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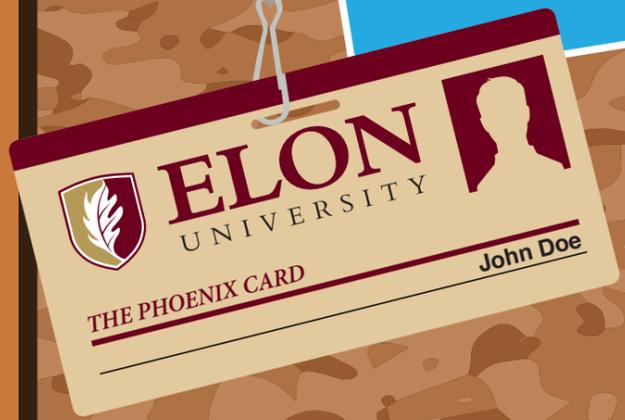
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CRIME REPORT

August 22
LAKESIDE AVENUE,
BURLINGTON
ASSAULT

On Sunday night, a 19-year-old man was walking back from a store near Lakeside Avenue when he was shot in the foot. At 10:38 p.m., police officers nearby assisted the man when they heard gunshots in the area. The victim was transported to Moses Hospital in Greensboro, and as of Monday, was listed in stable condition. Police have not identified a suspect.

August 23
PARKWOOD STREET,
BURLINGTON
ARMED ROBBERY

Burlington police are investigating an alleged armed robbery

involving two men and children outside of a Burlington home on Monday night. The victims told police they were robbed at gunpoint near Parkwood St. and that the robbers escaped in a small, gray car. Both suspects were described as black and wore bandanas over their faces.

August 24
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VEHICLE BREAKING AND ENTERINGS

Five vehicles parked outside apartments near campus were broken into recently, according to an email from Vice President of Student Life Smith Jackson.

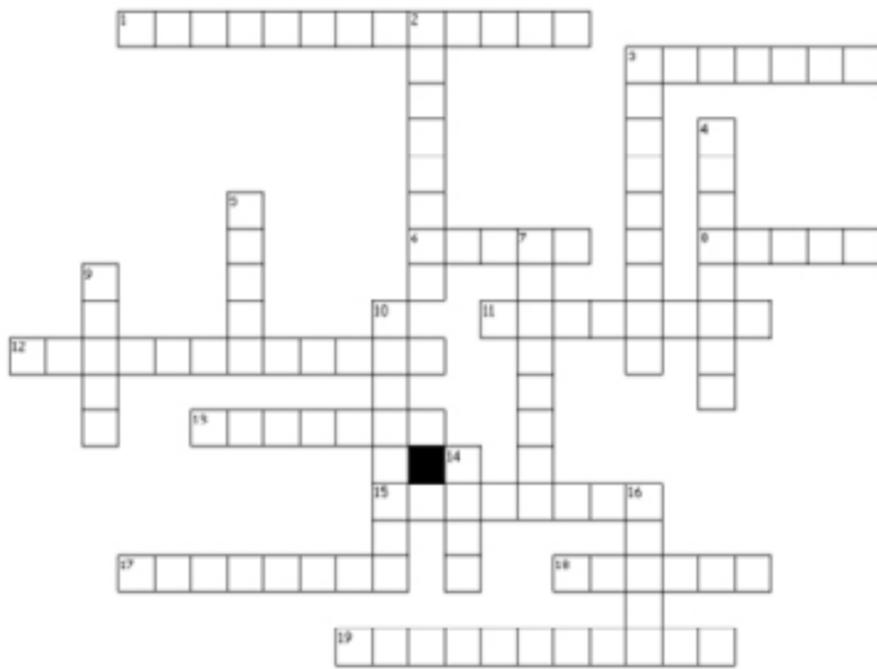
The Town of Elon Police and the Elon University Police received five reports Wednesday of un-

known persons breaking into and entering vehicles parked at The Crest apartments, Phoenix Arms and Partners Place, all in the 900 block of East Haggard Avenue. Both departments are investigating the incidents.

The university is recommending students, faculty and staff lock their car doors and remove valuable items from plain sight as well as not leaving any items unattended while students move into their new residences in the coming days.

GAMES

MOVE-IN DAY CROSSWORD



Across

- 1. Tuesday morning pick-me-up
- 3. Campus hub
- 6. New McEwen
- 8. Nickname for Young Commons
- 11. Legendary president (and neighborhood)
- 12. Soon to be ex-VP of Student Life and Dean of Students (see pg. 4)
- 13. Graduate with a diploma and this
- 15. Musical voices of Elon without instruments
- 17. 24 hours, FTK
- 18. Neighborhood, Education
- 19. President's Twitter

Down

- 2. Lattes and brews for days
- 3. Science!
- 4. Late nights studying
- 5. Mexican food on campus
- 7. County and building
- 9. Building blocks
- 10. Four of them on campus
- 14. Apartments and trees
- 16. Cafe and nuts

1. College Coffee; 2. Oak House; 3A. Moseley; 3B. McMichael; 4. Club Belk; 5. Qdoba; 6. Sehar; 7. Alamance; 8. Boobs; 9. Brick; 10. Fountain; 11. Daniel; 12. Smith Jackson; 13. Sapling; 14. Oaks; 15. A Capella; 16. Acorn; 17. Elonthon; 18. Global; 19. HeadPhoenix

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You're already making history, so make it loudly



Hannah Silvers
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I'm not the first, and I won't be the last, to say this to you today: Welcome to Elon University, Class of 2020.

We've heard a little about you already. We've heard you're the largest and most diverse class to date in Elon history. The entire Elon community is excited to get to know the entire class of 1,569 students, 20 percent of whom are non-white. You're already historic, and you've just started here.

But also.

The Class of 2019 was the largest and most diverse class to date when they arrived last year. And when I got here in fall 2013, my class was the largest and most diverse to date. Almost every class has been, in its day.

"The largest and most diverse class in history!" becomes a bit of a cliché, even though it's completely true. As Elon grows, the phrase ends up in speeches and articles every year around move-in and Convocation. Those of us who have been here for a while have heard it so much that it doesn't mean much to us

anymore.

That does not mean it shouldn't mean something to you.

There are unique opportunities afforded you because of your class' size and makeup, and you should never take them for granted. Perspectives from a variety of backgrounds can open up fantastically rich dialogues about this community, both its ups and its downs. If you work together as a group this big, you can make huge change for the better. There are many of you — it's hard

to ignore you when you speak together.

You can spread out across the globe and across the disciplines, then bring back lessons to share with one another and with us.

But these opportunities are just opportunities right now. To

make them more than that, you have to ... well, make them. You have to go to events and discussions, especially those that you might not want to for fear of feeling out of place or uncomfortable. You have to put yourself out there, physically, emotionally and intellectually. You have to challenge yourself and then challenge others, in that order, with modesty and courage.

Prove to those of us who've tuned out the "bigger and diverse-r than ever!" that it does mean something. I promise, we'll listen.

THERE ARE MANY OF YOU — IT'S HARD TO IGNORE YOU WHEN YOU SPEAK TOGETHER.

We're Elon's student newsroom in transition

The Pendulum, Elon Local News have merged to form Elon News Network



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I interned at a newspaper this summer that was going through a transition after being bought by a corporate giant for the second time in a year.

It was a fascinating experience, seeing firsthand how the media industry is changing. The adjustments, too, reminded me of what we'll be going through with Elon University's student news media this year.

As the rest of the media world reinvents itself for the digital age, we need to as well. That's why the way student media will deliver news is changing this fall.

And that's a good thing for you.

The two best sources for what's happening in the Elon community, The Pendulum and Elon Local News are merging to create one organization called Elon News Network. The Pendulum's name will still be on the newspaper, and ELN will still be on the broadcast, but they'll be products of Elon News Network.

Now, you'll only have to go to one place — www.elonnewsnetwork.com —

to read the latest news about our community. You won't be hearing from two different student journalists from two different organizations asking for an interview, and you'll only have one Twitter feed (@ElonNewsNetwork) and Facebook page (Facebook.com/ElonNewsNetwork) to follow.

Our website isn't live yet, but will be by the start of the fall semester.

And, with the combined resources we have in our merged newsroom, we'll be able to produce a better variety of products across all platforms.

In addition to updating our website daily, we'll be producing content for one of our traditional media outlets every weekday. ELN's Monday night newscast will still air at 6 p.m. on ESTV, and ELN Morning will still be on at 9:50 a.m. Thursdays. The Pendulum will be printed every Wednesday. Our radio show is moving to Fridays at 12:30 p.m., and the Online Exclusive will still be shot Tuesdays.

Through the changes, we'll stay committed to providing fair, accurate coverage of Elon University and the surrounding community. Even as this industry and our organization adapts to new media, that overriding mission will never change.

Have questions? Concerns? Want to get involved? Contact me at thamzik@elon.edu or on Twitter at @T_Hamzik.

We look forward to continuing to serve you, our community and audience, as a newsroom in transition.

What are you most excited about for the new year?

Francesca Mancuso
Sophomore

"I'm a musical theatre major, and this year I'm going to work on my voice. I'm excited to live in Danieley with my best friends."



Zoe Hochberg
Freshman

"I heard the professors are really good and the campus is beautiful, so I'm really looking forward to living here and starting a whole new chapter of my life."



Rebecca Fitzpatrick
Senior

"This year I am excited to see all the new changes at Elon come together. Last year I was abroad and came back and everything was completely different."



Hannah Sobieski
Sophomore

"I'm really looking forward to meeting the new freshman in our major [musical theatre]. And late nights with my best friends."



Michael Dikegoros
Sophomore

"Meeting the incoming freshman. And I'm living in the Oaks and I'm super excited to live there. I'm just super excited for a new year."



Sam Hird
Senior

"I'm looking forward to being 21 on campus."



Elon Jewish Life welcomes new director

Jessica Waldman joins Elon Hillel to encourage, support student leadership

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Over the past several years, Jewish Life at Elon University has grown, bringing with it increased interest and support for the on-campus Jewish population. To create new and grow existing programs at Elon Hillel, Jessica Waldman will be joining as the new Director of Jewish Life.

"I am pumped to be working with the students at Elon," Waldman said. "Working with students energizes and excites me, and I can already tell that the Elon Hillel students are going to be an incredible group to work with. I'm also really looking forward to seeing how Elon's intentional and engaged academic practices translate to students involvement in, and dedication to, Hillel and other campus organizations."

The newest addition to Elon Hillel, Waldman previously worked for Cornell University Hillel in Ithaca, New York, as Director of Engagement. While at Cornell, Waldman focused on women's programming, which she hopes to continue at Elon, as well as creating more male-oriented programs.

Current Hillel staff is excited to have her on board and see what she will bring to the table.

"From the moment we met, Jessica impressed me with her kindness, her intellect and her diligence," said Associate Chaplain for Jewish Life Rabbi Meir Goldstein. "She has a unique way of building instant relationships with people that is quite inspiring. I look forward to watching our students grow in relationship to Jessica's mentorship and guidance."

Waldman said her immediate goal at Elon



Director of Jewish Life Jessica Waldman, who joins Elon Hillel from Cornell University Hillel, is excited to welcome students to Jewish Life and assisting with creating student leaders.

Hillel is to learn how her position within the organization functions, and she especially looks forward to working and growing alongside Elon students this year.

"A long-term goal [I have] is similar to those of many Hillels: inviting students to make an enduring commitment to Judaism and Jewish Life," Waldman said. "Judaism is so multi-faceted and can be accessed in so many different ways. I think it's fair to say that one of my

goals is to create meaningful entry points for students so they may continue to grow, both Jewishly and as young adults."

At Cornell Hillel, Waldman planned many large programs, gaining a "behind-the-scenes" knowledge that she hopes will allow Elon Hillel students to take ownership over

their programming.

Elon Hillel is run by students who create the programs and is supported by staff members.

This year, Waldman plans to continue the partnership with Hillel International and other Hillels in North Carolina so Elon students have more opportunities to get involved with other initiatives outside the school.

"I think Hillel students will be excited to know that they will have more autonomy this year as leaders," Waldman said. "We are mak-

ing some changes in the structure of Hillel to allow the students take more ownership over things which are important parts of the organizational workings — PR, finance, aspects of development — experiences students may not get through other organizations on campus."

That focus on student leadership is what Goldstein said makes Jewish Life and Elon Hillel stand out.

"First-year students can anticipate a place where they can feel at home and are invited to share a variety of experiences," Goldstein said. "Ultimately, students should know that Elon Hillel and Jewish Life is defined by them. Being student-led means that our programs come about by student interest."

Many Jewish students have found a home away from home in Hillel, a place where they can chat with friends over bagels, go to Shabbat dinner, learn more about the traditional Jewish texts or help find their own identity, according to Goldstein.

The level of student engagement at Hillel is what Waldman said attracted her to the position. While pursuing a master's degree in criminal justice, Waldman thought about how to make an impact with communities, which led to her to work with college students and pursue a career in student engagement with Hillel.

"I chose to pursue a career with Hillel because I really value living life with students," Waldman said. "I hope to set an example of living Jewishly that is accessible to students and I look forward to connecting with students where they are, Jewishly and otherwise. I am honored to have the opportunity to invest in Elon students as a staff member, as a mentor and as a friend."

JUDAISM IS SO MULTI-FACETED AND CAN BE ACCESSED IN SO MANY DIFFERENT WAYS.

JESSICA WALDMAN
DIRECTOR OF JEWISH LIFE

Smith Jackson to step down

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Smith Jackson will step down from serving as Vice President of Student Life and Dean of Students at Elon University at the conclusion of 2016-2017 school year, President Leo Lambert announced during an address to faculty and staff Aug. 22.

According to The Office of Student Life, Jackson's career in higher education has spanned more than 30 years. Jackson was born in Dothan, Alabama, and received his undergraduate degree in psychology and a master's degree in counseling from the University of Alabama before earning his doctorate at Auburn University in counselor education.

He held higher education positions at Muskingum College, Auburn University and St. Louis University before becoming the Dean of Students at Huntington College in Montgomery, Alabama. In 1994, Jackson started at Elon College as the Dean of Students. In 1998, he was promoted to the Vice President of Student Life.

Lambert said in an email that Jackson

is, "one of the important architects of the modern Elon."

In this role, Jackson is responsible for all student life at Elon, including heading 15 departments that provide student services and programs ranging from Residence Life to Health Services. Jackson authored 10 articles and book chapters and made presentations at professional conferences on experiential learning, Fraternity and Sorority Life and Academic-Student Life partnerships.

Students have come to know Jackson's email updates, informing students of everything from school cancellations to tragedies.

Senior James Fariello was an Executive Intern under Jackson during the 2015-2016 school year and worked closely with him, researching a cappella groups at Elon and across the country to learn how they handle finances and interactions with advisers.

"There is a lot more than people think about him," he said. "He cares so tremendously about students on campus. He's incredibly hands on."

"[Jackson has been] a model of integrity, a voice of solace in times of campus tragedy, a principled leader, a mentor to hundreds of students and staff members," Lambert said. "He will go down in Elon history as one of our most important leaders of all time."

Provost Steven House will be forming a search committee to replace Jackson in the coming weeks.



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Construction begins for Schar Center

New on-campus arena will seat more than 5,000, cost \$20 million

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Work on Elon University's planned convocation center is underway, with trees recently removed at the site of the facility scheduled to open in fall 2018.

The building will be named the Schar Center, after Dwight and Martha Schar P'16 and P'19, who gave \$12 million to the university in 2012. Part of their donation funded the construction of a new building for the School of Communications, Schar Hall.

"The university has had a long-standing need for a large gathering space that would support major events," said Gerald Whittington, senior vice president for the Office of Business, Finance and Technology. Whittington added that the new building would put Elon on par with other athletic facilities in the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA).

The venue will be built on a 19.5-acre parcel of land near Hunt Softball park, adjacent to the facility's existing parking lot on North Williamson Avenue. The plot was purchased by the university in August 2015.

"This is a great site because it will take advantage of parking that will service football, basketball and other sports while we're over here," said Director of Athletics Dave Blank. "It's a great plan, and it just so happens that it makes all sports be on the northwest side of cam-



The Schar Center, which will stand near Hunt Softball Park, is scheduled to host large events on campus as early as fall 2018. Work on the site began earlier this month.

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pus, other than tennis and golf."

As soon as the Town of Elon approved the zoning of the area, tree removal began.

"They worked very quickly on clearing the land," Blank said. "It's massive, and it definitely gets your attention. It's a different scene when you're driving by on Williamson Avenue."

The Schar Center would play host to Elon's men's and women's basketball teams, as well as the women's volleyball team and high-profile visiting speakers. Elon's current arena, Alumni Gym, has been in operation since 1950. With a planned capacity of more than 5,000, the Schar Cen-

ter would be a considerable upgrade from Alumni Gym's 1,600, which is currently the seventh smallest venue in NCAA Division I for men's basketball.

As for what will be done with Alumni Gym following the opening of the Schar Center, Blank suggested that plans are still in formation.

"It will be repurposed somehow," Blank said. "But those decisions will come soon enough, and there's a lot of discussion within the master plan of the campus with what to do with that space. It will be made public as soon as the decisions are made."



TOMMY HAMZIK | Executive Director

Construction crews have begun removing trees at the site of the Schar Center, the future home of the Elon University basketball teams.

First floor of Park Place still vacant

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As on-campus apartments and residence halls fill up with students, the first floor of Park Place — the newest Elon University lodging complex — is not filling up.

According to John McDonald, co-owner of EDG Properties, the company is still looking for a grocery store, pharmacy and retail locations to fill the empty space on the first floor.

John McDonald, co-owner of EDG Properties, said the company is still seeking a grocery store, pharmacy and retail locations to fill the three possible spaces beneath the building.

"We'd rather be a little bit discriminate and hold out for what we want than to settle," McDonald said.

In May, McDonald and The Company Shops Market negotiated about the future of their collaboration. But after "two good runs," neither side could reach an agreement, forcing EDG Properties to begin its search for options that appeal to college-age and small-town communities.

Likewise, McDonald said, retailers like Trader Joe's and Whole Foods Market are not interested in a 6,000-foot space, but he has not completely ruled out local produce as an option.

McDonald is looking for what would benefit both the town and college campus, and said even having a "unique finds" option, like a dry clean drop-off window to increase mutual interaction, is a possibility. He said the project could be completed by Dec. 1 if an agreement was inked by Aug. 1, but has not responded to an interview request sent earlier this month.

Senior Dani Halliday recognizes the complications with finding the right retail location and said she completely understands why Park Place is not completed yet.

"They had a tall order to fill for a deadline, and I'm impressed they finished as much as they did, honestly. I just want them to finish sooner rather than later," Halliday said.

Senior Ben Bridges moved into his apartment Aug. 18 and agreed with Hall-

iday. While he is "bummed" that there is still construction in his building, he said he appreciates the university's and the Town of Elon's hope for a collaboration and is excited for the finished product.

"The building is an opportunity for in-

teraction with the town, and that's something the university has been focused on recently," Bridges said. "It's important to me as a student that the retail going in Park Place is open to a wider population and received well by the community."

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Orienting to Elon, far from home

Senior reflects on benefits of International Student Orientation

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Growing up in Haiti as the third of four brothers and the first to graduate high school, senior Elisson

International Student Orientation begins earlier than New Student Orientation to allow international students to adjust to their new environment abroad.

Adrien wasn't the subject of high expectations from neighbors — especially after his parents died in March 2008.

But his expectations for himself were high.

Adrien would skip classes his junior year of high school to work in

the Dominican Republic in order pay rent. But he was still one of the best students in his classes and was hopeful an opportunity for higher education would appear.

But after the January 2010 earthquake, which destroyed many universities, his chances of attending school became slimmer.

During that same time, John McGreevy '10 visited Haiti for mission work as a senior and connected with Adrien over his goals and ambitions. McGreevy suggested he attend Elon University because of its pre-med program and contacted the university on his behalf.

"My first communication with the school was an email containing my acceptance letter," Adrien said. "Here I am."

Now a senior, Adrien is studying biology and hopes to become a physician in Haiti and other developing countries around the world.

To prepare for his transition to a U.S. school, he attended International Student Orientation. This year, 70 international students went through the same program that began Aug. 23.

International Student Orientation begins earlier than New Student Orientation to allow international students to adjust to their new environment abroad. According to senior Nicky Kratzer, international liaison for Orientation Head Staff, there are 13 Orientation Leaders (OLs), some of whom are international students themselves.

"These OLs were selected to work with this population based on interest and their specific skills, enabling them to work with this population," she said.

During the orientation, students from all around the world were able to learn more on how to adjust to living in the United States. Sessions led by OLs included "The U.S.: Making the Adjustment" and "Social Life at Elon."

There are other sessions about immigration as well as staying healthy on campus, with time allot-



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION HAS GIVEN ME MY FIRST GROUP OF FRIENDS ON CAMPUS.

ELISSON ADRIEN
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT

PHOTO COURTESY OF ELLISON ADRIEN

Senior Elisson Adrien, originally from Haiti, joins in cheering for an Elon basketball game.

ted to ask questions catered to their concerns.

According to Adrien, there are many regulations that need to be followed to keep a visa student status, which International Student Orientation helps freshman understand. But even more valuable to Adrien than the sessions that focused on visas were the sessions about how to use technology on campus, such as the many websites and resources Elon offers.

"They also will have their OLs as a resource who can help answer any questions they have," Kratzer said. "Their International Orientation groups are much smaller than their domestic New Student Orientation groups, so this should help provide them with more individualized time and attention to answer those specific questions."

During this time, the international students are able to bond over confusion and similar backgrounds, unlike those of a typical U.S. student.

It is these similarities that created lasting friendships for Adrien.

"International Student Orientation has given me my first group of friends on campus," he said. "These connections were very important because they were with people in similar situation with me. Even if we did not stay together, most of them are still my friends."

Though International Student Orientation helped Adrien understand the gist of campus life and what is expected from an Elon student, he still experienced plenty of culture shock, especially with regard to the party scene.

Despite overcoming these shocks, Adrien was able to find where he belongs on campus, getting involved and serving as an RA this year. He said his time here has been great.

"I have been homesick a lot more than I thought I would be, but I have had an excellent time here," Adrien said. "It will be hard leave this place next May."



PHOTO COURTESY OF ELLISON ADRIEN

While in Haiti, after his parents died, Adrien often skipped classes in high school in order to make money for rent. He still managed to rank at the top of his class.

Of all first-year international students:

 **93**
women

 **68**
men



STATISTICS COURTESY OF INTERNATIONAL ADMISSIONS

Top represented countries



Together through tragedy



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From left to right: Gibsonville Officer M. Wilkins, Elon University Officer Sgt. H. Giroux, Town of Elon Officer Lt. K. Blackwelder and Town of Elon Officer Lt. J. Giannotti showed their respects outside the funeral of five slain Dallas officers.

In wake of Baton Rouge, St. Paul, Dallas tragedies, Elon PD, BSU seek open dialogue

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Town of Elon Police Chief Cliff Parker took a deep breath, slouched back into his leather-padded desk chair and stared off into the distance.

The 56-year-old police chief has worn a badge for more than 30 years and, among other pursuits, has occasionally assisted the Secret Service and met two U.S. Presidents during his career. But the Elon University alumnus, even with his vast experience, struggled to provide an answer for this summer's carnage in Dallas, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and St. Paul, Minnesota.

As he attempted to formulate an articulate response, he openly wondered how the nation arrived at its current divisive juncture and wanted to provide an explanation that encompassed all perspectives.

Ultimately, he couldn't find one.

"There's no easy way to answer a question like that," Parker said. "Words can't describe what it's like when someone loses a life."

For 25 years, Parker worked with the N.C. State Bureau of Investigation, an organization similar to the ones that will examine the cases of Alton Sterling and Philando Castile. In his three decades of public service, Parker said he's shared rooms with and consoled individuals whose loved ones were killed by police, which he said was the most heartrending aspect of his job.

Because the former SBI officer has been

a member of the Elon community since 1978, he believes his familiarity with the university and the town itself will help him and his staff provide comfort and security as a new school year begins, despite the legacy of a horrid summer.

"Being that I went to school at Elon and walked the campus, I realized the importance of the connection of the community and the police department," Parker said. "So when I became the police chief, the goal was to have enough transparency and interaction as possible. That's the key — we have to build trust and bridges and rely on each other."

A need for change

While the Dallas shooting resonated with Parker on a personal level, Black Student Union President junior Alexis Williams has a personal bond with the other culminating events that led to the tragedy.

The Atlanta native also applied to Washington University in St. Louis, an institution only seven miles away from Ferguson, Missouri. Williams said she was somewhat disappointed she wasn't there during the Michael Brown shooting in 2014 because she is a person who "[wants] something to fight for and [wants] to be there to actively do something."

When she saw Sterling's son emotionally explode on national television and then saw the Facebook livestream involving Castile's daughter, Williams was "disturbed" because their young lives were drastically altered.

"I don't want to see a brother of mine getting shot," Williams said. "I don't want to see a baby in the back crying because they don't have a father. Those are visual reminders of the consequences

that can happen."

Moving forward together

After the initial shock of the national epidemic subsided, Williams' focus shifted toward her college community. She said she felt pity for the St. Paul officer who shot Castile because she felt he was genuinely overwhelmed and ill-prepared to handle conflict. It's impossible, she said, for her to not worry about a similar tragedy happening here.

The statistics are also not ideal.

Stanford University analyzed 4.5 million traffic stops in North Carolina and found that police searched 5.4 percent of black drivers that were pulled over, compared to only 3.1 percent of whites. Another analysis by ProPublica reported that black males aged 15-19 were 21 times more likely to be killed by a policeman than a white male in that age group.

Elon is widely categorized as a predominantly white university, and with minority admissions steadily increasing since 2010, Williams doesn't want the evolving racial population to lead to problems between African-Americans and law enforcement.

"I think that it's really important that we don't try to feel like Elon police are against us," Williams said. "I want black students to know that those officers are there to protect all of us and for us to have a better relationship. I want us to know their faces, know their names, and if we ever feel like we're treated a certain way, that we're comfortable enough to go to them and that they'll have our backs."

Parker said he understands Williams' hesitations, noting that biases and deadly police encounters paint a "broad brush" over good policemen as if all of them are

corrupt. But he adamantly stated that everyone at the Elon police department is approachable.

To promote transparency, Parker implemented a ride-along program, where people can cruise with a police officer to see what they do. Elon PD is also heavily involved with the Elon Elementary School, and any of Parker's officers are willing to grab coffee with a college student. Parker said racial profiling is a violation of his policy and encourages Elon community members to report any unfair incident someone may have with law enforcement.

"If I am not at work and blue lights came behind me, my anxiety level would skyrocket. That's just human nature," Parker said. "But I do not want people to think they're at a disadvantage to be treated with kindness and respect because of the color of their skin."

"I want our community to know that they can come and approach us if there is a problem. It doesn't matter what your creed is or what the color of your skin is — it's as simple as that."

While the national conversation on this topic continues, BSU's staff is working on events to bring African-Americans and police officers together. Though much progress is needed, Williams said talking and absorbing another perspective is a huge step in the right direction.

"If you're a non-minority — if you never dealt with these types of issues — be open and receptive to people who have been in these situations," Williams said. "If there is a conversation to be had, if one wants to engage in a conversation to events that have happened, I hope people would listen to the black perspective, because unless you are black, you don't know what it feels like to be black."

JULY 5

ALTON STERLING, 37, WAS KILLED BY POLICE IN BATON ROUGE

JULY 6

PHILANDO CASTILE, 32, WAS KILLED BY POLICE NEAR ST. PAUL

JULY 7

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JULY 14

PRESIDENT OBAMA HOLDS A TOWN HALL TO DISCUSS RACIAL TENSION

GLC's new graduate assistant to help expand outreach

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Continuing the effort toward increased campus inclusivity, the Elon University Gender and LGBTQIA



Camilla Brewer
GLC Assistant

Center (GLC) has hired Camilla Brewer, a full-year graduate assistant, to join Matthew Antonio Bosch, the center's director.

"I am extra support, another resource in the office," Brewer said. "I am kind of here to do whatever Matthew needs me to do."

Brewer was put in touch with Bosch through a professor at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro after hearing about the job opening. As part of her

graduate program, all students are required to have assistantships and work about half-time at a university.

When the position opened at Elon, she jumped at the opportunity.

"I interviewed [with Bosch], and he was kind of surprised and blown away about how much I knew and the work that I had done, the investment I have," Brewer said.

As both an undergraduate and graduate student, Brewer has always had an interest in LGBTQIA work. While an undergraduate student at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Brewer co-directed an LGBTQIA conference for the Southeast.

As the year begins, Brewer is

completing preliminary work and planning, as well as tweaking the center's website and getting Phoenix Connect up and running. One of the big efforts the GLC puts forth are training sessions for various student leaders and faculty.

"We're doing quiet a few train-

Because Bosch was the only faculty at the GLC prior to Brewer's arrival, he often planned these events on his own. Brewer will now offer a helping hand around the office in addition to the student workers and volunteers.

"I am really excited to expand the work that Matthew has done, because he is only one person and one person can only do so much," Brewer said. "I am excited to just be here, even as the LGBTQIA student population

grows, to be that extra resource and that extra friendly face that is sort of the intermediary between a full-time staff member and being an undergraduate student."

Brewer will be commuting from Greensboro four times a week

to the Elon GLC in the Moseley Center.

"In just one month, Camilla has already made a huge impact at Elon," Bosch said. "She has led multiple LGBTQIA ally trainings for student leaders, she has re-organized our student worker structure and she is assisting with both our LGBTQIA & Ally New Student Welcome on Thursday, Sept. 1, and our Alamance Pride Festival on Saturday, Oct. 1."

2015 was the first time Alamance County held a Pride festival, with which Bosch was heavily involved. The festival is a good way to bridge a gap between students and community, Brewer noted.

Brewer is thrilled to get involved with the many student groups on campus, such as Spectrum and EFECT Elon Feminists.

"I am really excited to work with them and to get to know them," Brewer said. "I would say more positive student interaction is what I am really excited for."

THE ELON COMMUNITY REALLY WANTS TO KNOW MORE AND BE A GREAT SUPPORT SYSTEM AND A WELCOMING CAMPUS FOR ALL STUDENTS.

CAMILLA BREWER
GLC ASSISTANT

ings in August as people prepare for students to come back, which is really exciting to see," Brewer said. "The Elon community really wants to know more and be a great support system and a welcoming campus for all students."

College careers start early for football players

Freshmen moved to campus in early June

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Move-in weekend is a blur of packing too many boxes in cars that seem too small and hoping it all makes it into a dorm room in one piece. Between move-in traffic and hordes of families in residence halls, freshman find themselves falling abruptly into this new part of their lives, rather than entering it gracefully.

Instead of getting lost in the impending chaos that is move-in weekend, freshman football players enjoyed moving into their summer residences with their fellow teammates on June 12 for the football "bridge" program. The early move offers many advantages to the new additions, easing

Residence Life had a hand in ensuring that all new incoming athletes, not just the football team, were able to take part in orientation activities and bond with their new classmates.

their college transition and acclimation to campus life. Most of the freshman football players moved in early, participated in practices and took classes — a requisite to live on campus as stipulated by the NCAA, according to head football coach Rich Skrosky. The athletes lived in the Global neighborhood during Summer Sessions I and II before moving into their permanent fall assignments in early August, most of

which are located in the Danieley neighborhood.

Skrosky remarked that this program is "one of the best things we do as a university," as it offers the new students a way to adjust to both Elon academic and athletic life before the pressures of fall camp and fall semester set in.

"They're in our conditioning program, they're with our strength coaches so that when the camp comes, they've been here — it's not culture shock to them," Skrosky said. "Academically, socially and athletically, it really bridges them to this camp and then, when school starts, they know where the classes are, they know where the dorms are, they know where academic support is. It makes that transition a lot easier."

Freshman wide receiver Cole Taylor enjoyed his move and the time he spent with his teammates. He didn't mind that there were few other students on campus anyway.

"It was a lot easier than I thought it was going to be, you know, being around people that like to work," Taylor said. "We're all kind of working toward the same goals, so it was pretty easy, and I'm having a good time with them."

The summer isn't easy. With six credits' worth of classes, workouts and practices — sometimes even two-a-days — in North Carolina heat, these athletes must still attend all orientation events and any practices they may have. But being on campus early afforded them early orientation materials beforehand, too.

"We had plenty of orientation, and our academic advisers got us situated with classes and how our school year is going to be," said freshman defensive lineman Marcus Willoughby. "We still have to do orientation classes but still have practices. Probably at night, too."



ALEX SIMON | Sports Director

Freshman defensive lineman Marcus Willoughby (95) high-fives a teammate at the end of a training camp practice. Elon's freshman football players, and many other athletes, arrive to campus earlier than most students. They're around during the summer for the football "bridge" program, which helps ease the players' transition and acclimation to campus life. The team starts its fall training camp every year in early August.

Residence Life had a hand in ensuring that all new fall athletes — not just the football players — were able to take part in orientation activities and bond with their classmates.

"They're participating in activities just like everybody else during orientation weekend," said Senior Associate Director of Residence Life MarQuita Barker. "I think the university has been in-

tentional in making sure they still have that process, so from my understanding, they're still going to the hall meetings and other meetings during orientation weekend, like everybody else. They just don't check into their neighborhoods on Friday because they're already here."

Skrosky has high hopes for this year's new football additions, noting that they are "really the nucle-

us of how this program is going to go" for the next four years.

"Schools around the country have this bridge program because they know that, if the athletes get off to a good start, they're generally going to be okay," Skrosky said. "That's really our focus. If the freshmen get off to a good start, they usually end up being in good shape the rest of the way."

Incoming class has highest diversity rate in Elon history

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As Elon University progressively expands in resources and recognition, so too has the crop of wide-eye first year students enrolling into the small private institution.

This week, Elon will welcome a trailblazing Class of 2020 group, one that Greg Zaiser, Vice President of Admissions and Financial Planning, characterized as the “largest and most diverse [class] in Elon history.” Spearheaded by a swarming 10,098 applications and 60 percent acceptance rate, this year’s first-year class edges out the Class of 2019’s metrics by almost every category.

The ethnic diversity of the incoming class is 20 percent, the highest in Elon history,

according to Zaiser. The biggest difference between the Class of 2020 and Class of 2019 is the enrollment size and the average GPA. The Class of 2020 enrolled 45 more students and the cumulative GPA was 0.5 more points than the sophomores. The SAT and ACT scores between both underclassmen groups are identical, but the male-to-female ratio shifted from 42-58 percent to 40-60 percent. North Carolina and Massachusetts still reign at the top of the most represented states list.

Aaron Schretzmayer, an incoming Class of 2020 student, said he was excited about the increasing numbers because it showed Elon’s commitment to growth and that he and his classmates were “too good to turn down.”

“It shows that the school is growing and that they are opening the door for more opportunities and to meet more people,” Schretzmayer said. “I’m excited to get a new group of friends and opportunities and these numbers show that there is a great chance for me to do that.”

QUICK STATS: ELON CLASS OF 2020



10,098

Number of applications



1,569

Students in the class of 2020



4.0

Average weighted GPA of the class of 2020



1690-1920

Average range for SAT scores of the class of 2020



25-29

Average range for ACT scores of the class of 2020



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 **STAFF EDITORIAL**

If you're calling Elon your new home, treat it like one

HOW WE SEE IT

New students must acknowledge and engage with the intricacies, good and bad, of the community they now call home.

Class of 2020: If you haven't declared it already, you're likely preparing to call Elon your "new home." And it's true — this is your new home. But it stretches far beyond your new lofted bed.

When you call this community your home, think about everything you're embracing. All of it.

You're embracing the fact that 29.1 percent of Burlington residents live under the poverty line. And on a state level, more than 25 percent of children are food insecure. You're embracing the 75 percent of state

households served by food banks who have had to choose between buying food or heating their homes in the winter.

You're embracing Kouren-Rodney Bernard Thomas, a 20-year-old unarmed black man who was fatally shot by a North Carolina homeowner who claimed to be on a "neighborhood watch." On Aug. 10, 2016, Thomas' mother, Simone, stood in front of an audience asking, "Would this happen if he were a Caucasian boy skateboarding up and down the street?"

You're embracing North Carolina's voter ID laws and histories, which have earned national scrutiny for placing restrictions on several minority communities. And HB2, which you already know too much about.

But you're also embracing a steadily rising graduation rate in the county — in 2015, Alamance County achieved its highest graduation rate in recorded history at 76 percent. You're embracing the home to a number of growing industries in health care that have changed the state of the world. And the one of the nation's strongest havens for all the arts.

You're embracing Research Triangle Park, the largest research park in the country, home to more

than 170 domestic and international companies. You're embracing the fourth-fastest growing metro area in the United States. And the founding state of Krispy Kreme Doughnuts and Texas Pete's Hot Sauce.

You're embracing so much more than the possibility of ending Late Night McEwen, study disturbances caused by university-sanctioned music in the Great Hall or a petition to keep Starbucks out of Elon — events that have garnered campus-wide attention and concern in recent years.

These are very real circumstances affecting very real people who also call this community their home. At the bare minimum, you should remain aware and engaged.

Embrace the good and the bad, and make your new home proud.

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 a member of the community. Want to participate? Contact us at enn@elon.edu.

AAPI Phoenix, we see you for who you are



Nikki Valente
President of the
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Association

When I first toured Elon University, it seemed like the perfect school. When I arrived here, it almost was. I loved the small class sizes. I had fantastic professors. I enjoyed the courses that I took. I felt like I was growing as a student.

I became involved in InterVarsity, so my spiritual needs were provided for. To top it all off, the campus was beautiful. But despite all of the wonderful things Elon offered, I wanted to transfer a month or two into my freshman year.

I'm a first-generation Filipino-American, and I didn't feel like my ethnic identity was welcomed or supported on Elon's campus.

I was born and raised in Durham. There were Asian churches, Asian mar-

kets and dozens of Asian-owned businesses and restaurants I could go to.

Asian residents made up a decent portion of Durham's population, and with a strong Asian presence on Duke University's campus, it was impossible to not see groups of Asian students walking around downtown Durham and other areas surrounding Duke's campus. I also grew up in a family with strong ties to Filipino culture and around other Filipino families in the area. I took the Asian community in Durham for granted.

I didn't realize how much it mattered to me until I came to Elon.

I was frustrated by the lack of an Asian Student Association on campus. I was frustrated by the fact that there weren't many students who strongly identified as Asian, especially Asian-American students. I was frustrated by the fact that the university didn't offer courses on Asian-American history. I felt lonely because I was one of the few Filipino students at Elon, and one of the few Asian-Americans.

Even Elon and Burlington didn't have much to offer. I remember spending a good 30 minutes driving around Burlington in search of an Asian market, only to see that it had been shut down. When I drove back to my dorm, I almost cried. I had no community on campus, and I couldn't even buy the food that I missed so much. If I wanted to access my culture and my Filipino identity, I knew that I couldn't do it at Elon. I strongly considered transferring to a school on the West Coast, just so that I wouldn't have to give up that part of me.

Eventually, I decided that Elon was my home, and Elon was where I was going to stay. I loved academic and religious life on campus, but when it came to cultural life, I fought like hell.

I went to conferences for Asian students around the state and visited various Asian culture associations at surrounding colleges. I joined the Asian Studies Club at Elon, and befriended the international Asian students who helped me get through my freshman struggles.

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I'm glad to say that incoming Asian and Pacific Islander students at Elon won't have to experience the loneliness and sadness that I felt as a freshman. I'm the president of the Asian-Pacific Student Association (APSA) at Elon, formerly the Asian Studies Club. Elon now has an organization that will cater to the needs of AAPI-identifying students. AAPIs at Elon can explore their identities, learn about each other's cultures, attend different cultural events and discuss AAPI-specific issues.

AAPI Phoenixes, we see you for who you are. Your ethnicities and cultures are beautiful. We love you. We welcome you. We are here for you. I hope that you'll become a part of our APSA family because we want every part of you to find a home here at Elon.

Become authors of your own worldview and faith



Jan Fuller
University Chaplain

Oh behalf of the Chaplains — Father Gerry, Rabbi Meir, Chaplain Joel, Muslim Coordinator Shane Atkinson and myself, Chaplain Jan — I want to welcome you! It is a joy to have the campus teeming again with happy and energetic students.

Our presence on campus means that Elon cares about your spiritual self and your whole self. Our mission, in the Truitt Center, is to provide you resources to explore, consider and deepen your religious or spiritual commitment. We also

offer you opportunities to understand and interact with those who follow different paths. And we provide events and moments to support religious and non-religious students to think together and learn from each other.

We can offer personal support when life gets tough and for all your celebrations too. Invite one of us to have coffee and get to know us!

Opening events are planned to help you connect with spiritual communities and to make friends.

As you begin to settle in, you will find that this is a unique time in your life. This is the developmental window in which your faith, practice and viewpoints move from inherited to viewed, when you become the authors of your own worldview and faith.

This internal move involves questioning your own ideas, and can be troubling or can cause a sense of conflict in yourself. It asks time of you — time to consider your own beliefs and values, time to learn about your own traditions and those of others, time to care for self, time to talk with trusted friends, time to celebrate what you do know for sure.

Imagine the process of owning your own faith or worldview like a suitcase you packed to come to Elon. It contains items your parents threw in, items you thought you would need but really don't, items you use every day that you know for sure are necessary. The suitcase will be sorted over these years and repacked. Patience will be required.

The Chaplains' commitment is to offer you resources to help you pack, un-

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pack and repack your suitcase. We want to be part of your journey of discovery and exploration. We have wonderful people to offer, and resources of events, celebrations and identity groups. Look for us on Phoenix Connect, and come by the Numen Lumen Pavilion.

We are here for you to help you find ways to be connected, to think about religion's place in your life and in the life of our community and cultures and to make life-long friends.

Let us know how we can befriend, help and journey with you.

It's OK not to bELONg here at first



Darius Moore
Senior

I remember driving into Elon's obnoxiously green, monochromatic campus and feeling overwhelmed by the thickness of its pollinated air. It was February and my first time in North Carolina, as I had never visited Elon prior to that curiously warm move-in day. My mother watched closely as I posed for my Phoenix Card photo. Unlike the majority of your friends, I liked my picture. It made me look small. And optimistic. We returned to the car a student and an empty nester, the both of us dreading the 400-mile separation waiting on the other side of a three-hour unpacking process. It was here that I experienced my first anxiety attack, not because of our imminent severance, but because I was not sure that I made the right decision.

As a spring admit, I started my Elon experience in early February. I moved into a spacious room on the first floor of Sloan, the Communications Living and Learning Community (LLC). I

knew nothing about my roommate aside from his love of Maryland, as displayed by the large flag on our wall, and that he enjoyed 40 oz. beers, as displayed by the glass bottle of King Cobra in our trash can. I don't remember much outside of that. Perhaps that's a result of Elon's lackluster transfer student orientation. Perhaps that's a result of three years of excessive alcohol consumption. Either way, I don't remember much about that first day. After a misty-eyed departure from my parents, I returned to my residence hall, unpacked the remainder of my clothes, and fell asleep to the bloodcurdling sound of women screaming in celebration of their sorority bids.

Elon was not my first-choice college. As the product of a New England preparatory school, I felt enormous

pressure to attend a prestigious university. I sent my application to Elon with a stamp of inadequacy. They returned it with a waitlist letter. Unfortunately, that process of waiting for acceptance has yet to end. Though

I have an established group of friends, allegiance with an incredible a cappella community and renewed sense of adequacy, I don't bELONg. Elon opened its doors as far as the hinges allowed, but I couldn't walk through. I

the resources to bet. My substandard grades did not help either. Instead of transferring, they implored me to create an experience out of the one Elon failed to provide me — and I will do the same to you, dear freshmen.

Don't allow pop culture and poorly edited Facebook photos to determine your idea of college. The upcoming four years of your life may not be ideal — a reality some of you will face. This university may not be your first choice, but you have the opportunity to fall in love with its imperfections. That does not mean, however, you should ignore your intuition. Count the times you've cried in your bedroom. Challenge yourself to define happiness.

How does Elon fit in with that definition?

Prioritize your health over everything. Assess the divides that pervade Elon's social scene, whether they derive from difference of color, socioeconomic status or fraternity/sorority placement. If your first experience at Elon is one riddled with anxiety and uncertainty like mine, perhaps you don't bELONg.

And that's okay. The challenge is to find where you do belong. The result may surprise you.

IF YOUR FIRST EXPERIENCE AT ELON IS ONE RIDDLED WITH ANXIETY AND UNCERTAINTY LIKE MINE, PERHAPS YOU DON'T BELONG. AND THAT'S OKAY. THE CHALLENGE IS TO FIND WHERE YOU DO BELONG. THE RESULT MAY SURPRISE YOU.

didn't fit.

I cried a lot that semester. My poor academic performance placed me on academic probation for the following year. And though I expressed an interest in transferring to a different school, my parents did not support the decision. For them, transferring was a financial gamble, one on which they did not have

Letter from your Black Student Union President



Alexis Williams
President of Black Student Union

I've been staring at this document for days trying to figure out what wisdom I can share in this column, trying to remember what I needed to hear as an incoming first-year. In all honesty, transitioning to college life can be tough. There are new faces, new experiences and new dynamics to navigate, all of which can be overwhelming.

Ultimately, I think the most important thing to do is give yourself a break. Beginning college, and subsequently entering adulthood, is new and it's okay to feel somewhat lost. I just turned 20, and I can guarantee you that you are not alone in feeling the way you do.

My first year at Elon University was anything but smooth. I was five hours away from home, didn't really know anyone and found it difficult to feel like I belonged. On top of that, there were few faces on campus that looked like mine. To put it plainly, it was hard, and it all felt like too much to handle. Looking back, I wish I had just taken all of the pressure off. I think I had this ideal in my head of what college should have been and that ideal held me back from just experiencing college for what it was.

Later in the year, I began to feel more comfortable with Elon and college life. I found people I related to. I found

FIRST BSU TOWN HALL MEETING

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Time: 5:30 - 7 p.m.

Location: LaRose Digital Theatre

a true passion for learning. I found new parts of myself. Even though my Elon experience started off rocky, I've accomplished so much and been blessed with so many opportunities in my time here. Adjusting takes time. Finding your footing and your place takes time.

Now, I mentioned earlier that part of my difficulty in adjusting to Elon came from not seeing faces like my own, Black faces. I have often been the only Black person in a class or in an organization, which can be disheartening. Being surrounded by people who didn't understand a large part of my identity felt isolating. However, I found a support system through the Center for Race, Ethnicity & Diversity Education, the Black Student Union and other Black organizations on campus.

You never have handle challenges alone. There is always someone willing to listen and give you some advice. We are here for you.

I know I've talked a lot about challenges and difficulties, but I don't want you to think your next year will be full of doom and gloom. It won't be. You'll have a great year. Know that no matter what challenges you experience, you will come out of them stronger and more knowledgeable than you were before. To paraphrase Kendrick Lamar, you gon' be alright.

Validated, valued and victorious at Elon

LGBTQIA support and resources continue to expand, grow



Matthew Antonio Bosch and Camilla Brewer
Director of Gender and LGBTQIA Center and GLC Assistant

As we welcome our LGBTQIA and ally students, faculty and staff back to campus, we must also take time to reflect upon the national conversations surrounding LGBTQIA events, tragedies and victories. In the aftermath of the creation of HB2, we saw the U.S. Department of Justice sue North Carolina over illegal and unconstitutional discrimination that violates three federal civil rights laws.

Then our hearts sank as we all laid witness to the deadliest mass shooting in the United States by a single gunman, where 49 people — mostly LGBTQIA and Latinx — were slain in Orlando. A few weeks following the tragic and terrifying attack in Orlando, the Pentagon announced the inclusion of transgender individuals to join as active members of the military, ending a decades-long ban.

For students interested in engaging in conversations around these events and topics, please feel free to seek out campus resources including Spectrum (Queer-Straight Student Alliance), EF-FECT (Elon Feminists), the Gender and LGBTQIA Center and our faculty within the Women's, Gender and Sexualities

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Studies Program.

On campus this summer, we saw an outpouring of responses related to the Pulse shooting, including vigils and a packed gathering in the Gender and LGBTQIA Center (Moseley 211) with more than 80 attendees across students, faculty, staff, alumni and community members. The strength and perseverance exemplified at the gathering will certainly propel us all forward into this year as we join together in creating safer spaces for LGBTQIA-identifying people and change.

Additionally, a new Trans Inclusion Squad was formed by students, faculty and staff to create recommendations for increased inclusion and celebration of trans and non-binary students.

The GLC has been inundated with training requests because student leaders want more education around LGBTQIA and trans identities. The 10 trainings in August include fraternities and sororities, Resident Assistants, Orientation Leaders, Odyssey students and Elon 101 Instructors, among others.

To start off the year, we invite everyone to our annual LGBTQIA and Ally New Student Welcome, held 5-6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 1, in Lakeside 212. Incoming first-year students will get a chance to connect with returning students as well as possible faculty and staff mentors. President Lambert will speak, and we always have food and prizes.

Despite recent tragedies, it is important now more than ever that we help make our LGBTQIA students feel validated, valued and victorious at Elon.

Last-Minute College Checklist

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Packing for college is rough, especially entering freshman year. There are so many little things you need, from bedding to school supplies to an emergency stash of snacks for late nights. Personally, my Chevy suburban was

filled to the brim, and I went out to buy even more essentials before I squeezed into my room in Danieley (Danieley N, 104E, to be exact).

Though you may already have your necessities, here's a list of the top five, last-minute items you'll probably need in your dorm room. Everything can be found at Bed, Bath and Beyond, so it's one-stop shopping to a killer year.

1. Vacuum

Something that may not seem completely necessary, but totally is, is a good vacuum. No matter how clean you are, floors get nasty, sticky and covered in crumbs. Plus, having one will make you the go-to for those who don't, which means automatic friends.

2. Pull-out storage

If you're in a room without a closet like I was (tragic, I know), you're definitely going to need extra storage. I recommend getting pull-out drawers that can slide under your bed for easy access to T-shirts, snacks and random supplies.

3. Shower caddy

When going to and from the bathroom, it is essential to carry all your soaps and hair products in a waterproof shower caddy. You could leave all your toiletries in the bathroom, but people will steal your stuff. Believe me. I don't care if they said they didn't, they're lying, and now you're missing half your bottle of shampoo.

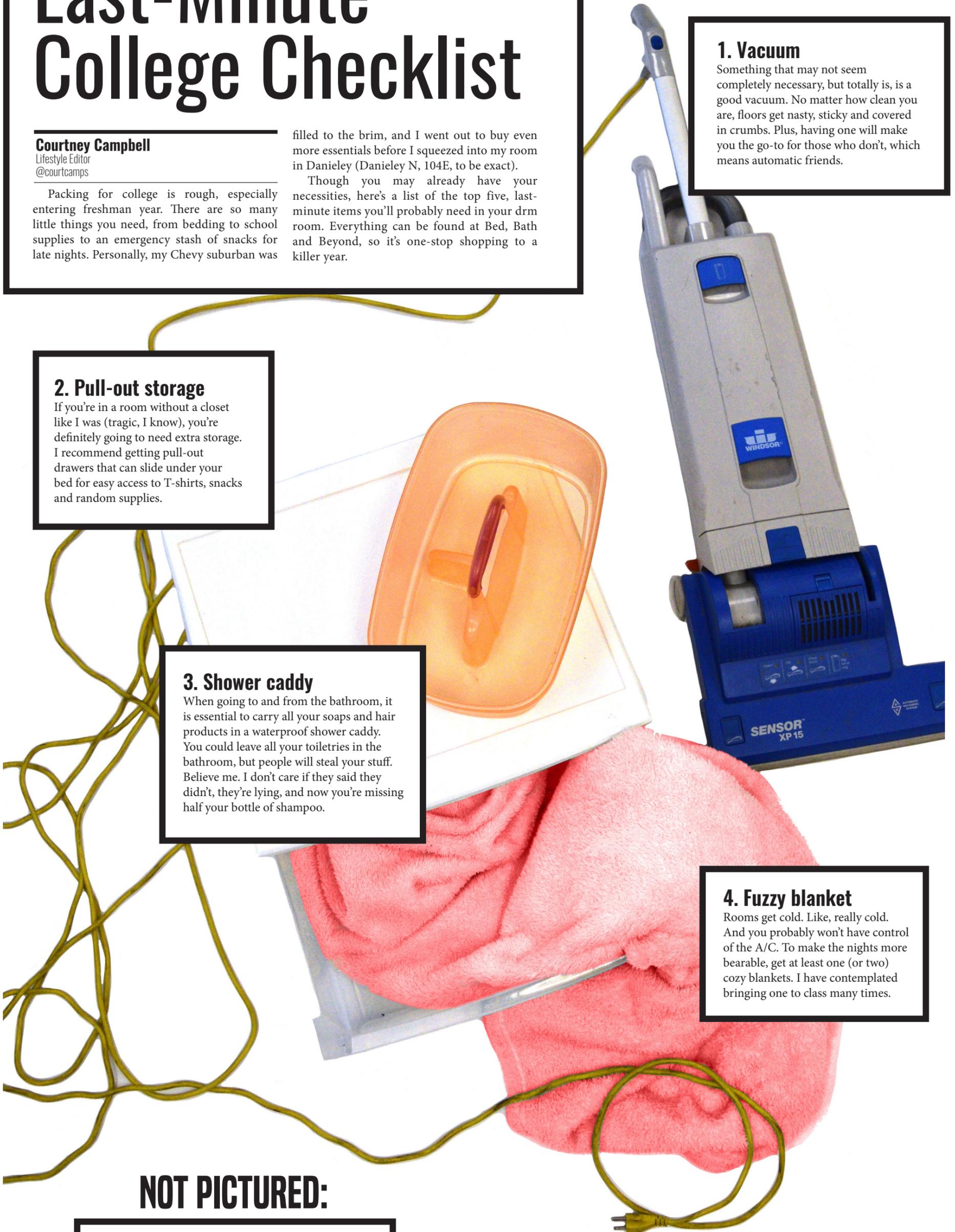
4. Fuzzy blanket

Rooms get cold. Like, really cold. And you probably won't have control of the A/C. To make the nights more bearable, get at least one (or two) cozy blankets. I have contemplated bringing one to class many times.

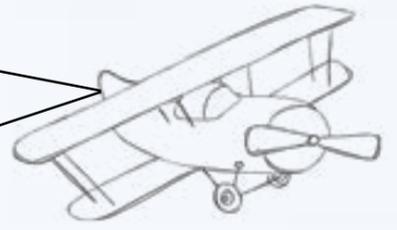
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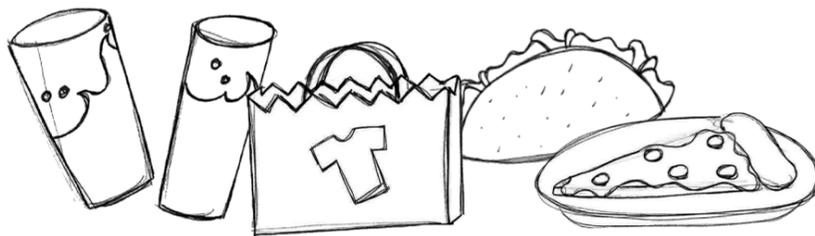
No matter what they tell you, college furniture is not comfortable, especially those mattresses. Who knows how long they've been there or who's been on them (ew)? To support comfort and lasting sleep (not to mention your health), get a memory foam mattress pad to put over the old bed.



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ELON'S TOP 10



The 10 best places around Elon to eat, drink, shop and more

1. THE OAK HOUSE

Address: 112 N Williamson Ave
Phone Number: 336-350-8116

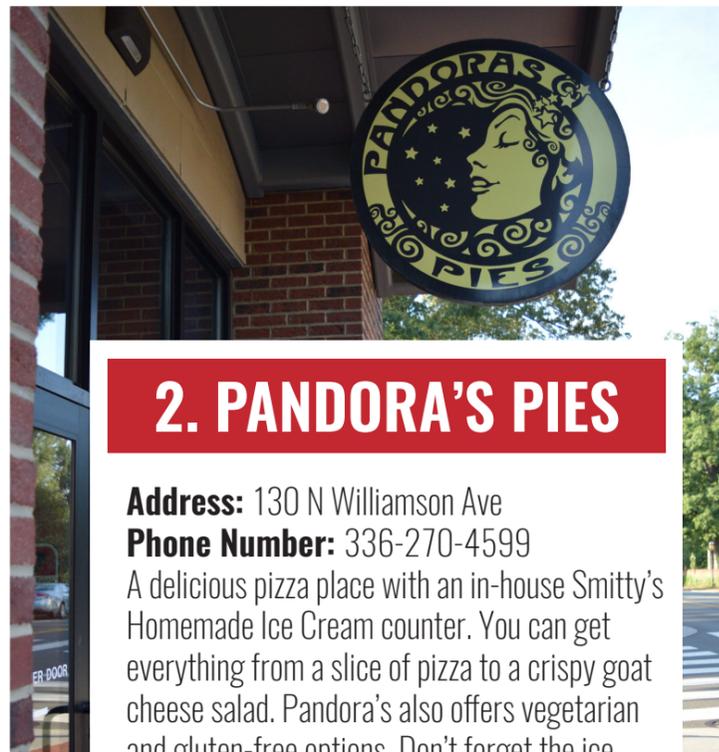
A great place in downtown Elon to grab a coffee, tea or hot chocolate and chat with friends in between classes. The Oak House has comfortable chairs and couches for studying and also a bar to grab a drink when you turn 21.



2. PANDORA'S PIES

Address: 130 N Williamson Ave
Phone Number: 336-270-4599

A delicious pizza place with an in-house Smitty's Homemade Ice Cream counter. You can get everything from a slice of pizza to a crispy goat cheese salad. Pandora's also offers vegetarian and gluten-free options. Don't forget the ice cream for dessert!



3. THE ROOT TRACKSIDE

Address: 110 W Lebanon Ave
Phone Number: 336-792-1081

Whatever you're craving, The Root has it. From a big angus burger to a foodie grilled cheese to delicious truffle fries, you won't regret a trip to The Root whenever your parents are in town. Unfortunately, The Root is closed on Sundays and Mondays after 3 p.m., but Tuesday-Thursday they're open 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. Order online or call ahead to avoid the wait!



4. TANGENT EAT + BAR

Address: 116 W Lebanon Ave
Phone Number: 336-524-6766

Have you ever had a chicken and waffle taco? What about a fried green tomato taco? These are just two of the many delicious items on the menu at Tangent. The restaurant is open for lunch and dinner Monday-Saturday, so stop by one of the newest Elon spots for a few tacos and whenever you're feeling adventurous.

5. WEST END TERRACE

Address: 138 W Lebanon Ave
Phone Number: 336-585-1227

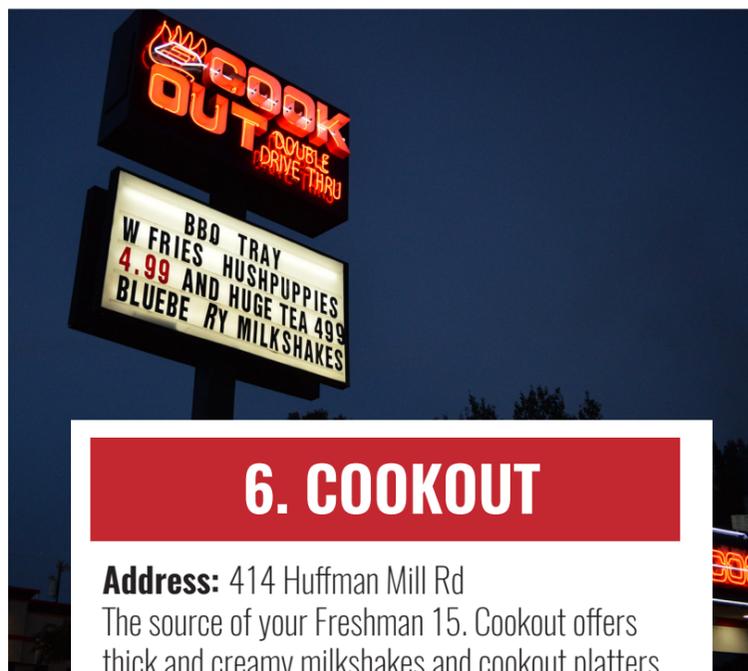
A great place for brunch or dinner and drinks with friends, West End has experienced a resurgence in popularity with students in recent years. The menu includes everything from macaroni and cheese bites to local craft beers. West End is open 10 a.m. - midnight, Thursday-Saturday and 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. Sunday.



6. COOKOUT

Address: 414 Huffman Mill Rd

The source of your Freshman 15. Cookout offers thick and creamy milkshakes and cookout platters with a main meal, two sides and a drink for a cheap price. Open until 3 a.m. during the week and 4 a.m. on the weekends. It's the best study snack in Elon.





7. LA FIESTA

Address: 1824 S Church St
Phone Number: 336-603-8333

The best Mexican in town (according to us). La Fiesta has all the delicious Mexican classics and more! Drop by on a Friday night with a group of friends to unwind from a week of classes.



8. COMPANY SHOPS MARKET

Address: 268 E Front St
Phone Number: 336-223-0384

Also known as “the Burlington Co-Op.” Filled with delicious, fresh, organic and local products, the Co-Op is great for a nice healthy break from the dining halls. You can also get there on the Biobus, so check the schedule to see when you can make a trip!



9. ALAMANCE CROSSING

Address: 1080 Piper Ln
Phone Number: 336-584-8157

A great place to do some shopping on the weekend. Once there, you're just a short walk from retail stores such as American Eagle, BohoBlu, Hobby Lobby and Victoria's Secret, and restaurants such as Brixx Wood Fired Pizza and Red Bowl Asian Bistro. You can also get there by the Biobus.



10. THE BLEND & CO

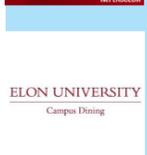
Address: 127 E Front St
Phone Number: 336-524-6530

A good place to grab healthy and delicious smoothies and smoothie bowls with fresh fruit. The Blend also serves tea and coffee and is open Monday-Saturday. Located right next door to the Co-Op, get there via BioBus.

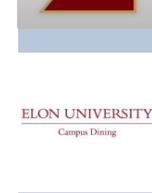


Twitter and Instagram accounts to follow

TWITTER

 <p>Elon News Network @elonnewsnetwork Stay updated on local news, entertainment and more with Elon's merged news organization.</p>	 <p>Leo M. Lambert @HeadPhoenix The big man on campus, our school's president and local celebrity.</p>
 <p>ENN Sports @SportsENN Coverage of all Elon's athletic teams from our student news organization.</p>	 <p>ElonUPolice @ElonUPolice Keep up to date on the university's security measures and breaking crime.</p>
 <p>Elon Dining @elondining Follow for updates of food served and hours for your favorite dining halls.</p>	 <p>Adam Constantine @TheycallmeAC The man behind Elon's social media accounts (and his beard).</p>
 <p>Elon Gossip Squirrel @xoGossipSquirrel Know all the drama on campus. XOXO, Gossip Squirrel</p>	 <p>Elon Greek Life @elongreeklife Follow for a look into Fraternity and Sorority Life and their philanthropy events.</p>
 <p>Elon University @elonuniversity Elon University's main Twitter account.</p>	 <p>Elon Athletics @elonphoenix Keep up on your favorite Elon sports teams and athletes through the official Twitter.</p>
 <p>Only at Elon @OnlyAtElon News with a touch of humor about your favorite basic community.</p>	 <p>Owen Covington @ElonOwen The new Eric Townsend is in charge of the university's news bureau.</p>

INSTAGRAM

 <p>Elon News Network @elonnewsnetwork High-quality photos that accompany content from our news organization.</p>
 <p>Elon University @elonuniversity Gorgeous photos of one of the most beautiful campuses in the country.</p>
 <p>Belk Library @elonbelk Official account of Elon's library featuring events and historical archives.</p>
 <p>The Blend & Co. @theblendandco Artsy photos of your favorite caffeine from the Burlington coffee shop.</p>
 <p>Elon Phoenix @elonphoenix Get visuals of upcoming games, live coverage and athletes.</p>
 <p>Elon Dining @elondining Photos of the most appealing dishes served at dining halls.</p>

On-Campus TV Listings

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| 2 - ESTV | 21.2 - TruTV HD |
| 2.1 - FOX HD | 22.1 - AMC HD |
| 2.2 - CW HD | 22.2 - Discovery HD |
| 3.1 - ION HD | 23.1 - MSNBC HD |
| 3.2 - CBS HD | 23.2 - Fox News HD |
| 4.1 - Burlington Community TV | 24.1 - Sundance HD |
| 4.2 - MyTV | 24.2 - IFC HD |
| 5 - ESTV | 25.1 - MTV2 HD |
| 5.1 - IND SD | 25.2 - CMT HD |
| 5.2 - NBC HD | 26.1 - Science Channel HD |
| 6.1 - ABC HD | 26.2 - Investigation Discovery HD |
| 6.2 - ABC SD | 27.1 - History Channel HD |
| 7 - HBO | 27.2 - Travel Channel HD |
| 8.1 - UNC-TV HD | 28.1 - CNBC HD |
| 8.2 - PBS SD | 28.2 - Oxygen HD |
| 9.1 - Time Warner Cable News | 29.1 - SyFy HD |
| 10.1 - Fox Business News HD | 29.2 - CSPAN HD |
| 10.2 - Bloomberg HD | 30.1 - Disney HD |
| 11.1 - Freeform HD | 30.2 - Fox College Sports Atlantic |
| 11.2 - Weather Channel HD | 31.1 - Fox College Sports Central |
| 12.1 - A&E HD | 31.2 - Fox College Sports Pacific |
| 12.2 - Bravo HD | 32.1 - Fox Sports 1 HD |
| 13.1 - TLC HD | 32.2 - Fox Sports 2 |
| 13.2 - TBS HD | 33.1 - ESPN Goal Line HD |
| 14.1 - Lifetime HD | 33.2 - Animal Planet HD |
| 14.2 - CNN HD | 34.1 - HGTV HD |
| 15.1 - Spike TV HD | 34.2 - Food HD |
| 15.2 - TNT HD | 35.1 - FX HD |
| 16.1 - Nickelodeon HD | 35.2 - TBN HD |
| 16.2 - USA HD | 36.1 - Cartoon Network HD |
| 17.1 - ESPN HD | 36.2 - National Geographic HD |
| 17.2 - ESPN2 HD | 37.1 - BBC America HD |
| 18.1 - CNN Headline News HD | 37.2 - ESPN News HD |
| 18.2 - Comedy Central HD | 38.1 - MLB HD |
| 19.1 - VH1 HD | 39.2 - NBA TV HD |
| 19.2 - MTV HD | 40.1 - NHL HD |
| 20.1 - BET HD | 40.2 - NBC Sports Network HD |
| 20.2 - TWC Sports Carolina HD | 41.1 - CBS Sports Network HD |
| 21.1 - E! HD | 41.2 - ESPNU HD |

Elon Numbers to Know

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| ACADEMIC ADVISING
336-278-6500 | MEDIA SERVICES
336-278-6598 |
| ADMISSIONS
336-278-3566 | MOSELEY FRONT DESK
336-278-7215 |
| BELK LIBRARY
336-278-6599 | PHOENIX CARD OFFICE
336-278-5436 |
| BURSAR'S OFFICE
336-278-5300 | PHYSICAL PLANT
336-278-5500 |
| CAMPUS RECREATION
336-278-7529 | PRINT SERVICES
336-278-5582 |
| CAMPUS SHOP
336-278-5400 | REGISTRAR'S OFFICE
336-278-6677 |
| CAMPUS SECURITY
336-278-5555 (24 HRS.) | RELIGIOUS LIFE
336-278-7729 |
| CENTER FOR RACE, ETHNICITY AND DIVERSITY EDUCATION
336-278-7243 | RESIDENCE LIFE
336-278-7300 |
| COUNSELING SERVICES
336-278-7280 | SERVICE LEARNING
336-278-7250 |
| FINANCIAL PLANNING
336-278-7640 | SAFE RIDES
336-278-7433 |
| FRATERNITY AND SORORITY LIFE
336-278-7326 | STUDENT GOVERNMENT OFFICE
336-278-7254 |
| HEALTH SERVICES
336-278-7230 | STUDENT LIFE
336-278-7220 |
| ISABELLA CANNON GLOBAL EDUCATION CENTER
336-278-6700 | STUDENT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER
336-278-6538 |
| MAIL SERVICES
336-278-5433 | TECHNOLOGY HELP DESK
336-278-5200 |

Meal Plan Options

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| LAKESIDE DINING HALL
All Access Basic, All Access + 7, All Access + 14, Block | TOPIO'S
All Access + 7, All Access + 14, Block, Food/Meal dollars | CROUTONS
All Access + 7, All Access + 14, Block, Food/Meal dollars |
| MCEWEN DINING HALL
All Access Basic, All Access + 7, All Access + 14, Block | CHICK-FIL-A
All Access + 7, All Access + 14, Block, Food/Meal dollars | ARGO TEA
All Access + 7, All Access + 14, Block, Food/Meal dollars |
| COLONNADES DINING HALL
All Access Basic, All Access + 7, All Access + 14, Block | VARSITY SPORTS GRILL
All Access + 7, All Access + 14, Block, Food/Meal dollars | QDOBA MEXICAN EATS
All Access + 7, All Access + 14, Block, Food/Meal dollars |
| BISCUITVILLE
All Access + 7, All Access + 14, Block, Food/Meal dollars | THE ACORN COFFEE SHOP
All Access + 7, All Access + 14, Block, Food/Meal dollars | EINSTEIN BROS. BAGELS
All Access + 7, All Access + 14, Block, Food/Meal dollars |
| FRESHII
All Access + 7, All Access + 14, Block, Food/Meal dollars | BOAR'S HEAD
All Access + 7, All Access + 14, Block, Food/Meal dollars | JAVA CITY
All Access + 7, All Access + 14, Block, Food/Meal dollars |

Biobus Schedule

DANIELEY CENTER TRAM

Stops: McMichael, Danieley Commons I, Danieley O and P, Danieley Commons II, Colonnades

Running: Every day

WEST LINE

Stops: Moseley, Ingold Lot 1, Arts West I, College Station, E. Trolling, W. End Apts., Arts West II, Ingold Lot II

Running: Every day

OUTER LOOP

Stops: McMichael, Oak Hill, Provence, University Pointe, Campus Trace, Partners Place, Phoenix Arms, The Crest/ Francis Center, Danieley Center

Running: Every day

UNIVERSITY DRIVE LINE

Stops: Moseley, Lowes Food, Target, Texas Roadhouse, Kohl's, Dillard's

Running: Wednesday-Sunday

DOWNTOWN/EAST BURLINGTON LOOP

Stops: Moseley, May Memorial Library, Company Shops Market, Boys & Girls Club, Cummings High School, Walmart, Graham Hopedale Rd., Alamance Health Care, Burlington Housing Authority, Allied Churches

Running: Monday-Friday

