been interested in holistic and traditional medicine," Blead said. "My brother is a leukemia survivor, so I've seen the medical system here and have respect for it. But I've always known there was more to health than medicine, and I wanted to study the human approach."

Anthropology professor Anne Bolin, who mentored Blead in his research, suggested a trip to Australia because of her expertise in Aboriginal culture.

"Bush medicine is very connected to the earth," Blead said. "I wanted to find that unquantifiable factor of the tradition. (For them), there is no separation between health and spirituality."

In fact, Blead found the Aborigines have an entirely different perception of cancer from Americans.

"They call it a 'white man's disease,'" Blead said. "They didn't have it until the British came and they adopted a sedentary lifestyle."

Because of this, cancer carries a certain shame with the Aboriginal population.

"It shed light on the problem, but it also muddied the water on what to do about it," Blead said.

Blead discovered similar perception on his second excursion abroad. Through an international health exchange program, he visited one of the most remote areas of the world, a region in the Himalayas called Jammu Kashmir that provides a unique cultural mix of Chinese, Tibetans, Indians and Pakistanis.

There, Blead interviewed dozens of local residents, mostly Tibetans, about their experiences with allopathic



Senior Ryan Blead, center, spent time in a remote region of the Himalayas studying traditional healthcare practices as part of his Lumen Scholar experience.

(American) medicine and Amchi, the traditional herb-based health care of the region.

"India is trying to modernize its health care beliefs, and people are afraid of seeming backward," Blead said.

At first, Blead said he was very formal with his approach, introducing himself as a student and taking notes in his notebook, but eventually, he discovered that he could get more out of the process if he turned the interview into a conversation.

"I've had more cups of tea with Indian shop keepers than I can count," Blead said.

Of all the interviews he conducted, Blead found one quote stuck out to him, summarizing the attitudes of

almost everyone to whom he spoke.

"He said, 'When things happen, they're going to happen. So why worry about it?'" Blead said.

Now that he is back in the United States, Blead is working on presentations for the National Conference for Undergraduate Research and the Student Undergraduate Research Forum as well as building a Web site to share what he learned.

Blead said he found that holistic medicine may bridge the gap between health and wellness that exists in Western medicine.

"I don't think anyone should go completely holistic, but using both methods could have a lot of power to it," he said.

## Social media takeover

### Elon declines to follow emerging Facebook trend in undergrad admissions

Rebecca Smith  
Senior Reporter

Imagine if in the middle of applying to graduate schools, an admissions director from a school sends a Facebook friend request. This is a tactic some graduate schools are testing out.

San Diego State University's Sports Management program is one of the few graduate schools with college admissions officers who are now using the popularity of Facebook to enhance their enrollment. Director of their admissions office, Scott Minto, uses Facebook fan pages, advertisements and personal interaction via messages and wall posts to recruit students.

While Facebook has a large presence on Elon's campus from event invitations to Facebook groups for organizations, it has not become a part of the admissions process.

"Now that Facebook has become so popular, I get asked about Facebook's role in admissions a lot," Dean of Admissions Greg Zaiser said. "Elon does not look at Facebook when making decisions about admitting students."

Zaiser said he does not think social networking sites will be factored into college decisions on admissions anytime soon. The large amount of applications, as well as the short time between application deadlines and the deadline for the school's decision, makes finding time to pursue the profiles next to impossible.

Right now only about 60 schools have official sites on Facebook. Among graduate schools, it is mainly smaller schools that seem to be very active on the site.

"I hardly have time to look at my Facebook during admission deadlines. Let alone the profiles of every student applying to Elon," said Meredith Legin, assistant director of admissions.

Minto has solved this problem by communicating with some students exclusively through Facebook. On the site, he invites them to open houses and has a link on his profile to his blog.

More than 5,000 applications

are submitted for the Early Action deadline, and there are just five weeks between the application deadline and when Elon must make a decision.

While the admissions department does not use Facebook to screen applicants, they are using social networking sites like Facebook and Twitter to promote the school and gain national attention. Admissions now has a fan page where prospective students can learn about upcoming orientation dates, Elon events and deadlines.

"Social networking sites are more informal than the Elon Web site," Zaiser said. "This allows us to post pictures that are a little more informal and make the admissions process a little friendlier."

The sites were created this past summer, so it will not be until next fall that Elon can tell if the sites have made a difference.

"We all have Facebook pages, so students are able to see our profile pictures and put a face to the name," Legin said. "They are able to see us as humans when we are smiling in our profile pictures with our children."

There are other times when Elon staff may look at students' social networking sites, such as when students apply for campus jobs.

"I have, in the past, looked at Facebook sites before hiring," said Kathy Scarborough, Elon Campus Shop manager. "If there is questionable material on them I typically don't move forward with an interview. I look for questionable material and whether or not they have a lot of friends at Elon, making them more personable and good to work with customers."

As students enroll at Elon, they start to join groups like "Elon University 2013." While these groups are open to the public and meant for people within the Elon network, admissions does not scrutinize those sites either.

"We want to respect our students' privacy, just like we hope they will respect our privacy," Zaiser said. "We do not want students to feel like we are checking up on them. And what people post on Facebook is not always reflective of who they are."

## PLUGGED IN: How online distractions consume students' lives

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Freshman Walker Howlett devotes most of his online time to college students' favorite online social networking Web site.

"I spend a solid two hours in front of my computer every day, and mostly on Facebook," Howlett said.

He said he believes "Mark Zuckerberg may have inadvertently destroyed Western civilization" with his invention of Facebook.

Senior Tory Chase is one student who has avoided this distraction. He is one of the few students at Elon who does not have, and has never had, a Facebook account.

"I am not into the online talking thing - AIM, Facebook or MySpace," Chase said. "It just seems a little impersonal to me. I would much rather have someone call me, and we can have lunch and catch up."

Most students create Facebook accounts in order to keep in touch with friends and family members, but it has other uses as well.

Senior Susan Cogswell, for example, logs onto her account every day to harvest crops. FarmVille, the fastest growing Facebook application, has become a phenomenon for many Facebook users. This application is similar to Sims and Roller Coaster Tycoon. Users grow, harvest, purchase and sell crops, in order to move on to the next level or buy improvements for their farms.

"I like it because it's entertaining, and it's something different to do besides e-mail," Cogswell said. "I don't normally play computer games, and there aren't a lot of rules, which is why I like playing it."

Farmville is just one example of an online time-sucker to which college students succumb.

Facebook's primary function is for users to create accounts and keep in touch with one another.

"In regards to friends at home and from high school, I stay in touch with the select few that actually matter through e-mails, phone calls, texts or visits," Chase said. "I just don't see the point of being Facebook friends

with friends from high school I have grown apart from. For the friends I care about, I make a personal effort to talk to them without Facebook."

Chase has received some flak for not jumping on the Facebook bandwagon. Some of his friends have even tried creating an account for him, but he has yet to give in to the craze. But there are some things he misses.

"I do miss not being able to share photos," he said. "That is one huge downfall. That and (I don't like) having people make special accommodations to invite me to events by calling and e-mailing me."

In addition to Facebook, e-mail remains one of the biggest online distractions for Elon students.

"I check my e-mail almost every hour," sophomore Jessica Scales said. "I check my Facebook every time I touch my laptop, and I watch YouTube videos every day. I also stop doing my homework sometimes and play Mahjong Titans on my computer."

The question still remains: Why do students spend so much time on these distractions? And are there any solutions to the apparent problem?

"At times, it helps me relieve stress or take a 'brain break' by just doing something else for 10 minutes," Scales said. "But then at other times, I'm just procrastinating and these (distractions) only prolong the amount of time I will be doing homework."

Scales acknowledges her addiction to technology, but she said she has also discovered a tangible solution to the problem.

"When I do have too much homework and want to just goof off on the Internet, I sit my computer somewhere I can't reach it, or I turn off my wireless for a while," she said.

There are advantages and drawbacks to living in a society dominated by technology, Freshman Keagan Gros said.

"Our generation is so connected to people who aren't in our immediate vicinity," she said. "We always know what our friends are doing, but we never know what people who are right around us are thinking or feeling. We're disconnected in a connected society."

# OM SHANTI YOGA

## New yoga studio cultivates peace and well-being

Sophie Duensing  
Reporter

Several years ago, Susan Hearn was offered the position of partner at the gym she managed in Ohio.

"I traveled anywhere and everywhere, and then I had kids," Hearn said. "It was a great, great opportunity, but I didn't want to be partner. So I quit."

Rather than become partner of the gym she managed, Hearn chose a more peaceful addition to her resume and opened a yoga studio in Cleveland. Hearn's resume also includes nursing, graduate school, culinary school, fitness instruction and a successful career in management.

Hearn's Cleveland yoga studio, Exhale Yoga, is still going strong five years later. She returns about once a year to teach a retreat, but now lives with her family in Burlington.

She and her business partner, Mary Faucette, opened Om Shanti Yoga this past May.

"I have been searching for a yoga place I enjoy since my sophomore year," Elon senior Stephanie Lane said. "I love Om Shanti because it is the closest yoga studio I have found in the Burlington area that brings me back to my home studio."

Faucette was Hearn's son's swimming instructor. As their friendship developed, they realized they shared a passion for yoga. Together, they created Om Shanti



Yoga instructor and owner Susan Hearn leads a special class for advanced members in her Burlington studio, located off Huffman Mill Road. KATELYN LAZOR | Photographer

Yoga.

The studio is off Huffman Mill Road in the Panera Bread shopping center. Classes are offered for all ranges of experience Monday through Thursday and Saturday. The first class is free, and students receive 25 percent off all yoga packages. Mats and equipment are provided, so all one has to do is show up.

Hearn has taught a range of exercise classes from cycling to Pilates, but she said yoga is different than most exercise classes.

"The key thing about yoga is for your whole body, mind and spirit to connect," Hearn said.

The word "yoga" means union, interpreted as uniting one's body, mind and spirit through motions.

"I never know how stressed out I am until I walk onto my yoga mat and try to get my pattern of breathing properly," Lane said. "Yoga helps to center me and it is a great way to start my week."

While yoga is mentally centering, the physical aspect cannot be overlooked. Yoga helps with flexibility, strength, balance and stress relief.

"When people walk out of my Tuesday/Thursday (class), they are dripping," Hearn said.

Tuesday and Thursday evenings host the "mixed" class for fit beginners and intermediate to advanced practitioners.

"You'll be surprised by who I have in a handstand by the end of the night," Hearn said.

The name "Om Shanti" is taken from



An advanced group stretches in the Warrior One yoga pose. This class is one of several offered by the startup studio. KATELYN LAZOR | Photographer

the word "om," the universal sound that connects a person to all other beings. "Shanti" means peace. In addition to offering a plethora of yoga classes, Om Shanti Yoga also sells handmade local jewelry and local paintings.

Hearn is looking to expand her love for well being from the 1,000-year-old practice of yoga into several other connected businesses to create "a center of wellness."

"I'd love to open a cooking school, massage studio and store for alternative wellness," she said.

While working at a gym, Hearn

realized many Americans expect a quick fix for their fitness problems.

"People would come up to me and ask, 'How do I get your abs?' and want a pill," Hearn said. "It doesn't work that way."

In a cooking class that is already offered through the studio but held at Hearn's house, she teaches about the importance of eating "whole foods" — foods that are unprocessed and rich in fiber.

"I want this to be not just a place where people come in, take an hour-long class and leave," Hearn said. "I want to make this a family."

## FAMILY FAME: Elon students reflect on their experiences with famous relatives

Lindsay Kimble  
Copy Intern

It never ceases to surprise freshman Emily Berenstain how excited some people get when they hear who she is related to. Berenstain's famous grandparents, Jan and Stan Berenstain are authors of the classic children's books, "The Berenstain Bears."

Berenstain, who hails from New Hope, Penn., grew up around her grandparents, who lived less than 20 minutes away. Although her grandmother and father Michael (grandfather Stan passed away in 2005) are not often recognized in public, Berenstain said her last name usually brings about some attention.

"At least once a day, when we're out to dinner or signing a credit slip, anything, people say 'Berenstain ... like the Berenstain Bears?'" Berenstain said.

Berenstain thanks this family connection for many opportunities she's had throughout her life yet she said she sometimes feels cautious in mentioning her "famous" last name.

"However awesome the books are, I sometimes hesitate from telling people I'm related in worries that people will only get to know me for my last name," Berenstain said. "But overall, I'm really happy I'm related to such talented artists."

Berenstain is not the only face on campus to have a well-known family member. Ever see the cult classic "Donnie Darko" or the blockbuster "The Dark Knight?" If so, you've watched the talents of Elon junior Sam Gyllenhaal's cousins, Jake and Maggie Gyllenhaal.

"They were always nice, down to

earth people," Gyllenhaal said. "I've always looked up to Jake and Maggie, and although I don't spend much time with them, whenever I do, I have a blast."

When he does get to spend time with them, it is not uncommon for fans to approach Gyllenhaal's cousins and say hello.

Gyllenhaal is a cinema major and enjoys the perks of having cousins so successful in the entertainment industry. They have been crucial assets in helping him begin the process of networking as well as finding internships.

"I'd like to direct music videos one day, and seeing them make it in the entertainment industry is a motivating factor for me," Gyllenhaal said. "It shows what hard work and creativity can do."

Freshman Amanda Morse is yet another student with a less-than-average family. Morse is the granddaughter of the Wendy's fast-food chain founder Dave Thomas. Morse's mother is none other than "Wendy" herself.

Morse recalled one of the many "awesome" opportunities her family's celebrity status has brought.

"I was invited to the White House to see my grandpa accept an award, and I got to meet the Clintons," she said.

Whether she's traveling on her grandparents' boat or just hanging out with family, Morse said "there are a lot of us, so something funny is always bound to happen."

Most importantly, Morse is motivated by her grandfather's work ethic.

"Growing up, seeing how driven he was just makes me want to work hard to achieve something I want," she said.

## EATING OUT IN THE CARNIVOROUS SOUTH

A vegetarian's guide to Burlington

Katie Williamson  
Reporter

Finding places to eat out as a vegetarian diner can be tough. But doing it on a college budget in the notoriously-carnivorous South? Even tougher.

Thankfully, students have the restaurant-diverse town of Burlington to turn to when the options of vegetable sushi from Colonnades or pizza from Octagon Cafe get too repetitive. Though many eateries in Burlington are veggie friendly, there are a couple with stand-out vegetarian options worth mentioning.

B.'s Bistro, nestled between its two brother restaurants, B. Christopher's and Benjamin's Seafood Room, is dedicated to serving the freshest ingredients available. This restaurant and micro lounge is an easy find from campus, located right off South Church Street. Open for dinner and take out, this old-world European eatery meets new-world Mediterranean café is great for any vegetarian.

Items such as the "hummus trio" and "vegetable en croute" are a great veggie-friendly way to start off a meal. As for the entrée, nothing beats their flatbread pizzas. The "caprese pizza," made with tomato, mozzarella and basil pesto is a favorite of many vegetarians as well as non-vegetarians. Combined with the "bistro salad," this meal is any veggie lover's dream. With appetizers ranging from \$3 - \$8, and entrées from \$8 - \$16, the great food also comes with great prices, especially on a college budget.

Looking for something a little more ethnic? Dan Thai is your best bet.

Opened in May 2007, this recent addition to Burlington has been popular with vegetarians and non-vegetarians alike. Using the freshest ingredients from local organic farmers and their own greenhouse, Dan Thai is a great place to grab a healthy lunch or dinner.

From stir-fried vegetables to pad-thai with tofu, Dan Thai's lunch menu is nothing short of satisfying. The same goes for their dinner menu. With delicious entrées like "spicy eggplant" and "pad see ew," it is hard to go wrong. With most appetizers under \$6, and most entrées under \$10, Dan Thai is great for the college budget as well as the appetite.

Another viable option for vegetarians is one surely well known around campus. Panera Bread has been made famous for the thick slabs of freshly baked bread that complement every meal, but they are also known as being a hot spot for vegetarian eaters. Breakfast is no stranger at Panera Bread. From cinnamon bagels to blueberry bagels and spinach-artichoke soufflés, Panera has got it. With a variety of hearty salads and soups, there is always something good for lunching vegetarians. Just a quick drive down Huffman Mill Road, Panera Bread is a great place to get a quick breakfast, lunch or dinner.

Finding places to eat out as a vegetarian can be hard in a part of the country that argues the differences between East and West Coast barbecue styles, but with the help of restaurants such as B.'s Bistro, Dan Thai and Panera Bread, veggie lovers have a multitude of options for eating out that don't have to include the use of a steak knife.

# Golf finds sixth-place finish at beach

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On Friday, the Elon men's golf team traveled four and a half hours to Sunset Beach, N.C. But this was no vacation for the players. This was the Sea Trails Intercollegiate, a tournament hosted annually by the Elon men's golf team.

The Phoenix posted a team total of 285 to place sixth out of 16 teams, a finish that will motivate the team going into the Davidson College Invitational Oct. 12 - 13.

"We are never satisfied with fifth or sixth (place)," head coach Bill Morningstar said. "We always want to be up there making a run at it."

This was the team's second tournament of the fall season, coming after a fifth-place finish at the Springhill Suites Intercollegiate.

Senior Jayson Judy posted the lowest total score for the Phoenix with a 212 (71-70-71). Judy finished in a 10th-place tie overall. Senior Phil Bartholomew finished four strokes higher than Judy, shooting a 216 (70-73-73) for a tie for 20th place.

Junior Steve Dressel finished with a score of 220 (75-73-72) and sophomore Tanner Norton posted a 223 (76-78-69) to round out Elon's team score.

Junior Scott Hockemeyer also participated in the tournament, scoring a 232 (79-77-76), but his score finished fifth on the team and therefore was not counted in the overall total.

"We had two or three (of the players) play

really well, but we have to get to where all five are playing well," Morningstar said.

In tournament play, five players from each team compete, and then four scores are counted to compile a team score.

Judy said the team is trying to make sure all five players are consistently shooting low scores.

"We want to have everybody in there under 75," Judy said.

The fall season gives the team a chance to prepare for the spring season so the players can see those kinds of scores every week, Judy said.

Also, the fall season has an effect on the team's rankings for the spring season. Judy said even if the team performs well in the spring, there is a chance it will not make the NCAA tournament if it does not see good tournament performances in the fall.

"Even though the championship season is in the spring, all the tournaments in the fall count," Morningstar said. "Hopefully we can play low enough to get a ranking and an at-large bid, even if we don't win the conference tournament."

This is important for the team, whose main goal is to make it to the NCAA tournament, Morningstar said.

Judy said the team really believes that it can go far and has a desire to win, which means a lot to him and Bartholomew.

"It's the last year for Phil (Bartholomew) and me," Judy said. "We really want to make the most of it for our last go."



Last weekend, senior Phil Bartholomew finished the tournament tied for 20th. FILE PHOTO



Senior Jayson Judy led all Elon golfers with a score of 212 in last weekend's Sea Trails Invitational. FILE PHOTO

## FROM THE SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

News and Notes around the Southern Conference

### FOOTBALL

University of Tennessee at Chattanooga upset No. 17 Wofford last Saturday by defeating the Terriers 38-9. The last time the Mocs defeated a ranked FCS team was Sept. 23, 2006.

The Mocs have next week off and then play at 3 p.m. Oct. 10 at Samford University. Wofford hosts Georgia Southern University at 1:30 p.m. Saturday.

No. 10 Appalachian State defeats Samford, 20-7. Appalachian State moves to 1-2 overall and 1-0 in the Southern Conference. Samford is 2-2 overall and 0-1 in the SoCon. Appalachian State started the game with a 20-0 halftime lead. The Mountaineers travel to The Citadel at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Samford hosts Western Carolina University 2 p.m. Saturday.

### MEN'S SOCCER

Davidson College defeated No. 24 South Carolina 4-1 last Saturday night. The Davidson Wildcats are 6-1 on the season.

Today Davidson begins Southern Conference play at 7 p.m. against the College of Charleston.

No. 26 College of Charleston defeats Stetson University 5-4 in two overtimes last Friday. College of Charleston is 6-2 on the season.

Southern Conference play begins for men's soccer teams across the conference this week.

## ELON SPORTS THIS WEEK

### Oct. 2

Women's soccer @ Georgia Southern - 4 p.m.

Volleyball vs. Appalachian State - 7 p.m.

Women's tennis @ Virginia Tech (Hokie Invitational) - All Day

### Oct. 3

Football @ Furman - 3 p.m.

Cross Country (Louisville Classic) - 9:30 a.m. women, 10:30 a.m. men

Men's soccer vs. Appalachian State - 7 p.m.

Volleyball vs. Western Carolina - 3 p.m.

Women's tennis @ Virginia Tech (Hokie Invitational) - All Day

Women's tennis (Riviera All-American) - All Day

### Oct. 4

Women's soccer @ Davidson - 2 p.m.

Women's tennis @ Virginia Tech (Hokie Invitational) - All Day

Women's Tennis (Riviera All-American) - All Day

### Oct. 6

Men's soccer @ College of Charleston - 6 p.m.

## ATHLETIC RESULTS

### WEEK OF SEPT. 23 - SEPT. 28

#### Football

Sept. 26

Elon 28

Georgia Southern 14

#### Men's Soccer

Sept. 23

Elon 1

Wake Forest 2

Sept. 26 - Canceled

Elon

Georgia Southern

#### Women's Soccer

Sept. 25

Elon 2

Wofford 1

Sept. 27

Elon 2

Furman 1

#### Volleyball

Sept. 26

Elon 3 matches

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## ONE ON ONE

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### AL Cy Young award is a close race. Sabathia or Greinke?

*The Lions finally won a game. Anything is possible. This is the perfect mindset for sports fans with baseball postseason play just around the corner. But first, let's discuss a close award race, the American League Cy Young winner.*

#### CONOR

With an ERA around two runs, Zach Greinke leads the American League starters with walks and hits per innings pitched close to one. He struck out 237 and walked just 47. But I still think the Cy Young Award should go to the top pitcher, and I think no pitcher in the American League has been more impressive than CC Sabathia.

New York's well-paid ace dealt with a mediocre start and now has a chance to win 20 games. This in itself is impressive, but look at the scenarios. The new Yankee Stadium is Coors Field on the East Coast. He pitches in the best division in baseball, has been the Yankees' only consistent starter this year and his stats are close to Greinke's. He has an ERA of 3.21, struck out 194 and a WHIP of 1.10. Sabathia is my choice as the A.L. Cy Young winner in the only close award race.

#### KEVIN

I, too, think the Cy Young Award ought to go to the best all-around pitcher in the league. Not the guy with the most wins, not the guy with the most strikeouts — although both of those stats are pretty good indications — but the best all-around player.

For me, the best way to rate pitchers is by looking at the only stat they can control outright: ERA. And for this season, nobody comes close to Zach Greinke's 2.07. If he played for a contender like Sabathia's Yankees, Greinke would easily have 20 wins already. Sabathia's season is nothing to be ashamed of, not with 19 wins and a 3.21 ERA on a new team in a new ballpark, but to me that doesn't compare to Greinke's phenomenal year in Kansas City.

#### CONOR

I see your points about Greinke, and I've been aware of his magical season this year. Sabathia had so much pressure on him this year with another huge Yankees contract, and he's lived up to the hype. With Joba Chamberlain and A.J. Burnett struggling, Sergio Mitre is a starter for the best team in the American League.

To me, it shows how good Sabathia is that he has been able to step up and eat innings like an ace. He is also 9-0 in August and September with an ERA just under two, which shows me he is throwing his best when it matters most. I will have no problem with Greinke as the Cy Young winner. In fact, I almost expect it. But I'd like for voters and fans alike to at least acknowledge the season Sabathia had this year.

#### KEVIN

If we're talking about struggles this season, I would again like to point out that Greinke has 16 wins for the lowly Kansas City Royals. Sabathia has had an extraordinary season. His performance, especially after the All-Star break, has been phenomenal when you consider the huge amount of pressure he is under. But he plays in New York, and I feel like half of that team is constantly under massive amounts of pressure because of their gigantic contracts and the nature of the city. He chose that situation.

As far as great stories go, Greinke's victory over social anxiety disorder is baseball's best in an otherwise boring year. Both pitchers will surely land some first-place votes, but I think that in this race, the stars are aligned for Greinke.

# Men's soccer team looks forward to conference play



FILE PHOTO  
Senior midfielder Justin Wyatt led all Elon players in goals and assists last season. Wyatt also started in all 20 games for Elon last year.

Jack Rodenfels  
Reporter

The Elon men's soccer team took the field against the Georgia Southern Eagles on Saturday night to start Southern Conference play. The Phoenix didn't get to do much but take the field, as the game was canceled because of inclement weather.

The Phoenix will attempt to start SoCon play again at 7 p.m. Saturday night at Rudd Field against Appalachian State.

Elon head coach Darren Powell said he looks forward to leading his team in the upcoming week as the Phoenix begins conference play, with games later in the week against Davidson College and the College of Charleston.

Last Saturday's game started with a slow yet steady rain that soon turned into driving rain, making further play dangerous. Elon and Georgia Southern played 50 minutes in all, with Elon scoring the lone goal in the early moments of the first half.

According to NCAA rules, teams must play at least 70 minutes for a game to be considered official. The two teams will reschedule the game for a later date.

After a successful 2008 season, during which the Phoenix won the SoCon regular season championship, this year's team looks to accomplish similar feats. Despite getting off to a slow start, the Phoenix looks to be hitting its stride at an important time as SoCon play starts this weekend.

After failing to notch a win in its first three games, the Phoenix has gone on to win three of its last four contests for an overall record of 3-3-1.

"(There seems to be) a little more focus and a little more purpose with this team," Powell said. "The effort from this team has really shown on the practice field and has

started to translate to the pitch."

Six freshmen and four redshirt freshmen were added to this year's roster. The first-year players have proved essential to the program, providing depth and balance to an already strong unit, Powell said.

This year's team looks to be poised for another competitive season after having all but three players return from last year's championship team. Elon retains strikers who accounted for 23 of Elon's 30 total goals last season, as well as 28 of 36 assists.

Justin Wyatt, who led all Elon scorers in goals and assists last season, returns for his senior season. Last season proved to be a paramount year for Wyatt, who started in all 20 contests Elon played.

In addition to his longevity, Wyatt tallied 13 goals and seven assists while being named first-team All-SoCon and earning conference Player of the Year honors.

"It has not been just one player that has made a huge performance," Powell said. "It has truly been a team performance and a collective effort. Hopefully we see dividends on game day because of that."

Returning to play alongside Wyatt are senior forward Erfan Imani and senior defender Steven Kinney, who were also named first-team All-SoCon performers.

Senior defender Clint Collins and junior goalkeeper Clint Irwin, who were honored with second-team All-SoCon accolades, also returned, as well as midfielder James Carroll, who was named to the SoCon All-Freshman team.

Powell was named SoCon Coach of the Year in 2008 after amassing a perfect 7-0-0 record against league foes.

In Powell's four years as head coach, he has already produced Elon's first ever NCAA Division I league title, 20 All-SoCon performers and a league Player of the Year.

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# Weekend game wins leave volleyball even in conference



FILE PHOTO  
Sophomore setter Megan McMahon, right, sets the ball for sophomore outside hitter Caroline Lemke, left, in a match early this season. Lemke had 21 kills against Samford last Sunday.

Justine Schulerud  
Staff Photographer

The women's volleyball team opened up its conference play traveling state-to-state last weekend with two games. The team first traveled to Chattanooga, Tenn., to play the Chattanooga Mocs and then faced defending conference champions, Samford University, in Birmingham, Ala.

The Phoenix started out Saturday with a 3-2 win over the Mocs. The team began the game losing its first two sets, 20-25 and 22-25, but won with a three set comeback to give them the first win of its conference season. This was the first time in the program's history the Phoenix has beaten Chattanooga on the Moc's home court.

The win against Chattanooga and the loss against Samford bring the Phoenix to an overall record of 13-2, and 1-1 in the Southern Conference. The team is currently ranked third in the North Division of the conference, behind 2-0 Samford, and 1-0 in conference Appalachian State University. The Mountaineers will play its second conference game today against Western Carolina in Boone, N.C.

"It's always tough to win on the road in the SoCon," head coach Mary Tendler said. "We were really fortunate to squeak out the win against Chattanooga."

Elon's defense held strong with senior Jessica Barrow leading the team with 25 kills on the weekend. Sophomore Caroline Lemke added 21 kills, while sophomore Traci Stewart rallied with 12 kills and 14

digs against the Mocs and totaled 11 kills against Samford.

On the offensive side, senior Emily Regan paved the way with 37 assists against Chattanooga and a hitting percentage of .571 against the Bulldogs.

Last season, Elon lost to Samford 3-0, and 3-1 in both matches. The Phoenix lost its first match against Chattanooga in the 2008 season 3-0, but won its second match 3-0.

"I am really happy about it," Tendler said. "Against Chattanooga, we were patient, stuck with it and pulled it out. It was also a positive thing for us to take Samford to a fifth set."

The next match for the Phoenix is 7 p.m. Friday against Appalachian State in Alumni Gym. Elon plays Western Carolina University at 3 p.m. Saturday in Alumni Gym.

The Mountaineers have one win in the conference season against The Citadel, and an overall season record of 5-10. Last year, Elon defeated Appalachian State in both games, 3-2 and 3-0, and finished a place above them in the conference standings.

Western Carolina currently stands second to last in the North Division with a 0-1 conference record. The Catamounts have an overall record of 9-5 on the season. The Phoenix lost 3-2 in their first game against Western Carolina last year, but won the second 3-1.

"We're looking forward to playing at home this weekend," Tendler said. "We're trying to improve as a team every time we go out to play."

# Fournier's dedication looks to push the Phoenix to a top-two SoCon finish

Taylor Abbott  
Reporter

Coming off of an all-conference season in 2008, junior cross country co-captain Emily Fournier already has two third-place finishes this season. As a freshman, Fournier competed in all six meets and has been running with the Phoenix ever since.

Fournier, originally from Attleboro, Mass., was not always a fan of running. She took up the sport about six years ago when a hometown friend suggested it as a means for meeting new people in high school. Her first run was two miles in Cape Cod.

Fournier recalls her second run of five miles as nothing short of an unforgettable experience.

"I got two and a half miles in and cried that I wasn't going to do it," Fournier said.

This emotional roadblock would not be her last.

Fournier arrived for her first high school cross country practice with the same five-mile threat. Two and half miles in, history repeated itself, leaving Fournier in tears with only half the required mileage complete.

Her competitive side eventually took over when she realized every run became easier than the one before.

"It was more important to me to be able to run with my friends than wimp out," Fournier said.

Her persevering attitude and commitment to her teammates has undoubtedly paid off for the cross country runner. Fournier typically runs 64 to 68 miles per week. This includes practices at 7 a.m. and double runs twice a week.

Outside of her role as captain, along with senior Caitlin Beeler, Fournier described the cross country

women as more than teammates. They are her best friends, roommates and strong support system, she said. Fournier also said her teammates are her motivation to continue pushing herself through her high mileage practices and difficult races.

"Everyone has the same goals," Fournier said. "It's not just like a team. It's a sisterhood."

Outside of running, Fournier enjoys eating ice cream. Like her craving for excess mileage, Fournier competes to see how much ice cream she can eat. She had an ice cream eating competition with last year's cross country seniors.

"It was great at the time, but afterward and at practice the next day it wasn't good at all," Fournier said.

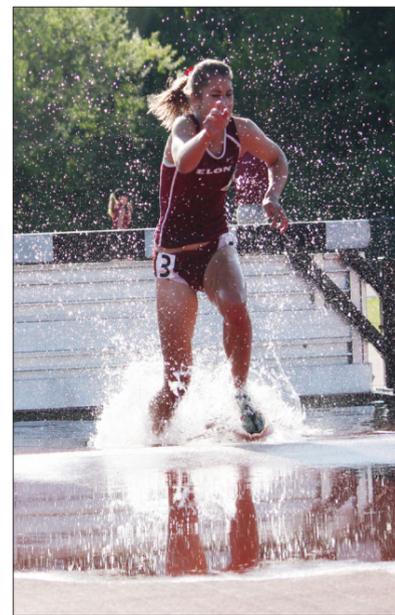
Just like her first few treacherous runs in Cape Cod, Fournier does not plan on quitting her ice cream eating contests. She has scheduled the second annual ice cream eating contest after the season ends.

Fournier also has other goals for the season. She said she hopes to run less than 18 minutes in the 5K, improving from her personal best of 18:11, and lead Elon to a top-two finish in the Southern Conference.

"We have high expectations," Fournier said. "Our incoming freshmen are highly motivated and extremely dedicated and our returners came back so strong."

Fournier said she plans to become a physical therapist. Although she has had no major injuries during her time at Elon, she said she still has a desire to help athletes who are struggling with injuries.

She said she also plans to train for marathons after graduation and, most of all, continue to be a life-long runner.



FILE PHOTOS  
Junior cross country runner Emily Fournier (above and above right) is a Phoenix captain. Fournier, from Attleboro, Mass., is a member of the women's track team and indoor track team. Her fastest time in a cross country meet is 18:11.



Junior Brittany Hallberg, left, fights for a ball in Sunday afternoon's matchup versus the Furman Paladins.



Freshman Ceci Jensen, left, passes the ball off to an Elon forward as she races toward the goal.

## Senior strikes goal to secure SoCon victory

Pam Richter  
Sports Editor

The Phoenix is looking to build off its dramatic double overtime win on Sunday as it prepares for its Friday afternoon matchup against Southern Conference opponent Georgia Southern. The Eagles are 0-1 in conference and 0-8 overall so far this season.

The Phoenix will travel to Davidson on Sunday to take on the 3-7 overall and 0-1 in the SoCon, the Wildcats.

Senior forward Molly Calpin led the Phoenix to defeat the Furman Paladins 2-1 last Sunday in a sudden-death double overtime thriller at Rudd Field.

With 17 seconds left in the second overtime, Calpin kicked a shot that flew over the Furman goalie and plopped in the back of the net to secure a Phoenix victory.

"Our team continues to show extremely high levels of character," Elon head coach Chris Neal said. "Our team really showed a lot of resolve after Furman grabbed the momentum in the second half."

The victory puts Elon at 6-2-1 overall and 2-0 in the SoCon. Sunday's game was the first time in the program the Phoenix defeated Furman, who currently sits at 6-3 overall and 0-2 in the SoCon.

The Phoenix will use the momentum from this victory for the next few games, including its next SoCon game against Georgia Southern on Friday, Neal said.

Last season, the Phoenix finished with an 8-8-3 record. The Phoenix's start this season is the best start for an Elon team since 1996. It is also the first time the Phoenix has opened up SoCon play 2-0.

The Phoenix jumped to an early lead in the game last Sunday with a goal from freshman midfielder Scarlett Fakhar. Fakhar scored her first career goal off a header on a corner kick delivered by freshman defender Elizabeth Palmer at 9:13.

The Paladins responded at the 71-minute mark with a goal from Claire Hodge to tie the game.

Phoenix senior goalie Sydney Little finished the game with four saves, including one in the first overtime

period.

After a scoreless first overtime period, the teams battled tightly with neither pulling away until Calpin's shot with 17 seconds remaining in the second overtime.

As a senior, Calpin has been part of the growth of the Phoenix program, helping the team's record improve in recent years.

"We have proven that we never give up, and I think that will help us throughout the season," Calpin said.

The addition of 13 new freshmen has provided a new outlook this season. With her assist in Sunday's game, Palmer increased her streak to four consecutive games with an assist. Palmer was one of five freshmen to start Sunday's game for the Phoenix.

Neal said Palmer and the rest of the freshman compliment the upperclassmen members of the team.

"It's funny how different freshmen have found a way to make an impact on the games," Neal said.

Besides Fakhar and Palmer, the three other freshmen to start last Sunday's

game were defender Shannon Foley, defender Clair O'Keefe and midfielder Ceci Jensen.

The Phoenix still has the majority of conference play left this season.

"At this point, everybody is our competition," Calpin said. "The way they have the SoCon tournament now is that they have only four teams that get to play. Every regular season game is just as important as those conference games."

Looking beyond the Georgia Southern and Davidson matchups, Neal mentioned one team in particular that may be the Phoenix's biggest competition later in the season — UNC Greensboro.

UNCG is the three-time defending regular season champion in the SoCon. Last year when the teams battled, Elon was defeated 2-0. In 2007, the Phoenix played UNCG twice, first on Nov. 1 to a 3-0 loss and then Nov. 4 to a 1-0 loss in the first round of the SoCon tournament.

This season, the two teams don't square off until the last regular season game on Oct. 29 in Greensboro.



Shannon Foley, left, dribbles the ball up field in Sunday afternoon's double-overtime conference game against Furman.



Senior forward Molly Calpin, right, is embraced by teammates after scoring the winning goal in the final seconds of play against Southern Conference opponent Furman on Sunday.

### BY THE NUMBERS

- 1** win Elon has against Furman University all-time
- 3** overtime games for Elon this season, Elon is 2-0-1 this season in those games
- 4** straight games Elon freshman Elizabeth Palmer has had an assist
- 6** wins, the best start for an Elon team, letting the Phoenix stand at 6-2-1 overall
- 8** wins, the number of total wins for Elon last season
- 11** shots on goal for Furman compared to 10 total for Elon
- 15** career goals for Elon senior forward Molly Calpin
- 17** seconds left in the game against Furman when Calpin scored the game-winning goal
- 72** minutes into the game in which Furman scored the game-tying goal

BREAKING DOWN THE FURMAN GAME

# Sports



Junior defensive back Brett McQuilkin, third from right, and other defensive players take down a Georgia Southern player during the first half of the game. DAVID WELLS | Photo Editor

## Phoenix defense secures win against conference opponent

**Sam Calvert**  
Assistant Sports Editor

Despite a rain that ceased to let up through all four quarters, the Elon football team outscored Georgia Southern 28-14 to secure a win in its first Southern Conference game of the season.

This win helps propel the team as it prepares to continue its conference schedule, taking on Furman at 3 p.m. Saturday in Greenville, S.C.

"Any time you get a win against Georgia Southern, it's something to get excited about," head coach Pete Lembo said.

Elon finished the game with 423 total offensive yards, with help from senior wide receiver Terrell Hudgins who had a total of 138 receiving yards in the game.

Running backs junior Brandon Newsome and sophomore A.J. Harris also added offensive yards for the Phoenix.

Newsome carried the ball 21 times for 36 yards and Harris carried the ball nine times for 50 yards and a fumble.

"Our defense stepped up a lot," sophomore running back A.J. Harris said. "The offense couldn't get into a nice groove."

The Eagles recorded 153 of total offense with only 31 rushing yards.

Georgia Southern's sophomore quarterback Lee Chapple threw three interceptions. Elon's sophomore linebacker Joshua Jones and senior defensive backs Nolan Ward and Karlos Sullivan all had interceptions for the Phoenix in the game.

The Elon defense also stopped the Georgia Southern offense on 14 of its 16 third down conversion attempts.

The Phoenix defense ended the game with eight sacks for a loss of 51 yards.

"As a defensive line, we knew exactly what was coming at us," senior defensive lineman and captain Eric Ludwig said. "Nothing was out of the blue."

This Saturday, the Elon defense looks to do the same against Furman, redshirt freshman linebacker Dale Riley said.

Elon has played Furman 12 times in the program's history, and Furman leads the series 10-2. Last season, Elon secured a 31-10 win against Furman for the first victory against the Paladins since Elon joined the SoCon.

In that game, a majority of the Furman offensive yards came from rushing, where the team totaled 248 yards compared to its 72 passing yards.

Furman has a balanced offense led by senior quarterback Jordan Sorrells, Lembo said. He said the Elon defense is going to have to force the Paladins to make mistakes.

"We are going to run as hard as we can," Riley said. "We will not give up. We all have a willingness to not be stopped."

In the last Elon-Furman matchup, the Phoenix intercepted Sorrells twice and sacked him three times.

The defense also forced three fumbles. Then-sophomore linebacker Brandon Wiggins led the defense with nine tackles.

Riley said the defense is looking to do the same again this year, facing every situation with the same mind-set: "We want to

make sure they get nothing."

"There's nothing like the pride of coming off the field knowing that we stopped them in scoring position," Riley said. "We want to give our offense the opportunity to be on the field as much as possible."

On the offensive side of the ball, the Phoenix accumulated 231 rushing yards and 160 passing yards last season.

This year, the offense hopes to reduce its turnovers, convert on third downs, put up big yards on first downs and execute in the red zone, Harris said.

"Furman has a solid, fundamental defense," Harris said. "They have very good athletes and are very well-coached."

The Phoenix will not be able to rely on sophomore running back Jamal Shuman's offense on Saturday.

Shuman injured his shoulder last week in practice and saw limited action in the game against Georgia Southern. This week, it is questionable how much playing time he will see, Lembo said.

The defense also took a hit, with two players getting injured against the Eagles on Saturday.

Senior defensive back Walker White pulled his hamstring, and junior defensive lineman David Hunt hurt his knee.

Lembo said Hunt should be able to play against Furman, but the other two are questionable.

"If anybody can play through an injury, it's David Hunt," Lembo said. "He's a real warrior."

All three of them have played in every game so far this season.

Regardless, the defense is going to try to get pressure on the quarterback, stop the run and be prepared for everything that Furman might do on offense, Riley said.

"We want to do everything we can, to be the best defense we can be," Riley said.

## Riddle racks up records

In the second quarter of the game against Georgia Southern on Saturday, junior quarterback Scott Riddle completed a pass to senior wide receiver Terrell Hudgins to set a new Southern Conference record for career completions. By the end of the night, Riddle reached 705 career completions. This would be his first of three new SoCon records achieved in the game on Saturday.

Later in the same quarter, Riddle completed a pass to sophomore running back A.J. Harris to increase his career passing total to 7,826 yards.

This also set a new SoCon record for career passing yards. Riddle finished the night increasing this total to 7,893 yards.

In the fourth quarter, Riddle was intercepted for the first time this season, ending his streak of 218 passes without an interception. This surpassed the 215 passes, which was formerly the SoCon record.

After his record-breaking performance, Riddle was named the SoCon's Co-Offensive Player of the Week with The Citadel's junior quarterback Bart Blanchard.

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### BY THE NUMBERS

**2.5** sacks by senior defensive lineman Eric Ludwig

**4** -yard completion to senior wide receiver Terrell Hudgins from junior quarterback Scott Riddle to break the Southern Conference record for career completions

**8** times Georgia Southern's sophomore quarterback Lee Chapple was sacked by the Phoenix

**50** yards rushing for sophomore running back A.J. Harris

**79** offensive plays ran by the Phoenix

**218** passes in a row for Riddle without an interception to break the SoCon record for most passes in a row without an interception; this streak ended with an interception in the fourth quarter

**423** yards of total offense for Elon

**7,826** career passing yards for Riddle to break the SoCon record for most career passing yards

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BREAKING DOWN THE GEORGIA SOUTHERN GAME

### Top 5 things to look for in the Elon vs. Furman game

1. Elon sophomore running back Jamal Shuman saw limited action in Saturday's game against Georgia Southern. Shuman injured his shoulder last week in practice. Lembo said he hopes to have Shuman back for the Furman game.

2. Last season was the first time Elon defeated Furman for the first time in eight seasons by the score of 31-10.

3. Furman has 12 Southern Conference championships, with its last one coming in 2004. The Paladins have also made 15 Football Championship Subdivision playoff appearances.

4. Since 1978, Furman has compiled a home record of 152-39-2.

5. Furman sophomore backup quarterback Chris Forcier transferred to Furman this year after playing one season at UCLA. According to Lembo, Forcier is the fastest player on Furman's team. Forcier has seen playing time in three games this season. He has six rushes for a total of 43 yards.

