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Class of 2012 most diverse, brightest set of students yet

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If there were two words that best describe the 1,290 members of the class of 2012, they would be smart and diverse.

The incoming class boasts one of the highest rates of ethnic diversity of most classes in recent history, with 15 percent of freshmen representing minority groups. It's good news for Elon, since it's an area the university has struggled with.

And while they may be mostly strangers now, they will soon come together for the first of many times to come.

Each new student and their families will congregate at 9 a.m. on Saturday for New Student Convocation Under the Oaks. They'll hear from the leaders of their new community and in full tradition initiate another year of Long Live Elon.

Convocation, which is engrained as the starting point of an Elon career, will launch with a prelude and academic procession before University Chaplain Richard

McBride will deliver the invocation.

Student Government President Chase Rumley will welcome the 2012 class and Dean of Students Gerald Francis will introduce the class of 2012 and faculty.

The group will learn about joining an academic community and integrity from Jessica Gisclair, associate professor of communications, at Convocation. They will also be addressed by President Leo Lambert.

One out of three students accepted to Elon is expected to be present and listening.

While Elon had a 1 percent increase in applications this year, there were some changes on how students were evaluated when they applied to Elon.

The writing portion of the SAT was used for the first time. Like many other universities, Elon waited a few years to collect data on the writing section before using it as part of the admissions process.

Even though the admission criteria slightly differed, this freshmen class was built by design by the administrators



DAVID WELLS | Photo Editor

Orientation Leaders discuss their goals for orientation week. After arriving on campus to begin their training on Aug. 23, they are finally prepared and eager to help move in and start working with new students today.

and staff in the admissions department.

They were molded after another prestigious group: their predecessors.

After watching the success of the 2011 class, the admissions staff chose to fill out the 2012 class in a similar way.

"We behaved very similarly to last year [in choosing the class]," said Greg Zaiser, dean of admissions. "Overall, it's a really, really strong class. If I had to do it all over again I wouldn't change anything."

While 3 percent of students come from any of 39 countries outside of the

United States and 40 of the 50 states have a presence in the class of 2012, they also come in with a history of academic excellence.

Fifteen high school valedictorians will be on campus this year. The average SAT for the class is 1863 and the mid-range of GPAs is 3.5 to 4.4.

Though in most ways the new freshmen look a lot like last year's, there has been one notable change: the percentage of students coming in "undecided" has been cut from about 25 percent to this year's 17 percent. It's a trend Zaiser

cannot explain, but he said it may mean students are being attracted to Elon for select programs.

Though the admissions team has completed their work with the class of 2012, they're already gearing up for the next admissions cycle.

"We'll be out in full force on [move-in day] to welcome the new class and then as early as Sunday one of our staff members goes to meet with high school seniors," Zaiser said. [For more information regarding an "undecided" major, see page five.]

ELON UNIVERSITY CLASS OF 2012: WHO WE ARE

9,434 freshmen applications
1,290 expected enrollment
42 percent acceptance rate
650 graduate students enrolled

Elon's top competitors:

1. UNC Chapel Hill
2. James Madison University
3. N.C. State University

Averages:

3.9 weighted GPA
1863 SAT
40 percent male
60 percent female

Top states represented:

1. North Carolina
2. Maryland, Virginia, NJ
3. Massachusetts

Top majors:

1. Business
2. Communications
3. Biology

15 Valedictorians
14 percent multicultural
39 countries
40 states

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Two students robbed in home invasion at Oak Hill

Andie Diemer
News Editor

Two students reported a robbery at their Oak Hill Apartment around 3:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 22.

According to an e-mail sent to students by Dean of Students Smith Jackson Friday morning, two black males and one white male entered the student's unlocked apartment on East Haggard Avenue.

After waking the students,

the robbers took the student's money, Xbox, cell phones and laptop.

While the students were not harmed, they did notice that one of the intruders had a handgun.

The robbers immediately fled in an unknown vehicle.

Campus police are currently collaborating with the Town of Elon Police to track down the burglars.

Chuck Gantos, director of campus safety and police, said campus police passed a lead onto the Elon police not long after the incident occurred.

Elon Police are currently following up on that lead,

along with several others.

The students were not able to provide a description of the robbers nor their vehicle.

Elon detective Kelly Blackwelder said at this point her department is not sure who the intruders are, since it is a fresh investigation and they have very limited information to go on.

"When you deal with a situation like this, especially very dramatic instances, the victims tend to not be focusing on physical descriptions of people and tend to feel very surreal," she said.

She said her team is reaching out to the

community and other investigators to see if any other possible suspects pop up that fit this description.

"Students need to stay vigilant, as far as their awareness of their surroundings," Gantos said. "A crime can happen anywhere. You need to understand that and always think one is going to happen so you can go over in your mind what you would do so you're somewhat prepared if something does happen."

If you have any information about this incident, please contact the Town of Elon police at 336-584-1301.

Stay smart, stay safe:

- Always walk in pairs when in public.
- Plan what to do if someone did break in.
- Keep a cell phone near your bed at night.
- Lock doors as soon as you get home and while sleeping.
- Call 911 immediately if you have an incident.
- Remember features about the persons' appearance such as their dress, vehicle or direction they left in.

The deal with the meals

Everything you need to know about your meal plan



Photo courtesy of www.sxc.hu

With so many campus dining options and so much terminology, determining where to eat and how to pay can get confusing.

Dining tips

You receive each week's allotment of meals on Wednesday. Any unused meals from one week will roll over into the next week until the end of the semester.

You can use your meal plan whenever you want – there are no time limits. For late-night dining, though, Octagon and Acorn are your best bets, since they're open until 1 a.m.

Changes to your meal plan can be made through the second week of the semester.

Colonnades, McEwen and Harden put on special meals once or twice a month, such as "Snack Attack" lunch or "Oktoberfest Dinner." See the Dining Services Web site for a full schedule.

MEAL PLAN

Meal Plan swipes can be used in three different ways:

1. At Harden, upstairs McEwen or upstairs Colonnades, the all-you-can-eat dining halls, one swipe at the door lets you in and you can eat whatever you want, buffet-style.
2. At "grab and go"-style restaurants such as Octagon, Croutons, Boar's Head, Fountain Market, Acorn or downstairs McEwen, one meal plan can buy you a combo meal with a number of options. See the table for examples.
3. At convenience stores such as downstairs McEwen or downstairs Colonnades, you can use your meal plan's cash equivalency, which is \$2.50, to pay for quick between-meals items. As long as your total is under \$2.50, you can use one meal plan to pay. If it's more, you can use multiple meals.

MEAL DOLLARS

Each meal plan offered by Elon Dining Services comes with a certain number of meal dollars. The 19, 17, 14, 11 and 9 meals per week plans, for instance, come with \$200: \$85 for fall and spring and \$30 for Winter Term. Meal Dollars act like a "food debit card" and can be used at any dining hall on campus. Most students use Meal Dollars for little purchases between meals, such as snacks or gum or a bottle of water.

If you want to stock up on food, you can also use your Meal Dollars to grocery shop at downstairs Colonnades or downstairs McEwen.

Meal Dollars are especially useful for paying at Elon's sit-down restaurants: Brown & Co., the 1889 Grill Room and Varsity. Just remember that you can't tip with meal dollars — you have to use Phoenix Cash for that.

COMBO EXAMPLES

At Octagon...

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	+		+		=	COMBO

At Acorn...

	+		+		=	COMBO
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Adult freedoms, adult consequences

Margeaux Corby
Opinions Editor

For non-North Carolinians coming to Elon, there are several things to get accustomed to — sweet ice tea, the long drawl when people say y'all and the state's hardcore stance against underage drinking.

The Alcohol Law Enforcement Division, more commonly referred to as ALE, will make occasional visits to Elon's campus throughout the year.

The plain-clothes officers visit campus in an attempt to quell both the sale of alcoholic beverages to those underage and the subsequent alcohol possession and consumption by underage students.

According to the North Carolina Department of Crime Control and Public Safety's Web site, "ALE is unique in that it is the only law enforcement agency with statewide jurisdiction that has, as its primary mission,

enforcement of alcoholic beverage laws."

ALE is not limited to the enforcement of alcohol regulation but also enforces North Carolina drug, tobacco and gambling laws.

"Their charter is alcohol enforcement and part of that is to reduce underage consumption and make sure students aren't carrying fake IDs," said Chuck Gantos, director of campus security and police. "From time to time they will do a specific operation in a specific community."

There is a local ALE agent in Alamance County so, according to Gantos, ALE has a constant presence at Elon. ALE agents have full power to arrest for violations of any North Carolina statute, although students often receive citations for alcohol violations.

"North Carolina is serious about underage consumption," Gantos said. "If you're under 21 and caught with alcohol you will be charged."

The Town of Elon has its own special ordinances, including an open container ordinance that bans open alcohol containers on public property and a noise ordinance that begins at 11 p.m. This is in addition to state laws prohibiting the sale of alcohol to anyone intoxicated and the possession of an open container in a car.

In addition to ALE, Elon students have three different branches of law enforcement with which to contend — both local and campus-based. Campus security is responsible for charging students with any student handbook violations. Its jurisdiction is limited to Elon's campus.

Campus police have jurisdiction on campus and roads adjacent to campus. Elon police have jurisdiction anywhere in the Town of Elon.

Campus police and Town of Elon police have full power to arrest as well as deliver citations. All student citations, regardless of whether campus security, campus police or Elon police give them, are reported to the university's judicial affairs. A copy of ALE citations will most likely be given to judicial affairs, as well as the local court system.

"If you're drinking underage on campus you're going to get it both ways," Gantos said.

Gantos warns incoming freshmen against bringing false driver's licenses to campus. "Don't carry false IDs," Gantos said. "It's really not worth it."

Coming to college, liberated from parental restrictions, is a thrilling experience. The urge to go wild and celebrate this new freedom is infamous during Orientation Weekend. Students must remember that with this new adult autonomy comes adult consequences for illegal actions. Understanding the authority system and alcohol policy of both the state and university is crucial to making safe and smart decisions at Elon.



DAVID WELLS | Photo Editor

West End Station, a popular bar and grill on campus, stocks up for the return of many Elon students. It is popular hangout for many students, since it is open for everyone over 18.

Getting back into the swing of things

David Wells
Photo Editor

As early as Aug. 3, summer was officially over for the Elon Phoenix football team. The team began their summer practice sessions in just helmets, without pads, preparing for a much awaited season.

But they weren't alone. Other sporting teams, residence life, marching band, orientation leaders and others have been sprinkled across Elon for practice, training or just to get a head start buying used books and hitting Target before it gets packed.

Orientation Leaders (OLs) began their intense training last week as they prepared for this year's incoming class and their eager questions.

Sophomore OL Travis

Counsell arrived at Elon a little before training started so that he could have some time to relax and set up his room before the week long training began.

"It's great getting to campus early and preparing for the arrival of students," Counsell said. "It's so quiet but I am sure that will change quickly."

Senior Danielle Ransdell, Elon's cheerleading captain, said both the all-female and co-ed teams arrived Aug. 13 to get ready for the pep-rally and opening game.

"We get moved in and all settled when Wal-Mart isn't crammed and you can get in and out fast," Ransdell said.

Freshmen roommates and cheerleaders Sam Emrich and Lauren Jubelt said they liked arriving before the other freshmen because they won't feel completely lost on

the first day of class.

They also like being able to meet upperclassmen and their other teammates before the season officially starts. They are happy to be moved into their room before the madness begins.

"It was crammed with just the two of us, so I can't imagine what it will be like with our other hall mates," Emrich said.

Junior Ian Taylor, who plays percussion for the Fire of the Carolinas, has been practicing for over a week with his fellow band members.

They're also preparing for the opening game against the Richmond Spiders and settling in.

"The perks of getting here early are the relaxed move in and the lack of people everywhere," he said. "The campus is almost

empty before the majority of students get here so it's cool to see all the changes the university has made over the summer without the worry of being in somebody's way."

Working out new drum cadences is a difficult task, but Taylor and fellow drumline members practice and master new routines for hours each day before their regular semesters begin.

So even if a new student's rambunctious parent wanted to be the first on campus on move-in day to get a head start on the other decorating moms and handy-man dads, they are not alone.

The handful of freshmen already on campus along with those upperclassmen here for practice or training have beat many to the punch and are getting back into the groove for the fall semester.

After completing core classes, students can choose schedules

Whitney Bossie
News Editor

As a general rule, freshmen are given little choice as to which courses they will take. Core classes such as The Global Experience, Intro to College Writing and Contemporary Wellness Issues (Elon-ese for health class) are staples on schedules of first-year students.

After completing these basic courses during the first and second semesters, students will be given much more freedom to individualize their schedule. Students can choose courses that interest them and fit into their schedules; all the while meeting standard graduation requirements.

Certain courses have proved to be particularly popular with Elon

students in the past and will, quite possibly, be favored in the future.

So, once freshmen have paid their dues and completed the fundamentals, they may take an interest in some of the following courses:

—**Introduction to Astronomy:** The popularity of this course seems to stem from its included lab. The nature of astronomy labs require cooperation from the weather, so students often find themselves with unexpectedly free evenings if there are too many clouds in the sky on the night of a scheduled lab.

—**Science without Borders:** This natural science course counts toward the non-lab science General Studies requirement. Because the course is intended for non-science majors, it's

ideal for students who have a less-than-ideal background in the area.

—**Elon: Past, Present and Future:** Dr. Earl Danieley, a former Elon president, lends his Elon expertise to this Winter Term course. Danieley, who has been around Elon's campus for more than 60 years, helps students to better understand how Elon came to be the institution it is today.

—**The Business of NASCAR:** This course, offered during Winter Term, attracts both die-hard NASCAR fans and curious newcomers. While the content focuses heavily on the business-related aspects of the sport, students will also learn about its history and the nuts and bolts of racing.

—**Tennis and Racquetball:** Both of these physical education courses,

NEWS IN BRIEF

Organization Fair introduces students to campus groups

The annual Organization Fair will take place on Friday, Sept. 5. Representatives from various campus organizations and programs will set up tables in the area between Koury Athletic Center and Belk Library.

The annual fair is a way to inform new and returning students of all the outlets available for getting involved on campus. Media organizations, club sports, foreign language clubs, Greek Life and religious campus ministries are among the groups that will be represented.

Farmers' Market to open; will offer locally grown products

The new Burlington's Farmers' Market will open 2 - 5 p.m., Sept. 6 at Burlington Outlet Village, off of Exit 145, and will be open every Saturday through October.

Locally grown fruits and vegetables will be sold, along with wine from the Haw River Valley and homemade preserves.

The market will also feature live music and activities such as face painting, crafts and pony rides.

Campus Police considers new ticketing system

Campus Safety and Police is testing a new parking ticketing system using handheld computers. If implemented, officers will carry the small computers and use them to print parking tickets, which will be automatically entered into the system.

Duplex printing in computer labs and library

To further reduce paper consumption on campus, the printers in computer labs and the library now print duplex (meaning content will be printed on the front and back of papers) by default. While duplex printing is encouraged, users can still print single-sided papers. So far, Elon's print management system has reduced paper usage by 7.2 million sheets per year.

Three people receive Elon's highest honor

Three people received Elon Medallions on Aug. 25, which is the highest honor a person can receive from the university.

President emeritus J. Fred Young, retired professor John G. Sullivan and retired associate dean Lela Faye Coltrain Rich were awarded for outstanding service to Elon. The ceremony kicked off Planning Week 2008, which was held to help returning faculty and staff prepare for the academic year.

which count as one credit hour each, allow students to learn the basics of the sport. The uncommon combination of course credit and physical activity tends to draw students to sign up.

—**The Culture of Rock:** This course explores the evolution of rock music and the subcultures that have been born out of the genre. To mark the recent 40th anniversary of the release of Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band, this year the focus will be on the Beatles.

—**The Kennedy Assassination and Film:** This upper-level General Studies Seminar returns to the ever-popular topic of JFK's assassination, with an emphasis on how it's been portrayed in film. In addition, the course explores assassination as a film genre.

Zipcar saves money, helps environment

Car-sharing program lets students borrow environmentally-friendly hybrids

Alexa Milan
A&E Editor



DAVID WELLS | Photo Editor

As you start to settle in at Elon, you will likely receive e-mails or see E-net posts about Zipcar. Expenses can add up at college, but Zipcar is one program Elon offers to help students, faculty and staff save money on transportation.

Here is a rundown of what you need to know if you're thinking about signing up for Zipcar:

—Zipcar is a car sharing company that allows students, faculty and staff to borrow cars at hourly or daily rates. —Elon's Zipcar is the Toyota Prius. The hybrid car was chosen to encourage environmental sustainability.

—You can become a Zipcar member by signing up at www.zipcar.com/elon. Membership costs \$35 per year. New members receive \$35 in free driving to use during the first month of membership.

—You must be 18 or older to be a member. Members age 18-20 have access to the Zipcars parked on Elon's campus.

These cars are located in front of Moseley Center. Members age 21 or older can use Zipcars in other locations, including Atlanta, Chicago, Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, San Francisco, Portland, Seattle, Washington, D.C., Toronto, Vancouver and London.

—You can reserve a Zipcar online or by phone for a few hours or up to four days.

—Within three days to a week after registering, you will receive a Zipcard. At the time of your reservation, you use your Zipcard to get into the car by holding the card to the card reader on the windshield. The Zipcard will only get you into a Zipcar at the time of your reservation, and no one else can open your Zipcar during that time.

—The hourly rate for renting a Zipcar is \$7, while the daily rate is \$55. Gas, insurance and 180 miles per day are included.

—According to the Zipcar Web site, owning a car can cost up to \$644 per month after factoring in the cost of a car payment, insurance, gas, parking, taxes and maintenance. Renting a Zipcar can cost between \$28 per month and \$292 per month depending on how much you use it. These numbers are based on a 2007 AAA study of average driving costs.

—Once you join, you can save money by encouraging your friends to join. You can refer a friend online, and if they become a member you will receive \$50 in driving credit. You can keep it for yourself, give it all to your friend or split it \$25/\$25.

For more information on Elon's partnership with Zipcar, visit <http://org.elon.edu/physicalplant/env-aware/zip.html>, or contact Elaine Durr at (336) 278-5229.

Common reading examines effects of segregation in America's public schools

Alexa Milan
A&E Editor

Every year, the Elon Common Reading Program chooses one book to encourage students to think critically about timely national and global topics. Here is a rundown of this year's selection.

THE BOOK:

Jonathan Kozol's "The Shame of the Nation: The Restoration of Apartheid Schooling in America" examines segregation in United States public schools and how it affects children's education, particularly for minority and poor children.

Kozol addresses the vast differences between the conditions of inner city schools and predominantly white suburban schools, and he expresses outrage over the lack of money invested in public education. He found that inner city schools today are in worse shape than they were before the Supreme Court ruled that schools should be desegregated in the 1950s.

THE AUTHOR:

Kozol has examined issues surrounding the public school system and inner city conditions for most of his career as a non-fiction writer. He earned his degree in English literature at Harvard University and graduated summa cum laude in 1958. He later became a teacher in the Boston public school system, but was fired for teaching a Langston Hughes poem.

He became actively involved in the Civil Rights Movement, and after teaching for several more years decided to dedicate his time to writing. During his writing career he has received two Guggenheim Fellowships and worked in social psychology.

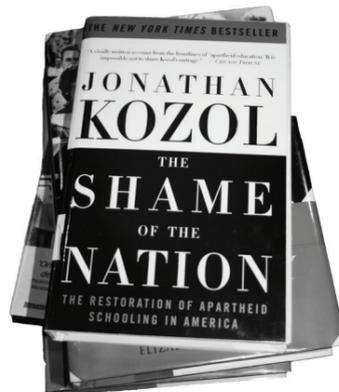
WHY HE WROTE IT:

Kozol's own experiences teaching in inner city public

schools inspired him to write "The Shame of the Nation." He has spent more than 40 years researching and writing about public education and he visited 60 public schools while preparing for this book.

WHY IT WAS SELECTED:

"Kozol explores the racial make-up of schools in the U.S. today, arguing that our school system is more segregated at this time than at any time in our nation's history," said Stephen Braye, professor of English and chair of the



DAVID WELLS | Photo Editor

Common Reading Committee.

"Given Obama's historic run for the presidency and the accompanying discussion of race and its place in American life, this is a perfect time to examine our understanding of racial inequality in our world," Braye said.

"First year students are the principal audience for the common reading," said Jean Schwind, associate professor of English and the ENG 110 representative on the Common Reading Committee. "And 'The Shame of the Nation' should provoke them to consider how their own K-12 experience compares and contrasts to those of the students Kozol describes."

HIS CURRENT WORK:

Kozol now serves on the

Jonathan Kozol: "Joy and Justice: An Invitation to the Young to Serve the Children of the Poor"

What: Elon Common Reading Lecture

When: 6:30 p.m. Tuesday Sept. 23

Where: Alumni Gym, Koury Athletic Center

Admission: \$12 or free with Elon ID, tickets available Sept. 2

editorial board of Greater Good Magazine, which is published by the Greater Good Science Center at the University of California, Berkeley. He also founded and runs Education Action, a non-profit organization dedicated to uniting teachers against the No Child Left Behind program and improving conditions in public schools across America.

What's on TV

3 – CW	18 – SPIKE	33 – LIFE	48 – TOON	62 – TVLAND
4 – PBS	19 – QVC	34 – CNN	49 – HALL-MARK	63 – ANIMAL
5 – LOCAL	20 – FAM	35 – CMT	50 – USA	64 – FITTV
6 – WLXI	21 – TNT	36 – VH1	51 – FSN	65 – FOOD
7 – HBO	22 – BET	37 – COMEDY	52 – GOLF	66 – EWTN
8 – FOX	23 – TBS	38 – CSPAN2	53 – HISTORY	67 – SPSO
9 – CBS	24 – AMC	39 – CSPAN	54 – NOGGIN	68 – SHOPNBC
10 – ABC	25 – DSC	40 – FOXNEWS	55 – HGTV	69 – ADCAST
11 – ABC	26 – TWC	41 – TRUTV	56 – SPANISH	70 – OXYGEN
12 – NBC	27 – MTV	42 – TVGUIDE	57 – TCM	71 – WE
13 – ION	28 – A&E	43 – BRAVO	58 – INFO	72 – LMN
14 – ELON TV	29 – NGC	44 – TLC	59 – MSNBC	73 – DISNEY
15 – WMYV	30 – CNBC	45 – SCIFI	60 – FX	75 – VS
16 – ESPN2	31 – CNNH	46 – E!	61 – STYLE	76 – VH1CL
17 – ESPN	32 – NICK	47 – HSN		77 – WGN

Campus Rec gives students fun ways to stay fit

Whitney Bossie
News Editor

Freshman year is packed with all things new and exciting. Between bonding with new friends, joining campus organizations, adjusting to cohabitation with roommates and, of course, attending classes, it's easy to forget to practice healthy habits.

Elon's Campus Recreation offers a variety of programs and facilities to keep students (freshmen and upperclassmen alike) on the track toward a healthy lifestyle. The recreation center contains a fitness center, an indoor pool, a gymnasium, racquetball courts and group exercise studios, all accessible through the swipe of a Phoenix card. The Driving Range, which is located on South Campus, is also open to the Elon community.

Peter Tulchinsky, director of Campus Recreation, said the organization acts as a positive outlet for students.

"Many of our freshmen were athletes in high school but will not be on varsity teams at Elon, so taking part in Campus Rec activities allows them to continue the active, healthy lifestyle they enjoyed in high

school," Tulchinsky said.

Campus Rec's club sports program allows students to compete against other collegiate club teams from the Southeast in more than 20 sports, including swimming, lacrosse and tennis. The recreation center also has an Intramurals program, which organizes competitions between Elon students in activities such as flag football, dodgeball and cornhole.

According to the Campus Recreation Web site, almost half of all Elon students participate in at least one intramural or club sport. More information about becoming involved with either program will be available to new students at the Organization Fair on Friday, Sept. 5.

A variety of group exercise classes are open to students, as well. For a \$10 fee, students can attend an unlimited amount of classes throughout the academic year. Classes such as Pilates, Cycling and Awesome Abs are taught by student instructors.

For students looking to keep in touch with nature while staying fit, the Elon Outdoors program offers several student-led trips during each semester. Whitewater rafting, skiing and



Student worker Kevin McGuire cleans up the Campus Recreation facilities and puts dumbbells back in place. DAVID WELLS | Photo Editor

backpacking trips are planned for the fall, among others. The program also rents camping equipment to students for fees ranging from \$1 to \$25.

The activities offered by Campus Rec generally appeal to a large range of students. Last year, there were over 166,000 visits to the facility.

"Hopefully, Campus Rec will expose new students to different activities and allow them to try new recreational experiences," Tulchinsky said.

'Undecided' undergrads are in good company

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Opinions Editor

Elon freshmen quickly learn that they will be asked two questions consistently throughout their four or more years at the university: "Where are you from?" and "What are you majoring in?"

Looking at the statistics of incoming freshmen, the answer to the first question will most likely be North Carolina, Maryland, New Jersey or Virginia. The answer to the second question may be a little more nebulous.

There is a pressure for incoming freshmen to know what they plan to major in but with more than 50 majors to choose from, many find themselves lost in a swarm of unfamiliar majors and asking their own questions: "What is public administration?" and "Do I want a strategic or broadcast communications major?"

For those confused, their degree audit reads 'undecided', although that classification can be equally obscure and scary.

According to Troy Martin, assistant director of Academic Advising, these students are not lost or inferior — they are in a place of exciting exploration.

"Academic Advising values and appreciates undecided students," Martin said. "They have the opportunity to see what Elon has to offer but also to find out about themselves."

Martin claims that many students find choosing a major difficult because they don't know all the options and have difficulty narrowing down the possibilities.

"Sometimes they've begun to go down a path and they get there and it's not what they thought it would be," Martin said.

According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) 2005 survey, 26.5 percent of those surveyed changed their majors once, 12.1 percent changed their majors twice and 9 percent changed their majors three times or more.

"Particularly at Elon students are goal-orientated and sometimes it does feel lonely to be undecided," Martin admitted. "But you can become aware of things you didn't know existed."

He said that students and parents find it easier to choose a major that they can see progress into a career, hence the

popularity of business, communications and biology majors, and are afraid to explore those that become a little bit more abstract such as philosophy and sociology.

The NACE 2005 survey stated that 68.6 percent of respondents chose their major because of the kind of work associated with it.

Academic Advising has many resources for those undecided students; the most comprehensive being the one-hour COE 111 Exploring Majors course offered each

semester. The class concentrates of clarifying values and exploring personal lifestyle issues.

"We strongly encourage students to think of majors in terms of skill sets rather than job titles," Martin said.

There are several majors, including elementary education, exercise sport science, all science majors, pre-engineering and music theatre/music, that need to be declared first semester of freshman year in order to graduate in four years. Students are strongly urged to declare by their fourth semester.



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When it's dark outside and students have a long walk ahead of them, there are two services that provide safe and sober rides on and off campus.

E-Rides:

- Elon-run transportation system
- Provides one-way rides from any on campus location to off campus residences within a 10 minute walking radius
- Available Monday-Thursday from 7 p.m.-2 a.m. and Fridays 7 p.m.-10 p.m.
- Call: (336) 278-5555

Safe Rides:

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

The Pendulum seeks to inspire, entertain and inform the Elon community by providing a voice for students and faculty as well as a forum for the meaningful exchange of ideas.

Welcome to your future, freshmen



Olivia Hubert-Allen
Editor-in-Chief

independence I felt the moment my parents left the parking lot, it was all magnificent and memorable. Though

Isn't it amazing how you can fit so much of your life into one or two carloads full of things? I remember the excitement and bewilderment that I felt during my first day as an Elon student. From the anxiety over meeting my roommate, to the unyielding

orientation week flies by pretty fast, try and absorb all you can, the memories will be with you forever.

As you arrive at Elon today you are probably anticipating what the next four years will bring. For many of you, your college expectations hang on what you've seen in movies and read in books. Animal House, Old School or Legally Blonde, anyone? Trust me, it's not like that. (Well, not usually.) I hope that you will not hesitate to find your own path through this place. College is a place where it is generally regarded as OK to be entirely self-serving when it comes to searching out happiness. Keep yourself and your goals at the forefront of your mind. The choices you make and the company you keep

will shape who you become during your four years here — so choose wisely. No pressure.

Elon is also a place where there is fun to be had. Though academics are at the center of what the university is about, make sure to take time to enjoy the social aspects while you are here as well. Part of why college is so great is because it brings a diverse group of intelligent, achieving individuals together. The relationships you build here will have a new depth that many of you may not have been a part of before.

You will soon learn that there are a thousand different things that will make you an "Elon student." It's not something that I can define for you or

help you prepare for. Each of you will have to find it and make it your own.

As editor-in-chief of The Pendulum, I would like to welcome you to the Elon community. Your time here will undoubtedly be something beyond what you can imagine from where you are standing today. You are joining a network of people that have all shared the common experiences you're about to see — like the first day of class, a late-night run to the closest burger joint or the STD talk in Health and Wellness class (complete with pictures). We're all so glad that you are here. Now go and enjoy your first taste of the college experience.

Where to study, park, walk to get by at Elon

The class of 2012 is starting on a journey the class of 2009 is ending and some wisdom should be imparted to these fresh-faced newcomers. Everyone is hot and sweaty from moving in — good luck if you are in third floor West — and about to be bombarded by Elon 101, the constant attention of an overly energized Orientation Leader and general orientation activities that will make even the most grounded student dizzy.

Orientation is a magical time where everyone cares for the freshmen, carefully holding their hand but when classes start on Tuesday they let go and even give a gentle shove. To make the fall into collegiate life at Elon a little softer, here are a few tidbits of advice that may help solve struggles in the Bubble:

Studying:

When you live in Moffitt and Smith you will quickly discover that a quiet peaceful evening is something you left at home with your parents. There is always music, yelling, television, banging and just general noise resounding down the halls of those two notorious dorms and others across campus — if you are in Daniely prepare for the 2 a.m. ravings outside of your window, they will happen. This kind of activity is fun on a Friday night but can be downright devastating when your statistics test is at 8 a.m. the next day or you're painfully trying to crank out the three more pages for your Global report on Middle Eastern foreign policy. The library seems like a more logical location but it can be even noisier than a rambunctious dorm when midterms and finals are in

full gear. Everyone saw the cozy study rooms on the tour but if you're trying to get a room after 7 p.m. on a Sunday you will be out of luck. The best place to study on Elon's campus is the actual classroom — they are deserted on weekends and in the evening — the third floor of Koury and McMichael basement can be tomb-like for those that need absolute silence when studying.

Parking:

The only thing campus security takes more seriously than underage drinking is towing those unlucky enough to park in any faculty and staff parking after 8 am and those trying to crash in a parking lot for which they don't have the proper sticker credentials. You can look out the window in McMichael 329 in the morning, which gives a clear view of the parking lot, and watch the tow truck carry away luckless car after luckless car. Don't forget that your car is still in the West Area parking lot Monday morning and don't try to get away with parking in Moseley at 1 p.m. You will be towed and it will cost big money.

Landscaping:

Elon was recognized by the Princeton Review for having one of the nation's most beautiful campuses, and administration takes the honor seriously, sometimes at the peril of students. A sprinkler will shoot up unexpectedly and shower innocent pedestrians on the walk to class. Students will witness the same sprinklers watering the side of a building and sidewalk while the grass stays dry. Those walking across Haggard will quickly learn that car driver's yield to the swarm of students but Cushman drivers do not. Staff, whether grounds keeping or ARAMARK, having no qualms about nipping your heels with the tiny motorized vehicle and even shouting at you to get of the way.

There are millions of other Elon nuisances to discover during your time at the university — the fact that it's okay to not be best friends with our roommate and the infamous Acorn smell — and there will be disappointments and hilarities. Enjoy your time at Elon, it's your home, your community and your future.

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America: Wake up and meet the next Bush and Cheney!



Derek Kiszely
Columnist

It wasn't the "3 a.m." call any of us were expecting.

Had the Russian tanks turned around to invade T'bilisi, Georgia? No.

Had the Chinese government kidnapped Michael Phelps in Olympic revenge? Definitely not.

No, it was just

a text message from Barack Obama, announcing his vice presidential pick.

The idea of using a text message was innovative, and helped build excitement in the campaign. People found themselves checking their cell phones every 10 minutes to see if they had received "the nation's most-anticipated text message."

But the Obama campaign ended up making a mess of the announcement, sending the text out at 3 a.m., hours after the news had already been leaked to the media. It was a disappointment to Obama's supporters, who had been promised to be "the first to know."

Not only that, but Obama had also built up expectations to the point where almost any selection would have been a letdown. Dragging the decision out for over a month now would have made sense if Obama had surprised the nation with someone like Hillary Clinton or Al Gore.

Instead, we get Joe Biden.

Joe Biden? As in the guy who dropped out of the Democratic presidential primaries in 2008 after win-

ning less than 1 percent of the vote in the Iowa caucus?

It was an incredible anti-climax after a month of hyped-up media frenzy.

So why did Obama pick Senator Biden to be his running mate?

The answer says something profound about Obama: for all of his self-confidence — some would say arrogance — Obama was worried that he couldn't beat John McCain in November.

Why? Obama has no executive or military experience and no impressive legislative track record in his brief years in the U.S. Senate. And yet, he's running for the highest office in the land.

By having an experienced running mate on the ticket with him, Obama hoped to put aside any doubt that he is ready to lead on day one. But, by choosing Joe Biden, a six-term senator, Obama may have overcompensated.

To put things into perspective, Obama's been in the Senate for about four years now. Biden's been in the Senate for about four decades.

Conventional wisdom would have us believe that Biden's experience balances the ticket. But do Biden's foreign policy credentials counter Obama's inexperience — or underscore it?

This is going to be a ticket that will have voters scratching their heads, asking, "did they mix up who should be president and vice president?"

The "experience gap" of an Obama/Biden ticket is disturbingly reminiscent to the Bush/Cheney ticket of the 2000 elections.

And we all know how that ended.

Rather than making him appear presidential, picking Biden as his vice president acknowledges that Obama's

"Barack Obama, a junior senator who hasn't even completed his first term, doesn't need someone like Joe Biden to remind voters just how unqualified he is for the executive office."

inexperience has finally begun worrying voters.

What voters may not realize is that George W. Bush, despite his incompetence in office, was actually seen as being qualified for the presidency thanks to his two-term governorship in Texas.

Barack Obama, a junior senator who hasn't even completed his first term, doesn't need someone like Joe Biden to remind voters just how unqualified he is for the executive office.

Choosing Biden as the vice president is an act of desperation. And in politics, just as in relationships, desperation is not a turn-on.

Interestingly enough, one of Obama's key constituents already appears to be turned-off by the idea of a 65-year-old Washington insider serving as Obama's vice president: the youth vote.

Young voters used to see Obama as a "new kind of politician."

Joe Biden, in comparison, is the very epitome of the old kind.

How does "hope" and "change" and "cleaning up Washington" fit with selecting a running mate who's been in Washington longer than John McCain?

Joe Biden goes against everything Obama (supposedly) believes in. He's taken millions of dollars in contributions from the same Washington lobbyists that Obama has denounced.

In the end, the candidate of change went with the status quo.

Is that really "change we can believe in?"

Choosing Biden is also a costly electoral mistake. Delaware only has three electoral votes, and it's a reliably blue state that always goes to the Democrats.

So why not pick someone that could help carry a traditionally red state, like Sen. Evan Bayh of Indiana, or a candidate from outside Washington, such as Gov. Tim Kaine from Virginia to reinforce Obama's message of change?

Why not pick Gov. Bill Richardson, a Latino, to make history as the most ethnically diverse ticket, or even a Republican, like Sen. Chuck Hagel, to prove that Obama really is the politician of post-partisanship?

The vice presidential pick is often considered to be the first important judgment-call that a presidential candidate has to make.

Obama's decision to choose Biden as his running mate could end up costing him the election. The Obama campaign is losing momentum and needed a game-changer that would shake things up and get people excited. Biden is not a game-changer. Joe Biden is better suited as Secretary of State. Even John Kerry was smart enough to realize that!

Beijing Olympics gets gold for positive atmosphere, with help from Phelps

There was fear that there would be protesting at the Beijing Olympic Games. There was fear that the media would be censored. There was fear that pollution would affect the outdoor sport athletes' performance at the games.

As the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympics come to a close, the world is realizing that all of these were just fears, not realities. Spectators focused on the playing field and not the politics or the issues outside the Bird's Nest. It was because of the success on the field that minimal attention was placed on China's negative aspects.

The obvious example is Michael Phelps. In case you have not had TV, Internet, or radio access in the past two weeks, it is important to know that Phelps set an Olympic record by winning eight gold medals in one Olympic Games. The previous record was held by Mark Spitz, another U.S. swimmer. The entire world was watching his pursuit and were held in front of the television, sitting at the edge of their seats as Phelps beat some of his opponents by the length of a fingertip.

It was not only the gold medals he won, but how he beat his opponents. Some of the races were blowouts and others were photo finishes. Phelps didn't win these medals by himself. He had



Pam Richter
Columnist

the help of team members like Jason Lezak, who swam the race of his life by beating the heavily favored French team in the 4x100 meter freestyle relay.

It must be said that Phelps was swimming in a state of the art facility. Not only did Phelps break world records in that pool, but many male and female swimmers across the world also shaved crucial seconds off their time.

Critics doubted the Chinese and their ability to be a prepared host for these games. All of the facilities were so cutting edge that they helped athletes compete to the best of their abilities.

Yes, there was a case of violence that occurred. Two relatives of the United States' men's volleyball head coach were attacked while sight-seeing in Beijing. One was killed. The Olympic committee and investigators insist that this was an isolated incident and was not an attack on the games or the U.S.

This was a tragic incident. But it was the only act of violence surrounding the games. Prior

to the games some feared that safety would be compromised and this was not the case. Focus remained on the playing field.

The morning of the Opening Ceremonies, all of the U.S. major media outlets pointed out the significant amount of pollution present in the host city. It appeared to be a constant fog that would not dissipate.

Several athletes wore masks as they walked outside so the polluted air would not recede into their lungs. Since those opening days, the pollution has not been mentioned as a major concern.

If it was an issue, it would have been impossible for Usain Bolt of Jamaica to break world records in the 100 and 200 meter dashes. As he crossed the finish line in the 100 meter event, the announcers were not mentioning the pollution. They were talking about how Bolt let up on his ferocious pace before the race was completed.

It was an Olympics highlighted by athletic talent, not political issues. Years from now, when the Beijing games are spoken about, immediately people will think of Michael Phelps and his historic run. There will be other great stories that will also be mentioned. Thank you Michael Phelps and the other athletes for helping all of us keep the focus on the positive aspects of the Olympic Games.

ELON AT A GLANCE

With five miles of brick pathways, 24 academic and administrative buildings and more than 20 residence halls, Elon's campus can be a little daunting in the beginning. Here are a few points of interest, important phone numbers and helpful hints that may make the first few weeks a little easier.

Information compiled and designed by Bethany Swanson, Managing Editor

Essential Phone Numbers

When calling from a campus phone, only the last four digits are necessary. When calling from any other phone, dial all 10 digits.

- Campus Security 336-278-5555
- Physical Plant 336-278-5500
- Campus Technology 336-278-5000
- Residence Life 336-278-7300
- Academic Advising 336-278-6500
- Registrar's Office 336-278-6677
- Health Services 336-278-7230
- Campus Rec 336-278-7529

Belk Track and Phoenix Trails

Belk Track

Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., 7 to 9 p.m., Monday through Friday. All day on Saturdays and Sundays.

Phoenix Trails

(All over campus, start at Koury Athletic Center) Trails are marked on the paths around campus by black, gold and white Phoenix logos, beginning at Koury Center facing The Oaks. The white logos denote 1 mile, black, 2 miles, and gold, 3.4 miles.

North Area

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

Moseley Center

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

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

Also in this area are **Belk Library** (to the right on this map) and **Koury Athletic Center** (to the left of Moseley).

The Colonnades

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

Koury Business Center

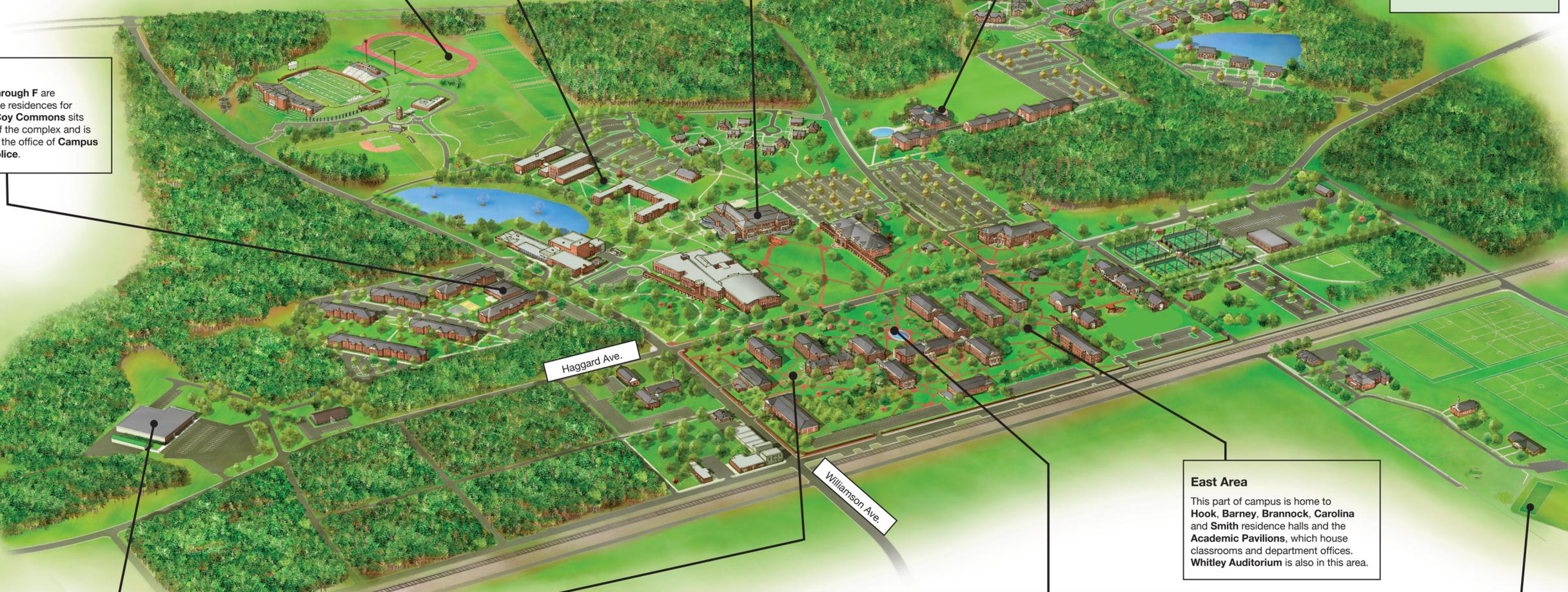
Opened in September 2007, the building houses the **Martha and Spencer Love School of Business**. It is a \$10 million facility with state-of-the-art technology. The William Gerrard Reed Finance Center on the first floor simulates a real stock trading room, and the LaRose Digital Theatre, also on the first floor, is wired for multimedia and worldwide video conferencing. It is also home to offices and other traditional classrooms.

Danieley Center

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

The Oaks

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



East Area

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

Arts West

The **Art and Art History** departments reside in this building, which was formerly a supermarket. There are digital art labs, ceramics, painting and drawing studios, classrooms and photography facilities.

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

- The Faculty Art Exhibition, on view from Sept. 8 to Sept. 24.
- Libby Rowe, opening Sept. 29 through Nov. 3.

West Area

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



Alamance Building is home to the Registrar and Bursar's offices.

Academic and Administrative Buildings

Fonville Fountain sits in front of **Alamance**, which is home to the **Registrar** and **Bursar's** offices on the first floor and classrooms on the second and third.

Powell - This building is home to President Leo Lambert's office, as well as the office of **Admissions** on the first floor. The second and third floors are used primarily for classroom and office space.

Duke and Mooney - These buildings house department offices and classrooms. **Mooney** is home to the **Education** department.

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

Driving Range

Hours: Monday through Sunday, noon to 7 p.m.

The driving range is open to anyone with a Phoenix card. There are fees attached to the use of the range, priced by the size of the bucket of balls rented: \$3 for a small bucket (50 balls), \$4.50 for a medium bucket (75 balls) and \$6 for a large bucket (100 balls).

Campus Rec holds a "Buddy Night" on Thursdays from 4 to 6 p.m. With the purchase of a medium or large bucket of balls, a medium-sized bucket is free for a golfer and their friend.

Democrats battle for political power in historically Republican North Carolina

Alyse Knorr
Design Editor

Could traditionally red North Carolina be a swing state this election year? Democrats hope so.

Democratic campaign strategy is turning North Carolina into a battleground for the first time in more than 30 years. Instead of writing it off as a shoo-in Republican victory, Democrat Barack Obama's campaign is making a concerted effort to win the state — pouring more than \$2 million into television ads there, according to Marc Farinella, state campaign director.

"It's not such a big stretch to see Barack Obama win North Carolina," Farinella said in a press conference call Wednesday. "It is clearly a competitive state this year, and we can win here."

The last Democratic candidate to win North Carolina was Jimmy Carter in 1976. But recent polls have revealed consistent single-digit margins between Obama and Republican John McCain. McCain leads by four points, according to a SurveyUSA poll released Tuesday, but that's barely outside the poll's 3.9 percentage point margin of error.

"If Obama wins, it's a huge upset," said Mike Cobb, associate professor of political science at N.C. State University. "I don't think they're counting on it. I don't think they're expecting it. I think what in part is happening is that they are forcing McCain to spend time and resources in states where he otherwise wasn't expecting to do so."

Obama operates 16 campaign offices in North Carolina, Farinella said, compared with three for McCain, according to his campaign Web site. North Carolina Republican Party spokesman Brent Woodcox said nine more will open around the state this week and that the party is not taking

the state for granted.

Black voter turnout will be an important factor.

The 2006 Census reported a state black population of 21.7 percent, and Obama should pull 90 to 95 percent of that group's votes, said Hunter Bacot, Elon associate professor of political science.

Another possible upset looms at the Senate level, where Democratic challenger Kay Hagan is fighting Republican incumbent Elizabeth Dole for her Senate seat. While Andrew Taylor, associate professor of political science at N.C. State, said that Dole is still the clear favorite, Hagan is making a better-than-expected run.

A SurveyUSA poll released Tuesday showed Dole slightly ahead of Hagan, 46 to 41, seven points fewer than her lead in the July poll. The poll's margin of error is 3.9 percentage points.

Hagan may be picking up on an anti-Republican sentiment sweeping the country.

"There's a growing partisan self-identification balance that's helping Democrats," Cobb said, noting that the trend is most clearly visible among people 28 and under. "Fewer people are calling themselves Republicans, even in the South."

A "post-Bush effect" has created a negative association with the word "Republican," Cobb said.

"There's no doubting that this is a tough environment for Republicans," Woodcox said. "Just by virtue of having an 'R' next to your name, you're going to have to run a very serious campaign to win."

Dole's campaign spokesman, Hogan Gidley, said Dole has supported the Republican agenda only when it directly benefited North Carolinians and has criticized the administration's mistakes



ANGIE LOVELACE | Photographer

When presidential hopeful Barack Obama visited UNC-Chapel Hill last spring he was greeted by a crowded room of supporters, many of which were students.

in Iraq and its attempted Medicaid cuts.

At the House level, all 13 North Carolina representatives are up for re-election, and Cobb said that, for the most part, the state's seven incumbent Democrats and six incumbent Republicans will keep their seats.

One exception could lie in the 8th District, where Democratic challenger Larry Kissell could swipe a seat from Republican incumbent Robin Hayes.

Bacot pointed out that Kissell lost by just 329 votes in 2006.

A Public Policy poll released July 8 showed Hayes leading Kissell 43 to 36 percent, which means Hayes is slightly ahead, based on the poll's 4.2 percentage point margin of error.

But Hayes' approval stood at only 38 percent a possible plus for Kissell.

Cobb said Democratic candidates like Kissell and Hagan could benefit from Obama's campaign.

"You typically have coattails where, as a new president takes over, members of his party tend to be advantaged

at the congressional level and then trickling down to state races as well," Cobb said.

This effect is not about conversion, Cobb said, but turnout. If voters head to the polls to vote for one party's presidential candidate, they may vote down the ticket for that party's state candidates as well.

Changing state demographics could also help Democrats.

In the past 10 to 15 years North Carolina has seen an influx of out-of-state immigrants with more moderate political views than the traditionally conservative native population, Bacot said. Cobb noted growing urban populations in areas such as Raleigh and Charlotte.

"As the state becomes less southern, it makes it much more likely that if there is a crack in the unified South, it will come from a state like North Carolina," Cobb said.

Administration striking down on tailgating with stricter enforcement on current rules

Andie Diemer
News Editor

The tennis courts. Linder Hall. Light-house. Brown & Co.

Elon welcomed many new physical changes to campus this summer, but the latest change being implemented isn't a building or a restaurant or a road. The university has decided to more strictly enforce and slightly alter current tailgating procedures for the 2008 football season.

Assistant Dean of Students Jodean Schmiederer said the changes are being reinforced in an effort to provide a more family-friendly and respectful environment, primarily in the Harper Center parking lot.

After a campus-wide committee met and discussed some issues regarding tailgating in past seasons, Assistant Vice President for Student Life, Jana Lynn Patterson, said they decided that a few individuals behaviors have become too extreme. Alcohol was mostly to blame.

"It had become a problem with many people in the community," she said.

The committee made a recommendation to the vice president, who accepted their recommendations. According to Schmiederer and Patterson, these include:

—**Moving the hub of student tailgating to the center of Harper parking lot.** While the lot location won't change, it will open up for easier access to people walking back and forth between Rhodes Stadium and the central part of campus.

—**Holding students to more accountable standards.** There will be at least two

team captains for every tailgate, more depending on the size of the group. They will have to ensure every student drinking is over 21 and that only beer and wine are being consumed.

—**Student's behavior will be monitored to ensure it is consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.**

—**Learn and receive feedback.**

Before a team captain will be allotted a spot they must submit a request eight days before the game and attend a session taught by Student Activity Staff. The captains establish a relationship for communication between the students and the administration.

"I think that there were some changes that were necessary, but I think the school will find a lot of tension or problems."

During tailgating the university staff will document behavior so they will be able to conduct a follow-up meeting on Monday or Tuesday after the game. Here, the team captains will meet with the Student Activity Staff and talk about anything from what could be improved in their section to how to handle any problems that arose.

—**Increased staffing.** More professional staff, students and police will be monitoring the games. While Elon doesn't hire ALE to make an appearance, they have the right to be on the premise, checking students' identifications.

—**Stricter closing times.** Currently

the administration is considering whether firing off a cannon inside Rhodes Stadium 30 minutes prior to the start of the game as a signal for everyone to wrap-up their tailgating. They want groups inside, watching the game. If they don't adhere they will no longer be able to participate in tailgating activities.

—**Increasing total-tailgate time.**

Students will now be allowed to come to the lot and start tailgating when it opens at 2:30 p.m.

Schmiederer said she hopes the student body understands the university's goal to continue to keep it a very vibrant and energetic yet respectful tailgating

—Junior Patrick McCabe

environment.

"There were probably unofficial tailgate captains anyways" Schmiederer said. "But this more formalizes that relationship so we have better communication."

Junior Patrick McCabe will be an acting team captain for his fraternity for the upcoming season. He said around eight members of his chapter will be attending training so someone will always be available to be a team captain.

"I think that there were some changes that were necessary, but I think the school will find a lot of tension or problems because it's been a tradition

for so long at Elon and it's something that people really look forward to," McCabe said. "I'm not the biggest fan of the changes, but I want to see if it can make things better."

McCabe said in years past a lot of students don't want to go to the games and instead go to the tailgate and then leave to continue partying.

"I think [getting kids to the games is] the schools intention, but I don't think they're going about it the right way," he said. "We need stronger athletics. It needs to be more about athletics and less about the social scene."

He understands the administration's efforts and hopes the new regulations will keep tailgating safer and keep students from endangering themselves. But, he finds it a little confusing that the administration will now be closely monitoring what he considers to be an individual organization function.

"The bigger change will be that groups will have to be more accountable and be willing to be more accountable. Just reinforcing [the rules] up front is where a lot of that 'change' is coming from," Patterson said. "It's not the big, radical change in the policy, it's really just helping to clarify the policies that were pretty much already in place."

She said several students were part of the recommendation committee seemed in-tune with the pre-existing issues and extreme behaviors that were negatively reflecting on Elon's behavior as a whole.

"If you're old enough to consume alcohol and do so, we just want to make sure it's in a manner that is not inconsistent with good behavior," Patterson said.

Elon's insider guide

Where to study, shop and "SURF." Here's your quick and easy guide to all things Elon, and the answers to all of your unasked questions about your new home.

Shelley Russell
Special Projects Editor

Great Study Spots:

- Koury Business Center
- Lake Mary Nell
- Moseley Fireplace Lounge
- Empty classrooms
- Belk Library, third floor
- The Academic Village

Students' Favorite:

- Ice cream: Smitty's
- Late night meal: Waffle House
- Milkshake: Cook Out
- Mall: Southpoint
- Biscuit: Biscuitville
- Grocery store: Harris Teeter

Elon Jargon:

- SURF = Student Undergraduate Research Forum
- "The Nest" = Alumni Gym
- Fake break = Time off between Winter Term & Spring semester

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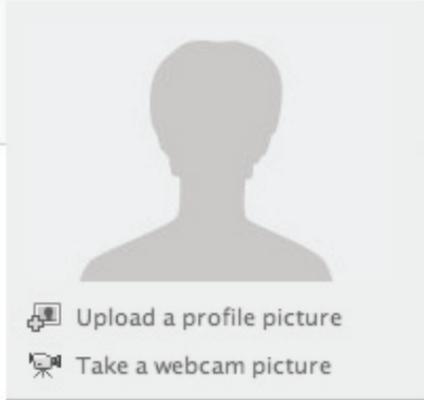
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Facebook dos and donts

Because you never know who might be looking

DO:

- Use Facebook to keep in touch with friends at other schools and folks back home.
- Post pictures of the Elon campus and make everyone else jealous.
- After the organization fair, look for the Facebook groups of the clubs and activities you're most interested in.
- Send as many "bELONG" bumper stickers to your orientation group as you possibly can.
- Find other students from your hometown to snag a ride home during Fall Break
- Stalk your hallmates' profiles and see just how normal they really are.

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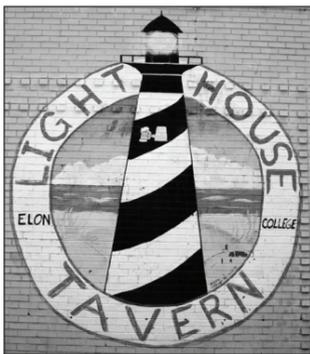
- Post any incriminating photos. Your professors are on Facebook. Seriously.
- Make crude posts on your friends' walls. Remember — that friend is not the only one who will read it.
- Add activities to your profile that you signed up for at the organization fair, but don't really plan on participating in.
- Join any group about the common reading sucking, or about how wasted you want to be for the next four years, or about anything else you wouldn't want a professor to see.
- Post anything like this as your status: "Dude, I don't remember anything about last night. WICKED!"

The BEST in town TUNES

Information provided by Erin Fox

For some Elon students, the four years they spend in academic excellence will be the only time they find themselves living in North Carolina. This relocation is enough to shake the bearings off any frequent concert-goer and leave them wondering, "Where do I go for the good shows?"

Luckily, Elon's central Piedmont location provides live music fans with a number of venue outlets within an hour's drive of campus. Whether it's the local, underground bands or top 40 mainstream pop icons that you want to see, North Carolina has something for everybody.

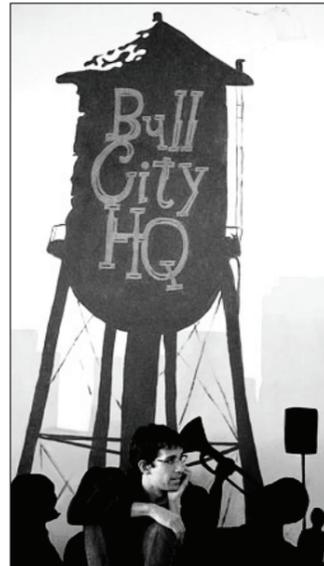


\$ Lighthouse (Elon)

After a year on the bench, Lighthouse is back with student-run programming that promises to bring local and touring acts right into your backyard. Wednesday nights are hosted by WSOE, who will offer open mic nights as well as local North Carolina acts every other week.

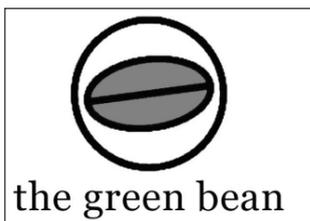
\$\$\$ Time Warner Cable Pavilion (Raleigh)

Once the Alltel Pavilion, this high capacity performance space houses larger crowds and bigger name artists. In the past month, both Journey and John Mayer have taken the stage. This style venue is common in most states. Covered pavilion seats go at a higher price than entrance to a spot on the lawn. Expect crowds and high food prices, but also some of the biggest names in music today.



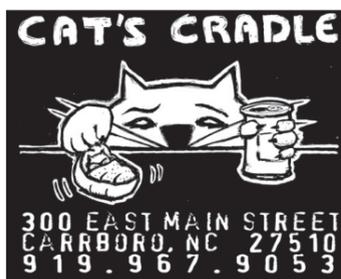
\$ Bull City Headquarters (Durham)

An extension of Chaz's Bull City Records, this co-op building doubles as a bike shop during the daylight hours. At night local and some touring D.I.Y. bands take advantage of the space, and in turn most shows are donation only. Some groups you may be familiar with, as Kimya Dawson, the anti-folk artist behind the "Juno" soundtrack, recently played here.



\$ Green Bean (Greensboro)

Located next to Natty Greene's Brewery on quaint South Elm Street, this is one of Greensboro's most popular coffee shops. Thanks to an ample amount of floor space, the Green Bean hosts local shows just about every weekend. The relaxed coffeehouse environment offers a more low-key concert experience than many of the venues in the area.



\$\$ Cats Cradle (Carrboro)

A true North Carolina staple, this medium-sized venue tends to attract national touring acts from the indie rock, punk, folk, rock n' roll and singer-songwriter genres. In recent years the Cradle has also embraced a large number of shows featuring local Triad bands as well. Because of its mention in Sonic Youth's song "Chapel Hill" and 30 long years in business, the Cradle has become a somewhat legendary location in the Carrboro/Chapel Hill area.

\$/\$\$ Local 506 (Chapel Hill)

This attracts a very similar scene as the Cats Cradle, but because of its smaller size it tends to bring in lesser known touring acts, as well as a large number of local groups. Potential concert-goers need to sign up for a \$3 lifetime membership card prior to attending a show, which covers the 506's ability to serve liquor. Regardless of the full service bar, all shows are 18 and up.



\$ Nightlight (Chapel Hill)

Practically hidden in a dingy alleyway on Chapel Hill's Rosemary Street, this one-room used bookstore, record store, diner and performance space is easily overlooked. An eclectic mix of the more underground groups can be found at the Nightlight on selected evenings, where cover charges and drinks are surprisingly cheap.

Price Scale
\$ - Free to \$10
\$\$ - \$10 to \$25
\$\$\$ - \$25 to \$40

For a detailed, consistently updated list of concerts in the area, check WSOE's Web Site, www.WSOE893.com.

Style

It could always be so much **WORSE!**

Compiled by Caroline Fox, Graphics Editor

Everyone's heard the stories. A friend's cousin had a roommate in college who peed on the floor. A friend of the family's daughter had a roommate who borrowed her clothes and then shrunk

them in the wash. Here are some real-life roommate tales to put it all in perspective as move-in day commences. Names have been removed to protect the innocent and the not-so innocent.

“My roommate freshman year liked to practice his aki-bujitsu moves on me. Found out it was easier to let him practice his moves on me for five minutes, or he would bother me for 20.”

- Class of 2010

“I had a suitemate that neglected to tell us that she had Athlete's Foot. We all shared the same shower, but she didn't feel it was necessary to wear flip flops or to warn us to wear them as well.”

- Class of 2010

“My friends had this phantom roommate. He never came out of his room. We never saw him, except one night we had a party and he got really mad. He came out once everyone had gone, yelled a little and then put a typed and printed-out note on my desk the next morning saying how disappointed and angry he was at us. We'd even told him about it days before!”

- Class of 2008

“My freshman roommate and I never really got along. She would smoke pot in the room, bring back random guys and was very angry and emo all the time. She ended up leaving school after the first semester. I left first, so when I came back for second semester I found old, rotting, bloody deer meat in the unplugged refrigerator. The haz-mat crew had to come clean it up!”

- Class of 2009

“I don't mind Broadway tunes or Disney soundtracks. I do mind my old roommate turning up the speakers and belting them as loud as she could while I was trying to go to bed.”

- Class of 2010

“My friend goes to school up north. Her roommate was in no dire financial stress, but actually started working as a prostitute!”

- Class of 2006

\$10 or less: Good, cheap fun in Burlington

Lindsay Fendt
Assistant Photo Editor

Now that students have arrived on campus, organized their rooms and said goodbye to parents, many may be wondering, “OK, now what is there to do around here?”

Although there are many fun and interesting activities around campus, the town of Burlington also offers some exciting options that often go overlooked. Here are some ideas for a great night out in the area that won't break the bank.

For a sunny afternoon outdoors, there is Lake Mackintosh, just a short 10 minute drive from campus. Although swimming is not permitted in the lake, boating and fishing are allowed, and equipment can be rented from the Guilford-Mackintosh marina right on the lake. Depending on whether it is a single or a double, kayaks and canoes can be rented for \$8 to \$10 for four hours.

Another outdoor destination is Cedarock Park. The park is a 15 to 20 minute drive from Elon but offers a host of free activities. Cedarock has hiking, horseback riding and mountain biking trails as well as two disc golf courses. There are also pavilions and picnic tables set up for eating or resting after a long hike.

Restaurant-wise, Burlington has plenty of options. Huffman Mill Road and Church Street both offer a multitude of delicious choices, but for cheap, late-night fast-food Cook-Out cannot be beat. This chain of drive-through restaurants can only be found in North Carolina and offers foods like

burgers, hushpuppies and more than 40 different flavors of milkshakes. Open until 4 a.m. on weekends, Cook-Out makes a great after party food destination.

Another late night hot-spot is The Raven, a bar located just off of Huffman Mill Road. This band scene has shows almost every night showcasing popular local artists. Past bands include Jonas Sees in Color and Elon's own Anonymous.

Burlington also has Alamance Crossing, a brand new shopping center and movie theater on Garden Street. This theater is great for new releases, but also costs a hefty \$8.50 a ticket. For a cheaper movie experience there is the Graham Cinema about 15 minutes from campus. This theater shows second-run movies rather than new releases, but at the discounted price of \$3 a ticket.

For a great rainy afternoon with friends, there is Country Club Lanes off of Church Street. This is just a typical local bowling alley with great prices. Game rates vary between \$1.75-\$4.50 depending on the day and time. Shoes will also run you \$3.75.

Burlington also has plenty of activities for larger groups. Laser-X on Church Street has a laser tag arena and an arcade for low prices. Games are \$6 for individuals and \$5 between 10 and 11 p.m. on weekends. This venue often hosts fundraisers for Elon organizations and offers discounted group rates depending on the size of the group.

For sport fans Burlington offers a large range of choices. For extreme sport fans there



LINDSAY FENDT | Asst. Photo Editor

(Above) A BMX track near Graham, about 10 minutes from Elon, offers motorsports fans races most Fridays.

(Right) An inexpensive carry-out meal from Cook-Out and a round of disc golf also makes for fun, cheap entertainment off campus.



LINDSAY FENDT | Asst. Photo Editor

is a BMX track near Graham that hosts races most Fridays. Watching the races is free, but it is \$10 to participate. Ace Speedway about 10 minutes down Williamson Avenue. This racetrack has NASCAR races every Friday night. General admission is \$10.

No matter your interests Burlington has a great variety of cheap activities. Don't get caught up in the same everyday activities on campus. Go break the Elon bubble and get off campus!

Dorm dwellers can cook like pros, minus the kitchen

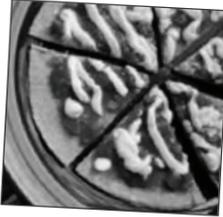
Andie Diemer
News Editor

Some students miss the aspect of being able to whip up their favorite meals when they leave the comforts of home. But for those students not lucky enough to have a kitchen in their dorm, don't fear. You just haven't realized yet that college cooking is completely possible with just the right few touches of a microwave button. Below are a few easy, somewhat-healthy and completely dorm-room-doable recipes.

Microwave Mexican Pizza SERVES 1

Ingredients:

- 2 fat free tortillas
- 1/4 cup low fat mozzarella
- 1/4 cup low-fat cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup salsa
- 2 tablespoons low-fat sour cream



Instructions:

1. Lay out one tortilla, and spread evenly with cheese.
2. Microwave for 30 seconds and place second tortilla over the first.
3. Microwave again for 40 seconds.
4. Mix sour cream and salsa and spread over top.
5. Cut and eat.

Recipe courtesy of www.recipezaar.com

Late-Night Asian Noodles SERVES 2

Ingredients:

- 4 cups boiling water (by heating in microwave)
- 2 (3 oz.) packages ramen noodles (without seasoning packets)
- 2 cups prepared coleslaw (vegetables only)
- 3 tablespoons crunchy peanut butter
- 4 teaspoons freshly squeezed lime juice
- 1 tablespoon chile-garlic paste



Instructions:

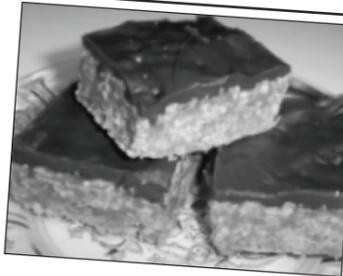
1. Place ramen noodles in a mixing bowl and pour boiling water over noodles; let sit two minutes.
2. Once noodles have soaked, pour off all but 1/2 cup of the water and add remaining ingredients. Toss together until noodles and coleslaw are well coated in peanut butter and chile-garlic paste. Season with salt and black pepper. Serve.

Recipe courtesy of www.chow.com

Special K Bars SERVES 36

Ingredients:

- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 1/2 cups corn syrup
- 1 1/2 cups peanut butter
- 6 cups Special K crisp rice cereal (not Rice Krispies)
- 12 oz. package semisweet chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup peanut butter



Instructions:

1. In large microwavable bowl, combine sugars and corn syrup and mix well. Microwave on high for two minutes; meanwhile, rinse the spoon off with very hot water.
2. Remove bowl from microwave and stir mixture, scraping down sides of bowl. Return to microwave and microwave on high for another two minutes, or until mixture begins to bubble and boil. Again, rinse the spoon.
3. Remove from microwave and add 1 1/2 cups peanut butter. Stir until mixture is smooth and combined. Add cereal and stir to coat. Pour and press into greased 13x9" pan, using back of greased spoon to press evenly.
4. Combine chocolate chips and 1/3 cup peanut butter in small microwave safe bowl. Heat on medium power for two minutes; remove and stir. Return to microwave for another 30 seconds if necessary to melt chips. Stir until smooth, then spread over cereal mixture. Let cool completely, then cut into bars. Store, covered, at room temperature.

Recipe courtesy of www.about.com

Spicy Cinnamon-Sugar Popcorn SERVES 7

Ingredients:

- 4 teaspoons granulated sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon table salt
- 1/8 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 bag microwavable popcorn
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
- 1 tablespoon hot chile oil



Instructions:

1. In a small bowl, stir together sugar, salt and cinnamon. Set aside.
2. Pop a bag of popcorn. While popping, combine butter and chile oil in a small bowl; stir well. Open immediately once corn pops and alternate drizzle oil mixture over popcorn and sprinkle with cinnamon-sugar, occasionally tossing to coat.
3. Use hands to toss everything together and ensure ingredients are evenly distributed. Serve immediately.

Recipe courtesy of www.chow.com

ANDIE DIEMER | Graphic

Dorm design 101: Functional, space-saving tips to try

You're here, but now what? Tips to transform that empty space into a comfortable, fun room

Caroline Fox
Graphics Editor

Designing a dorm room to be functional and stylish can be one of the most exciting, yet trickiest parts of coming to college. Between all of the books, clothes, electronics, and furniture, it may seem

like your dorm room is about to explode! Here are some tips to eliminate clutter:

Use your vertical space. Don't be afraid to hang pictures higher on the walls to make the room seem taller. Tall and skinny shelves are great for storage, too.

Make your small window look bigger by hanging the

curtain rod higher than the actual window frame (2 to 4 inches is best) and wider by extending the curtain rod out past the width of the window in 2 to 4 inches in each direction.

Mirrors can do wonders to make a small space look bigger. Get a big one and hang it to fill up some of that empty wall space.

Invest in a flatscreen TV. The big bulky ones take up too much room, and a thin screen looks much more stylish.

Pop-up laundry hampers are space savers. They travel easier and can be quickly

stored in case of visitors.

Try lofting your bed. If you are afraid of falling out, get a guard rail from your RA. If you're not keen on having a lofted bed, try putting it as high as possible on the wooden frame. This way, you can store things under it! Try turning a bookshelf on its side and sliding it under, or get rolling under-the-bed organizers.

Storage ottomans are a triple threat when it comes to small spaces. They can be used for seating, hollow space inside means room for storage, and some even come with a

reversible lid that can be sued as a tray table.

A \$5 frame can make a poster look much more chic. The annual poster sale in Moseley can be a great place to get some cheap art!

Small hooks attached to the wall can free up sink space. Use the hooks for towels, washcloths, and loofahs.

Suction-cup storage holders for toothbrushes, soap, and other bathroom necessities can go on the mirror to achieve even more free space.

Summer Movie Reviews: What to see and what to skip as summer winds down

Adam Constantine
Reviewer

The Dark Knight

★★★★★



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By now it is no secret "The Dark Knight," starring Christian Bale and the late Heath Ledger, was the summer blockbuster event that many will still be talking about well into the fall semester. The movie went above and beyond expectations with Ledger's performance being one of the greatest in history. The two and a half hour movie seemed to fly by with its action packed scenes and villainy that sent a chill down audience members' spines.

WALL-E

★★★★

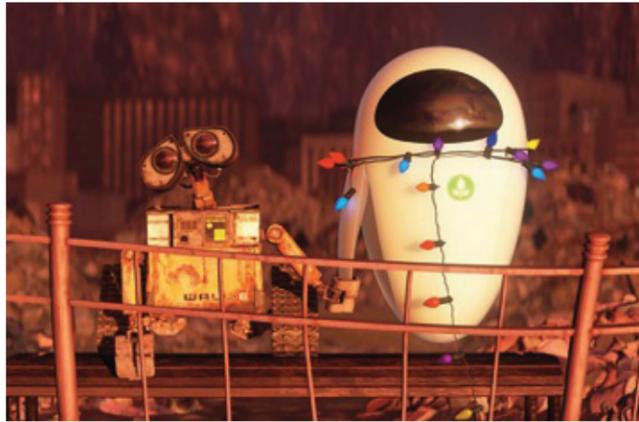


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The cute little robot wheeled his way into America's heart with his outer space adventure, which inadvertently led him to save the human race. WALL-E and his robot partner EVE meet seemingly by chance, and with the help of WALL-E's curiosity they embark on an adventure that adults and children will enjoy over and over.

The Incredible Hulk

★★★★

Redemption was the name of the game for this Marvel studios movie remake. After the 2003 "Hulk" failed to please fans, Marvel got a rare second chance to do it again. With Edward Norton as Bruce Banner, "The Incredible Hulk" soared above the quality of the first "Hulk" and into a place that was accepted by the majority of those who watched it. More action scenes and a villain worthy of the Hulk's contention gave the audience an entertaining movie and a huge sigh of relief from Marvel Studios.

Step Brothers

★★★

Will Ferrell is back on the big screen alongside his "Talladega Nights" counterpart, John C. Reilly, this time as step-brothers who have to learn not only to cooperate but also to grow up and be adults. This movie is chock-full of hilarious one-liners and other scenes that make this film very enjoyable.

Wanted

★★★★

James McAvoy, Angelina Jolie and Morgan Freeman made a memorable mark on the summer with the thrill spurring, bullet curving and blood squirting film 'Wanted.' The fact that this movie was so unrealistic actually drew more people to watch the high flying success, as Wesley Gibson (McAvoy) goes on a journey to find out what is real and what isn't. This film is great entertainment and has had a successful bout at the box office.

Hancock

★★★



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Although the movie lacked plot and had a much more superficial feel than most current films, it still managed to gross more than \$200 million in theaters. Which means that either all the reviews have been wrong, or Will Smith has simply captivated the world. Although it is probably the latter, Hancock, the nonchalant, non-hygienic super hero who seems to do more harm than good, must make a choice in the way he conducts himself or soon pay the ultimate price.

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Scenes from the movie "Bull Durham" were filmed in the Burlington Athletic Stadium.

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Burlington is right down the road from former American Idol contestant Chris Daughtry grew up.

Labcorp, a clinical laboratory, has its headquarters and several offices in Burlington and is the largest employer in Alamance County.



DINING

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



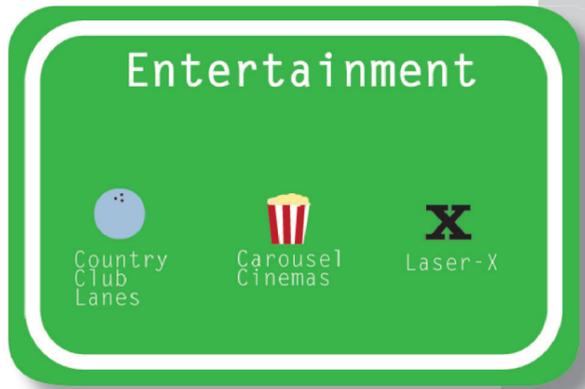
Sal's Italian Restaurant and Pizzeria
402 Huffman Mill Road
This Italian eatery offers friendly service and a variety of pastas, pizzas, steaks, salads and subs. Sal's provides college students with good food at an affordable price. They can also accommodate large groups on short notice.

Crazy Fire Mongolian Grill
220 Huffman Mill Road

Crazy Fire accepts Phoenix Cash and offers a different kind of dining experience. You go through a buffet line and put all of the meat, vegetables, noodles and sauce you want in a bowl before passing it on to the cooks and watching them prepare it.



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



OTHER ENTERTAINMENT



Carousel Cinemas at Alamance Crossing
1090 Piper Lane
This brand new theater in the heart of pedestrian-friendly Alamance Crossing features 16 screens, a wide variety of concessions and an arcade. Visit <http://carousealamancecrossing.com> for showtimes and more information

Country Club Lanes West
3010 S. Church St.
This bowling alley has 42 lanes, 10 billiards tables, 4 dart boards, two arcades and a snack bar. Country Club Lanes is open until 2 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays and its Web site, www.cclbowling.com, offers printable coupons for discount rates.

Lazer X
3356-A S. Church St.
Right down the road from Elon, this laser tag facility has an arcade and snack bar and is open until midnight on Fridays and Saturdays. It's easy for a large group to rent out the space and group discounts are offered.

SHOPPING

Target
1475 University Drive
Conveniently located roughly five minutes from campus, Target is an affordable place to get everything from food and clothes to DVDs and electronics. It has good quality products without getting too expensive, and its 08 College line offers a great selection of bedding, dishes and dorm décor.



Bed Bath & Beyond
1463 University Drive
Though some of its products can be a bit on the pricey side, Bed Bath & Beyond has a wide enough selection that there are plenty of affordable options for the average college student. Like Target, Bed Bath & Beyond has a college line featuring sheets, kitchenware and storage. It also has a number of shelving options for extra organization that are easy to assemble.

Alamance Crossing
3330 Garden Road
You can park your car and walk around this visually appealing shopping center that opened in Burlington last year. Shops include JC Penny, Barnes & Noble, Bath & Body Works, Foot Locker, New York & Company and Victoria's Secret. Restaurants include Red Robin, Mimi's Café, Red Bowl Asian Bistro, Qdoba Mexican Grill and Cold Stone Creamery. Visit www.alamancecrossing.com for the complete list.



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On the offensive



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Quarterback Scott Riddle, No. 16, runs the ball during the spring game held last April. Riddle and wide receiver Terrell Hudgins were both named to the 2008 Football Championship Subdivision Players to Watch list. The team finished 7-4 overall, 4-3 in conference last season, defeating Wofford University as well as Georgia Southern University.

Phoenix climbs the rankings, prepares for success

Michelle Longo
Sports Editor

Change isn't always good, and it doesn't always come at the precise time we want. It's a six letter word that holds many implications and tends to have baggage as a passenger.

But for the Elon football team change is the one word that has defined the program for the past three years. It is one of only a few words adequate enough to fully encompass all that is the "new" Elon Phoenix football program.

"It is completely different now [than four years ago]," red-shirted senior Tim Applegate said. "I feel proud walking around campus wearing Elon football gear and I can have a lot of pride now. People everywhere have heard of us and it is an honor to wear my uniform. We have big shoes to live up to now."

Almost overnight, those shoes have changed from Jiminy Cricket-sized to Bigfoot-sized. This preseason, Elon is in every top 25 preseason poll of the Football Championship Subdivision, including the No. 8 spot in the USA Today Sports Weekly

Preseason Poll.

The Phoenix also landed No. 15 in the all-important FCS Coach's Preseason Poll. In the Southern Conference, league coaches have picked Elon to finish second, only behind three time defending FCS champion, Appalachian State University.

"Being ranked in all these polls is neat," sophomore quarterback Scott Riddle said. "We are finally getting respect around here. I grew up in this program with my father playing here and it was different. They were not getting respect. Now, we are."

In 2005, Elon sat at the bottom of the SoCon standings with a goose egg in the win column. Last season, the Phoenix finished 7-4 overall, 4-3 in conference to give the program its first winning record in seven years. They defeated eventual conference co-champion Wofford University and Georgia Southern University, finishing tied for third, and just one win shy of their first ever FCS playoff appearance.

Returning 17 of a possible 22 starters from last year's squad, the Phoenix recognize the golden

opportunity in front of them.

"It is a great feeling knowing we have a good team and we have the talent and ability," senior Captain Corey Weaver said. "My freshman year we were just hoping to win a few games and now we are focusing on a conference championship, even a national."

Neither the players nor the coaches feel any additional pressure to perform now that they have been recognized as a competitive, successful team. They say the pressure was always there because they were always putting it on themselves. Now everyone else is just starting to notice.

"On the outside the expectations may be a little different, but we have been challenging these young men to be the best they can be since we got here," Lembo said. "We are excited at how much progress we have made in two years on that front, but we have been preparing them to go in confident, take pride in what they were doing and go in for the win since the beginning. Now, we are just further along in believing it and living it."

And that in itself is the reflection of a changing time, a change of culture and a change of expectations at Elon.

Rookies ready to impress

Pam Richter
Reporter

In the 2007 season, freshman quarterback Scott Riddle put up record-breaking numbers. He had Southern Conference opponents unable to stop his explosive passing performances. To expect a freshman to perform at the same caliber as Riddle would be setting unrealistic expectations. But there are freshmen on the Phoenix squad that have stood out above the rest this preseason.

Freshmen Darrius McQueen and Andrew Straus are both expected to highly contribute to the Elon football program in the 2008 season.

"I would just say that those are two guys that have come in this preseason and made their presence felt," Head Coach Pete Lembo said. "How much of an impact they will make waits to be seen."

McQueen is a 5-foot-7 wide receiver from Tallahassee, Fla. He helped lead his high school, North Florida Christian, to back-to-back state runner-up finishes. There's hope that he can be another viable target for Riddle this season. But adjusting to the college game isn't going to be an easy feat.

"It's a whole different environment from where I come from. It's tough," McQueen said. "It's a lot tougher mentally, but still tough physically."

Lembo echoed McQueen's statement. "You have to learn a new system. Even though most of our freshmen have been here all summer,



Darrius McQueen

when preseason starts, that playbook is like taking a four credit class," Lembo said. "It's like taking a four credit class in a foreign language that you haven't studied in a while."

Lembo and the Phoenix hope that McQueen can overcome the learning curve quickly in order to contribute to the already explosive offense.

While McQueen hopes to play a pivotal role to Elon's offense, Straus is looking to make an impact defensively. He is a 6-foot-1 defensive back from West Chester, Ohio, who lead his high school team's defense. Straus could help an Elon defense that gave up an average of 30 points per game and succumbed to injuries late in the season last year, forcing an unpleasant end to a hopeful season.

"I hope I get in the position to help the team, but I will take whatever role they give me," Straus said.



Andrew Straus

Lembo said he has been impressed with Straus' play and football knowledge.

"[Straus] has a real savvy for the game and is bright and really coachable. He picks up things quickly," Lembo said.

Both McQueen and Straus have been on campus throughout the summer, taking classes in both summer sessions. Each has learned that college is a whole new environment, even off the football field.

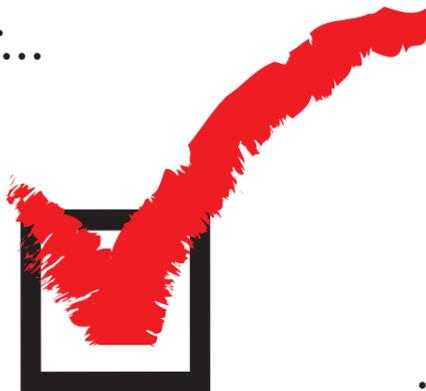
"I'm a long way from home, with no mom or dad to lean back on. It's time to become a man," McQueen said.

As a true freshman, Riddle set Elon and SoCon season records with 346 completions, 508 passing attempts and 3,817 passing yards. Neither Straus nor McQueen will be expected to perform up to that quality, but they are expected to add depth to Elon's offense and defense come the early stages of the 2008 season.

Elon Quick Stats:

- The Phoenix was 7-4 overall, 4-3 SoCon, last season. Elon was tied for first place but fell out of contention in the last two games and finished tied for third in the conference.
- All-American Michael Mayers graduated, leaving a large hole in the Phoenix roster. He holds the SoCon career record for receptions.
- Elon was picked to finish No. 15 in the Football Championships Subdivision by the Coaches Preseason Poll and The Sports Network Poll. USA Today ranked the team No. 8 in their Sports Weekly Preseason Poll.
- In the SoCon, the Phoenix was picked to finish second in the conference standings, ensuring them an automatic birth to FCS postseason.
- Mike McCarthy was hired as the new offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach after the resignation of Warren Ruggiero.
- Daronce Daniels has recovered from season-ending shoulder surgery on Oct. 20 that forced him to miss the last leg of the 2007 season. He has been practicing with the team and the linebacker for Saturday's game.
- Defensive end Tim Happer, a critical player injured late in the season last year, has recovered and was announced as the starting defensive end for Saturday's game against No. 4 University of Richmond.

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Dynamic duo dominates preseason awards

Pam Richter
Reporter

Both players were named to the 2008 Football Championship Subdivision Players to Watch list. Both players set Elon, league and national records last year. Both players remember watching the Phoenix's shot at a playoff appearance slip away last season.

While junior wide receiver Terrell Hudgins and sophomore quarterback Scott Riddle received numerous preseason awards, the individual recognition is not important to them if the team does not win. They are focused on their first opponent, the No. 6 Richmond Spiders.

"We're only focused on Richmond. I can't tell you who we play after that," Hudgins said. "We have a great conference, we all know that. But you have to take each game, one game at a time."

The Southern Conference is arguably the toughest conference in the Football Championship Subdivision with five teams from the conference ranked in the top 25 in the USA Today Sports Weekly Preseason Poll.

Winning is the team's major focus, even though Riddle and Hudgins have the potential to rewrite Elon's record book this season.

"We don't focus on how many catches or how many yards those guys need to have," Head Coach Pete Lembo said. "It's all about being part of a successful offense and a successful team."

Last season the Phoenix finished 7-4, just shy of a playoff appearance. There are several aspects of the

offense that the team has focused on improving this off-season.

Sophomore wide receivers Lance Camp and Sean Jeffcoat have earned the trust of the coaching staff and Riddle this preseason. These players will take some pressure off Hudgins, who all teams will be gunning for, in the passing game.

Elon's running game has also been an important focus going into the season. Lembo said their tailbacks and fullbacks have had a solid camp. The team hopes to improve in this area in order to take pressure off Riddle.

Even though Riddle and Hudgins are arguably the two best players in the conference, there's room for improvement on both their parts.

Hudgins has been doing the little aspects of the game right like blocking and doing other things without the ball in his hands, Lembo said.

For Riddle, he's a young player, still learning about the ins and outs of college football.

"The big challenge we put before him is becoming a more knowledgeable football player, a more detailed player and making better decisions with the football," Lembo said. "He's just beginning his sophomore year and still has got a lot to learn, but he's working on it."

Riddle and Hudgins are both focused on leading their team and winning football games after a disappointing finish last season.

"We try to keep our heads level and concentrate on the task at hand this year and not focus on last year," Riddle said. "[But] we had something slip through our fingers last year."

Lembo continues to strive for excellence

Michelle Longo
Sports Editor

In fall of 2005, the Elon football program was in search of just one league win for the season, but they would never find it. By November, the program was in search of a new head coach willing to take on the sagging team.

Although the record books show the Phoenix was winless that season, it was something much more than a victory they were after. It was the intangibles of football they needed to rediscover. And it was Pete Lembo that signed up to help them find just that.

"[Being at the bottom of the standings] was part of the reason I came [to Elon]," Lembo said. "I saw this program and its potential and I saw

all the other positive things going on at the time and I felt like this would be a tremendous challenge but also a tremendous reward when we turned it around."

Lembo came to Elon from Lehigh University in Pennsylvania, where he spent eight years, three as an assistant coach and five as the head coach of the Mountain Hawks.

All eight squads ended up ranked among the country's top 25 teams. During his tenure, Lehigh posted an undefeated regular season, its first ever home playoff victory and two Patriot League championships.

"I had proven to myself I could maintain a successful program at Lehigh and wanted to take on the challenge of rebuilding," Lembo said. "And it is a challenge. We are still a



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Lembo values the potential he sees in his young squad, and works to build their communication and community involvement. "It's about the whole person," he said.



Football Schedule

8/30 at 7 p.m.
vs. No. 4 University of Richmond at Elon, N.C.

9/6 at 3 p.m.
vs. Stony Brook at Stony Brook, N.Y.

9/13 at 6 p.m.
vs. Presbyterian (Hall of Fame) at Elon, N.C.

9/20 at 7 p.m.
vs. Georgia Southern at Statesboro, Ga.

9/27 at 1:30 p.m.
vs. Samford at Elon, N.C.

10/4 at 1:30 p.m.
vs. Furman at Elon, N.C.

10/11 at 2 p.m.
vs. The Citadel at Charleston, S.C.

10/18 at 2 p.m.
vs. Chattanooga at Chattanooga, Tenn.

10/25 at 3 p.m.
vs. Wofford at Elon, N.C.

11/8 at 1:30 p.m.
vs. Western Carolina (Homecoming) at Elon, N.C.

11/15 at 3:30 p.m.
vs. Appalachian State at Boone, N.C.

11/22 at 1 p.m.
vs. Liberty at Lynchburg, Va.

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very young Division I program."

In his first year at Elon, Lembo's squad finished with a 5-6 mark, two more victories than the previous year. For the first time in six years, the Phoenix knocked off a top 25 opponent en route to leading the league in passing offense and its first-ever national FCS ranking.

Last season, Elon finished 7-4 overall, 4-3 SoCon, under Lembo's guidance. He led the program to its first winning season in seven years and within one game of claiming the SoCon's automatic bid to the FCS postseason. The offense ranked second nationally in passing, ninth in scoring and 19th in total.

For his efforts, Lembo was honored as the SoCon Coach of the Year and finished sixth in voting for the Eddie Robinson Award, presented annually to the National Coach of the Year.

"I had a plan when I came in and each school is different," Lembo said. "Each has its own strengths and weaknesses and certain things needed to be put in place. There were certain tangible things that needed to be done and certain attitude and approach things when dealing with the intangibles."

The first intangible Lembo wanted to change was the expectations. A program, a town, a community so used to losing was not something Lembo felt would help his players in the long-run. He said it was about a change in culture, a change in mindset for every person involved with Elon football.

The ability to see young talent and

going after All-American quarterback Scott Riddle and the record-breaking machine that is Terrell Hudgins certainly aided Lembo's early efforts.

There is yet another area Lembo strives for excellence in, but this one is off the field. Since his start at Elon, Lembo has played a vital role in improving areas of academic progress, recruiting, alumni relations, scheduling and community outreach.

The student-athlete's bond with one another was Lembo's first priority. He established a leadership council that consisted of four team members from each class, designed to resolve issues and increase communication between the team and staff. The proceeds of the spring game, held in April, went to Crossroads, a local women's sexual abuse center.

"It's about the whole person," Lembo said. "You can't be the best football player you can be if you are not trying to embrace everything else that goes along with it, academics, campus, community. If you are doing those things right, the football is going to be better."

Recently, Lembo signed a contract extension that will keep him at Elon through the 2010 season.

"This is a great place to work a great place for my family to live and I still feel like we have a lot of work to do here," he said. "I want to make this program on of the best in the country and one of the best in the conference and we are not there yet so the last thing on my mind is worrying about the next challenge."

Elon is where Neal always wanted to call home

Michelle Longo
Sports Editor

In just five years, the lady Phoenix has seen three head coaches, the latest addition to that list being Chris Neal, who came in after the resignation of former coach Chris Webb. Although Neal may have come in like the others, he does not want to go out like they did, or as quickly.

With Neal's hiring, a usually rocky road may have just flattened out for the women's soccer team.

"The overall dedication and drive to the game is 110 percent more than usual," senior goalkeeper Lizz Johnson said. "Team morale and chemistry is there this year, with both the team and the coaches."

A fresh start after a tumultuous season is just what the players are looking for, and Neal is prepared to give it to them.

"I was hired to improve the team's record and competitiveness, to win games and graduate players," Neal said. "I am happy as long as the girls are having a good experience."

Neal comes to Elon after spending the previous seven seasons as an assistant coach at his alma mater, UNC Wilmington. During that stint, UNCW compiled a 70-55-8 record. Before coaching the Seahawks, Neal enjoyed successful campaigns as the head coach of men's soccer at Pfeiffer University and assistant men's coach at Augusta State University.

"As an [assistant] coach, if you are looking to become a head coach you keep your eye on certain jobs and see how things develop. And Elon was always one of those places I had wanted to head coach at," Neal said. "It worked out perfectly."

Joining Neal on the sidelines is assistant coach Stuart Horne, who has been with the program since 2005. When Webb resigned, Horne did not leave Elon, expressing his interest to stay involved with the program and its new coach.

"Many coaches have an issue with not bringing in their own assistants and dealing with any past and present issues," Neal said. "But I did not think there was a better candidate than [Horne] and I was

convinced our styles would be the best thing for the tonight's first game of the season.



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The Elon women's soccer team saw an early exit from the SoCon tournament last season at the hands of UNCG. This season, under new guidance and with what they say is increased motivation and dedication, the Phoenix hopes to climb the SoCon standings for a higher finish.

team."

At Augusta, Neal helped the Jaguars improve from a 7-8 record to a 14-6 slate in just one year. Last season, Elon finished 5-12-2 overall and 3-6-1 SoCon. They were barely able to clinch eighth place, the last spot for a chance at post-season play. The Phoenix lost in the first round of the tournament to UNC Greensboro, ending its rollercoaster season.

A turn-around resembling that at Augusta is what the Phoenix players and coaches are hoping for come

In addition to coaching, Neal has the desire to teach others how to coach. Since 2001, he has served as the state technical director of the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. In this role, he is responsible for organizing advertising and instructing a variety of coaching education courses for hundreds of youth, high school and college coaches.

Under new guidance, offensive power should no longer doom Elon

Michelle Longo
Sports Editor

After an almost miraculous upset victory in the first round of the Southern Conference tournament last season, the women's soccer team is eager to get back on the field and prove itself tonight against in-state rival N.C. State at 7 p.m.

Under guidance from new head coach Chris Neal, the team is feeling rejuvenated and ready to capitalize on the opportunities that lie ahead.

"Everyone has been excited throughout and we are learning a lot as a team on and off the field," senior Kerri Spears said. "Everyone is really ready to take on."

Last season, the Phoenix had a rollercoaster year, never consistent in play or results. Eventually, it was the team's lack of offensive power that

came back to haunt it in the end.

The team finished the 2007 season with a 5-12-2 overall and a 3-6-1 SoCon record, good enough for eighth place in the standings and the last slot for a bid to the league's post-season.

There, they were confronted by a challenge: the first place, undefeated UNC Greensboro Spartans. Elon's defense came alive as they successfully defended the goal, allowing the Spartans only one goal, although they controlled the ball for more than 85 minutes of a 90-minute game.

Despite the bittersweet ending to the season, Elon is a young team and did not lose a single starter going into the 2008 campaign.

Early last season, Elon played three consecutive Atlantic Coastal Conference

teams, including Duke University, Virginia Tech and N.C. State. The Phoenix lost all three games, but the last game against N.C. State proved to be especially heartbreaking.

After a scoreless 90 minutes, the two teams headed into overtime, anxious for a victory and just one goal. Just 56 seconds in, an own goal doomed Elon and the team picked up its third consecutive loss.

Tonight, the invigorated women's team travels to N.C. State for its season opener and something of a redemption game.

"We're not really that nervous," senior Katina Boozer said. "If anything, we are more confident because we have played them before so we know we can win this time."

SoCon play begins on Sept. 26 for the Phoenix when it travels to Birmingham, Ala.,

to take on the newest SoCon member, Samford University.

Elon will greet the school into the tradition-rich conference as the Phoenix and Bulldog collide for Samford's first ever SoCon competition.

League play continues for the rest of the season with 10 bouts until the conference tournament begins. The maroon and gold don't get another shot at UNCG until the regular season finale on Oct. 30.

"We are not trying to conquer the world before N.C. State," Neal said. "We want to be playing the best soccer when SoCon games come and have a legitimate chance to improve our record in the SoCon. There are a lot of things we do well, but some we need to get better as a team and every time we step onto the field we will improve one of them."

Elon tied Radford University 2-2 in their only preseason exhibition game a week ago. The Phoenix was first to score as Molly Calpin smashed a pass from Boozer into the far corner of the net. Boozer, the team's leading scorer last season with seven goals, picked up the assist.

The Highlanders took control in the second half to grab the lead but the Phoenix never gave up, scoring the game-tying goal in the 82nd minute.

"The team displayed a very high level of character and fight," Neal said. "We were very unfortunate to be down and it was an example for the team overcoming adversity very early in the season. To come back from a goal so late in the game, as a coach, it was fantastic to see."

2008 Women's Soccer Game Schedule:

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION
8/29	North Carolina State	Raleigh, N.C.
8/31	Maryland	College Park, Md.
9/3	High Point	HOME
9/7	Old Dominion	Norfolk, Va.
9/12	Garner-Webb	Spartanburg, S.C.
9/14	Winthrop	Spartanburg, S.C.
9/19	Maryland-Baltimore County	HOME
9/29	Samford	Birmingham, Ala.
9/28	Chattanooga	Chattanooga, Tenn.
10/3	College of Charleston	HOME
10/5	The Citadel	HOME
10/10	Appalachian State	Culowhee, N.C.
10/12	Western Carolina	HOME
10/17	Furman	Greenville, S.C.
10/19	Wofford	Spartanburg, S.C.
10/23	Davidson	HOME
10/26	Georgia Southern	HOME
10/30	UNC Greensboro	HOME

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Early exit last season is keeping volleyball team on mark

Kelsey Glover
Reporter

After finishing last season 17-16 overall and 11-7 in Southern Conference play, the most wins by any Elon team since joining the league, the volleyball team looks to raise the bar of excellence even higher this season.

"Each season is completely different... You never know what is going to happen," Head Coach Mary Tendler said. "All I know is that we are going to be mentally prepared for each team and we will go all out on every play."

The team is eager to prove itself in the regular and the post seasons. After an early exit in the first round of the SoCon Championships at the hands of Chattanooga last year, the same team that broke Elon's seven match winning streak, there is a definite will to go further and showcase the team's ability.

The team's first match is scheduled for today at the North Carolina Central Tournament, which is followed next weekend by the Elon Volleyball Classic, where the Lady Phoenix play host to teams in and out of the conference.

"If a student comes to one of our early matches, I guarantee they will want to keep coming back," Tendler said. "We will put a very energetic, exciting team on the court."

Senior Jessica Barrow said she is especially "looking forward to playing

Chattanooga because we want revenge from losing close matches last year." She said she would also like to beat Furman.

"Throughout my three years (almost four) at Elon, Furman is the only team in the conference that we have not been able to defeat while I've been here," Barrow said.

The team has added three energetic players, Caroline Lemke, Megan McMahon and Traci Stewart, to compensate for the loss of three strong seniors, Emily Lucci, Britany Westphal and Natalie Moore. Each of the seniors had outstanding careers, but the incoming freshman look to round out the team nicely.

"Personally, I am just looking forward to every match," Lemke said. "I'm so excited just to compete every moment and represent Elon out there and to compete at this high level at each opportunity. I feel so comfortable and confident with the team we have for this season."

In addition to fresh faces, the team has many strong returning players with the experience needed to step up and guide the team to a strong showing. With four seniors rising to leadership, Elon volleyball has the opportunity to further develop and strengthen its program.

"I've always been more the type of person who shows leadership by their performance on the court," Barrow said. "This year, I'd like to step it up a little and become more of a vocal



Team members came to campus early to begin practicing for the fall season. Their first tournament is today and tomorrow at the North Carolina Central Tournament in Durham, N.C.

leader."

Barrow is coming off shoulder surgery in the off-season and is hoping she can still be the dominant player. The Nest has seen for the last three years.

Also returning are three

sophomores and two juniors who had impressive seasons last year.

"We just need to work hard at each and every practice, play the best we can against the best teams in our conference, and push

ourselves to be number one," sophomore Lauren Copenhagen said. "The team this year is very strong and determined to be the best, and we will do anything we need to do to win."

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Volleyball Schedule

8/29 - 8/30	Tournament		Durham, N.C.
9/5 - 9/6	Tournament	2 p.m.	Elon, N.C.
9/12 - 9/13	Tournament		Moon Township, Pa.
9/16	Winston-Salem State	7 p.m.	Elon, N.C.
9/19 - 19/20	Tournament		Williamsburg, Va.
9/24	High Point	7 p.m.	Elon, N.C.
9/27	Appalachian State	4 p.m.	Boone, N.C.
9/28	Western Carolina	2 p.m.	Cullowhee, N.C.
10/4	Furman	7 p.m.	Elon, N.C.
10/5	Wofford	2 p.m.	Elon, N.C.
10/8	UNC Greensboro	7 p.m.	Elon, N.C.
10/12	The Citadel	1 p.m.	Elon, N.C.
10/13	C. of Charleston	5 p.m.	Elon, N.C.
10/18	Davidson	2 p.m.	Davidson, N.C.
10/19	Georgia Southern	2 p.m.	Statesboro, Ga.
10/25	Samford	8 p.m.	Birmingham, Ala.
10/26	Chattanooga	4 p.m.	Chattanooga, Tenn.
10/31	Appalachian State	7 p.m.	Elon, N.C.
11/1	Western Carolina	3 p.m.	Elon, N.C.
11/5	UNC Greensboro	7 p.m.	Greensboro, N.C.
11/8	Wofford	TBA	Spartansburg, S.C.
11/9	Furman	2 p.m.	Greenville, S.C.

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Leaders gone but talent remains with Elon volleyball

Kelsey Glover
Reporter

In sports, as seasons change, so do coaches and rosters. While some teams suffer the loss of key players, that does not look to be the case for Elon's volleyball team.

Despite a first-round tournament loss, the Phoenix enjoyed a successful season last year. But when they take the court for their 2008 season opener, there will be a dramatic difference. Three of the six starters will be absent.

The team graduated three important seniors, but refuse to let that hold them down this season. Instead, the squad has quickly filled out the lineup with three energetic freshman eager to compete.

"We have a good mix of experienced players and youth this season," Head Coach Mary Tendler said. "Many of our returners either started or saw significant time on the court last season."

"[The former seniors] were... big impact players for our team last year, but losing them just gives other players the opportunity to fill those shoes and bring the same competitive intensity," senior Jessica Barrow said.

One of the graduated seniors and leading overall players from last year, Emily Lucci, definitely left her mark on Elon's volleyball program. In her last game against Chattanooga, she led the team in kills with a total of 14. This impressive performance only finished out an indelible season.

Throughout the season Lucci accumulated 312 kills, 308 digs and led the team in blocking with 131. Her abilities even garnered her several NCAA match records throughout her career at Elon.

"Britany [Westphal], Emily [Lucci] and Natalie [Moore] all had outstanding careers here at Elon," Tendler said. "I appreciate everything that group has done for the program. Our three freshmen do not have to replace them. They only bring their own personalities and strengths to the team."

Although all three players will be missed, the future looks bright for the Phoenix. Throughout the preseason, the team has been reworking their rhythm and making plans for another successful season while incorporating their new players.

"All three have come from winning volleyball programs," Tendler said. "They came into preseason very confident and ready to play. I like the fact that each one brings something totally different to the team. As they learn our system and get to know the returnees, their level of play will get higher and higher."

Freshman Caroline Lemke said that she already loves the Elon community and the team she is joining.

"Everyone works so hard, and the chemistry is great both on and off the court," she said. "I definitely feel like there is always a need to step up in any athletic situation. Coming in after losing such strong seniors adds a little bit of pressure, but all I can do is work hard to do my best so that I can perform to help the team."

Third place is the new first place

Adam Lawson
Reporter

Elon's women's cross-country team aims to do something that has not been done in the last decade: finish in the top three at the Southern Conference Championships.

Last season left a bitter taste when the team finished in fifth place, missing the opportunity to race at the NCAA nationals. Individually, the team was led by then-sophomore Caitlin Beeler, the 2006 SoCon Freshman of the Year, who finished fourth overall in the field.

The season was capped off by consistent fourth and fifth place finishes, including a fifth place finish out of 44 teams at the Disney Invitational, finishing ahead of SoCon foes The Citadel and Wofford. Beeler boasted an individual fifth place finish as well.

The Phoenix stayed on track a week later, finishing fourth out of 18 teams at the Blue Ridge Mountain Open. With third place in reach, the team just could not finish it, something that plagued them the whole season.

But with a new season comes a new coach and with a new coach comes new expectations, new beginnings and new opportunities.

"I have to hold our team to a high



FILE PHOTO

This year's women's cross country team aims to best its fifth place finish in the Southern Conference Championships by finishing in the top three this year.

standard," Head Coach Christine Engel said. "It is my job to make sure they show a commitment to the team. And it is their job to make sure they live up to their responsibilities as members of the Elon cross country team."

Many of the squad's runners and most of its key players are returning, including junior Cait Beeler, the 2006 SoCon Freshman of the Year. Last season, Beeler took the top spot on the phoenix squad with then-freshman

Emily Fournier close on her heels. The in-house competition will still be boiling as Beeler and Fournier look to lead the great depth of this year's team.

Another thing that hasn't changed much over the course of a summer is the schedule. Just as last season, the team will race their season opener at 5 p.m. today at the Wake Forest Relays. Last season, the women finished fourth out of four teams at this meet, which was the season-opener as well. The Demon Deacons were able to grab first place as the Phoenix narrowly missed a third place finish.

"We are looking to put up a stronger front and a much more united team," Captain Colleen McCarthy said. "We are going to be much more competitive."

Competing in three more races in less than a month, the women travel to Boone for the Blue Ridge Open once again. Usually racing very well in the mountains, the meet will be the team's final run before the SoCon Championships begin two weeks later, where the Phoenix hopes to break the curse of third place.

"With our great incoming freshman class and returnees, our team is looking to move up in the conference place-wise," senior Katie White said. "We're definitely aiming for a top three finish this year."

Men's and Women's Cross Country



8/29 - 5 p.m.
Wake Forest Relays
Winston-Salem, N.C.

9/6 - 8 a.m.
Eye Opener Invitational
Spartanburg, S.C.

9/2 - 9 a.m.
Asics/Winthrop Invitational
Rock Hill, S.C.

10/4 - 9 a.m.
Hagan Stone Classic
Greensboro, N.C.

10/17 - 9 a.m.
Blue Ridge Open
Boone, N.C.

11/1 - 9 a.m.
Southern Conference
Championship
Spartanburg, S.C.

11/8 - 9 a.m.
Pack Invitational
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11/15 - 9 a.m.
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Maturity plays key role in men's cross country success at season's start

Adam Lawson
Reporter

After a sixth place finish in last year's Southern Conference Championships, the Elon Phoenix men's cross country team is aiming for a better, more consistent squad under new Head Coach Christine Engel.

One of the weaknesses of the 2007 squad was their inconsistency throughout the season. While they managed to have some impressive meets, such as their second place finish in the Catamount Classic and their fourth place finish at the Disney Classic, the Phoenix struggled in others, finishing as low as 32nd in one meet. The biggest disappointment came at the Southern Conference Championships when Elon finished sixth.

"Last year we didn't race well together," Captain Rick Myers said. "We

are working on racing well together in practice so hopefully that will carry over to some of the meets."

Fall 2008 is an opportunity for the Phoenix to show that this is a new, improved and rejuvenated team. Engel said she promises improvement in the team by way of increased level of intensity and making the team more disciplined.

Elon's men's team is suffering from the loss of brothers Justin and Eric Garren, both of whom graduated in 2008. Stepping in for the departed players and leading the squad this season will be senior co-captains Myers and Eric Lewandowski.

Myers hopes to better his 27th place individual finish at the conference championships last year, while simultaneously serving as one of the team's leaders on and off the course.

"It means a lot to me to be captain in my last year," Myers said. "I want

to welcome the new freshmen into collegiate running and hopefully get them accustomed to being here."

Lewandowski had the team's best finish at SoCon last year, finishing the race in a time of 26:31.88, good enough for 22nd. Consistently finishing within the top five, Lewandowski is a bright spot for Elon.

All in all, maturity will play a role in how the team performs throughout the season. Being a team filled with veterans, the runners already know what is needed of them and what they need to bring to the team and the meets.

"Our team is full of people who simply love running," Myers said. "They love running for what it is and have the right attitude. They understand it is about teamwork and each other. They're bringing the love aspect to running."

Cross country coach begins career at Elon

Adam Lawson
Reporter

Christine Engel is a runner. She runs because of the feeling. She runs because it's fun. But most of all, she runs because she loves it. Now, she has a different kind of running to do: Running the men's and women's cross country program at Elon.



Christine Engel

After the resignation of Jackie Sgambati from her alma mater in May 2008, the process began to find Elon a new head coach. In early July, Engel was the one running through the door as head cross country coach and she has not slowed down since. Engel comes to Elon after spending one year as the assistant cross country and track and field coach at Columbia University in New York City and Elon will mark her first head coaching gig.

As an accomplished athlete, Engel dons numerous accolades, accomplishments she hopes will carry over in her lessons to the Phoenix. After completing a solid career at Clemson University, one that earned her 12 varsity letters and two All-ACC selections, Engel has coached at a variety of places, and has been successful at each spot.

"I definitely feel part of the reason for my success is the fact that I can draw from my own athletic experiences and relate to my runners," Engel said. "I have also been blessed with great coaches in my lifetime, and I have taken some of what I learned from those coaches and used that to better the teams that I have coached."

After graduating from Clemson, Engel was the head coach of both track and cross country for West Morris Senior High School in New Jersey. While there, she earned the 2003 Cross Country Coach of the Year Award by the Newark Star Ledger and coached her runners to a total of four all-state teams and 34 all-conference nominations.

Engel also coached the Impala Racing Team, one of the elite club teams for women's running, where she helped six athletes qualify for the 2008

Olympic trials in the marathon.

Prior to her stint at Columbia, Engel spent three seasons holding the same position at the University of San Francisco. While there, Engel guided both teams to their most successful seasons in program history.

As for the upcoming season, Engel looks forward to the schedule that awaits the Phoenix runners, saying that the variety of meets and courses will help the team when it comes time to compete in the SoCon Championships.

"I feel that both teams can improve on their finishes last season," Engel said. "I think the Southern Conference is a tough conference, with a lot of depth, but I also believe that I can help our runners improve upon our finishes in last year's Southern Conference Championships."

Those runners that she has so much confidence in have equally the same amount of confidence in their new coach.

"She is not someone that is going to take anything from us," Captain Colleen McCarthy said. "She has a positive attitude and is very organized. She is concerned with our health and our overall well-being, which is most important."

Kick back, relax, enjoy their goals

Stories by Ashley Barnas

Men's soccer team excels in attitude, unity

After rigorous preseason training, the men's soccer team is most looking forward to today's match against High Point, the first game of the season. The Phoenix has a young team, but one with a lot of experience. Returning this season are 10 of 11 possible starters. Head coach Darren Powell said he has many strong, solid players this year, but he is also looking forward to some surprises throughout the season.

Last year, the team had four consecutive shutouts, the most in school history. In addition to keeping up that strong defense, the Phoenix is continuing to work on its high-powered offense that led to eight victories overall last season.

"I think we're looking to improve ourselves, both in the classroom and on the field," Powell said. "I feel this team is committed to doing something. And if they continue to commit themselves, they can have a very good year."

A minor setback in preseason has been wading through a couple of injuries. Not having everyone available for selection has been difficult, but not

enough to stop Powell and the team from their necessary training and preparation for the season.

Though the team lost five seniors, "[The returning players] are excited about coming back and growing up," Powell said. "You always miss your seniors, but in college sports you're always looking forward.... We're going to miss them as people and as students, but [we] continue to move forward."

And this begins with hard work in the spring with the remaining players.

There are nine new players on the team this year, some recruited from various tournaments across the country. Powell said he makes sure the guys are a right fit first for the university and second for the team.

"We found that kind of group," he said.

"Already in the first couple days of camp, the attitude and the unity of the group is very, very strong," Powell said. "And if they continue that through the year, it's going to make us stronger, it's going to make us tougher and it's going to make us very hard to beat."



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The games in Rhodes Stadium are expected to draw in the biggest audiences, the first of which is against Wake Forest at 7 p.m. on Oct. 1. The Phoenix will play Duke at 7 p.m. on Oct. 21 to mark the team's fifth year hosting a match to benefit The V Foundation for Cancer Research.

Powell's 'founding' seniors father young but mature team

It's not that they're "founding fathers" of the men's soccer team, but Kyle Boerner, Will Mason and Aaron Parker are the team's only seniors, and they've been at Elon since Darren Powell started coaching the Phoenix.

Boerner put it simply: "We're the first class of Darren."

"We've definitely seen a lot of change," Boerner said. "Darren has done some unbelievable stuff here. And I would definitely say right from the first year, he changed the direction of this program and really pointed upward and made really positive changes."

Powell is a good game coach and a good practice coach, a rare find, Mason said. Powell is good at recruiting and dealing with different personalities on the team.

"On the field, he's all business," Parker said. "And then off the field, he's one of your best buds. He's one of the people at Elon that has truly helped me grow as a person and not just as a soccer player. He helped me realize that it's not all about myself, it's about other people."

The three seniors agree that their time at Elon has flown by faster than they ever expected.

"When I was a freshman," Mason said, "I thought I would be playing college soccer forever."

Although this is their last season playing college ball, the seniors leave behind four years of founding knowledge.

"Make every practice and every game count," Mason said. "Because there are a limited number."

Focus is something Boerner learned that he wants to teach the younger guys because college soccer demands concentration and 100 percent commitment. On and off the field, the players have to make good decisions and sacrifices.

"I think this is the most talented team we've had all my four years here," Mason said. "It is kind of interesting that we do have a really young team," but it's also a very mature and talented team.

Since there are so few seniors, the juniors have a lot of experience on the field.

"The potential is just enormous for them to keep going and achieve a lot of good things. I don't want to say they'll get better after the three of us leave," Mason said mirthfully, "but the

potential is enormous for the class coming up."

Elon's defeat by Furman last season that resulted in a shattering of tournament dreams is something that lives in the past. This season, the founding players of the class of Darren have their last chance.

"It's bittersweet," Boerner said, "but I'm anxious to see what my last season has to offer. I would love to end with a ring on my finger."

Leaving behind the teammates who have become the seniors' closest friends will be bitter. But Parker said it will also be difficult to accept that he's not able to practice in the spring for the coming season, not able to come in for captains' practice and not able to start training for the fall season.

"The thing I'm looking forward to this year the most, is just trying to take every second on and off the field with this family I've created throughout the past three years [and] enjoy every last moment, whether they're good or bad," Boerner said. "This is the last 'hoorah.' This is it for me, so I want to cherish every last thing."

GAMES TO WATCH:

"I think it would have to be Furman. I don't like that color purple. I'm not a big fan of Furman." — *Kyle Boerner*

"Playing Wake Forest here at home is something I'm definitely looking forward to. They were the national champions last year. It will be a good time playing them in front of the whole school." — *Steven Kinney*

"I am probably looking most forward to the Furman game just because they're probably going to be the toughest competition and they knocked Elon out of the tournament last year." — *Orry Powers*

Wake Forest:
7 p.m., 10/1, Rhodes Stadium

Furman:
7 p.m., 10/28, Rudd Field

How they see it: Players offer preseason insight, post-season goals

Austen King, freshman defender, No. 17

Freshman Austen King is excited just to have the chance to play college soccer.

"I've been very fortunate to be given the opportunity by Coach Powell and this team," he said. "I'm looking forward to playing some of these schools ... it's sort of like a measuring stick to see how the team and myself individually would stack up against some of the best teams in the nation. And I'm also excited about getting better."

King said he will help solidify the defense and the back end, but he doesn't take credit as an individual player. He will rely a lot on his teammates.

"Within this team, I can improve and become a better player," King said.

Getting acclimated to the speed of college soccer and approaching the game with a more academic standpoint have been challenges for him so far.

"I think what makes the team so good is a collective determination," he said. "I think we've all bought into Coach Powell's approach to the game. I think we've all bought into each other, we trust each other."

Powell emphasizes work ethic and encourages them to take a risk and be the best team in the Southern Conference — they shouldn't settle for second, third or any place behind that.

Steven Kinney, junior defender, No. 18

In his second year as a captain, junior Steven Kinney will come to the games and practices with the same hard-working mentality he had last season. This time around, the defender said he wants to improve communication with the team and make sure the team's focus is together throughout the whole season.

During preseason, he has been working specifically on communicating with the freshmen players, and getting them to think with a college mentality.

"We've got a great freshman class," he said. "And it's really coming together well."

The team is like a family that gets along on and off the field, something that Kinney said translates on the field and how they play.

Kyle Boerner, senior goalkeeper, No. 00

Consistency is the "buzzword" senior Kyle Boerner uses to describe his goal as a captain this season.

"In past seasons we've always either started out well or finished strong, but we've kind of tailed off at the end," he said. "I hope this year as a captain, with the experience and with the other two captains — with [Steven] Kinney and Will [Mason] — I just hope we can maintain that focus and that drive throughout the entire season so we can potentially have our first NCAA post-season birth."

The captains must work to generate the team's cohesion, Boerner said, and they make sure everyone enjoys each other's company on and off the field. During preseason, the guys first focus on fitness so they later have the stamina to play a full game. The team then shifts gears to tactical training.

The team has strong individual technical ability and speed, Boerner said. The pressure of continuing to be a successful team is tough, but he has a mentality that he and his teammates can't live in the past.

"You just have to continue to push onward and try to just continue to get better," he said. "If you just forget about last season as good or bad, it keeps your focus and your concentration on each game at hand. If you focus on your next game instead of four games from now against Wake Forest, you sometimes lose sight of what's most important."

Orry Powers, junior defender, No. 23

As a transfer from N.C. State, junior Orry Powers brings a great deal of experience to his new team.

"I've been playing in the ACC for two years, and starting and playing in every game both years at State," Powers said. "I think I bring a lot of experience and a different dimension with playing in a different conference."

Powers is glad to pass that experience on to other players. He chose Elon for its environment,

small campus, good soccer team and program. He had experience with Powell's coaching through youth soccer, and also knew a lot of the guys on the team. Elon was a good fit for him and transferring was a good move.

"I'm most excited for our first real game," Powers said. "Just to see everything we've been working on and all the hard work and all the running, and everything we've done that's been so painful and so excruciating that everyone's complaining about. I just want to see if it pays off and I'm really excited to see how everyone handles that challenge. I hope that we handle it really well when we put everything together."

Working through a number of injuries among the players has been tough this preseason, Powers said, but the guys have been fighting through it and working just as hard through the two-a-days in the stifling heat.

"It's been like our backs are against the wall, but everyone is working hard and bringing themselves up to the challenge," he said. "No one's really backed down yet, no one's sat out from practice and said it hurts too much or anything. We've all kind of stepped up."

"I'm really excited. I think we're going to do really well this season. I think we're going to surprise a lot of people."

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