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REMEMBERING DEREK WINTON

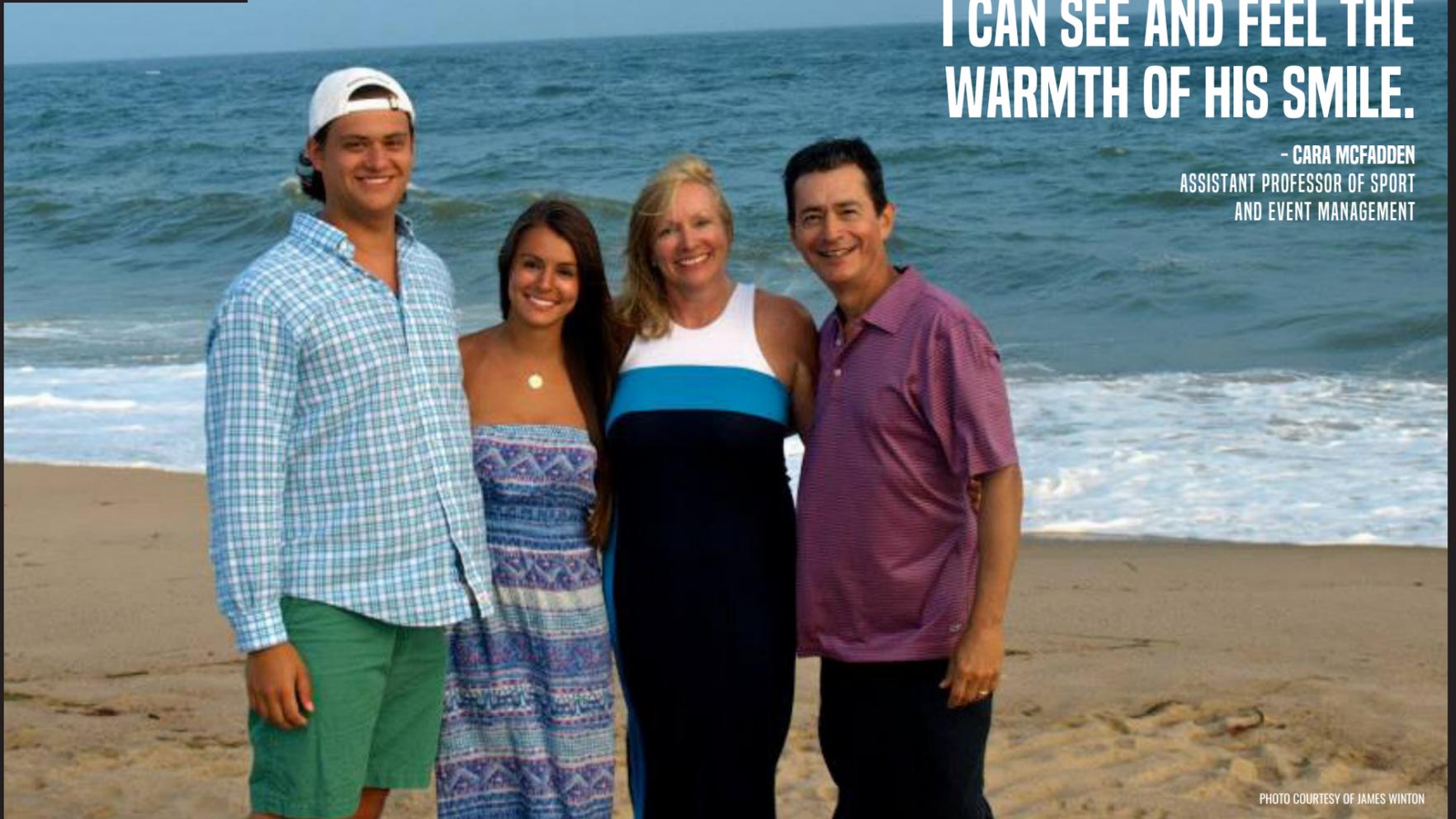


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“WHEN I THINK OF DEREK, I CAN SEE AND FEEL THE WARMTH OF HIS SMILE.”

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SENIOR REMEMBERED AS GRACIOUS, GOOD-HEARTED

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The only sound inside Numen Lumen Pavilion was that of sniffles and tears as hundreds of students gathered Sunday amid palpa-

ble shock, confusion and grief that hung in silence.

Missing from the Sigma Pi Fraternity brothers circled in the center of the room was Derek Winton, a fifth-year senior known for his watermelon Crocs, the adventitious nicknames he'd give

his friends and the way he'd show how much he truly cared for people as soon as he entered a room.

Winton, 22, died Saturday morning after being found unresponsive at his apartment. He was a sport and event management major and a former Teaching Fellow at Elon

University.

His friends, teachers and fraternity brothers sat together processing the news from a day prior, trying

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SGA runoff election for VP to be held Sept. 14

Murray wins president, almost 800 votes cast

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Elon University SGA Executive President senior Kyle Porro had to participate in a runoff election to win the presidency last spring, and he said he “feels really bad”



Livi Murray

to be “stressful.”

Almost 800 votes were cast in the SGA Class of 2020

for the current Class of 2020 vice presidential candidates — the next 24 hours are going

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Elon looks to home state

University hopes to ‘reintroduce’ itself to North Carolina

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As Elon University’s enrollment continues to grow, the school brings in students from all regions of the country and around the world. And as national recognition continues to grow, Elon’s reputation grows with it.

“If you say ‘Elon’ in Boston, if you say ‘Elon’ in Massachusetts, if you say ‘Elon’ in New York City, people know who we are,” said President Leo Lambert in his first address to SGA Sept. 1. “They’ll know, ‘Oh, it’s a beautiful school, hard to get into, smart kids, a good business school and a good communications school.”

But the university has noticed that within its home state of North Carolina, the school’s past continues to shape how people view it.

“If you say ‘Elon’ in North Carolina, people will say ‘Oh, Elon College,’” Lambert said, then

laughed. “And they’ll remember a really small school. There are probably some people in Greensboro who haven’t heard about us, and that just blows my mind.”

Elon’s in-state representation has dropped from 27 percent to 16 percent over the past decade.

Now, Elon is refocusing its efforts on marketing in North

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CRIME REPORT

September 12
South Mebane Street,
Burlington
SHOOTING

Two men were shot Monday morning while walking near downtown Burlington, according to the Burlington Times-News. One of the victims, Angelo Ramir Bobbit, of Graham, was then arrested and charged with carrying a concealed weapon and resist, delay and obstruct after not identifying himself to officers.

The caller stated two people in a vehicle were shooting at two men walking down the road. A shell casing was found at the scene that was not from the firearm police recovered.

September 12
Alamance County
SEXUAL ASSAULT

A Haw River, North Carolina, man was arrested Monday and charged with two counts of second-degree forcible sex offense, according to the Burlington Times-News. Richard Henry Dickerson, 23, is being held in Alamance County jail under \$75,000 bond.

The alleged offenses took place in June in Southern Alamance County. Dickerson was convicted of sexual battery and contributing to the delinquency of a minor in December 2012.

GAMES

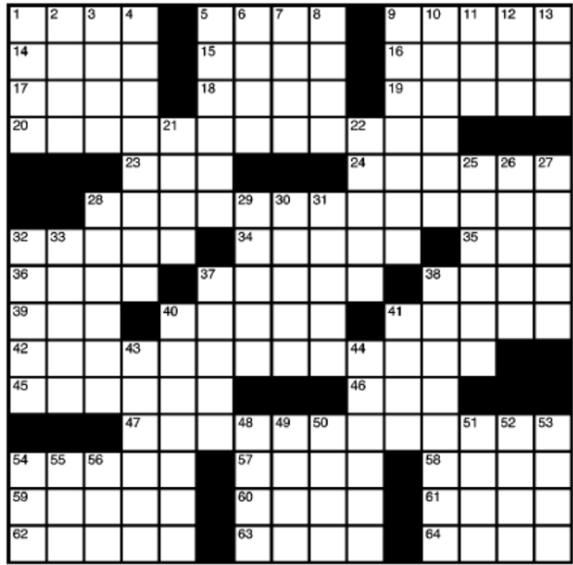
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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

- ACROSS**
- 1 Hershey's toffee bar
 - 5 Res __ loquiter: the thing speaks for itself
 - 9 Online shopping mecca
 - 14 Chip in a chip
 - 15 Seasonal song
 - 16 Hunky-dory
 - 17 Start of a knitting project
 - 18 Prefix with space
 - 19 Dry Italian wine
 - 20 Tailpipe emission
 - 23 Hot state
 - 24 Beauty/Hoffman box office flop
 - 28 Tug-of-war injuries
 - 32 Former fillies
 - 34 Ready for a refill
 - 35 Freelancer's email attachment: Abbr.
 - 36 Glider on runners
 - 37 Flowing garments
 - 38 Sonar signal
 - 39 Word in a bride's bio
 - 40 Went a-courting
 - 41 Two-time US Open winner
 - 42 Hair-smoothing hairs
 - 45 Library machine
 - 46 "___ the Walrus"
 - 47 Shellfish cookouts
 - 54 Medicare prescription drug section
 - 57 Pre-coll.
 - 58 Brandy bottle letters
 - 59 Prospero's servant
 - 60 Highest sudoku digit
 - 61 Hip bones
 - 62 Free, in France
 - 63 Armoire feature
 - 64 Counting-out word

- DOWN**
- 1 Cyber Monday event



By Gail Grabowski and Bruce Venzke 9/14/16

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved



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- 2 Fort with lots of bars
- 3 "Then again," in tweets
- 4 Fixed
- 5 "Be right with you"
- 6 Pound, but not ounce
- 7 Medieval laborer
- 8 Six-time All-Star Moises
- 9 Slips past
- 10 ___ pork: Chinese dish served with pancakes
- 11 Letters often after a perp's name
- 12 Loo
- 13 Corrosive substance
- 21 "Exodus" author
- 22 Money makers
- 25 Warbles
- 26 Musical set in an orphanage
- 27 Replies to an invite, for short
- 28 Make available
- 29 "___ coffee?"
- 30 Louvre Pyramid architect
- 31 Pages with views
- 32 Rachel Maddow's network
- 33 Final Olds made
- 37 Charming snake?
- 38 2007 animated film in which Sting voices himself
- 40 Coax
- 41 Big chunk
- 43 Many a bridesmaid
- 44 Less cluttered
- 48 Shift (for oneself)
- 49 Hodgepodge
- 50 "How awful!"
- 51 Cruise stop
- 52 Pork choice
- 53 Do a vet's job
- 54 Chum
- 55 NPR journalist Shapiro
- 56 Bone in a cage

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3 P.M. | Fiesta de Independencia **16**

6 P.M. | Football vs. Fayetteville State **17**

7 A.M. | Men's Golf at The Grove Inter-collegiate **18**

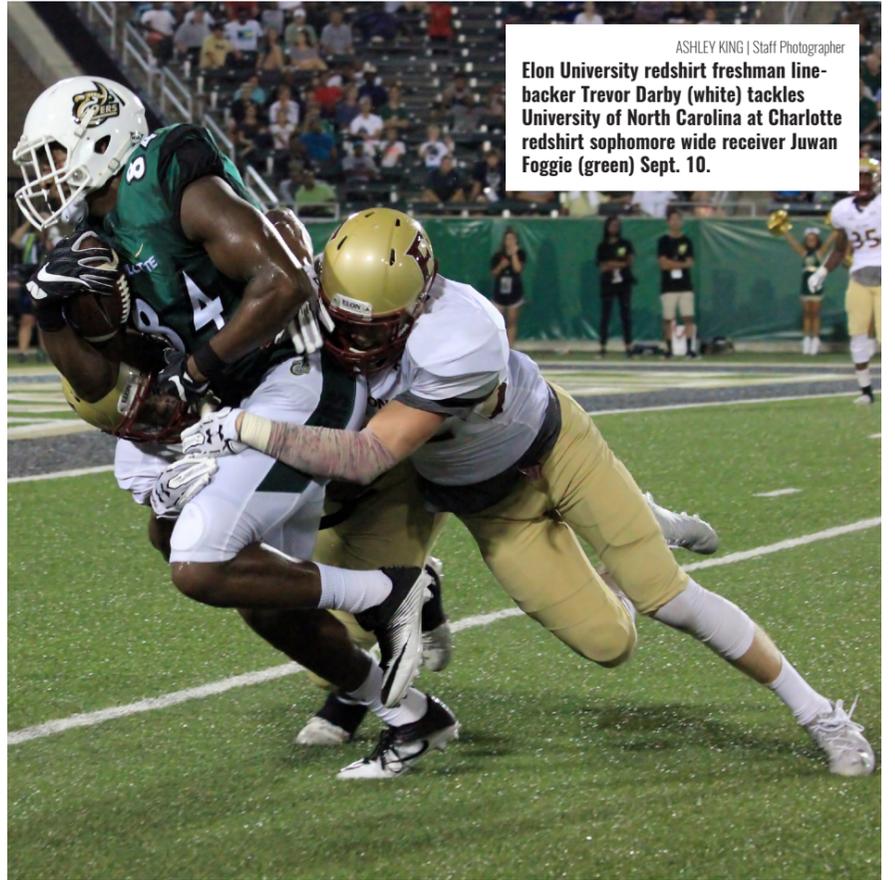
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TOP PHOTOS



DIEGO PINEDA | Photo Editor
Sophomores Gabby DeMeo (left) and Katelyn Roache (right) enjoy playing with one of the dogs at the annual Dog Day Mixer Sept. 11.



ASHLEY KING | Staff Photographer
Elon University redshirt freshman linebacker Trevor Darby (white) tackles University of North Carolina at Charlotte redshirt sophomore wide receiver Juwan Foggie (green) Sept. 10.



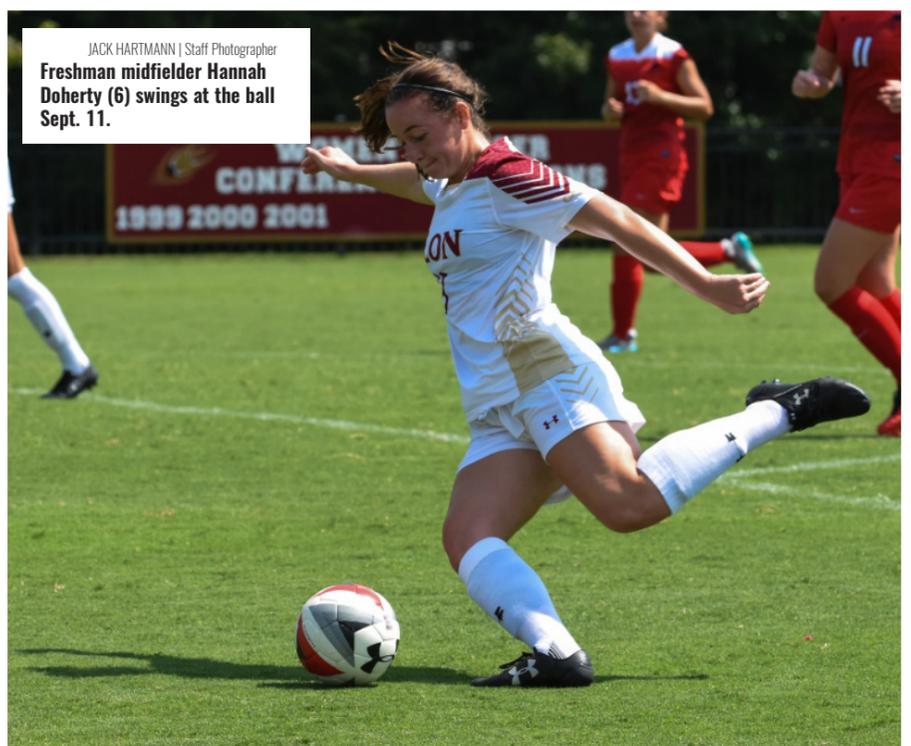
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Sophomore Amy Belfer (left) and senior Jesse Allison (right) entertain the audience during The 24 Hour Plays Sept. 10.



DIEGO PINEDA | Photo Editor
Freshman Carlos Bobadilla pets one of the dogs at the annual Dog Day Mixer Sept. 11.



DIEGO PINEDA | Photo Editor
Associate Chaplain for Jewish Life Meir Goldstein delivers the call to T'shuvah while sophomore Noah Brown blows the shofar during the 9/11 interfaith service.



JACK HARTMANN | Staff Photographer
Freshman midfielder Hannah Doherty (6) swings at the ball Sept. 11.



DIEGO PINEDA | Photo Editor



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WINTON from cover

to come to terms with the fact they'd never see and feel the warmth of his large, joyous smile or loud, distinct laugh again.

They took stock of the countless memories they shared with Winton, whose smile resonated with anyone he'd interacted with.

He would make jokes and take the edge off the sometimes-stressful classes and programs the Teaching Fellows took part in.

He would roll the windows down in his car and burst out singing "Defying Gravity" from the musical "Wicked."

And he'd yell your name the second he saw you — so loud it seemed like everyone on campus could hear — and immediately give you his undivided attention, asking about your day and your life.

"Whenever he would walk in a room, you'd get excited to see him," said senior Alexia Moore, who studied abroad in Costa Rica with Winton in spring 2014.

Winton, of Lexington, Massachusetts, was pronounced dead at Alamance

Regional Medical Center early Saturday morning, not long after Elon Police responded to a report of cardiac arrest at his Phoenix Villas Apartment. Winton had been found unconscious, and first responders performed CPR.

As of Monday, Town of Elon Police were conducting an investigation into Winton's death, but there were no signs of foul play. Alcohol and/or drug use was involved, according to an incident report, but the State Medical Examiner has not yet released an official report.

He's the son of David and Julie, and the brother of Mariel, a student at Quinnipiac University.

While at Elon, Winton served as vice president of Sigma Pi, and was a member of the Premier Sport and Event Society. He was loyal to his fraternity brothers, whom he was living with this year.

To his classmates in the School of Education, Winton was known for the way he interacted with kids.

He tutored children as part of the It Takes a Village Project and did work with the Boys and Girls Club. There, he'd play dodgeball and parachute with the children, and engage in dance-offs with them — even if the kids were far

better dancers than him.

"Derek loved kids," said Laura Hollister '16, who was partnered with Derek for a group project in their "School in Society" class freshman year and remained friends with him afterward. "He was good at working with them. His goofiness made him like that — he was very approachable."

"He was a good role model for those kids."

Grace McDavid '16 student-taught last spring, and one of her students, Jaleed, had been in an after-school program with Winton. Each time she saw Winton, who was in her education cohort, he'd ask about Jaleed.

"He always wanted to know how he was doing," McDavid said. "He wanted to make sure academically he was doing well, socially he was doing well. He did care for kids a lot."

When Winton switched his major, Cara McFadden, assistant professor of sport and event management, became his adviser. She taught Winton in class, served as his faculty supervisor for his internship last summer and volunteered with him at United Way events.

Winton would smile and ask Caelan, McFadden's son, questions about school and sports whenever they saw

each other. Once, as Winton waited to meet with McFadden, he sat at a table with Caelan, drawing pictures and playing with Legos.

"With a heavy heart, it is lightened knowing that, when I think of Derek, I can see and feel the warmth of his smile," McFadden said in an email. "Let us remember his smile by sharing a smile and kind words to others."

When Winton left his education cohort, his classmates gave him a superlative — "The one that got away." It was written on a paper plate, accompanied with "Derek WE MISS YOU" written in blue, red and orange marker.

That sentiment rang true Saturday and Sunday as news of Winton's death hit the Elon community. Tissues were placed on tables at Numen Lumen Pavillion as his fraternity brothers embraced in bear hugs at the center of the room.

"I can think of specific classes, times and days of the week where Elon was better because of Derek, and because we were friends and because we were in class together," Hollister said. "He's not going to be forgotten."

Ashley Bohle contributed reporting.

FRESHMAN SGA OFFICERS

PRESIDENT



LIVI MURRAY

Home state: Georgia

What I hope to accomplish: "I can promise you that I can offer an open-minded, unbiased, productive community. I can and will be your voice with the school administration and take time to listen to any concerns you have. . . One of my favorite qualities about Elon is the diverse efforts that faculty, staff, and students have all over campus. Every student here comes from a different background, has a different story and possesses a different gift. As student government president I want to bring out the special qualities in each student here."

RUNOFF ELECTION

VICE PRESIDENT



XAVIER BRYANT

Home state: North Carolina

What I hope to accomplish: "While in office, I plan to boost school spirit and make everyone at Elon University feel like he/she is a part of a strong, loving community."

VICE PRESIDENT



KONNOR PORRO

Home state: New Jersey

What I hope to accomplish: "I want to see change where first years can meet other first years in other living communities through numerous activities outside of the classroom. There are so many students here that I haven't met yet and it would be great to be able to recognize many familiar faces around campus."

SECRETARY, TREASURER, SENATORS

SECRETARY



SAMANTHA O'CONNOR

Home state:

New York

What I hope to accomplish: "I hope to unite the class of 2020 with Elon University as a whole by assisting in planning amazing events for our community."

TREASURER



AMANDA YAFFA

Home state:

Florida

What I hope to accomplish: "Student government will be a top priority for me here at Elon. I'm ready and prepared to work hard."

SENATOR



KATIE WAKIYAMA

Home state:

Pennsylvania

What I hope to accomplish: "I will be dedicated to involving myself and bringing from past student government experience to make it a great year together."

SENATOR



JULIA FIELD

Home state:

Iowa

What I hope to accomplish: "If elected, I hope to be a strong representative of the class of 2020 and work to bring about class unity in order to make Elon a better place."

SENATOR



STEVEN KLAUSNER

Home State:

New York

What I hope to accomplish: "If elected, I hope to integrate the Class of 2020 more and embrace differences."

SGA from cover

election, and freshmen Konnor Porro and Xavier Bryant each earned 349 votes for vice president. A runoff election will be held 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Sept. 14 to break the tie and elect the position. A link will be sent to all freshmen from Dean of Student Health and Wellness Jana Lynn Patterson, and the winner will be announced on social media as soon as the votes are tallied.

Livi Murray won the election for president; Amanda Yaffa won the election for

treasurer; Samantha O'Connor won the election for secretary; and Julia Field, Katie Wakiyama and Steven Klausner won their elections for senate seats.

Newly elected Class of 2020 President Konnor Porro, Kyle's younger brother, thought of the runoff in a different light than his older brother. While Kyle was stressed about his runoff last spring, Konnor said he was excited by the close race because it meant that Elon students are actively engaging with SGA.

"It's really exciting," Konnor Porro said, even though he sighed and hung his head when he heard he would be participating in

a runoff. "[Bryant and I] both used different strategies and both had different messages. I guess that just shows that my classmates really like both of us.

"No matter who wins, I feel like either of us can get the job done."

Murray also shared Konnor Porro's sentiments when she learned she had won. The Atlanta native said she initially didn't consider running for office, but was convinced by Class of 2019 president Kenneth Brown Jr. to campaign. She was persuaded, but tried to run for senator at first. Brown and her friends then convinced her to run for president. Murray said winning her cam-

paigned made her happy because it is the first time she publicly went out and tried to earn votes.

Murray was also excited because this is the second consecutive year that an African-American was elected freshman class president.

"One of my goals during this election was to try and represent the minority population since there aren't a lot of us here," Murray said. "Learning that this is the second year that a black student was elected [freshman] president [makes me] really happy because I know both Kenneth and I will have perspectives that other people won't."



PAIGE PAUROSIO | Senior Reporter
SGA led a fundraiser to line the sidewalks of Young Commons with miniature U.S. flags.

ELON REMEMBERS

Truitt Center and SGA both commemorated 15th anniversary of 9/11

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The tradition of placing flags in the ground on campus is several years old and has recently expanded to add international flags.

The Truitt Center for Religious and Spiritual Life held a 9/11 Interfaith Service Sunday to honor those who died during the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks 15 years ago. The service started with music and multi-faith prayers and reflections led by Muslim Life Coordinator Shane Atkinson, the Rev. Adam Shoemaker of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Comforter, Associate Chaplain of Protestant Life Joel Harter and Associate Chaplain of Jewish Life Meir Goldstein.

“We just felt like it was the right thing to do,” said University Chaplain Jan Fuller.

She also talked about the importance of the anniversary number.

“We thought that at 15 years, [this] is a milestone,” she said. “And we’ve lived through this for most of your [lives], and we have so many students from the areas

most affected.”

Current college seniors were only six years old when the attacks happened in 2001, but it’s still a day that people will remember forever. This year also marks the first time current high school freshmen will be taught about 9/11 without having lived through it.

SGA joined in remembering those lives lost 15 years ago by placing hundreds of U.S. and international flags along the walkways of Young Commons. The funds raised from flag purchases will be donated to the 9/11 Memorial in New York City.

The flags were left on Young Commons until Monday evening so that every student could see them and remember.

This tradition of placing flags in the ground on campus has been ongoing for several years now and has recently been expanded to add international flags in order to represent all international lives that were also lost.

“Students asked us what we could be doing to recognize those who had been lost as we continue to have more students come here and growing up in the shadow of 9/11,” said junior Spencer Wagner, who organized the flag donations.



DIEGO PINEDA | Photo Editor
(Left to right) Laura Goldstein, Associate Chaplain for Jewish Life Meir Goldstein, University Chaplain Jan Fuller and Multi-faith and Intern Coordinator Carrie Speigler reflect on the pledge of unity to commemorate the Sept. 11 attacks.

“We bring different aspects to the Elon University community in general, but this is one of those things that we can really come together and unite behind family that we might have lost, friends and be together in a time of remembrance,” Wagner said.

Fuller ended the service by calling on all attendants to make a pledge. Participants wrote down their pledges on how they hope to affect the world in a positive way.

Supreme Court voter ID decision to impact students

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Following a U.S. Supreme Court decision late last month, North Carolina’s controversial voter identification law will not be in effect in the 2016 election. This comes after the Supreme Court voted in a 4-4 decision not to place a hold on an earlier federal appeals court ruling that called the law unconstitutional.

The law would have required voters to show a North Carolina or federally issued ID, such as a North Carolina driver’s license or a passport. Jason Husser, assistant professor of political science and policy studies at Elon University and director of the Elon University Poll, said many college students don’t readily have those kinds of documentation. “Voter ID was an impediment to

many college students, particularly those that didn’t have a license one way or another,” Husser said.

The law would have prevented college students without a North Carolina or federally issued ID from voting in the 2016 general election.

The student registered to vote within 90 days of the election. Voters that didn’t have proper identification would have had to cast a provisional ballot.

Because the Supreme Court declined to place a hold on the ruling,

The law could have particularly affected out-of-state students choosing to vote in North Carolina because IDs from other states, such as driver’s licenses, would have only been accepted if the student registered to vote within 90 days of the election. Voters that didn’t have proper identification would have had to cast a provisional ballot.

registered voters can vote without the specified identification.

The appeals court decision said the law, passed through a Republican-controlled legislature and signed by Republican Gov. Pat McCrory, targeted minorities, a group that typically votes for the Democratic nominee, because they were less likely to have the proper type of identification than white citizens.

The law also reduced the number of early voting days, which are more commonly used by minority and low-income voters.

While opponents say the law was meant to suppress minority voters, senior Josh Fritz, vice president of Elon’s College Republicans, said the law was meant to combat voter fraud, not stop minorities from voting.

“That [the law is racist] is ridiculous,” Fritz said. “The entire thing was that if you didn’t have an ID

coming in, it didn’t matter who you were, what you were — you could have the entire nation of Puerto Rico voting and you’d have absolutely no idea. It’s not a racial thing.”

But senior Sam Hird, president of the Elon’s College Democrats, said Republicans were making a clear effort to stop minorities from voting, and he agrees with the decision to overturn the law.

“It was absolutely the right decision,” Hird said. “It was quite clear in the legislation, and as the court of appeals ruled, it hoped to systematically disenfranchise the African-American population that votes overwhelmingly Democratic.”

He also said voting rights is an issue that should extend beyond party lines.

“This isn’t about Republicans and Democrats,” Hird said. “I want everyone who is a citizen of the United States and a resident of

North Carolina to have the right to vote.”

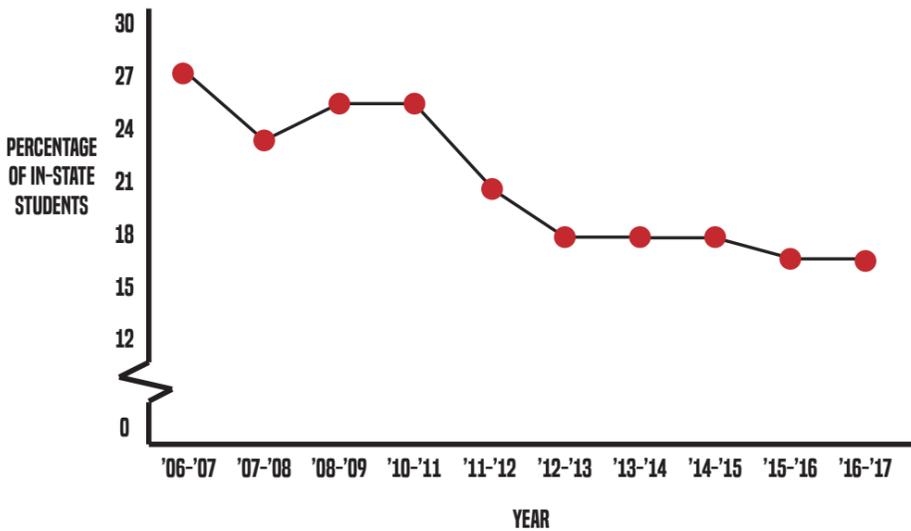
Though voter ID laws would have impacted college-aged voters, there are more important reasons they don’t vote at the same rate as other generations, according to Husser.

“College students do face other obstacles about voting, such as that they’re not really rooted psychologically in a community. They see themselves as more transient members of the community,” Husser said. “They’re only going to be in college for, say, four years, and so they may not be as psychologically invested in the community as someone who’s paying taxes. That actually makes it harder to vote than a legal impediment.”

“So, in many ways, the emotional impediments for college students to vote can be greater than the physical impediments.”

ELON LOOKS TO RE-MARKET TO NORTH CAROLINIANS

PERCENTAGE OF FRESHMEN FROM NORTH CAROLINA

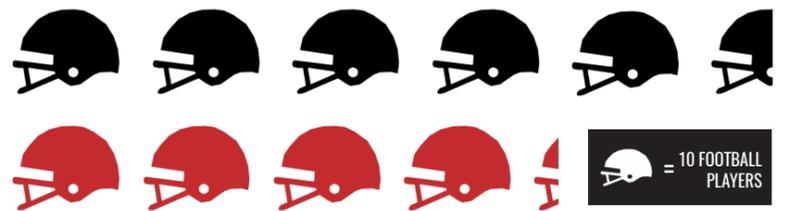


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FOREST**

HAVE THE MOST CROSS APPLICATIONS WITH ELON



46 OF **97**

FOOTBALL PLAYERS ARE IN-STATE STUDENTS

STEPHANIE HAYS | Design Chief

MARKETING from cover

Carolina and hopes to show the new school to a population of people that remember the Elon of the past.

“We, right now, have an active subterranean campaign starting at the end of this month, and we’re hoping to reintroduce Elon to North Carolina,” Lambert said. “We’re doing ad buys in publications that people read — like the Business Journal — and we are strategically inviting people to come to our campus.”

Vice President of Admissions Greg Zaiser said his department recently added a second staff member to focus on recruiting North Carolina students, a model that Elon had moved away from as its staff was reassigned to other areas.

But Elon’s in-state representation in the past two years has dropped to 16 percent, a sharp decline from a decade ago when 27 percent of Elon’s freshman class came from North Carolina, according to the university factbook.

Zaiser said that, while geography isn’t truly a factor by which students get accepted to the school, he wants North Carolina to remain on top.

“Given North Carolina is our home, I’d like to see it remain our most represented state,” Zaiser said in an email. “North

Carolina enrollment in this year’s class is similar to last year because the class is 30 students larger, we have not lost ground compared to last [year].”

Zaiser hopes that bolstering the promotion of Elon’s Odyssey scholarships — the majority of which are from North Carolina residents — will help increase the percentage. But he also recognizes that the state has many different options for its residents.

“North Carolina is full of great opportunities for higher education,” Zaiser said. “In addition to the flagship state system, there are 36 private colleges and universities. That’s a lot of competition. Overall, the two schools with which we cross the most applications are the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Wake Forest University. That’s great company.”

It is also tough company, especially as the state has cut funding for residents to attend private colleges. But Zaiser remains hopeful that Elon’s opportunities, programs and “overall excellence” will make an impact on in-state applicants.

“Elon has grown and evolved a lot over the years — not every school has done this to such a degree,” Zaiser said. “Our goal is to make sure people are aware of the Elon of today. It’s always been a good school, but we have really differentiated ourselves with our commitment to extraordinary faculty, excellent teaching and engaged learning.”

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GREG ZAISER
VICE PRESIDENT OF ADMISSIONS

Elon’s football team makes intentional effort to recruit in-state

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While Elon University President Leo Lambert is looking to push a marketing campaign about the school to its North Carolina residents, one program on campus began a few years ago and is already reaping the benefits: the football team.

From the moment he was hired, head coach Rich Skrosky set his sights on recruiting in Elon’s home state, seeing a blend of quantity and quality that makes it tough to want to leave the borders.

“I think, at any school you’re at, you want to do well in your home state — I don’t care what state it is,” Skrosky said. “We’re fortunate to have the ninth-most populated state in the country, and it has quality football. When you add in Virginia Beach, South Carolina and Georgia, we don’t really have to go anywhere else.”

With his first two full recruiting classes, Skrosky has had “about 70 to 75 percent” of the class hail from North Carolina when factoring in the walk-ons. In total, 46 of the 97 players on the 2016 roster are in-state students.

When out on the recruiting trail, Skrosky has noticed that the difficult sell isn’t with the recruits — it’s with the parents.

“For the people who are native North Carolinians, this is a different Elon,” Skrosky said. “If you’re a parent in that 40-50 [year-old] range, when you were looking at schools, Elon was a different

school than now. I think that message hasn’t hit that generation of people.”

Skrosky said the alumni are the ones in his ear the most about how much Elon has changed.

“They knew Elon as a small, Southern, regional school,” Skrosky said. “Then they come back, they see the campus, they see the academic recognition and the national recognition it gets, and they’re like, ‘Oh my God, Elon’s different than it was in 1980.’”

It is a lot different, as is the level Elon plays on. Through the years, Elon’s movement up from National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics to the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) has shifted Elon athletics in line with its enrollment trends, something Skrosky believes is a benefit.

“The school has been trending Northeast for a long time now,” Skrosky said. “That dynamic helps us in the CAA, in the fanbase, and it helps attract kids here because of the geographic diversity of our institution.”

But that doesn’t change Skrosky’s focus on North Carolina football players, selling them on the community and culture at Elon. He calls it a “pretty easy sell,” and Vice President of Admissions Greg Zaiser supports that claim, saying Skrosky and the coaching staff, “do a great job getting student-athletes to apply for admissions.”

Skrosky says he and Zaiser have a great relationship, and the community across campus was key in his return to campus as head coach.

“Our connection to admissions is awesome,” Skrosky said. “That’s Elon, though. There’s no agenda — whether you’re in admissions, financial aid or football, it’s, ‘What can we do to help?’”

“That dynamic is one of the reasons I came back.”

CHEAT SHEET: CLOWNS SIGHTED LOCALLY

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In the past month, well before Halloween, ABC News has published multiple reports of men dressed in clown costumes frightening both children and adults in North Carolina and South Carolina. The first incident occurred Aug. 19 in Greenville, South Carolina, when a woman reported a "large-figured" clown was waving at her under a streetlight and pointing green lasers at her.

Since then, reports of clowns attempting to lure children into the woods with treats and cash have surfaced in Greenville, Winston-Salem and Greensboro.

The situation has gotten so serious that police are patrolling an apartment complex in Greenville, where a sighting was reported. The property manager of the complex said in a statement, "At no time should a child be alone at night, or walking in the roads or wooded areas at night."

Police are also encouraging people to remain calm after a man wielding a machete chased a man who emerged from the woods, wearing a scary clown mask. Police couldn't find the clown after the incident.

According to Reuters, some have suggested that the clown sightings' migration north mirrors the storyline of horror writer Stephen King's "It," as the novel is centered on a supernatural clown terrorizing children in a fictional town in Maine. King said this real-life scenario scares even him.

"Kids love clowns, but they also fear them; clowns with their white faces and red lips are so different and so grotesque compared to 'normal' people," King said in a Bangor Daily News article. "The clown furor will pass, as these things do, but it will come back, because under the right circumstances, clowns really can be terrifying."



NEWS BRIEFS

Love School of Business professor co-authors Oxford Handbook article

Robert Moorman, the Frank S. Holt Jr. professor of business leadership and professor of organizational behavior, co-authored an article with professors from Wake Forest University and The University of Otago, New Zealand, which was published in the Oxford Handbook of Organizational Leadership.

The Oxford Handbook series is one of the branches of Oxford's scholarly publications. The article — titled, "Research on Trust and Organizational Citizenship Behavior (OCB)" — explored how OCB may be a consequence of trusting relationships.

Alumnus '08 promoted to high-ranking position for Miami Dolphins

Elon University alumnus Brandon Shore '08 was recently promoted to senior director of football administration with the Miami Dolphins as he entered his seventh season with the club. Shore was born and raised in South Florida and graduated from the University of Miami School of Law after receiving his degrees in accounting and business management from Elon.

In his current role, Shore is the Dolphins' lead negotiator regarding player contracts and manages the salary cap and day-to-day football administration matters. He also handles the club's compliance with the NFL's Collective Bargaining Agreement. Before being appointed to his new role, Shore served as the team's senior director of human services.

Lambert discusses college affordability at Morehead Forum

Elon University President Leo Lambert joined five other college presidents Monday night in Greensboro to discuss challenges and opportunities in higher education.

Arguing the price of a college education is indisputably worth the investment, Lambert said there is a lot of misinformation about student loan debt.

"There is a great deal of misinformation out there today about student loan debt," Lambert said. "Student loan debt on average today is \$29,000. It's lower than that at Elon, but that's about the price of a used Camry."

Lambert also talked about the declining role of religion on college campuses and Elon's efforts to bring people of different backgrounds together.

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OPINIONS

STAFF EDITORIAL

Be there for each other as we grieve Derek's passing

HOW WE SEE IT

During campus tragedies, the Elon community has supported each other through the grieving process. This time should be no different.

It doesn't matter if you knew Derek Winton, the fifth-year senior who died early Saturday morning. The loss of a community member — less than three weeks into our academic year — is painful for all.

And for a campus that often moves too quickly into our own organizational silos, it's important for all of us to stop, slow down and be there for each other in this time of grieving.

To grieve, you must remember. So, remember Derek. Remember him for his contagious smile and the distinct laugh that so many of his friends say made their day better.

Or for his ability to stop, give you his undivided attention and

truly, genuinely have a conversation with you. Or for that time he rolled his window down to sing "Defying Gravity."

Remember him for his deep love and passion for service and the role model he served as for the many children he worked with through the It Takes a Village Project. In whatever way you can, remember him.

The Elon community has been through a lot. Many of us are still healing from those we have lost over the past two years, including Trent Stetler, a member of the class of 2016, who died in January 2015; Demetri Allison, a member of the class of 2017, who died in November 2015; and Heidi Frontani, professor

of geography and beloved member of the Elon faculty for more than 17 years, who died in February.

Our hearts have all paused at the sight of the subject line "Death of an Elon Student" too many times these past few years.

But time and time again, the community has come together to show that in our hardest times, we have immense strength.

Our collective strength and love for the community has always been there. It was there in the form of a crowd outside Trent's freshman dorm when community members gathered to plant a tree in his memory. It was there, pouring out of Rhodes Stadium, as Demetri's friends organized a vigil in his honor. It was there when SGA honored Heidi's legacy by passing legislation that granted two \$500 scholarships to a local charity.

And it was there just a few days

ago on Sunday, Sept. 11, in the warmth of community members who packed the Sacred Space in Numen Lumen to remember Derek.

The thoughtful leadership, courage and strength we have shown as a collective community during times of tragedy have gotten us through difficult times in the past, and this will not be any different.

So, as you remember Derek, do not hesitate to lean on this community. Everyone here is invested in keeping his legacy alive and in supporting each other through this grieving process.

CAMPUS RESOURCES

Counseling services:

336-278-7280

Truitt Center Chaplains:

336-278-7729

Recent Presidential Task Force heard from many

HOW WE SEE IT

The task force collected a variety of student opinions, giving students the option to voice their concerns through many platforms.

In our editorial published on Sept. 7, 2016, "Make conversations more accessible to all leaders on campus — not just "the most involved," the editorial staff addressed the issue of hyper-involved students holding leadership positions in administrative-level forums about change on campus.

While we maintain that the administration needs to seek out voices of less involved students, our editorial glazed over facts pertaining to the many steps taken by the Presidential Task Force on Social Climate and Out-of-Class Engagement to include student perspectives.

The list of 42 recommendations was the product of countless initiatives created to gather as much student input from as many pockets across campus as possible.

Co-chairs of the task force Naeemah Clark, associate professor of communications, and Jon Dooley, assistant vice president for Student Life, placed intentional, deliberative and careful thought into where and how these student opinions would be gathered.

Many students reached out directly to Clark and Dooley after the two published an op-ed in The Pendulum,

asking for student input.

Clark said they held many one-on-one conversations — often through students' tears — with those who were struggling. Three students who were hesitant to meet face-to-face instead sent lengthy emails about their experiences.

As a result, she added that a student was also hired to work on the task force to organize and contextualize the qualitative data, making sure that it rang true. Dinner meetings with less involved students who reached out to Clark and Dooley were also held.

Several focus groups were also conducted with specific groups of students — from athletes to members of academic clubs to Watson and Odyssey scholars — to be sure there was a range of participants. Clark said

she showed up, often unannounced, to half a dozen Elon 101 classes to hear from the freshmen students that didn't even know the task force existed.

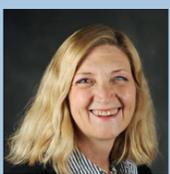
In addition, to reach students who didn't want to discuss their thoughts in person, close to 900 students responded to a survey, and dozens of students wrote on idea walls.

While we stand to our intentions of pointing to the culture of involving less involved students in administrative conversations about change on campus, Elon News Network regrets presenting the work of the Presidential Task Force on Social Climate and Out-of-Class Engagement in a way that didn't do justice to the number and variety of student voices they included in their final product.

CAMPUS VOICES

Elon News Network is renewing its efforts to serve as a voice of the Elon University community. Each week, this space will feature writing from member of the community. Want to participate? Contact us at enn@elon.edu.

2 tasks in moving forward after our loss



Jan Fuller
University Chaplain

It's a very sad time for us at Elon University. The death of one member of our community — Derek Winton — affects us all, whether we were a close friend or know someone who is devastated. We are all touched because we are a community and we all matter.

There are no words that will ease the pain of Derek's absence. We have, now, two tasks. We must go forward with our lives to learn to live without Derek, to hold his absence in honor as we continue with our education, our classes and our

community celebrations. I am told that Derek was very happy at Elon and he would want us to affirm our joy at the same time as our sorrow. That's a hard juxtaposition, but one that is necessary as we learn to go on.

The other — perhaps harder — task is to make meaning of his death. In a moment like this, we might be tempted to think that if

we only knew more about what happened, that we could make sense of it. It's hard not to have information.

But more information is not going to solve the real problem for us — which is

Derek's death and the very notable and sorrowful absence in our community. In the end, whether we understand why he died or not, we will grieve because he will still be missing.

I am appreciative of the ways we hold together as a community, the ways we notice and care for each other.

You are caring people, and you know how and when it matters.

Those gestures will go a long way to helping us deal with this loss. Please watch for those who are struggling or

withdrawn. Reach out to them and the professionals on campus in the Counseling Center, Residence Life and the Chaplain's Office.

And remember to be grateful for Derek's life and for your own lives. Take care of yourselves by attending to your spiritual and emotional health, and by making smart choices.

We need you. Derek is with us in our hearts, in the ways he inspired us and made us better people.

He blesses us by our memories of him. There will be a day when you remember him with only joy and laughter, apart from the searing pain that may envelope you today.

In the meantime, pay attention and take extra care for your hearts and minds. I am grateful for you and ready to listen.

IN THE END, WHETHER WE UNDERSTAND WHY HE DIED OR NOT, WE WILL GRIEVE BECAUSE HE WILL STILL BE MISSING.

JAN FULLER
ELON UNIVERSITY CHAPLAIN

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Let's talk about email signatures

Inbox x



Cassidy Levy, Columnist

to me

The second Wednesday of classes, one of my professors made a comment about how we, as students, couldn't possibly be stressing out yet. I thought about all of the meetings filling up my calendar, due dates cluttering my planner and messages filling my inbox. I didn't know whether I should laugh or cry.

Elon students are notoriously over-committed. As freshmen, we sign up at too many tables at the Org Fair. We are then confronted with several organizations whose student leaders expect members to make that club a priority. Professors often remind us to put our studies first because that's what our parents and work-study programs are paying for.

It's true that life after college will also be busy. Elon is a place for learning as we transition into our adult lives. We learn information vital to our professional fields and improve skills like time management. The most important and often-underrated aspect of this is learning how to say no.

Saying no can be the first step to self-care. Sometimes, that means skipping a

weekly meeting to finish a project and still get a good night's sleep. Other times, it means not going to an event to lie in bed and watch Netflix. And every once and awhile, self-care means stepping away from a club altogether.

My junior year, I chose not to re-apply for a position on the board of one of the clubs I'm involved with on campus. The organization's adviser took me out to coffee and asked me why I had made that decision. I told her honestly that I couldn't make that club my priority as a board member, stay involved with the other organizations I'm a part of, keep up with my academic workload and take care of myself at the same time. I could stay involved, but not on board.

I'm grateful that this faculty member was completely understanding, but I also know that might not always be the case — but it isn't your job to make everybody else happy. It is your job, and perhaps I'm being somewhat hypocritical to tell you so, to take care of yourself.

Learning how to do so is one of the most important lessons you can learn at Elon. It's a skill that will never lose its

usefulness. And if you still want to be an overachiever, you can develop your patience and empathy to understand that other people will still need time for self-care, too.

Seniors, juniors and sophomores in charge of clubs need to be understanding that their club cannot be every member's priority. Freshmen deciding on what organizations to join should remember that it's okay not to join every group that sounds like it might be interesting.

Get involved where you really want to, but don't be afraid to take some time for yourself. Padding your email signature shouldn't cost your state of mind. There's a reason your name comes first.

Jane Doe <[@idotoomuch](#)>

Elon University Class of 2017
President of Sigma Do Latta
First Alternate, Elon Chess Society
Vice President of Can't Stop A cappella
Student Worker at No Sleep Solutions
Secretary of Elon Overcommitted Club
Teaching Assistant for Elon 101
Member, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society
Member, Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society

Elon can't be residential without late-night options



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As Elon University continues to shift its focus from being a small, regional school to a medium-sized, national school, the university stated its intention of becoming a more residential and pedestrian campus.

In his address to kick off the 2016-2017 school year, President Leo Lambert said that a walkable campus where students live in on-campus housing is key for Elon going forward, citing statistics about the benefits of living in residence halls.

But if Elon wants its student body to consider living on-campus for all four years, then the university must not overlook the flaws in its dining services.

First and foremost, Elon doesn't have any food options available on-campus from 1-7 a.m. weekdays or 3-9 a.m. weekends. Any student without the means to drive out of the Town of Elon can only go to Kangaroo on any given night to get food during those hours.

The lack of actual food available encourages students that have access to a car to drive off campus. I'm sure dining places, such as Cookout and Steak 'n Shake, and superstores, such as Harris Teeter and Walmart, are incredibly thankful for Elon's lack of

late-night options.

While one on-campus option wouldn't stop all students from driving to get a cookies-and-cream milkshake, I think there would be a significant portion of students that would. And while, hopefully, there aren't many students that drive after drinking, some do, and the consequences can be fatal.

The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism reports that 1,825 college students aged 18-24 die from alcohol-related injuries per year, including motor vehicle crashes. Elon has been lucky, frankly, that it has not seen a student die from an alcohol-related driving accident in recent years.

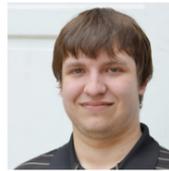
But the benefits of an on-campus, 24-hour dining service aren't just safety-related. Many of the schools Elon considers peer institutions — such as Wake Forest University and Vanderbilt University — have on-campus options open for 24 hours.

Even a small college has seen the benefit of it. In 2014, Inside Higher Ed reported that Lynn University, a small private college in Florida, switched the hours of its only cafeteria to keep it open around the clock.

Lynn only has 1,750 undergraduate students, but "upward of 300" students visited the cafeteria on a nightly basis — which is one-third of all students with a meal plan on Lynn's campus.

As schools as small as Lynn start to transform to fit the needs of its student body, the question lingers: When will Elon catch up with the trend?

Reading, 'Death of an Elon Student'



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It's the one subject line of a Smith Jackson email that you never want to see. Immediately, you wonder not only who, but how and why. What if you knew that student? Would you really want to learn about it in an email? You almost don't even want to read the message, but in the end, curiosity gets the better of you.

You have to know. This past weekend, those who knew senior Derek Winton were dealt a major blow. While I didn't know Derek personally, it's clear to me that he touched many lives around him — and so to those who grieve his passing, I offer my sincerest thoughts and condolences.

This blow to the Elon community comes at a time when the entire nation is in a state of mourning. The tragedy in New York 15 years ago likewise left many shocked and upset, but most of all, sad. To this day, many have struggled to recover from the horrors from 9/11, either through firsthand experience or the loss of loved ones. Again, I struggle to remember what I thought and felt on that fateful day (the momentous gravity of the tragedy was clearly lost on me). But the ways in which it has emotionally resonated throughout the years often gives me the sense that I, too, can feel the nation's sadness on that day, or at least a fraction of it.

What do we take away from times like

these, when it feels that hope has abandoned us and the world feels a little colder than it did before? Of course, philosophers and thinkers have spent centuries contending with this idea, but I'd like to stress the importance of unity. When 9/11 struck the United States, the country came together in a near-unprecedented fashion to comfort those who were grieving and to condemn those who perpetrated the attacks. In much the same way, I think Derek Winton's unfortunate passing provides us with a key opportunity to come together as a community. Even those who didn't know Derek should strive to share in the sadness, and should look to help those who are consumed by it.

I've seen that sense of Elon unity before last year, when the campus at large came together to honor football player Demetri Allison, who committed suicide. I understand, then, that my call for unity and mutual understanding may not be considered the most novel or nuanced approach, but I still believe it is worth stressing here, given the intensity of the situation and how naturally we often try to take on grief alone.

Nothing we say or do can bring back Derek, Demetri or the victims of the World Trade Center attacks. The best way we can honor them, then, is to come together as a community and help each other move on from these ordeals. In an age in which we seem to be finding more ways than ever of dividing ourselves from others, look for ways to create solidarity in our community. I believe that, with enough conviction, Elon can remain strong in times of woe, both today and in the future. With hand in hand, I know we can keep walking forward.

ONLINE:
Musical theatre student takes talent to the big stage

ONLINE:
Coffee, cookies and community come to the Truitt Center

LIFESTYLE



DIEGO PINEDA | Photo Editor
In the play "House Party," a student attends a party where personified residence halls try to convince her to live in them.

CREATING A 'HOUSE PARTY'

6 teams of students wrote, directed, rehearsed, performed original plays in 24 hours

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Wrapped in blankets, huddled in the lobby of the Performing Arts Center around 3 a.m. Sept. 10, juniors Genny Tankosich and Karolina Bohn put their final edits on their script for The 24 Hour Plays to be handed off to a director in approximately three hours.

They knew they were on a time crunch as their play was to be performed at 7:30 p.m. in Whitley Auditorium for The 24 Hour Plays, hosted by Alpha Psi Omega, the national theater honors society.

The writing process began at 7:30 p.m. Friday, when they picked "comedy" as their genre and a cast size of nine people out of a hat. Five other writers also picked genres and cast sizes before heading off to write and complete a script by 6 a.m.

Working together, the two bounced ideas off each other throughout the night, with ideas ranging from the seven deadly sins and new students, while still keeping it Elon-related.

To keep on track for the night ahead, Bohn and Tankosich knew how the night would go.

"We're planning a timeline," Bohn said. "Maybe brainstorming for another five minutes or so, creating a story arch for maybe two hours and editing after that and seeing how long it takes."

They worked until roughly midnight to evolve the basic storyline and then moved into writing the dialogue for three hours. Before crashing, they managed to edit the story before submitting it for a director to use.

"Sometime around 12:30 [a.m.], we just hit a grind, and time flew by and the words flew out," Tankosich said.

The two writers ended up creating a play titled "House Party," which follows the TV star of "Tracking the Trumps," Courtney Crunk, and her homely friend Pam as they mingle with different Elon residence halls, personified by actors, to decide where they want to live.

In a plot twist, the two ultimately choose West Hall for housing.

"We've been playing a lot with ideas that people in the audience — no matter what

their major — will know because we want them to feel like they're in on the joke," Tankosich said.

Getting direction

At 6:45 a.m., the script was passed down to senior Sarah Wright to begin the directing process.

Using headshots, the directors picked their casts one by one. Since Wright was last in line and had the largest cast size, it made it more difficult for her to cast the characters she initially wanted.

Because of this, the character Courtney was played by a male actor.

"I ended up having to fit in people and changing the gender of one character because I was last," Wright said. "I also didn't know a lot of the people and I was trying to pick people I did not know."

Around 8 a.m., the nine actors and director sat in a circle in Yeager Recital Hall and began their first read-through of the play.

As the script was read, actors began experimenting with different tones and expressions while Wright scribbled notes for blocking, or the character's placement on stage, and added additional lines where she felt it necessary.

According to Tankosich, she and Bohn tried to write in a way that would hint at where the characters needed to be on stage and make sure there were no plot holes.

From reading, the group moved to the stage — working on blocking, figuring out what props and costumes would be necessary for the show and trying to memorize their lines in a few short hours.

"I haven't had much difficulty with it — usually, I have 20 lines at most," said senior Andrew Gleckler, who acted in the play. "There are some people who have multiple monologues, and they have a tough time. It's just luck of the draw — you never know what's going to happen."

This is Gleckler's fourth time acting in The 24 Hour Plays. He said he continues to sign up because it's different every time and very rewarding.

Final rehearsals

The 24 Hour Plays also attracted freshmen and several non-theater majors. Wright is an elementary education major, and senior Rowland Young, another actor in the play, is a human services major.

"I remember when I first watched them my freshman year, and I thought it was ab-



DIEGO PINEDA | Photo Editor

King Arthur's first drag show was the plot for one of The 24 Hour Plays. On Friday, the show didn't exist.

solutely hilarious and the kind of work that it took to work on these kinds of projects, and I knew that was something I wanted to do," Young said.

After many run-throughs on the stage in Yeager, "House Party" did their tech rehearsal in Whitley to work out a few kinks with the change in space — Wright's biggest worry.

This is the first year that The 24 Hour Plays were performed in Whitley because it is a larger space. But it's also known for echoes.

"My biggest worry is the transition to Whitley because we're practicing in Yeager," Wright said. "I know in Whitley you need to project really loudly, and the shoes make a lot of noise."

Despite the stress and quick turn-around, participants enjoyed the experience and were happy with the end result.

"The experience has been hilarious," Young said. "I think I really like the people I'm working with, and we've already had so many laughs together. Also just the idea of having satire about Elon is something that is easy to relate to."

After a long and stressful day of writing, directing and rehearsing, six different shows were performed at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in Whitley.

Shows ranged from poets going to extreme lengths for in to King Arthur's first drag show, with each about 10 minutes long.

On Friday, none of these plays existed.

"It's just like this unique experience with theater at Elon," Gleckler said. "It has its own culture and cult following and it's just the most exciting, crazy, random thing you can experience here as an actor because you don't know what's going to happen every time."

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SCENE BY SCENE: THE 24 HOUR PLAYS

SEPT. 9, 7:30 P.M.

Writers draw their genre out of a hat and start working while everyone else heads home.

SEPT. 10, 6 A.M.

Scripts are due.

6:30 A.M.

Directors arrive, are assigned a script and cast the show.

7:45 A.M.

Actors report back, find out which director and show they'll be working with and start rehearsals.

3 P.M.

The tech process begins in Whitley, the venue for the evening's performances.

6-6:45 P.M.

Performers and directors break to eat and change for the show.

7 P.M.

Doors open.

7:30 P.M.

The show begins, a full 24 hours after the first meeting.

Furry friends comfort homesick students

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The lawn next to the Elon Community Church was filled with furry visitors during the sixth-annual Dog Day Mixer. Community members and students gathered for the two-hour event for free food and some quality time with an assortment of four-legged friends.

The event strives to fill the void that many Elon University students feel after leaving their childhood pets at home by providing dogs to play with and pet. Both students and community members show up with their dogs to enjoy the dog day.

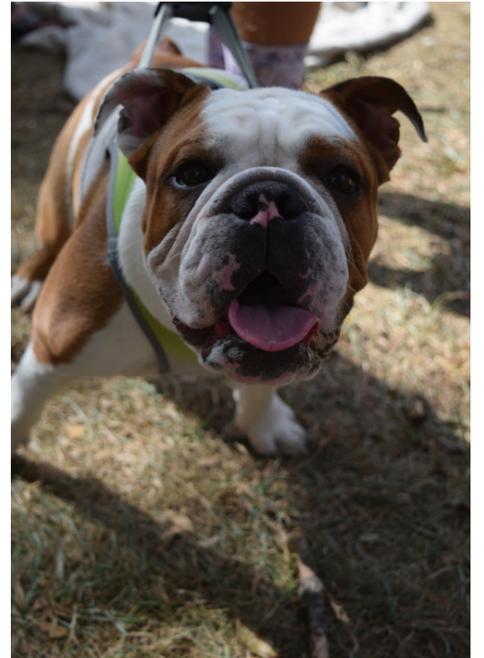
“We do the Dog Day Mixer every year to give the students a chance to come out and pet the dogs,” said Lynne Horn, a member of Elon Community Church and former Elon student.

The event also featured live music, free dog food samples and other pet supplies provided by Nature’s Emporium.

Along with the members of the Elon Community Church, other local groups, including the Humane Society of Alamance County, helped facilitate the event.

Becca Chavis, the event coordinator for the Humane Society of Alamance County, said the event has helped circulate a lot of volunteer applications.

The Humane Society brought three dogs with them to the event



to walk around and try to find an adoptive family. Students were able to learn about the fostering program and other ways they can help through volunteering.

Katie Van Patten, an Elon graduate student, brought her own dog, Buddy, whom she has been fostering through the Humane Society. Van Patten has been keeping Buddy in her off-campus apartment while she participates in Elon’s Doctor of Physical Therapy graduate program.

“It could be more stressful than it is [having a dog while being a student], but he is really well trained,” she said. “It makes it a little hard to study because he wants to play.”

The event is also a good way for the Elon Community Church to welcome new students to campus.

Freshmen Carrie Meenan and Caroline Knuth used the event as a quick study break.

“I miss my dog at home, so it’s good to come here and see other dogs,” Meenan said.

Both girls were delighted to spend time with some new furry friends and pet breeds such as Copper, a corgi, as well as mixed breeds from the shelter.

“As soon as we walked in, a dog jumped up on us wanting to be pet,” said Knuth. “So that was fun.”



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At the annual Dog Day Mixer, Elon Community Church provided Elon students with food, music and dogs to play with, as well as an opportunity to learn about fostering programs.

Shredding paper to #ShredtheShame

Student creates social media campaign to dissolve insecurities

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Senior Zoe Ross-Nash was called “No-Ass Ross-Nash” throughout her childhood and high school, so she wrote it down, then tore up paper along with her insecurities.

To participate in #ShredtheShame, people were told to write down what they believe to be shameful about their bodies and then rip the paper up on camera.

“I’m going to rip that up and just love me for my body and love myself for my body, so goodbye, No-Ass Ross-Nash,” Ross-Nash said in a January Facebook video as she tore up a piece of paper with her long-held insecurity written on it.

As part of Adjunct Professor Eleanor Herman’s “Eating Disorder, Diagnosis, Treatment and Prevention” course last spring, Ross-Nash created a group class project to raise awareness for eating disorders.

They didn’t know that their social media campaign #ShredtheShame would become part of the global conversation, inspiring thousands



PHOTO COURTESY OF ZOE ROSS-NASH
Elon students, such as Jackie Atwater '16 and others around the country, participated in the social media campaign #ShredtheShame.

across the country and helping to shape a future career aspiration for Ross-Nash.

“We created an online campaign using the hashtag, ‘Shred the Shame,’ and we created a Facebook page,” Ross-Nash said. “After about a week of campaigning, we had about 4,000 interactions, and then people started posting videos of [themselves] shredding the shame.”

To participate, people were told to write down what they believe to be shameful about their bodies and then rip the paper up on camera, signifying that they are letting go of those negative perceptions.

Then, they should nominate three friends to do the same.

The campaign aims to show that

body dysmorphia can affect anyone, and that those who suffer are not alone. When people share their own insecurities, it helps break down the stigma that eating disorders are a taboo topic and helps advocate for awareness.

After the initial videos were posted, the campaign quickly grew, gaining attention at other schools, and in places outside of the Elon community.

“In Elon’s culture, it’s very under the current that disordered eating is acceptable, and it’s almost like a cool thing to talk about,” Ross-Nash said. “You hear about sororities that have gym hours, or group salad-eating or weigh-ins or that girls are throwing up in Carolina, and no one talks about it.

“Elon doesn’t have a qualified place to handle eating disorders, and even in North Carolina, there aren’t that many facilities. So, [I’m] just providing people [with] that outlet and being an advocate.”

As Ross-Nash became a supporter, Herman showed her how to be supportive without overstepping any friendship boundaries.

“I think it’s really important to know that eating disorders have the highest mortality rate than any mental health illness — higher than depression, higher than bipolar, and that is really huge,” Herman said. “Eating disorders are a predisposition. It’s not someone’s fault if they have an eating disorder. It means they are genetically predisposed to

be more susceptible than the average person in society.”

Ross-Nash, a psychology major, initially didn’t want to focus on eating disorders because they’ve been a sensitive topic for her with family members who have suffered.

But after she learned that her mother’s friend, who suffered from disordered eating, passed away, she became “hungry to change” the stigma around this taboo topic.

“I’m just proud of its ability to reach so many people,” Ross-Nash said. “It’s humbling. What’s been hard is that people think if you don’t have an eating disorder that what you say isn’t valid, and I’ve never struggled with an eating disorder. It’s proving that you can still connect with these people and understand what [they’re] experiencing even though [you] have never experienced it.”

Now, Ross-Nash aims to focus on the clinical aspects of eating disorders. She will participate in research on campus about the correlation between anorexia and perfectionism in college-aged women and continue working with the National Eating Disorder Association’s crisis hotline.

“With the nature of eating disorders, there’s a lot of shame. A lot of it’s done in secret,” Ross-Nash said. “So the fact that people can connect with others who have gone through the same thing and that what you’re experiencing isn’t strange or only unique to you — that other people are going through it as well — shows that recovery is possible.”

ONLINE:
Cross country
sweeps Elon
Invitational

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Football falters
at Charlotte after
1st-quarter success

SPORTS



STARTING WITH A BANG

Phoenix's 9 wins in 11 matches most to begin season since 2009

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Elon is on a six-match winning streak as of Sept. 12, its longest such streak since it won 11 games straight to open the 2009 season.

The Elon University volleyball team is off to its best start to a season since 2009, thanks to its performance last weekend at the Elon Phoenix Classic.

The Phoenix went a perfect 4-0 in the tournament and is now 9-2 on the year, winning 12 of the 15 sets it played this weekend. The tournament wasn't without challenges, though. Elon defeated Wofford College in a five-set thriller Friday night after trailing early.

But in the final match Saturday against Gardner-Webb University, it took very little time for the Phoenix to assert its dominance.

Led on defense by sophomore outside hitter Kam Terry and relentless attacks from a host of players, Elon defeated the Runnin' Bulldogs 3-1 to claim a victory at the Elon Phoenix Classic.

"Our team is capable of doing so much more than we've ever done before this year, and I think it's definitely showing now," Terry said.

Terry is well known for her offensive prowess — as of Tuesday, she led the team with 152

kills — but put on a strong defensive showing against Gardner-Webb with a career-high 16 digs.

Head coach Mary Tendler said she wanted setters to distribute the ball for attacks to several different players to disrupt Gardner-Webb's defense.

"Gardner-Webb had a really good block [play] on their side, so we had to mix up our offense," Tendler said.

Win builds confidence

The six-match winning streak is Elon's longest since the Phoenix opened the 2009 campaign with an 11-match winning streak. The recent run has been a reward for the team's faith in itself.

"We are seeing some great plays and great players this season, and I'm really excited to see where it takes us," said junior middle blocker Michelle Klein. "Starting 9-2 is such a confidence booster, and I'm really excited to get into the conference tournament and mess with some teams."

Unlike in prior tournaments Elon has hosted, the Phoenix played four matches in just two days. Tendler said the tight schedule allowed her to give more playing time to those who hadn't gotten as much, which helped boost the team's confidence and chemistry.

"Our offense was going re-

ally well, and defensively, I think teams struggled against us," Tendler said. "The combination of having a balanced offense and good defense behind it — it's hard for teams to beat us."

Junior setter Sydel Curry said she was most proud of her team's resilience and connection throughout the Elon Phoenix Classic.

"On and off the court, we have such a great chemistry and we all get along and work together," she said. "That's the main component of volleyball. You can have all the skill you want, but if the team just isn't cohesive, it's not going to happen. We're a really cohesive team."

History of hardships

To appreciate the Phoenix's 9-2 2016 start, look back at the numerous setbacks the volleyball team has had in recent years. Elon began its 2015 season 3-17 and finished the year 7-23 overall (3-13 Colonial Athletic Association).

The Phoenix's star player last year, then-senior Megan Gravley '16, suffered a career-ending knee injury in the middle of the team's conference schedule.

2014 was a rough first time through the CAA, as the Phoenix went 6-26 on the year and only won one game in conference, losing 15. The last time

Elon finished a season above .500 was in 2011.

Going into this season, Elon was projected to finish last in the 10-team CAA, according to the preseason poll.

Players like Curry who have seen the low points of Elon volleyball are particularly proud to see the team moving in the right direction.

"Our program has gone through a lot, but to be able to come back this season, we were all so excited," Curry said. "And so far, we're doing really great."

Reaching new heights

Tendler said her players should be confident going forward because of their successes in the Elon Phoenix Classic. Elon swept Norfolk State University and Delaware State University 3-0.

The team also pulled off a tight five-set win Friday night against a competitive opponent in Wofford.

"These guys look like they're on a mission," Tendler said. "I mean, they're on a mission to do well. They want to win, it's important to them, they work hard in practice and it shows on a match day."

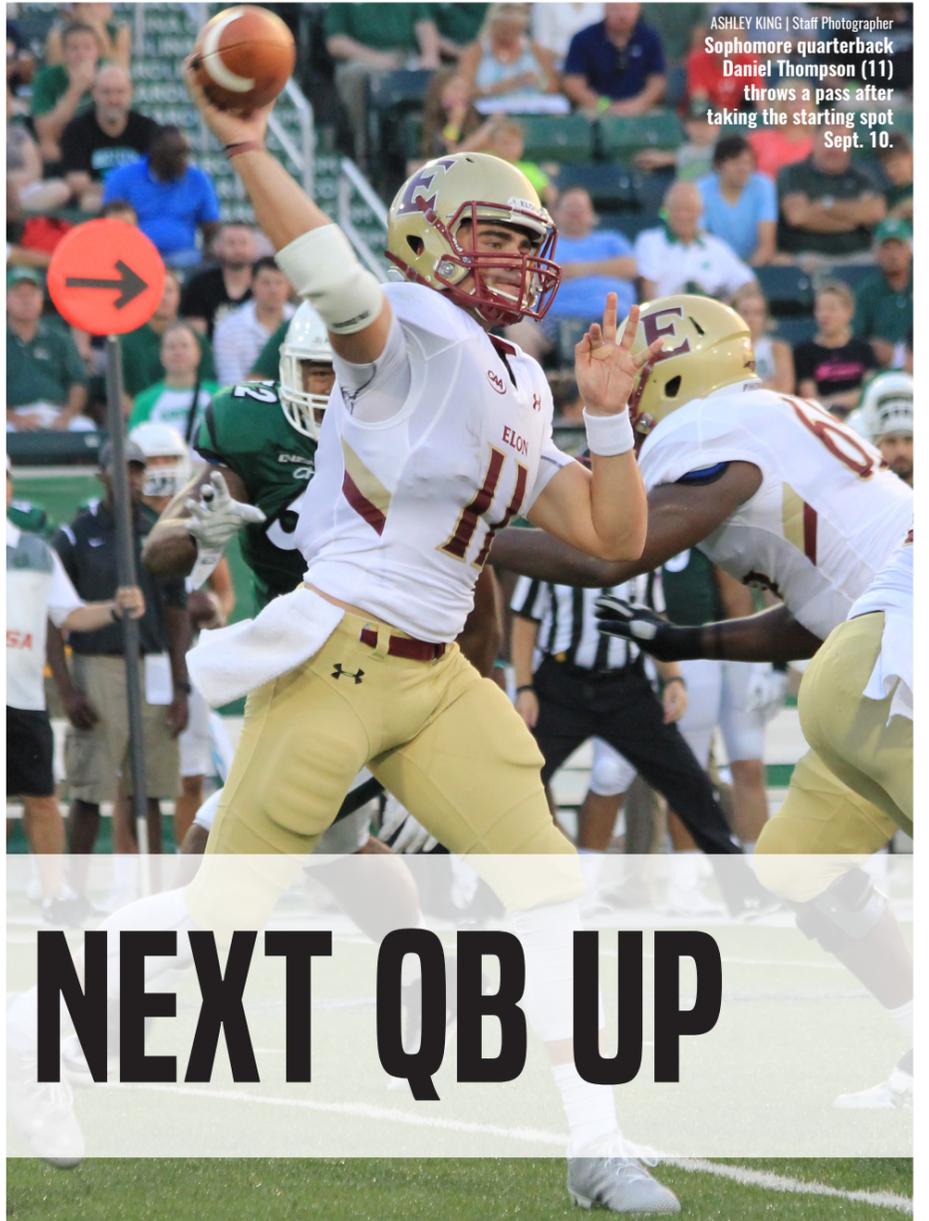
With four matches remaining before CAA play, Tendler's top priority will be to keep her team healthy, confident and prepared for conference play, which begins Sept. 23.

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The Elon University volleyball team celebrates a point during its victory over Wofford College Sept. 9. The Phoenix went 4-0 in the Elon Phoenix Classic Sept. 9-10.



JACK HARTMANN | Staff Photographer
Sophomore quarterback Connor Christiansen (12) drops back to pass against Gardner-Webb University Sept. 3. It was his only action in 2016.

ONE QB OUT,



ASHLEY KING | Staff Photographer
Sophomore quarterback Daniel Thompson (11) throws a pass after taking the starting spot Sept. 10.

NEXT QB UP

Thompson becomes starter as Christiansen is out for the season with shoulder injury

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The Elon University football team's season just started, but an injury has already struck a huge blow to the most important position.

Sophomore quarterback Daniel Thompson took over as quarterback Sept. 3 after Christiansen's injury, completing 10-of-16 passes for 102 yards in that game.

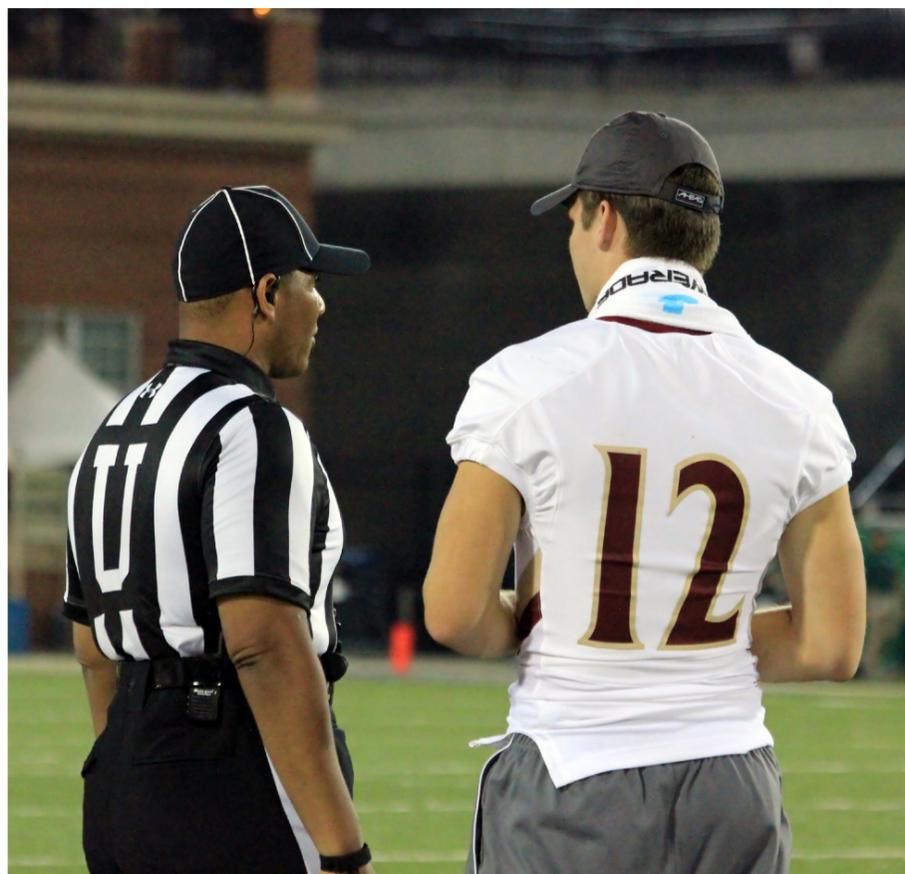
Sophomore quarterback Connor Christiansen's season is over. The left-hander from Fishers, Indiana, was taken out of the Sept. 3 game against Gardner-Webb University after one series in the second half.

Christiansen underwent an MRI a few days later, and the results showed a shoulder injury that would require season-ending surgery. Head coach Rich Skrosky said the team is hopeful he can be available for spring practice.

"I want to thank everybody for the support," Christiansen said. "It is obviously difficult for me to miss the rest of the season and not be able to play with these guys. I will keep my head up and work hard in my recovery process and be the best teammate I can be from the sidelines."

Sophomore quarterback Daniel Thompson took over as quarterback after Christiansen's injury, completing 10-of-16 passes for 102 yards. Thompson started at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte Saturday and completed 28-of-50 passes for 322 yards.

"I've just been concerned with how Connor is," Thompson said. "I want him to get better — he's a friend and a teammate. I don't want any of my teammates to get



Christiansen chats with a referee during Elon's game against the University of North Carolina at Charlotte Sept. 10.

hurt. I do want to play, as anyone on the team would, but you never want someone to get hurt. I'm just praying for him to have a speedy recovery."

It's an ironic reverse of the 2015 season, when season-opening starter Thompson was sidelined with spontaneous cerebrospinal fluid leak, a neurological condition. At the time, Elon did not know how long Thompson would be out, but he only missed three games.

Christiansen was the starter in those

games and lead Elon to two wins. Over the spring, summer and fall, Christiansen took the majority of the snaps as the top quarterback on the depth chart. Skrosky told Christiansen that he was starting Aug. 26 — eight days before Elon's season began.

In an interview on Aug. 27, Christiansen talked about how he felt comfort knowing that, should anything happen to him, Thompson could seamlessly transition in for him.

"Football is a contact sport, and I've had

a long history of injuries," Christiansen said. "Like coach said, if something were to happen to me, God forbid, he wouldn't bat an eye. Daniel is so devoted to the playbook and the offense that it would be a seamless transition, which is comforting for me, because I don't have to worry about it being me or nothing."

"There's a very capable quarterback right behind me. The team is going to be just fine."

Thompson has the same faith in Christiansen, which Thompson said comes out of their friendship.

"Me and Connor have full confidence with each other," Thompson said. "I think that's why [Skrosky] was OK with whoever started. No matter what happened, we are friends and we believe in each other."

The friendship they share is something Thompson admits is unique for players openly competing against each other for the starting spot, but both say there is no rivalry between the two — only love.

"I'd say a friendly competition," Thompson said. "A rivalry is for people who don't like each other, and we goof off. When we're together away from the facility, I don't think we ever talk about football — unless it's a defense that we see and think of a way to attack it. But when we're together, we joke and clown around. We have fun. We're good friends. The competition is something that makes both of us better."

Christiansen agreed, adding, "We'll talk about stuff like our girlfriends or school, anything. It's just like, no matter what competition the day brought, it's still a good relationship, and we both support each other regardless of who is on the field."

Both see a part of themselves in the other, and they both have come to value and cherish the bond they have.

And, regardless of who is on the field, they both will walk off the field as friends.

"We are so similar on and off the field," Christiansen said. "We literally push each other as much as we can every day, and at the end of the day, it doesn't matter who is [playing] or who isn't. We both make each other better, and we've become really close, which is awesome."

THE PHOENIX FOCUS



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FOOTBALL RESULTS & SCHEDULE



Sept. 10
14-47



Home

Sept. 17
6 p.m.



MEN'S SOCCER

RESULTS & SCHEDULE



Sept. 10
1-1



Sept. 13
Late



Sept. 17
6 p.m.
Away



WOMEN'S SOCCER

RESULTS & SCHEDULE



Sept. 8
1-2



Sept. 11
3-3



Sept. 15
7 p.m.
Home



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MEN'S XC

RESULTS & SCHEDULE



Elon Invitational
Sept. 10
1st place



Sept. 16
Adidas XC Challenge
Away



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WOMEN'S XC

RESULTS & SCHEDULE



Elon Invitational
Sept. 10
1st place



Sept. 16
Adidas XC Challenge
Away



VOLLEYBALL

RESULTS & SCHEDULE



Elon Phoenix Classic
Sept. 9-10
4 W, 0 L



Sept. 13
Late



Sept. 16-17
4 matches
Away



SPORTS BRIEFS

Elon to host Hall of Fame ceremony Saturday

The Elon University athletic department is hosting its annual Elon Sports Hall of Fame induction ceremony Saturday.

The four inductees for the 46th class of the Elon Sports Hall of Fame are men's golfer Tim Clark '92, women's soccer player Kam Radford '96, men's cross country runner Brian Keller '97 and football linebacker Chad Nkang '07.

The ceremony will be held at 1:30 p.m. in Whitley Auditorium and is free and open to the public. The inductees will also be honored on the field at the Elon football team's game against Fayetteville State University that evening.

Klein earns volleyball's 2nd-straight CAA honor

Elon University volleyball junior middle blocker Michelle Klein was named the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) Volleyball Defensive Player of the Week Sept. 12.

In the week of Sept. 5-12, Klein collected 28 blocks in five matches with an average of 1.65 blocks per set. Her best match was Saturday night against Gardner-Webb University, where she had a career-high nine blocks. Klein was named to the all-tournament team at the Elon Phoenix Classic.

It's the second consecutive week an Elon volleyball player has won the award, after senior middle blocker Ally Karle earned the honor for the week of Aug. 29 to Sept. 4.

Women's tennis hosts Elon Fall Invitational

The Elon University women's tennis team hosted its annual Elon Fall Invitational over the weekend.

Sophomore Suzanne Zenoni won three matches to get to the Maroon Singles final, but lost to Emory University junior Bridget Harding. Freshman Alex Konjaev lost her first match Friday, but proceeded to win her next three matches in the Powell Singles draw to win the consolation final.

Sophomore Maria Paraja and senior Natalia Janowicz earned the consolation title in Powell Doubles. Juniors Erica Braschi and Kristen Ward also won a consolation title in the Gold Doubles draw.

Men's and women's golf play 1st fall tournament

The Elon University men's and women's golf teams competed in the Golfweek Program Challenge Sept. 11-13 in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

In the first tournament of the fall season for each team, the men finished tied for 10th place with a score of 869 (284-291-294). The Phoenix was led by senior Jared Mactas, who finished 1-under par (72-73-70-215), and freshman William Harwood, who shot even par (74-71-71-216).

The women finished in 14th place with a score of 944 (317-321-306). Leading Elon was junior Heather Munro, who finished 12 shots over par (73-75-77-225).



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