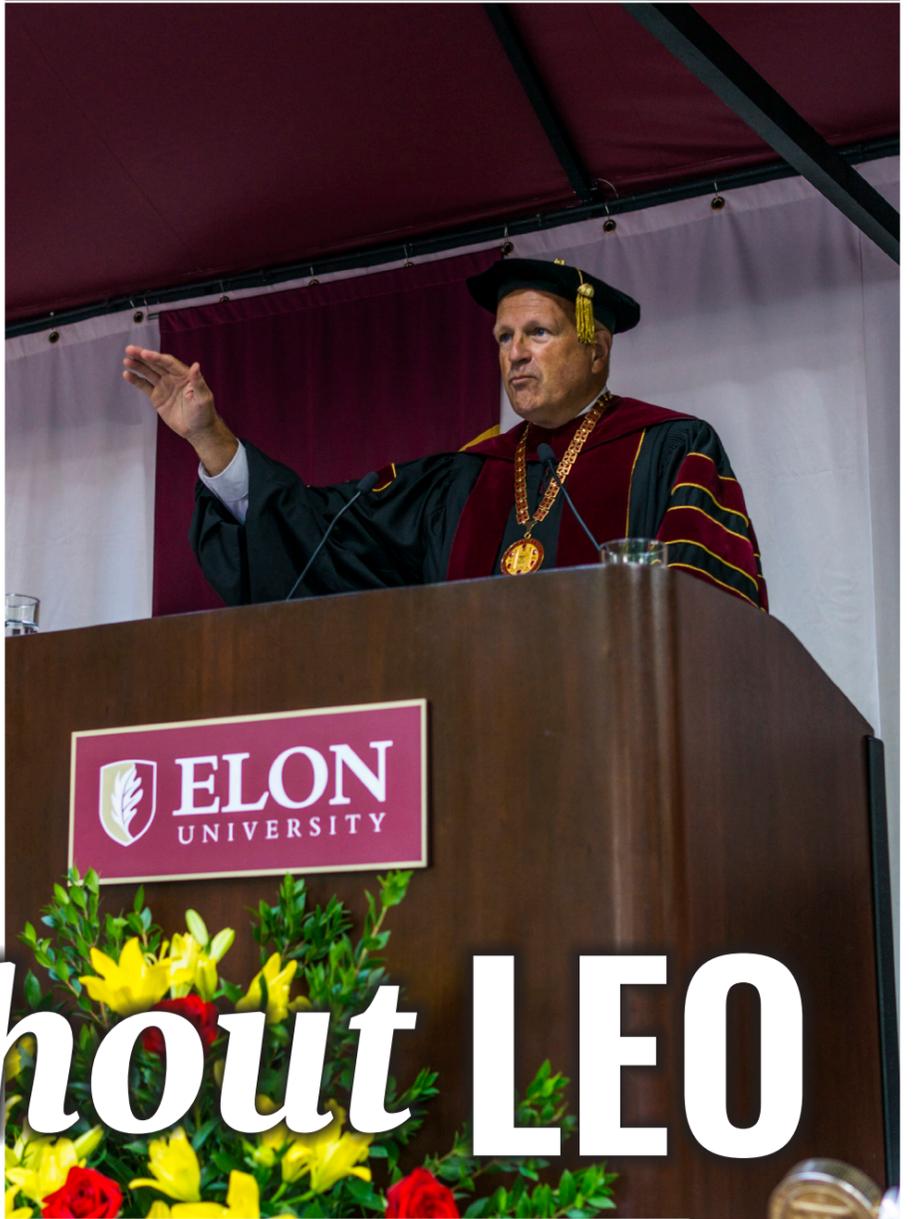
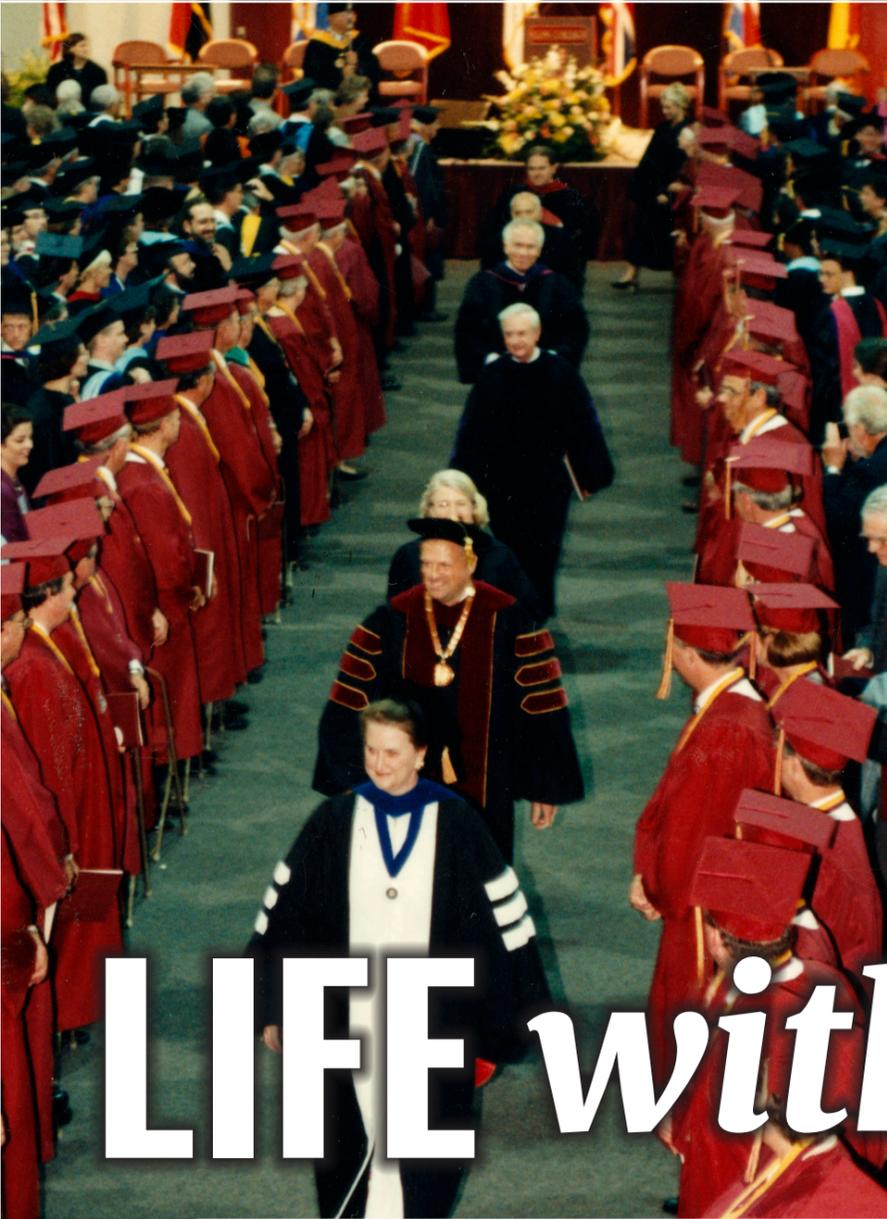


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# THE PENDULUM



# LIFE without LEO

From president to professor: Leo Lambert prepares for life outside the spotlight

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LEO LAMBERT'S TENURE AS president of Elon University began with the words "You have made an excellent choice and we are glad to have you join us on this journey," given during his first New Student Convocation address Aug. 26, 2000.

Nineteen years later, Lambert's presidency is in its final days — officially ending March

1, when he will turn over his position to Connie Book.

The soon-to-be president emeritus said he is prepared — and excited — for his life outside the presidency. Now, the rest of the Elon community must prepare to adjust as well.

In his last month as president, Lambert took time to reflect on his career and his accomplishments.

"The thing that I am proudest of is that Elon has undergone a lot of change in the last 19 plus years, but we've maintained a very student-centered culture," Lambert told Elon News Network. "Despite all the changes ... at the heart we have maintained a very strong set of values as an

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Left: Elon President Leo Lambert walks through Alumni Gym during his inaugural convocation Sept. 15, 1999.

Right: Lambert addresses new Elon freshmen during his final convocation Aug. 26, 2017.

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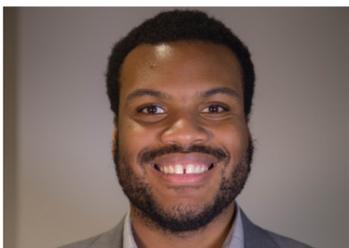
## SGA ELECTION RESULTS

### 2018 SGA positions officially announced

Brown, officially elected SGA executive president, has to fill six vacant spots

**Maggie Brown**  
Event Coverage Coordinator | @MaggieAbrown\_

After two days of online voting, the final results of the SGA 2018 election were finally in. A total of 2,881 students voted in the SGA elections, a 36 percent increase in



**Kenneth Brown Jr.**  
SGA Executive President

voters from last year.

Junior Kenneth Brown Jr., who ran unopposed, will succeed senior Morgan Bodenarain as SGA executive president.

Brown will appoint new members to all the vacant positions before April 7, when the students begin their positions.

With him, junior Charlie Cheema will be serving as executive vice

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### Brown's campaign focuses on engagement

Kenneth Brown Jr. gives a voice to the voiceless

**Perla Salazar-Rangel**  
Elon News Network | @PSalazarRangel

"Together, we can," is the slogan and message junior Kenneth Brown Jr. wants people to remember as he steps into his new role as

SGA executive president. Brown has been a member of SGA since his freshman year, when he was elected to be class of 2019 president, a role he was re-elected into his sophomore year. His involvement with student government be-

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Elon senior plans benefit concert for Haiti and Puerto Rico



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Baseball loses first three games

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**FEB. 21**  
**Community Connections to tackle 'The Erosion of Public Trust'**  
7 P.M.  
Mckinnon Hall, Moseley Center

**FEB. 22**  
**'No Fire Zone,' film screening**  
7 P.M.  
Turner Theatre, Schar Hall

**FEB. 23**  
**Benefit concert for Caribbean Island hurricane relief**  
10 P.M.  
Danieley, PARC

**FEB. 24**  
**'Pipeline to the Legal Profession' in Greensboro**  
9 A.M.  
Elon Law, 201 N. Greene Street, Greensboro

**FEB. 25**  
**"Healing Our World: Interfaith and Social Justice"**  
8 A.M.  
Numen Lumen Pavillion

**FEB. 26**  
**"Ubuntu" Dance Concert**  
7:30 P.M.  
McCrary Theatre, Center for the Arts

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On Page 8 of the Feb. 14 edition of The Pendulum, a text explanation on an infographic incorrectly stated the number of national visa trends. There were 404, 087 visas filled instead of 404, 807 as the text on the graphic indicated. Elon News Network regrets the error.

On Page 15 of the Feb. 14 edition of The Pendulum, Emma McCabe was misidentified as a pitcher on the softball team. Elon News Network regrets the error.

GAMES

FOR RELEASE FEBRUARY 21, 2018

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

**ACROSS**

- Your business is her business
- Tiny cut
- Jeans line
- Spreadsheet program
- Comes to the rescue of
- "The Time Machine" race
- Like a cowboy in denial?
- Emotional wound
- "At \_\_, soldier!"
- Quartet in "Whose woods these are I think I know"
- Fodder for Forbes, initially
- Play a part
- Like an eager cowboy?
- Riveting icon
- Overplay a part
- Mission lead-in
- Potentially offensive, for short
- Tends to the sauce
- Nerve
- Early 16th-century date
- Earthquake
- "Impression, Sunrise" painter
- Like a cowboy out of retirement?
- Ky. neighbor
- Show stoppers
- Limoges product
- Entertainment show VIP
- Builder's map
- Like a cowboy in charge?
- Area behind an altar
- Wonder Woman's friend
- Candy
- Temporary tattoo dye
- Get weepy, with "up"
- State openly
- More curious

**DOWN**

- Trees that sound like sheep
- Corporate VIP
- Final Four letters
- Marvelous
- "Hidden Figures" actor Mahershala \_\_
- Epic tale
- They may be fine points
- Sit in traffic
- Tire gauge no.
- Tranquil
- Periodic table listing: Abbr.
- Limited choice
- Fail to see
- Vegas illuminator
- Nook or cranny
- Peach dessert
- Many "Suits" characters: Abbr.
- Busser's target
- Maker of Clarity alternative fuel cars
- Jelly made from meat stock
- "Capisce?"
- Anabaptist descendants
- Velvet-voiced Mel
- Like most books
- Recon goal
- Palate
- FedEx, say
- "Safe travels!"
- Egyptian peninsula
- Satiric magazine since 1952
- Less harsh
- Fill and then some
- Converse
- Partner of pray
- Ingrid's "Casablanca" role
- "Tiny House Hunters" cable channel
- Bart and Lisa's bus driver
- Professor Higgins' creator
- Swedish soprano Jenny
- Hathaway of "The Intern" (2015)
- Winter Palace resident
- Org. for teachers
- 17th Greek letter

By Amy Johnson

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Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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NEWS BRIEFS

Long-time coach receives Elon Medallion

T. William "Bill" Morningstar Jr. '64, who has been a coach for multiple Elon University sports teams under the tenures of three presidents, was awarded the Elon Medallion at the 11th annual Night of the Phoenix on Feb. 16.

Morningstar was described as a coaching "legend" by President Leo Lambert who also presented the medallion to him. The legendary coach successfully led men's basketball and golf before establishing and coaching teams in women's and men's cross country, women's track and field and women's golf prior to his retirement in 2013.

N.C. state vocal competition won by Elon students

Five Elon students competed in and won their respective categories in the N.C. National Association of Teachers of Singing classical vocal competition at the University of North Carolina School of the Arts.

By winning their categories, all Elon students qualified to compete at the regionals which will be held in Virginia.

The students and the categories they competed in are as follows: Julia Towner and Janelle Deal, college women; Maxime Prissert, college men; Emily Trainor, college women; Tres McMichael, Hal Leonard Spiritual category.

Elon on top producing Fulbright students institution list

Following the awarding of the prestigious international fellowship to eight recent Elon University graduates, Elon was named a top producer of Fulbright students for the fourth consecutive year.

On Feb. 18, the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announced its list of American schools that produced the highest number of Fulbright students. Elon tied for fourth on the list of institutions.

\$40,000 grant awarded to three Elon faculty members

A \$40,000 grant from the Colonial Academic Alliance was secured by three members of Elon's Department of Sport Management and Department of Exercise Science.

Tony Weaver, Caroline Ketcham and Eric Hall will partner with nine fellow Colonial Athletic Association member institutions to study access issues for student-athletes to high-impact educational practices.

These practices include study abroad, internships, learning communities and undergraduate research all of which have had a positive affect on student academic performance. But not all students have access, one of the problems the research team hopes to investigate.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY - INTERVARSITY RESPONDS TO COLUMN CONDEMNING ITS DIVERSITY



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Doug Arms listens to InterVarsity members share their memories of him over his past eight years at Elon, during his final Large Group Meeting in the McBride Gathering Space on Feb. 13.

Doug Arms started at Elon University InterVarsity (IV) in 2010. In December, chaplains told Arms the 2017-2018 academic year would be his last at Elon.

Doug and his wife, Katie Arms, also an Elon IV staff member, began dating in 2014 while Katie was a senior at Elon. She began working alongside Doug after graduating, and they were married in June 2015.

In a video to the students of IV, the Arms said the chaplains' decision was primarily due to the fact that the Arms' relationship began while Katie was a student.

But this isn't the first time IV has faced controversy on Elon's campus.

On Feb. 24, 2000, IV Campus Minister Ray Crompton wrote a letter to the editor in response to a column printed in The Pendulum.

The columnist said, "Could somebody explain to me how a group like InterVarsity, religiously-based, preaching openness, can turn into one of the most segregated, separatist groups on campus?"

In his letter, Crompton said, "For the most part, our chapter is full of people that are gracious and giving." Since 2000, IV has tried to fix the lack-of-diversity problem on numerous occasions. Specifically, it created "Life Groups" that cater to students belonging to specific ethnicities.



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(From left to right) Mitch Rippy, Bo Loy, Janice Champion, Glenda Robertson and Steve Waltman smile after finishing their meal at Skid's Restaurant Feb. 19. Skid's celebrates its 15-year anniversary Feb. 22. | SEE MORE ON PAGE 11



MAGGIE BROWN | EVENT COVERAGE COORDINATOR

Jack Johnson (right) hugs Nick Everage after winning SGA executive secretary Feb. 20. | SEE MORE ON PAGE 4

One of the most popular menu items at the Mediterranean Deli, Bakery and Catering is the fatayer, a Middle Eastern meat pie.

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JACKIE PASCALE | EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Members of Elon Feminist for Equality, Change and Transformation practice for the Vagina Monologues Feb. 13.

MAGGIE BROWN | EVENT COVERAGE COORDINATOR

# SGA ELECTION WINNERS

## ELECTIONS | from cover

president. Junior Max Pivonka will be the executive treasurer and Jack Johnson will be the executive secretary.

Jana Lynn Patterson, SGA advisor, is excited for what is next for SGA and was happy to see students so involved in student council.

"This whole group has worked really hard on campaigning. This is much more rigorous campaigning I think that 36 percent is contributed to," Patterson said.

The president of the class of 2019 is Colton Cadarette. The vice president position for the class of 2019 remains vacant. With Cadarette, Elyse Cowles will begin serving as the class of 2019 secretary. The new senators for the class of 2019 are Sophie Zinn and Caitlin Brady.

The president, vice president and

treasurer positions for the class of 2020 are vacant. The secretary for the class of 2020 is now Samantha O'Connor. The senators of the class of 2020 are Katie Wakiyama and Julia Field.

The class of 2021 president is now Jessica Flackenburg, with Noah Dyson joining her as class vice president. Secretary of the class of 2021 will now be Nicholas Urbanski and Claire Babey will be serving as treasurer. Lauren Kottcamp and Brandon Veal will be serving as class of 2021 senators.

Serving on the academic council for the School of Communications will be junior Sienna Standfield and freshman Eleanor Cook. For the Elon College of Arts and Sciences, the representatives will be sophomore Louisa Sholar and junior Stefanie Milovic. Positions on the academic council for the School of Education and the Martha and Spencer Love School of Business have yet to be filled.

## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL



**KENNETH BROWN JR.**  
PRESIDENT



**CHARLIE CHEEMA**  
VICE PRESIDENT



**MAX PIVONKA**  
TREASURER



**JACK JOHNSON**  
SECRETARY

## CLASS OF 2019



**COLTON CADARETTE**  
PRESIDENT



**ELYSE COWLES**  
SECRETARY



**REBECCA FLIEGEL**  
TREASURER



**SOPHIE ZINN**  
SENATOR



**CAITLIN BRADY**  
SENATOR

## CLASS OF 2020



**SAMANTHA O'CONNOR**  
SECRETARY



**KATIE WAKIYAMA**  
SENATOR



**JULIA FIELD**  
SENATOR

## ACADEMIC COUNCIL



**SIENNA STANDFIELD**  
SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATIONS SENATOR



**ELEANOR COOK**  
SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATIONS SENATOR



**LOUISA SHOLAR**  
SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES SENATOR



**STEFANIE MILOVIC**  
SCHOOL OF ARTS SCIENCES SENATOR

## CLASS OF 2021



**JESSICA FLACKENBURG**  
PRESIDENT



**NOAH DYSON**  
VICE PRESIDENT



**NICOLAS URBANSKI**  
SECRETARY



**CLAIRE BABEY**  
TREASURER



**LAUREN KOTTCAMP**  
SENATOR



**BRANDON VEAL**  
SENATOR

# Unopposed election has positive and negative impacts

Kenneth Brown Jr. was ready for competition, but will be running unopposed

**Oliver Fischer**

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SGA executive president Morgan Bodenarain's term ends this March, the role transitioning to her successor, Kenneth Brown Jr., who ran for office unopposed. But to Bodenarain, the question is not whether Brown Jr. faced a competitor during his campaign — it's about what happens after he is elected.

"The way I look at it is a little bit less about the pros and cons and more about the job that Kenneth is going to do once in office," she said. "It's a little less about this election process and a little more about the amazing job that this exec board, whoever they may be, is going to do once they have these offices."

Bodenarain said candidates overestimate the significance of the election process, even though it doesn't have any long-term consequences.

"I know when you're in the election process, as someone who went through that last year, it can seem like that's the most important thing,

But once you get into this position, it's as if the election process never happened.

"Even though he ran unopposed, he ran a professional, very well-thought out campaign," Bodenarain said.

Though Bodenarain said the election process doesn't matter as much, Jana Lynn Patterson, associate vice president of student life and faculty adviser to SGA, said she prefers an opposed election process because it creates a more competitive environment.

"I always want races to be opposed," she said. "That makes for a more rigorous engagement."

Some students are not running for executive president to avoid going through the hurdles of campaigning.

"Some of it is generational. I know some students have chosen not to run because of the general climate, though SGA races are very positive races," Patterson said. "People run them on the positive attributes, and we highly discourage negative campaigning."

Brown said he would've welcomed competition, but potential candidates may have been deterred by his strong support from voters.

"At first I was kind of like, 'Darn, I really wanted to run against some-



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IT'S PRETTY SOBERING AND PRETTY HUMBLING BECAUSE PEOPLE REALLY THINK I AM THE GUY FOR THE JOB AND THAT'S SOMETHING I DON'T TAKE FOR GRANTED.

**KENNETH BROWN JR.**  
SGA EXECUTIVE PRESIDENT

MALORY SIEGENTHALER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

**Kenneth Brown Jr. succeeds Morgan Bodenarain as the next executive president of SGA.**

body,' but as I talked to people, the general consensus is that a lot of people think I would do a really good job"

Despite the praise, Brown said he

appreciates the position he is in.

"[One,] why run if they think I'm going to do a really good job and two, they know that they will have little shot of winning the elec-

tion," he said. "It's pretty sobering and pretty humbling because people really think I am the guy for the job and that's something I don't take for granted."

# Crest residents make second move of the year

The 37 residents from a Crest apartment make their final move

**Cammie Behnke**

Elon News Network | @cammie\_behnke

They're packing up and moving out.

Residents are moving their belongings out of the Crest Apartments building 2020 apartment and into their new homes.

Thirty-seven residents were evacuated from the damaged apartment after campus police found a partial collapse in the ceiling between the first and second floor because of a "cracked and sagging concrete floor." The students were then temporarily placed at the Best Western Plus in Burlington. They were able to return to the apartment a month later and were given an hour to move out.

The Crest's property manager, the Preiss Company, said students were given the option to move to other available on-campus rooms, off-campus apartments or to the Wayfare apartments in Burlington. In a statement to Elon News Network, Preiss Company said, "Students were given the option to make any choice they felt was most appropriate for their current situation."

Elon sophomore Magnus Carlstrom was relocated to Wayfare apartments, which is approximately a 10-minute drive from campus. But he says he's just happy to be out of the hotel.

"In the hotel, we had to be there, but it got to the point where it became really draining and it was hard to do work," Carlstrom said.

Even with a longer commute, he said he's satisfied with the way the situation turned out.

"I'm really appreciative of what [Preiss] has done," Carlstrom said. "It's just nice to be in a space that I can call my own now."

Other residents said they were



**A truck packed with a student's personal belongings prepares to drive to the student's new home.**

CAMMIE BEHNKE | ELON NEWS NETWORK

## GETTING RELOCATED

# 37

students were evacuated from Crest Apartments building 2020 after a partial collapse in the ceiling between the first and second floor.

frustrated with the way the company handled the situation. Junior Cally Crocco enlisted the help of a few friends to help move items out of Crest and into her new off-campus apartment.

"Preiss did not help us," Crocco said. "We took the initiative on our own because we were fed up."

According to Preiss Company, all additional costs for the new apartments will be subsidized, and is not charging Elon different rates for the students living at Wayfare. They will also continue to pay for transportation costs, including Uber riders, to and from campus.



**A metal fence and a plastic sign cordon off the damaged Crest Apartments building 2020 that suffered from a partially collapsed ceiling between the first and second floor.**

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## CHEAT SHEET

EACH WEEK THE PENDULUM DEBRIEFS COMPLEX EVENTS BY INTERVIEWING RELEVANT EXPERTS

# Unraveling Syria's transformation from a civil war to a proxy war

Elon faculty break down the effects the Syrian conflict might have on the U.S. and Elon

**Anton L. Delgado**

Elon News Network | @JADelgadoNews



**Baris Kesgin**

Baris Kesgin, assistant professor of political science, breaks down the possible effects the Syrian conflict might have on U.S. international relations.

**Q: Can you explain the current status of the war in Syria is? And what countries are actively involved?**

**A:** There are a multiplicity of actors on the ground: the Syrian government, Russia, the United States, Iran, Turkey, various Syrian opposition forces and the so-called 'Islamic State.' Russia and Iran continue to stand by the Syrian government of Bashar al-Assad; the United States and Syrian Kurds have been working together against the 'Islamic State' forces. In addition, Turkey's military has entered into the Syrian territory against the Kurdish forces, which also puts Turkey and its NATO ally United States at odds. The 'Islamic State' still control some territory.

**Q: This conflict began in 2011 as a civil war, has that changed?**



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Syrian students stand on rubble of damaged buildings at a site hit by activists.

**A:** The conflict in Syria indeed started as a civil war, yet quickly evolved into a much bigger and complex one. As is, we observe that this is an internationalized civil war — with multiple international actors directly involved. Then we may well argue that there are proxy wars being fought within because major actors (Russia, Iran, etc.) support different factions who are in turn fighting each other. These majors are not directly fighting each other, yet through these actors effectively they are ...

**Q: Can you estimate how much longer this conflict may go on?**

**A:** Tough question. Unfortunately, no end in sight.

**Q: What factors do you think could bring this conflict to an end?**

**A:** Two major powers — Russia and the United States — are involved in Syria; in addition, regional powers — Turkey and Iran — are on the ground. It is not impossible that these actors — in various combinations — may directly confront each other. Any such scenario would change dynamics significantly. In addition to Turkey and Iran, we must

note, Israel is keeping a close eye on Syria — as it hit Syrian military targets multiple times already. A radical change in the Syrian government's position or a reformulation of Russia's preferences would lead to some changes. Otherwise, we may well see ongoing conflict for a while.



**Shanna Van Beek**

Shanna Van Beek, assistant director of study abroad, explains the steps taken to keep students safe.

**Q: How will this conflict affect Elon study abroad programs?**

**A:** Elon's vetting of study abroad partners includes risk assessment as well as risk management on-site. A primary component of assessment is the Department of State (DOS) Travel Advisory for each location, which is diplomatic by necessity but also dynamic and informative. Currently, the advisory for Israel is Level 2: exercise increased caution, with some areas within assigned a higher level. Should the travel advisory be escalated, say from an incident as a result of the indictment, Elon will re-assess risk at that time. This is true at any time and for any location: Should a situation arise that triggers a higher DOS Travel Advisory in a location where Elon students are studying, Elon will reassess risk at that time. Long story short: While this news has the potential to affect Department of State advisory information, study abroad program availability is unaffected at this time.

**Q: Will this affect the Elon students currently studying abroad in the Middle East?**

**A:** We advise all Elon students practice smart situational awareness during their travel, and it is possible that the recent news prompts students to exercise that awareness more acutely. It will more likely, however, contribute to more robust and textured conversations on campus — Israelis are, to generalize, not shy to share opinions, and I'm sure our students will have access to many perspectives.

## Mediterranean Deli opening soon, according to owner

Amid health inspections and permits, the new deli is said to open in the next two weeks

**Jackie Pascale**

Executive Director | @jackie\_pascale

Jamil Kadoura is just as anxious to open the Mediterranean Deli, Bakery and Catering in Park Place as the rest of the Elon University community is to welcome it.

"I'm really excited," said Kadoura, the owner of Mediterranean Deli. "I want this to be over with. It's been like, a year and a half. We wanted to do it the right way. It's very important to bring it in not too fast and not make mistakes."

The Mediterranean Deli has been a tease for Elon students since its announcement last spring.

A health inspection is the next step for the restaurant, and Kadoura said it "went well."

"Three things the health department is crazy about: sanitation, employee hygiene and temperature," Kadoura said. "If you pass these three things, you are good."

Kadoura said he believes the deli will open in the next two weeks, but the town of Elon just put up another road block. He's waiting on new parts to be sent in order to meet a ventilation standard.

Kadoura said he's excited to bring Middle Eastern culture and homemade dishes to Elon.

"Everything is made here, one hundred percent," Kadoura said. "When I come here and I make my own food, I celebrate my culture every day."

As a Jerusalem native, Kadoura

### IF YOU GO...

**Current Location:** 410 W Franklin St, Chapel Hill, NC

**Current Hours:** Sunday–Monday: 11 a.m. – 10 p.m.

**Cuisine:** Mediterranean food including pitas, gyros and much more.

says Mediterranean food is a part of a lifelong diet. The homemade pitas, gyros, Turkish candies and everything else on the menu are the result of more than 30 years of experience in Mediterranean cooking.

"Our parents talked to us when we were kids about the Mediterranean diet, but we didn't believe them," Kadoura reflected. "Now there's study after study that validates what our parents told us. My mom was right, I should've eaten my lentils more."

Kadoura's mom does not get to see this new location open in action. She died a little more than a year ago, but Kadoura said he knows that she'd be proud of this expansion of his business.

Kadoura learned about cooking from his mom, and learned about business from the bottom up. He started as a dishwasher and worked his way up through hotel and restaurant management. He said his background sets his restaurant apart from the rest.

"This is not a deli, this is an operation," Kadoura said. "When you see the food in the deli cases the first day we're open, that's when you'll know what kind of operation we are."

The opening has been pushed back several times since the restaurant was first announced to be filling the space on the first floor of Park Place. Just upstairs, there



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Several customers have said the homemade falafel pita is one of their favorite items on the menu.

were severe mold and mildew issues this past fall. Kadoura said this did not cause any holdups in the construction process.

ENN spoke with several customers from the Chapel Hill, location who said they go to the restaurant and market at least once a week. Some favorite items on the menu are the lamb fatayer, falafel pita, roasted cauliflower and cucumber salad.

Even an Elon alumnus was at the Chapel Hill location and said he was very jealous the restaurant is coming to Elon.

"I'm so upset this wasn't at Elon

when I was a student," said Sam Shantry '17.

Mediterranean Deli has changed the menu over the years to meet consumer wants and needs even though Kadoura says consistency is "the foundation of restaurants." He is meeting these needs, he said, by adding more gluten-free, vegetarian and vegan options to the menu. He also added açaí bowls, which he said he believes will be a huge hit on Elon's campus.

"This university, I really fell in love with it, and I feel that we're going to do well here," Kadoura said.



WHEN I COME HERE AND MAKE MY OWN FOOD, I CELEBRATE MY CULTURE EVERY DAY.

**JAMIL KADOURA**  
MEDITERRANEAN DELI OWNER

# OPINIONS



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STAFF EDITORIAL

## Now is a time to act — not to be complacent

HOW WE SEE IT

Following the tragic school shooting in Parkland, Fla., students must start seriously discussing the issue of gun violence.

It can happen here, too. Tragedies by gun fire come and go in our nation like the seasons. The cycle seems endless; a fatal shooting or massacre happens, people offer up thoughts and prayers, other people argue about gun control, members of Congress tweet or pledge to effect change and then, silence. Once another tragedy strikes our country, the conversation begins again. It has only been a week since the horrific shooting in Parkland, Florida, which took 17 innocent lives, and the conversations surrounding the event are already fading. We cannot lose the momentum needed to enact change. We cannot sit idly by, waiting around for another tragedy and then share our grief and condolences on Facebook and Twitter, only to be silent again in a few days. We must change our culture from one of reaction to

one of taking action. There are so many ways Elon University students can get involved if they choose to. Given technological advancements and social media, being politically active in our nation has never been more accessible. There is almost no reason to not get involved. On a personal level, students can simply engage in conversations. In the wake of this most recent shooting, many professors have opened up conversations about gun violence and gun control in their classrooms. Conversations are held around dinner tables, over coffee or during study breaks. It is important to take these conversations further. If someone has a different view from you, try to challenge it. At the same time, make sure to listen to whom you are speaking with. Prior to these conversations, make

an active attempt to educate yourself with accurate facts about the issue, not just clickbait headlines shared on social media. Following the shooting in Parkland, many news outlets promoted a myriad of statistics — some of which ended up being completely false. One of the most circulated statistics stated that this shooting was the 18th school shooting so far in 2018. This statistic is correct, but not in the way it is being promoted. The 18 shootings actually include any time a firearm was discharged on school property, not the major school massacres we typically think of. When advocating, it is important to be factually accurate. Students can also support local and national movements against gun violence. Though the amount of recent protests and marches may be overwhelming, it is important to remember that the foundation of our country is built on protest and political revolution. Almost every single major social change in our country has come from large protests by the American people. So far, two

major events have been planned: The National School Walkout on March 14 and the Walk for Our Lives on March 24. Both are events that students can get involved in. Finally, we can all call our representatives — both in North Carolina and our home states — to voice our concerns and show that we will not back down until gun violence is no longer an issue. Students can contact federally elected officials by calling the United States Capitol switchboard at 202-224-3121. Students can also learn how to contact other officials, such as governors and members of Congress, by going to [usa.gov](http://usa.gov). It is not difficult to make a call or fill out a submission form. No more innocent lives should be taken by gun violence — especially not children and educators in schools. Gun violence is preventable. Banning guns is not the only solution to this problem, but it is clear — considering the outrageous amount of deaths by guns in the United States each year — that some form of change needs to be made.

## Make changes so your phone can't tell you what to do



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Columnist  
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It seems like I can't go ten minutes without feeling a buzz in my pocket or a ding in my backpack as my phone begs me to check it. Oh look, it's a Snapchat from that one person who sends an update every 30 seconds of the day. Oh hey, CNN is here to tell me that we're one step closer to nuclear war with North Korea. Even if I manage to escape the hellacious onslaught of notifications for more than five seconds, I can't help but pull out my phone anyway. What if I got an email from that student organization I'm not even a part of anymore? Perhaps a new Instagram story from someone I haven't talked to since high school? After a while, it hit me. I didn't even care. I was looking at my phone every few seconds only to scroll through notifications and social media and then put it down again completely unsatisfied. I didn't particularly want to pull my phone out so much, I just felt like I had to. I felt like an

addict, taking a hit just to get a momentary buzz as soon as the last one faded. That's no accident. The apps we use, the software on our phones, even the shapes and colors of the buttons we press: they're all designed to capture our attention and get us hooked. Tech industry insiders have come out to explain how programmers build social networks and operating systems with that in mind. The more your eyes are on their screens, the more ads they can show you and the more money they make. But there's a way to fight back. You can tinker with the settings on your phone to minimize the effects of that addictive design and only look at your phone when you want to — not when it tells you to. **Turn off notifications** How often do you swipe open on a notification and find something you actually needed to see? Sure, there are

important alerts that you'll need to check with relative immediacy, but you'll be surprised at how many "Facebook memories" and "Twitter moments" notifications can pass by before you even remember to check those networks. Cut down on notifications aren't absolutely imperative, and you'll find that you don't really miss them too much. **Use 'Do Not Disturb'** Most smartphones have a setting that turns off beeps and buzzes and rings whenever notifications pop up. How often do you pick up your phone to check a single notification only to get sucked into 15 minutes of aimless browsing afterwards? If your phone isn't barking at you to look at its screen every single time a message comes in, you can take as long as you want between phone checks without feeling like you're missing anything. It helps you stay on task and feel in control of your own

time. Not every Snapchat from your best friend needs an immediate response. Few will be frustrated if you take 10 minutes instead of two to get back to a text. And you can always whitelist your mom and your boss just to make sure you don't miss anything important. **Delete social media apps** Going cold turkey is seldom an easy approach, but if you're really feeling addicted, deleting social media apps from your phone might be a necessary fix. It's hard to ignore the temptation to check Facebook and Twitter when all you have to do is click the logo sitting on your home screen. I noticed that I was sometimes opening social media without even realizing it, as if it were muscle memory. By deleting the apps, you give yourself one extra hurdle to checking those networks. You can always visit those sites

in a mobile web browser, so you don't have to quit them entirely. **Switch colors to grayscale** Part of the attention-grabbing capability of your phone lies in the colors it uses on screen. Bright alarm reds and sickly-sweet greens and blues are all meant to catch your eye and call your attention to parts of the screen. If you switch your phone from full color to black and white, you can neuter the power of the bright colors. Your eye isn't called to the little number one in a red circle if the circle isn't red. These steps can be implemented all at once or rolled out gradually over time. They're not for everyone, but it can be a surprisingly relieving feeling to be less beholden to a steady stream of notifications. Take some time to think about why, when and how often you check your phone, and you might just find that you want to cut back.

LAMBERT | from cover

institution and worked hard as a community to practice those on a daily basis.”

Elon’s campus has grown significantly since Lambert first arrived. More than 100 buildings have been built or acquired during Lambert’s presidency. But in his 19 years here, he has grown as well.

Personal growth

While Lambert has transformed the campus, some of those closest to him said they have noticed how the presidency has transformed him.

Steven House, provost and executive vice president of Elon, works closely with the president and has watched him change over the years.

“When [Lambert] came, as you can imagine, [Smith] Jackson was the star on campus, and President Lambert was still learning about the university,” House said. “As time went on, he got to know the students extremely well, and now he’s the rock star on campus. [He also] has a more national presence — he is known across the country and is looked to as a senior president. People look to him because they want to know what he is thinking.”

Lambert’s co-workers attribute his ability to keep the institution student-focused to his strength of connecting with students.

“President Lambert is student-centered,” House said. “He is learning-centered, and he really knows how to get the best out of us when it comes to thinking of new things that we want to do. What we always ask is, ‘What’s the best for the students? How can we help them learn? And how can we really work to transform their lives?’”

House was hired by Lambert in 2001 as dean of Elon College, The College of Arts and Sciences. In 2015, House was promoted to his current position as provost and executive vice president.

Lambert is one of the reasons House has stayed at Elon for the past 17 years.

“He’s just a joy to work with,” House said. “We have a great relationship, and it’s one of the reasons I’ve stayed



ALEC MANDELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Above: Spencer Schar, Martha Schar, Dwight Schar and Leo Lambert participate in the Schar Center groundbreaking Oct. 21, 2016



Right: Lambert speaking during the dedication of the Phoenix Statue in 2003.

Below: Lambert with Isabella Cannon during her birthday celebration May 12, 1999.



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at Elon all this time.”

Working with Lambert is a joy many students have been able to experience, as well.

“It’s sad to see Dr. Lambert leave. I love Dr. Lambert, but I’m not as sad as I could be because I know Dr. Lambert will still be around,” SGA Executive President Morgan Bodenarain said.

Bodenarain is glad Lambert will continue to work with students outside his role as president emeritus

because to her he is “the Dr. Lambert, and he will always have that impression on students.”

Bodenarain’s experience as SGA executive president will certainly be different from her successor’s, junior Kenneth Brown Jr., who will take on the role during Book’s first year as university president.

“It will be a bit of a change, but we are just going to have to see what happens,” Brown said. “It will probably be more different on the

# In fall 2019, Lambert will launch Elon’s master’s program



Leo Lambert laughs during an interview in his newly constructed office in the Martin Alumni Center Feb. 14.

transition side — with helping to celebrate and honor Dr. Lambert while also helping Dr. Book get to re-know the campus.”

A transition of presidency like this hasn’t been seen at Elon for the last 19 years. Brown can’t wait to see this take place during the new year.

“We don’t know what that is going to look like but we are just going to go with the flow,” Brown said. “It adds to the excitement of what the year might bring.”

## Yearlong sabbatical

Lambert plans to take a yearlong sabbatical once he leaves office. Though this sabbatical is temporary, Lambert said he plans to enjoy it to the fullest — away from campus at an “undisclosed location.”

“On March 1, my wife and I are heading on a vacation,” Lambert said. “We are going somewhere warm and sunny and we are getting out of dodge.”

When his vacation ends, Lambert said he will be back in town, but he will continue to keep his distance.

“My first year ... I’m going to have a very low profile,” Lambert said. “I’ll be back on campus anytime Connie needs me to be here, but I am going to be gone for a year, essentially.”

Lambert will be back for the class of 2018’s commencement ceremony where he will be delivering the commencement ad-

## 20 YEARS OF LEO IN PHOTOS:

From inaugurations, to commencements, to groundbreakings, Leo Lambert’s role as president of Elon University has transformed the institution almost as much as the role has transformed him.

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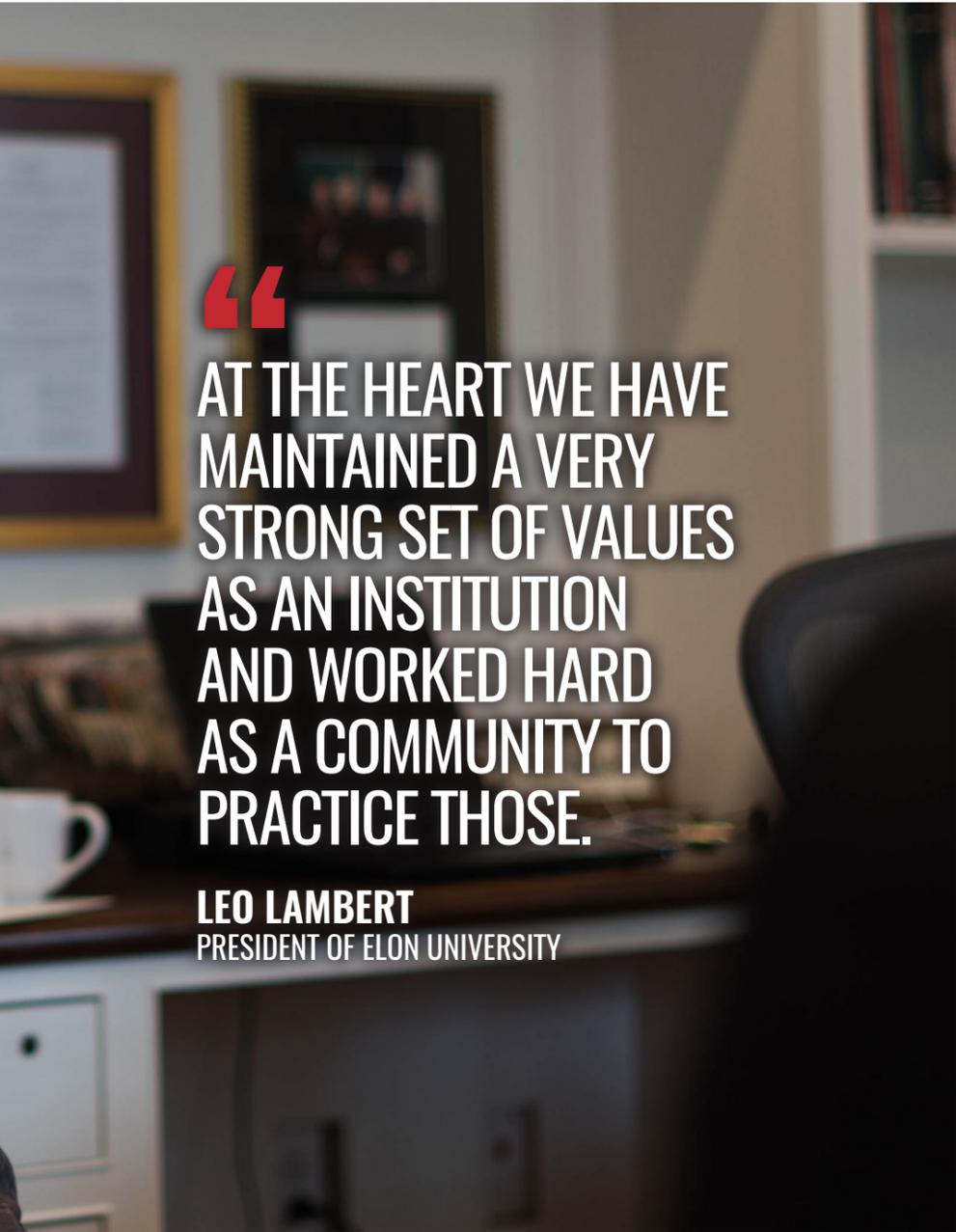
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# ill return to teach in m for higher education



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AT THE HEART WE HAVE MAINTAINED A VERY STRONG SET OF VALUES AS AN INSTITUTION AND WORKED HARD AS A COMMUNITY TO PRACTICE THOSE.

**LEO LAMBERT**  
PRESIDENT OF ELON UNIVERSITY

ALEC MANDELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

dress, as requested by the senior class. But he said it's important he avoids the brick paths for awhile to let Book adjust to her new position.

"It's very important to step away for a year and allow Dr. Book to establish her own presence on campus without having the former president too close by," Lambert said. "The university can only have one president at a time, and I really want to step away from that responsibility."

### Learning from experience

Lambert learned of the importance of a university president's first academic school year in 1999-2000, during the first few months of his own presidency.

"[J. Earl] Danieley was a great supporter and encourager and a friend of mine and visible on campus, but never once in all the years that we were friends was there any confusion of who the

president of the institution was. That will be very much the same thing for Dr. Book and myself," Lambert said. "When I come back as a professor and as president emeritus, Laurie and I look forward to engaging with the campus — but in a different way.

"We'll still be around and participating fully in the community, but not as the president of the institution."

Lambert's preparation for the transition has made him look at his own presidency as it comes to an end.



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**Top:** (From left to right) Callie Lambert, Laurie Lambert, Mollie Lambert and Leo Lambert hold up Elon College T-shirts fall 1998.

**Above:** Leo Lambert raises his fist at the conclusion of Elon's largest fundraising campaign, the \$100 million Ever Elon campaign.

**Left:** (From left to right) James Earl Danieley, Leo Lambert and Fred Young smile in 2013.

"I don't have regrets, and obviously there are things that with the benefit of hindsight you might do differently, but that's probably for others to judge," Lambert said. "We know who we are as an institution, we know what we care most about, which is students and learning and we haven't lost our way in that regard."

This hindsight is what Lambert said he hopes to use to write his new book, a project he plans to pursue during his newfound free time.

"I have to get out of this job so I can get to work," Lambert said with a laugh. "My new life on sabbatical is going to be a lot of reading, writing, a lot of thinking, very contemplative in a way, but it's really fun to think about tackling a big project like a book."

House said that though he hopes Lambert enjoys his sabbatical, he's looking forward to having him back.

"I know he'll be back, and he'll be supporting us and helping us get even better,"

House said. "He has taken Elon to the national level, and he will continue to do great things for the university."

Lambert's future work here at Elon won't be behind the desk of the president's office in Powell building, but in a new office in the Martin Alumni Center, tucked away in the back of the building with a desktop filled with papers, books and pictures of his family.

*Jackie Pascale, executive director, contributed reporting*



# LIFESTYLE

## BROWN JR. | from cover

ment with student government began in high school when he served as president his junior and senior year.

“SGA was something that I did in high school,” Brown said. “We did not really do much with it in high school, but I knew I wanted to be a part of something in college that involved action.”

Brown decided to step back from student government his junior year so he could spend a semester abroad in Scotland at the University of Glasgow. Upon his return, Brown wanted to come back to SGA and run again this spring. As he began to work on his campaign, he thought about what change he wanted to see on campus.

Brown, with the help of his campaign manager, junior Mariatu Okonofua, established his campaign and brought together a team of people willing to help him spread his message. He created social media accounts, a website and began engaging with students.

The website outlines what his platform is all about, and Brown even created a playlist for his campaign, which was inspired by former President Barack Obama’s own election playlist.

“Music plays a really big role in bringing people together and encompassing a message,” Brown said. “I think it is cool to use music as a tool to get our message across.”

Brown established four main pillars of his campaign: engage, connect, support and uphold.

Brown said the Elon community as a whole can work together to engage in various ways including school spirit and service.

“We would be enhancing school spirit, like helping Phoenix Phanatics continue to find their footing,” Brown said.

Phoenix Phanatics is an organization on campus with a mission revolving school spirit and showing support to the athletics programs during their games. As a member, Brown has been photographed and spotted at various sports games. He



Kenneth Brown Jr., future executive president of the SGA, meets and greets Elon students at his event “Cookies with Kenny” Feb. 15.

COREY WELLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

# campaign WITH A cause

is often seen in the crowd showing his support for the Elon Phoenix teams.

Through engagement, Brown also hopes to involve outside of campus with the surrounding community.

“We want to engage with our community and make sure we’re being respectful guests of our home,” Brown said. “This could mean creating something like a day of service.”

A day of service is an instance of involvement, but Brown said being able to connect can come through engaging. He said each pillar is of equal importance to him because they all link together.

Sophomore marketing major Sofia Montalbo is the social media manager for Brown’s campaign and runs his Facebook, Instagram and Twitter accounts. She became involved with the campaign because she believes one of the most important pillars is the ability to engage.

“We can engage in important dialogue and in activities that are inclusive and diverse,” Montalbo said. “For the era that we are in now, it is



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**KENNETH BROWN JR.**  
FUTURE SGA EXECUTIVE PRESIDENT

more important than ever to have important political discussions, to bring up questions you may have and engage in activities that may be out of your comfort zone.”

Dialogue is another instance of involved engagement. Brown specifically hopes that through the ability to connect, the student body can come together despite differences.

“When it comes to issues of diversity and inclusivity, we want to ask how do we make sure that we get those people who should be in the room into the room during these conversations, those [people] who believe thoughts should be challenged,” Brown said. “We will not be afraid to call people out on issues of discrimination,” Brown said. “We are not having that on our campus. Racism, sexism, homophobia, all these isms and all these phobias — they have no place here on our campus and we will work to get rid of it.”

Finally, Brown wants to be able to support the student body in whatever way possible. One of his main goals in supporting students is

by promoting mental health awareness. An objective President Leo Lambert and Connie Book are also set on achieving.

“Something I want to start is an initiative called, ‘Chill Out, Elon,’ which would promote mental health awareness, self-care tips and what that really looks like,” Brown said.

He wants everyone to feel a sense of belonging on campus, which he said he realizes can be difficult because not everyone feels like they can have support on campus the way others do.

“Elon is made for specific people,” Brown said. “It is a private university, so if you come from money or middle class, or whatever this better form of living is, Elon is the type of campus that is meant for those people. This can be hard for students who come from low-income backgrounds.”

Brown himself is familiar with this as he is part of the Odyssey Program and is a recipient of The Leon and Lorraine Watson Scholarship. The program is need and merit-based, and it has allowed students from a low socioeconomic status to study at Elon. He has displayed a leadership role within the program by being a mentor for the class of 2020 and hold this role again for the class of 2022.

“Luckily for me, I have been blessed with so many opportunities to be able to create my space and create the ways in which I can belong,” Brown said. “I think having a student body president who is totally different from the majority of this campus can help students feel like they belong in a sense where they can think, ‘I can be student body president, too’ or ‘I can do this, too.’”

Brown said he realized this campaign and the presidency were much bigger than himself.

“This thing is bigger than me,” Brown said. “Just like in Hamilton [the musical], we outlive what we do, and we have a responsibility to focus on that as well. We have to make sure that this campus is better for future students.”



Kenneth Brown Jr. mingles with students inside Moseley Kitchen as his campaign poster dominates the kitchen’s window.

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# Fifteen organizations sponsor K.FRESHH's vision

Elon senior organizes relief concert for Caribbean after hurricanes

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Elon University students, faculty and alumni are working together to put on a show to benefit those whose homes were destroyed during Hurricanes Irma and Maria.

Helping Hands United: A Benefit Concert for Caribbean Island Hurricane Relief will take place at 10 p.m. Feb. 23 in the Phoenix Activity and Recreation Center in the Daniele Neighborhood. The cost is \$5.

"All proceeds from the concert will be going to three organizations: International Relief Teams, the Community Foundation for the Virgin Islands and Unidos por Puerto Rico," said Sylvia Munoz, the associate director for the Center for Race, Ethnicity and Diversity Education. "No artists or anyone involved will be taking a commission, and 100 percent of the proceeds raised will be going straight to these organizations."

This concert is the brainchild of senior music production and recording arts major Kellcee Batchelor.

Batchelor was first inspired to organize the concert after fall break last October, a little after Hurricanes Irma and Maria passed through the Caribbean Islands.

"I feel like a lot of the times we get paralyzed by fear," Batchelor said. "We get paralyzed by all of the destruction that we see. It's OK to feel those emotions ... but at some point we have to be mobilizers. I really hope this event stands as a cure to that paralysis."

When the idea was conceived, Batchelor's big goal was to make this event truly diverse and highly

collaborative. He has been working with 15 campus organizations to coordinate the show.

"A lot of student-run and faculty-run groups are all supporting it," said senior Julio Dragonetti, who will be performing in the show with his band, LowFly. "It's a really diverse group, especially for this campus ... a lot of the minority fraternities and the Latnix groups are really chipping in for this because those are a lot of the cultures that are affected in the Caribbean Islands."

Another big goal of Batchelor's was to create a cultural experience for the students in attendance.

"A lot of the students who are a part of the Latino and Hispanic Union, they've agreed to make dishes," Batchelor said. "They're making homemade dishes and then Aramark donated all of the food, and it's going to be Caribbean-style catered food."

Along with the food and sponsors, the music will also be exemplary of culture. The show will feature seven acts consisting of local artists, Elon alumni and current Elon students, including Batchelor himself, whose stage name is K.FRESHH.

"The music is very diverse as well," Batchelor said. "Everything from pop, to hip-hop, to EDM, to funk, to rock — there's a little in there for everybody. So not only is the show itself diverse in terms of acts and people performing, but even down to the sponsors who are helping partner with us."

"He didn't want this to be only his event," said senior Andres Garreaud, who helped Batchelor plan the event in its initial phases. "He wanted to have a collaborated effort across many different organizations to show that Elon can come together, like it does for ElonTHON, to support communities in need and be the change we want to see in the world."

Partner organizations are



Casper (Connor Smith), K.FRESHH (Kellcee Batchelor) and Komodo (William Henderson) hold posters for the benefit concert that supports hurricane relief in the Caribbean islands.

helping set up, usher, cater, ensure security, advertise and promote the event. Cultural groups on campus such as El Centro and the Caribbean Student Association "have helped from a cultural standpoint," according to Batchelor, to nail the promotion aspects and appeal to all students.

Limelight Records and SGA have provided the funding for the event. SGA has taken on costs for safety measures while Limelight is covering the cost of the lighting and assisting with the stage management of the event to ensure it is run seamlessly and professionally.

The company that provided the lighting for this year's Homecoming concert, Audio & Light, Inc., located in Greensboro, will also provide the lighting for this

concert, while Elon's media services will be handling the audio.

"The production company that did Jon Bellion is doing this," said junior Josh Scovern, a music production and recording arts major who will be helping mix the audio. "It's going to be huge."

Batchelor said he hopes to attract a large, diverse audience for this special, collaborative event. He also hopes it inspires others to take action geared toward the betterment of society.

"At Elon, we talk a lot about being global citizens," Batchelor said. "Be global thinkers, be global citizens ... I think we really need to be as altruistic as possible, be as selfless as possible. If you combine selflessness with optimism, you can do a lot of great things."

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**KELLEE BATCHELOR**  
CONCERT ORGANIZER

## Local restaurant celebrates 15 years in the Elon community

Skid's serves as a social hub for community and students

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It's just a regular Monday morning at Skid's Restaurant.

Tucked away between the Circle K gas station and the Park Place apartments on West Haggard Avenue, the restaurant was in the middle of the breakfast rush. The beeper attached to the door was constantly chirping, alerting the wait staff to more customers. Patrons were quickly greeted at the door by wait staff with friendly smiles, pleasant conversation and a cup of their usual beverage, ranging from hot coffee to sweet tea.

This year the restaurant will celebrate its 15th anniversary at Elon. Glenda Robertson has been a server at Skid's since the restaurant opened on Feb. 22, 2003.

"It's been a fast 15 years," Robertson said.

Robertson said the work has always been overwhelming, with a mix of locals and students filing in and out for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Initially, the crowd was drawn in by name recognition. The property was originally a Hardee's and now-owner George Katsoudas planned on leasing out the space as an investment.

Katsoudas said he realized Elon was missing a restaurant with din-



Loyal customers Mitch Rippy, Bo Loy and Steve Waltman enjoy their weekly breakfast at Skid's Restaurant.

er-style food. The restaurant business and the name Skid's came from Katsoudas' childhood. In the 1960s, Katsoudas' father emigrated from Greece and worked at the Skid's on North Church Street in Burlington. He later bought the restaurant from the original owners in 1982. Katsoudas asked his father for permission to use the same name at the new Elon location.

Fifteen years later, he admitted the place has changed a little, but Skid's remains a "true neighborhood

local place."

Katsoudas said his wait staff, including Robertson, Marianne Everett and Janice Champion, are there to make people feel like family, whether it's remembering their faces or beating them to the punch by knowing their usual order.

Robertson said working for Katsoudas and the people she serves every day has made the environment a great place to work.

"They come back for the food and the company," Robertson said.

Richard Lambert is one of those people who kept coming back. Lambert said he doesn't remember exactly when he started going to Skid's, but estimated between five to six years ago. He said he joins a group of regulars three times a week between 7-7:30 a.m. Lambert said they even have a group text to plan when to go.

"We just kind of text each other, 'Are you coming to Skid's?'" Lambert said.

The wide-ranging topics of conversation at the table lasted the full

### IF YOU GO...

**Location:** 134 W Haggard Ave, Elon College, NC 27244

**Hours:** Monday-Friday: 7 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

**Cuisine:** Breakfast, Diner and Greek

**Price:** ~\$5

hour and a half.

"Sports, you name it, that's what we talk about," Lambert said.

"It is a social mecca," said Mike King, another group regular.

Steve Waltman graduated from Elon in 1989 and said he has been a customer for the whole 15 years. Waltman said his breakfast at Skid's breaks up the monotony of the day.

"It's a place you can come and meet, solve the world's problems," Waltman said. He also wants to support his friend, Katsoudas.

"That's what being a friend is, supporting in any way," Waltman said.

Katsoudas said he expects the place to change again in the next 15 years. He said he wants to add outdoor seating, as well as make minor menu changes and fix up the building a bit.

But the daily routine is still the same. By 10 a.m., the breakfast rush has died down. Table conversations have been replaced by the music from the radio as the staff prepares for more customers for lunch. Robertson said people can still expect "good service, a smile, a laugh" from this Elon establishment 15 years later.

Junior David Duncan studies physiological effects of immigration policies

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DAVID DUNCAN, A JUNIOR at Elon University, is the recent recipient of the Leadership Prize — a scholarship grant of \$10,000 awarded to students who apply their intellectual and leadership skills toward problem solving.

“The unique component of the Leadership Prize is to create some type of solution or sustainable plan,” Duncan said. “So the goal really is to educate but also produce something of value on behalf of these students.”

Duncan’s adviser, Carmen Monico, an assistant professor of human service studies, has been a strong advocate for his undergraduate research.

“Undergraduate research is an exploration of a topic of interest that students engage in where they have the opportunity to actually learn about the research process, including all the way from how you formulate a research question to actually writing a report,” Monico said.

### Defining his research

Duncan’s research focuses on examining the deportation threat of Hispanic immigrant college students and examining how that threat affects their mental health and coping mechanisms.

“I want to address that many institutions that don’t have a large population of these types of students often times don’t understand or realize the depth of anxiety or depression or trauma that these students might be enduring,” Duncan said.

Duncan found inspiration for his research when he was on a mission trip in Puerto Rico during his junior year of high school.

“We stayed there as a class and we helped paint. We helped some type of educational youth service and we went to senior citizen homes and helped them. It was just all around a really good opportunity for us,” Duncan said.

Duncan found himself drawn to the culture, history and values of the Hispanic people and had been profoundly impacted by his experience there.

“My life and my purpose and my goal isn’t just for myself,” Duncan said. “In some way, I was like, ‘Okay, I want to work with Hispanic people and I need to give back somehow,’ and again at that moment I didn’t know what that looked like.”

Duncan’s inspiration came during his first Winter Term at Elon while taking an “Anthropology of Babies” course. Duncan was searching for a way to combine his interests in



Junior David Duncan during his high school trip to Puerto Rico that inspired him to conduct research regarding the physiological effects of immigrations policies on immigrant children.

PHOTO COURTESY OF DAVID DUNCAN

# AIDING FIRST-GENERATION IMMIGRANT STUDENTS THROUGH RESEARCH

politics, law and children, and found the term “Anchor Babies.”

This term used to describe children of immigrants who were born on U.S. soil and attained their citizenship that way.

“The term is like they ‘anchor’ their family to the states, but that’s not true,” Duncan said. “A lot of times those parents have to make a decision on whether they keep the child in the states or take them back to their home country.”

As a psychology major and Spanish minor, Duncan hopes to utilize his research to alert mental health professionals, higher education professionals and legal counsel about these issues.

“Those three things are very important so hopefully we’ll be able to educate [professionals] on the experiences of these students,” Duncan said.

Duncan said this psychological dynamic piqued his interest of the mental health aspects of the effects of immigration and of being a first-generation student from a Hispanic family.

“What we’re seeing is that a lot of these students, on top of the normal college stress that we all endure, are also having to deal with issues back at home,” Duncan said.

The effects of an uncertain future in terms of citizenship, visas and family life provide additional mental stress for immigrants or students of immigrant families.

“The future is uncertain for them, the present is uncertain, and so that sort of weird state of uncertainty produces a lot of enduring traumatic experiences,” Duncan said. “That’s sort of what we want to



Duncan poses by Global Neighborhood where flags of international students are hung around the neighborhood.



THE GOAL REALLY IS TO EDUCATE BUT ALSO PRODUCE SOMETHING OF VALUE ON BEHALF OF THESE STUDENTS

DAVID DUNCAN  
LEADERSHIP PRIZE RECIPIENT

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address, is giving them a voice to talk about those experiences but also alerting higher education professionals, alerting mental health professionals to provide accurate resources for them.”

### Finding relevance with DACA

Monico said that some of the research revolves around those who are DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) beneficiaries.

“When David came to me, I said, ‘So if you’re interested in migration, let’s look at what is happening right now and who are the most affected,’” Monico said.

According to Monico DACA beneficiaries most often arrived in the United States as a result of the desperate decisions of their parents regarding economic conditions or violence in their

countries of origin.

“It’s the fear of deportation and how that impacts their lives, and in this case, because they came as children, they have a conscious of being who they are,” Monico said.

The research is coinciding with prominent controversy regarding immigration laws and DACA reformation within the country.

“It’s important because it’s timely, because it speaks to an issue of social justice,” Monico said. “I think David has actually been able to think about the psychological impact of that, not so much on everybody, but on the DACA students.”

Monico believes the research is widespread and applicable to problems faced by DACA and first-generation college students.

“It’s not just that we’re looking at an impact on policy, supporting the efforts of

all of those who are trying to get the DACA act passed, but also at administrators at the college level to think about how to better support DACA students while they are at their universities and colleges,” Monico said.

### Protecting participant identities

One important aspect of Duncan’s research is protecting the identities of the participants. Duncan has been working with the Institutional Review Board (IRB), a type of committee that provides ethical and regulatory oversight of research involving human subjects.

“I have to make sure that the identities of the participants are concealed at all times, even at the cost of the research itself,” Duncan said. “That’s why I’ve sort of kept it to myself that I don’t want

to make a big deal about the research because it’s really not about the fame of the research but the product that it can produce.”

Monico worked with Duncan to establish a procedure to ensure the protection of participants’ identities and ethical research.

“One of the things that we talked about early in the process is precisely that he’s not going to put in danger the participants and if in any way we believe that is happening we would pull back,” Monico said. “He puts the safety of the participants ahead of his own goals as a scholar which is part of his career goals, and that is noble in one word.”

Monico describes Duncan’s demeanor and attention to his research participants as authentic and highly responsible.

“He’s very empathetic with people he’s going to be interviewing which makes him much more prompt to actually establish rapport with them because he comes through as an authentic person,” Monico said.

Duncan emphasizes the importance placed on the comfortability of research participants. He highlights wanting to make sure the participants feel safe throughout the interview rather than coerced or used.

“A lot of researchers go in, talk to a population and then leave and never really come back to give them an update on the research or find out what they’re doing now,” Duncan said.

Duncan hopes to provide a basis for other students to build on his research afterward and continue delving into this topic of the psychological effects of immigration.

“If I could just sort of produce and publish and keep my name out of it I would,” Duncan said. “It’s really just about how can we help these students because that’s the most important part.”

Monico believes Duncan’s character and the work he’s doing is important and will have an impact on research in the future.

“He’s doing great things. I’m supporting him fully. Everything he’s set to do, he’s been able to do it. I think that he has passion for what he’s doing. He’s going to go a long way,” Monico said.

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## SPORTS



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Junior infielder Ryan Ogren swings and misses at a pitch during Elon University's 10-3 loss against the University of North Carolina at Greensboro May 2, 2017.

# TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME

Baseball hopes changes will prevent fourth-straight losing season

**Erik Webb**  
Sports Director | @ErikWebbElon

After finishing last season with a 24-32 (12-12 in conference) record, the Elon University baseball team looks to make some desperate changes to its process to prevent capturing the fourth consecutive losing season under the leadership of head coach Mike Kennedy.

Kennedy, who graduated from Elon in 1991, enters his 22nd season as the head coach at his alma mater. With a career record of 678-524-3 (.564), Kennedy has won the most games in program history as head coach, but he will have to make some changes to halt the skid.

## Notable losses

The most obvious changes undergone by the team are those to the roster. This past weekend, the freshmen played their first game in the maroon and gold. But with gains come losses. The Phoenix saw nine of its players graduate last year, including outfielder Kyle Jackson and pitcher Jordan Barrett.

"We lost Jackson at the plate who drove some runs in for us and Jordan Barrett on the bump had a good year for us last year," Kennedy said. "Those are some areas that you're trying to make up and fix a little bit."

Jackson led the team in home

runs and runs batted in, and placed second among the Phoenix players in hits, runs scored and slugging percentage. Barrett ranked second on the team in earned run average (ERA), batters struck out and games started.

Kennedy was quick to call out the players he believes will fill the gaps left by the graduating faces.

"We're hoping that players step up and can be a run producer like Jackson was. Maybe [Hayden] Platt has a more consistent year and a full year when last year he really got going late in the year. He had a couple good at bats [Friday] and that helps us in the middle of the order."

To help make up for the loss, Elon's newest recruiting class could mean the appearance of seven new faces on the field. They include pitcher Daniel Albrittain, pitcher Shayne Clowar, outfielder Andrew Flint, pitcher Jeremiah Foster, catcher Matt Oldham, infielder Jack Roberts and pitcher Jared Wetherbee.

## Finding the strike zone

Pitching will lead the Elon defense this season. Impressive performances from the starters kept the Phoenix within striking distance of Pennsylvania State University during the series this weekend.

"[George] Kirby's the dude - he's got good stuff. We're expecting those kind of outings from him," said Kennedy after the sophomore pitcher struck out 11 of the 20 batters he faced during the 2-1 loss against Penn State on Feb. 16. "That doesn't surprise me that he did what he did tonight. If [Brandon] Justice throws like that, he'll be a huge help for us. He threw ex-

## ELON BASEBALL: BY THE NUMBERS

# 279

runs scored last year, compared to the 325 runs posted by opponents.

# 24

wins in 56 games last season (.429), marking the third-straight losing season for the Phoenix.

# 9

seniors who graduated after last season, replaced by seven freshmen.



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SOPHOMORE CATCHER

tremely well ... but he ain't been that good. That's good to get him going, confidence wise, and give us another option down in the bullpen."

When it came to hitting in that strike zone, the Elon offense struggled to keep up during its opening weekend of play. That came as a frustration to players like sophomore catcher Ty Adcock.

"We need to get our pitch early. Be smart. Don't chase out of the zone," Adcock said. "We're a much better hitting team than that. Pre-season we were hitting the ball and fall we were hitting the ball hard. We just got to get into our groove."

## Preseason prospects

After the Phoenix capped off its third-straight losing season, Elon enters this year selected to finish in a tie for fifth place in the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA). The team is tied with the College of William & Mary, just behind Northeastern University and the College of Charleston. Though conference play for the Phoenix will not begin until March 23, a couple of players on the Elon team received recognition from the league.

Junior shortstop Ryne Ogren and sophomore starting pitcher Kyle Brnovich were both named to the Preseason All-CAA Baseball team after impressive seasons last year. Ogren was named the team captain and team MVP of the 2017 season. He was the only Elon player to start all 56 games, led the team and ranked second in the league with a .350 average as he recorded a league-best 78 hits and 21 doubles.

Brnovich, who was named

CAA Rookie of the Year in 2017, finished the season with a 3.10 ERA and held opponent batters to a .204 average. He struck out 103 batters in 90.0 innings, ranking second in the league in strikeouts and third in number of innings pitched.

The league selected senior catcher Hayden Platt as a honorable mention for the All-CAA team.

## Schedule ahead

Having fallen in all three games to Penn State this past weekend, the Phoenix (0-3) looks to find some better mojo on its home field at Latham Park. The 56-game slate this spring will include 37 games at home, including meetings with 11 teams that made the 2017 NCAA Tournament.

The Phoenix will remain at home for the next five games, facing off against Big South member Radford University Feb. 20, playing a three-game series against Marshall University Feb. 23-25, and taking on Liberty University Feb. 28.

The first road trip for the Phoenix won't take place until the first weekend in March when the team travels to Georgia Southern University for a three-game matchup. The Phoenix will then return home for six straight games against North Carolina teams, including the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Appalachian State University and Eastern Carolina University.

March will also see the opening of conference play as the maroon and gold travels to CAA foe James Madison University for a series March 23-25.

# Grabbing attention off the court

Junior forward Tyler Seibring shares his perspective as a mid-major player

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Tyler Seibring drives to the hoop against a University of Southern Florida defender Nov. 30, 2017.

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Junior and basketball player Tyler Seibring said he was humbled to hear his article, “Just for the Record: The Chronicles of a Mid-Major Basketball Player,” reached so many people in the Elon University community and landed on the desk of none other than President Leo Lambert.

Accumulating more than 30 retweets and close to 100 likes on Twitter, the article gave readers a chance to briefly step into Seibring’s rather large shoes and learn more about his life as a semi-recognized athlete.

He said the purpose of his article was not to persuade more people to pay attention to Elon athletics but simply “to create something to document the intricacies of the life of a mid-major basketball player.”

Elon, Seibring said, is by no means a major basketball school.

“Everyone is a fan of Duke, Kansas and North Carolina,” Seibring said. “But most people don’t end up there – they end up in mid-major programs that are more fitting to what they are trying to accomplish at that time in their lives.”

But it no longer feels as though they’re a member of a Division-I team. Seibring said other than some occasional stops for pictures, being a Division-I athlete has little effect on his life.

“I love it when mid-major programs are supported against high major programs,” Seibring said in

his article. “I’m sick of feeling like we play a different sport.”

Seibring said one of the driving motivations to write the article was to show he is playing the same game as the top-tier teams whose games are broadcast on ESPN.

“Everyone’s rooting for the underdog, but there are a lot of misunderstandings about the lives we’re living and how hard we are trying to compete,” Seibring said.

He said many people don’t realize how tough it is to play on the Division I level, at any school — midsize college athletes are “working the same hours and under the same system.”

Seibring leads the men’s basketball team with 437 points. He ranks 14th overall in the CAA with 15.6 points per game, spend-

ing more time on the hardwood than any other Phoenix player.

He doesn’t let his responsibilities to his team detract from his academic duties.

As a student, Seibring is double-majoring in English and economics, and he was named the 2016-17 Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) Men’s Basketball Scholar-Athlete of the Year for his hard work.

“There are a lot of challenges for any student athlete, but it has helped craft skills and management techniques that will hopefully continue for the rest of our lives,” Seibring said.

Seibring said there is one important skill he has learned to master by being actively involved in both athletics and academics.

“Time management is probably the most important thing,” he said. “For a lot of people it is extremely tough, but eventually you have to figure it out.”

“I’m probably just another college kid with a blog,” Seibring said.

“If people decide it’s not worth their time and it’s just my parents reading it, I can live with an outlet for thinking. You don’t get to decide what something ends up being. You can only try to make something cool. So I’m just going to have some fun with it and start with the end.”

But the Elon community knows he is “more than just another college kid with a blog,” and its response has encouraged him.

Seibring said he hopes to not let Lambert down.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Softball’s Mitchum pitches perfectly

Senior pitcher Kiandra Mitchum recorded Elon softball’s second ever perfect game during this weekend’s home tournament.

Mitchum recorded five strikeouts in her 66-pitch, complete-game performance. Redshirt sophomore Abby Barker is the only other pitcher to achieve the accomplishment, doing so in 2016 as a freshman against Niagara University.

Mitchum’s game, ending in a 8-0 shutout, was the final game of a five-game weekend for the Phoenix. With the only loss coming in the first match-up against Bowling Green University Saturday, Elon has won seven of the last eight games it’s played.

### Phoenix coaches reach milestones

Both Elon University softball and men’s tennis coaches reached career milestones in competition.

Softball coach Kathy Bocock picked up her 400th career win as Elon defeated Bowling Green State University 4-3 on Feb. 16.

Men’s tennis coach Michael Leonard picked up his 200th career victory as the Phoenix swept Appalachian State University to start its spring season.

Both teams will be back in action this week as softball travels to Raleigh on Wednesday, Feb. 21 to face North Carolina State University and men’s tennis takes on Yale University at home on Sunday, Feb. 25.

### Hames sets another personal mark

Senior thrower Bryanna Hames set her second record this year at the UCS Invite to cap off the indoor regular season. In the weight throw, she recorded a mark of 54’ 6.75” and finished fifth, qualifying for the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Indoor Championships.

Elsewhere at the meet, the Elon 4X400-meter relay team captured a season-best time of 3:55.00, finishing second. Junior sprinter Katie Arbogast, a member of the relay team, recorded a personal-best time of 57.63 in the individual 400-meter race.

Members of the team who qualified in their respective events will compete at the ECAC Indoor Championships March 1 in Boston.

### Lacrosse blown out again on the road

The Elon University women’s lacrosse team suffered its second-straight loss to start the season, falling to No. 14 University of Virginia 17-4.

Outshot 29-19, only three Phoenix scored in the double-digit defeat. Senior attacker Nicole Sinacori connected on two shots, capturing half of the team’s goals. Senior attacker Stephanie Asher, Elon’s top scorer, was held without a goal and only one shot in the game.

Lacrosse will be on the road for the third straight game, as Elon travels to South Bend, Indiana on Feb. 25, to face No. 17 University of Notre Dame.

## THE PHOENIX FOCUS

### WOMEN’S GOLF

#### SCHEDULE

FEB. 25-27 KIAWAH ISLAND SPRING CLASSIC/ KIAWAH, SC

### BASEBALL

#### RESULTS

FEB. 16 PENN STATE/ELON 0-3  
FEB. 17 PENN STATE/ELON 1-2  
FEB. 18 PENN STATE/ELON 6-8

#### SCHEDULE

FEB. 20 RADFORD/ELON 4 P.M.  
FEB. 21 KANSAS STATE/ELON 4 P.M.  
FEB. 23 MARSHALL/ELON 4 P.M.  
FEB. 24 MARSHALL/ELON 2 P.M.  
FEB. 25 MARSHALL/ELON 1 P.M.

### WOMEN’S TENNIS

#### RESULTS

FEB. 18 VCU/ELON 5-4  
FEB. 18 CATAWBA/ELON 4-3  
FEB. 18 CATAWBA/ELON 7-0

#### SCHEDULE

FEB. 23 WINTHROP/ROCK HILL, SC 1 P.M.  
FEB. 24 DAVIDSON/DAVIDSON, NC 12 P.M.

### MEN’S BASKETBALL

#### RESULTS

FEB. 15 UNCW/ WILMINGTON 14-14  
FEB. 17 DELAWARE/ NEWARK, DE 63-87  
FEB. 17 DELAWARE/ NEWARK, DE 57-72

#### SCHEDULE

FEB. 22 COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON/ CHARLESTON, SC 7 P.M.  
FEB. 24 NORTHEASTERN/ ELON 7 P.M.  
FEB. 26 JAMES MADISON/ ELON 7 P.M.

### LACROSSE

#### RESULTS

FEB. 17 VIRGINIA/ CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA 0-2  
FEB. 17 VIRGINIA/ CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA 4-17

#### SCHEDULE

FEB. 25 NOTRE DAME/ NOTRE DAME, IN 1 P.M.

### MEN’S TENNIS

#### RESULTS

FEB. 17 APPALACHIAN STATE/ELON 4-4  
FEB. 17 APPALACHIAN STATE/ELON 7-0

#### SCHEDULE

FEB. 20 CAMPBELL/ BUIES CREEK, NC 2 P.M.  
FEB. 25 YALE/ELON 12 P.M.

### WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

#### RESULTS

FEB. 16 HOFSTRA/ HEMPSTEAD, NY 19-7  
FEB. 18 NORTHEASTERN/ BOSTON 72-65  
FEB. 18 NORTHEASTERN/ BOSTON 65-46

#### SCHEDULE

FEB. 25 HOFSTRA/ ELON 2 P.M.

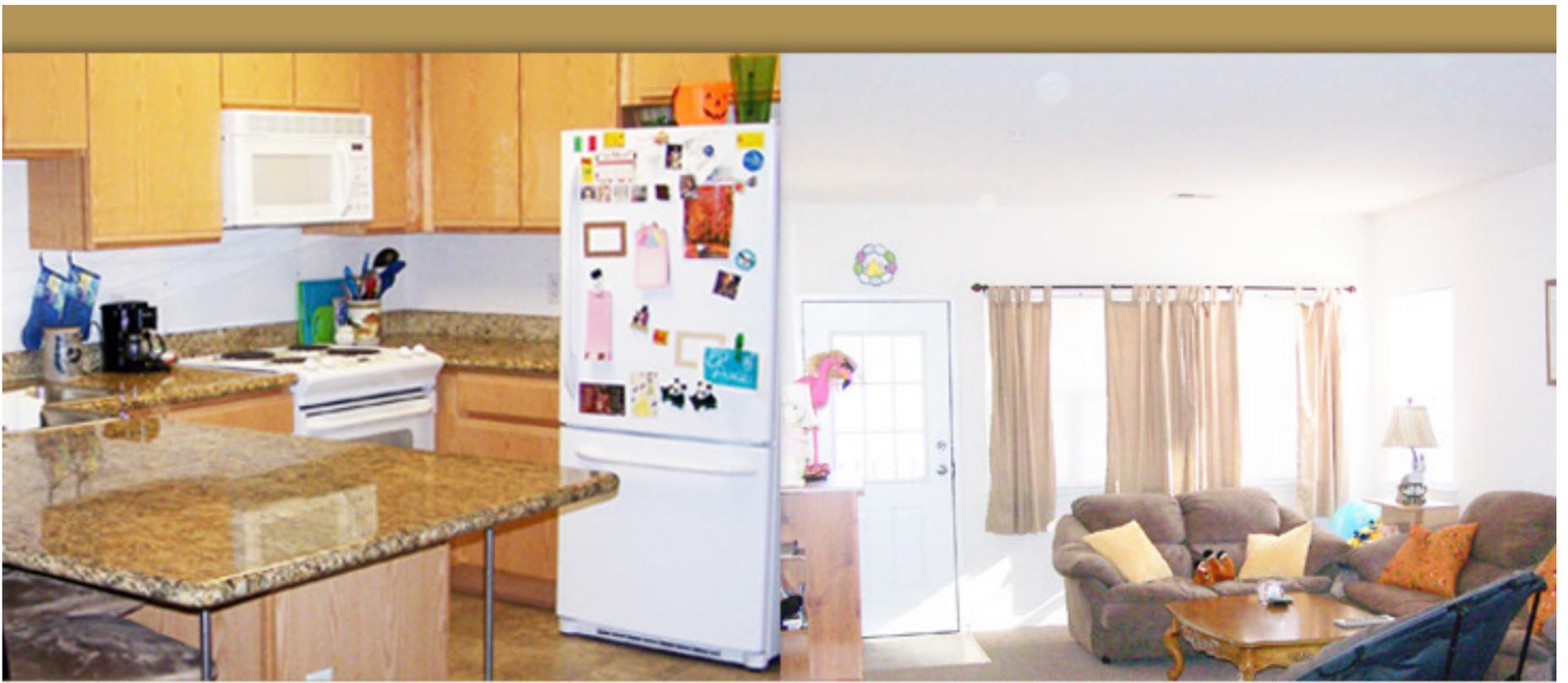
### SOFTBALL

#### RESULTS

FEB. 16 BOWLING GREEN/ELON 7-3  
FEB. 16 BOWLING GREEN/ELON 4-3  
FEB. 16 RHODE ISLAND/ELON 6-2  
FEB. 17 BOWLING GREEN/ELON 3-6  
FEB. 17 NORTH TEXAS/ELON 6-1  
FEB. 17 MOUNT ST. MARY’S/ELON 8-0

#### SCHEDULE

FEB. 21 NC STATE/RALEIGH 4 P.M.  
FEB. 23 HOWARD/ELON 1 & 3 P.M.



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