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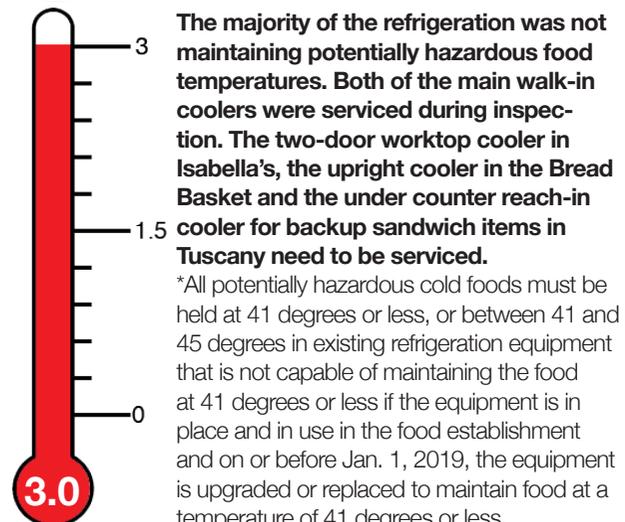
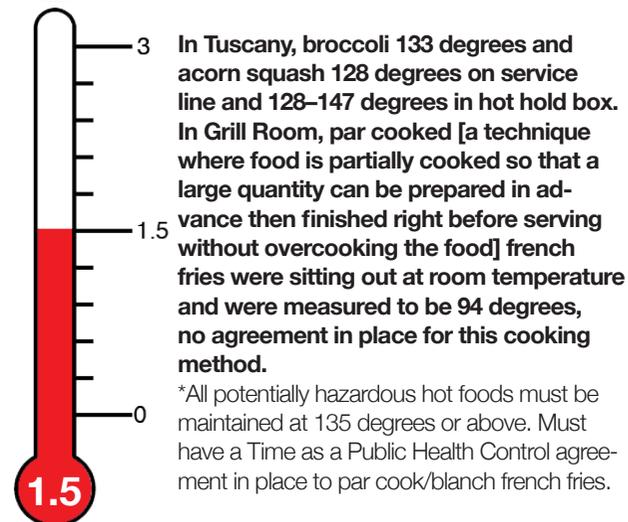
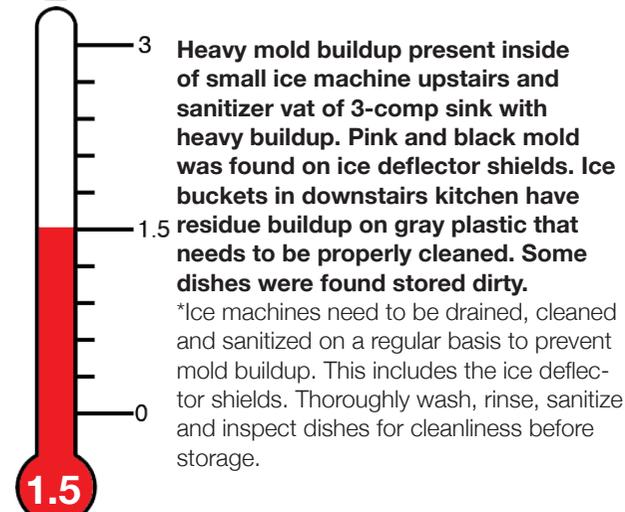
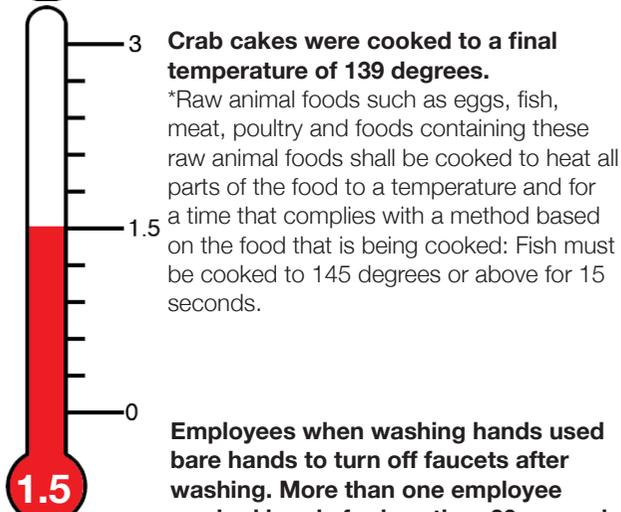
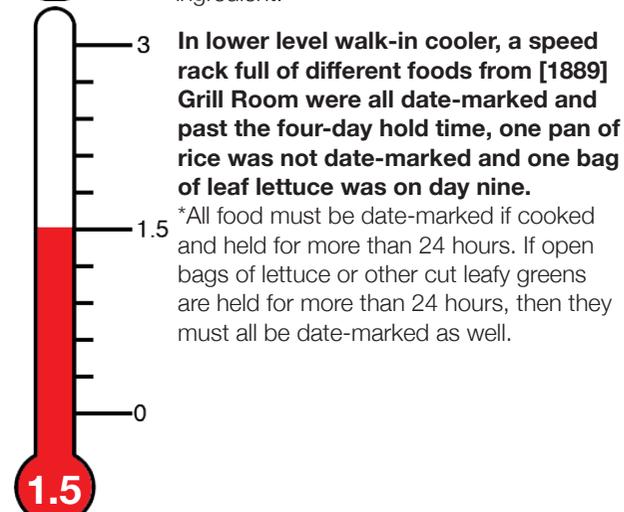
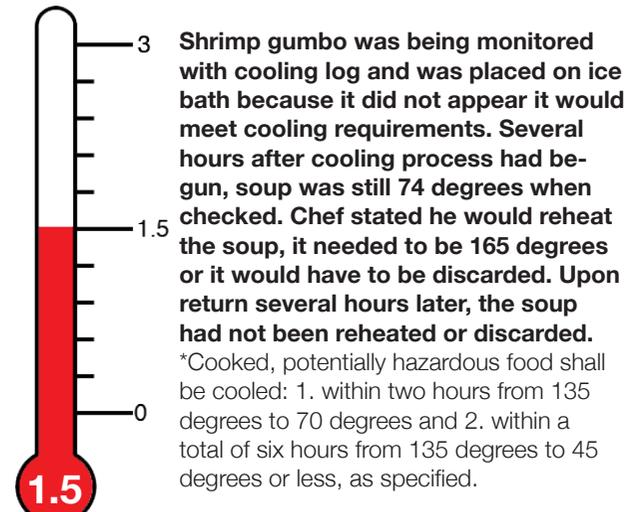
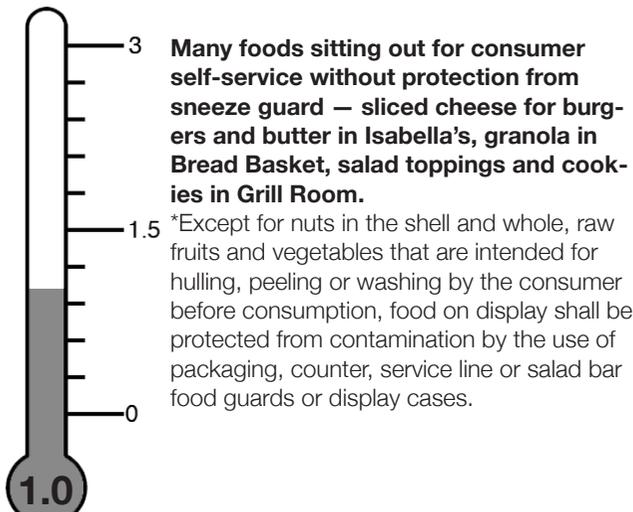
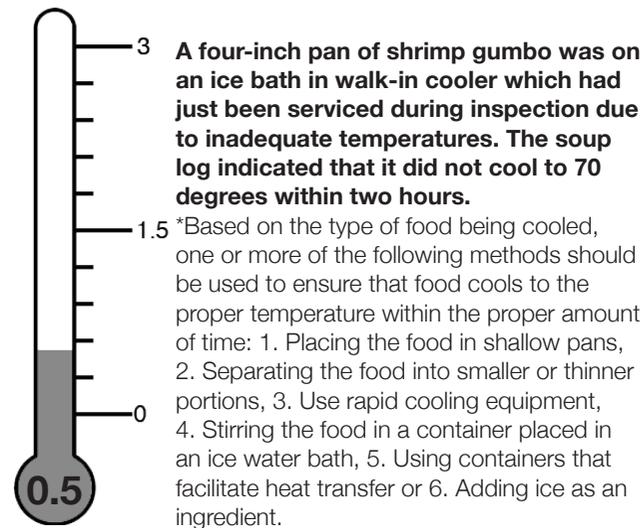
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What's going on in the kitchen?

■ Denotes a non-critical violation
 ■ Denotes a critical violation

A graphical breakdown of the demerits Colonnades Dining Hall received, how many points were subtracted and what has to be done to correct its mistakes.

KRISTEN CASE | Design Chief
 INFORMATION FROM NORTH CAROLINA PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS' REPORT





TIM DEWITT | Staff Photographer

After receiving an all-time low sanitation score, ARAMARK workers are actively trying to boost the hygiene standards of the Colonnade facilities before the Alamance County Health Department re-inspects them this week.

Colonnades Dining Hall lapses on many sanitation standards

Rebecca Iannucci and Simone Jasper
Editor-in-Chief and Senior Reporter

Colonnades Dining Hall at Elon University is working to improve its food preparation practices following its low health and sanitation rating by the Alamance County Health Department last week. Colonnades and the adjacent 1889 Grill Room received a score of 82, 14 points lower than its former score of 96.

ARAMARK, Elon's food service provider, is holding its employees accountable for meeting the state's standards of hygiene before the Alamance County Health Department re-evaluates the fa-

cilities this week.

"Our Dining Services team has implemented a corrective action plan to improve operations, enabling us to be even more proactive in our practices," said Kate Nelson, marketing manager for ARAMARK.

The county health department inspects the dining facilities on Elon's campus four times a year, holding them to state sanitation standards. The health evaluation score from the Sept. 17 inspection was published on the North Carolina Public Health Inspections database. The report deducted points for violations of safe practices, and some violations were noted as critical.

According to the report, employees used their bare hands to turn off faucets and others didn't wash their hands properly. More than one employee washed their hands for less than 20 seconds, when the state requires employees to wash hands for more than 20 seconds.

One employee dropped a knife on the floor and continued food handling duties without stopping to wash his hands after retrieving the knife and setting it aside to be cleaned. One hand-washing sink was deemed difficult for employees to access, one was out of soap at the time of inspection and another did not supply water hot enough to kill germs.

The health department also found

foods that were both stored and cooked improperly. Some crab cakes were cooked to a final temperature of 139 degrees, while the state requires them to be cooked to a final temperature of 145 degrees or higher. Undercooked seafood can harbor salmonella, bacteria that cause nausea, vomiting, cramps and fever.

Shrimp gumbo was not properly cooled and had to be discarded. Cooked french fries were stored at 94 degrees, even though potentially hazardous hot foods are required to be maintained at 135 degrees or higher in order to prevent the development of salmonella and other bacteria.

Three coolers were found in need of

service, and an ice machine and sink were marked down for heavy mold build-up. Some food was not date-marked, and a bag of lettuce was stored for nine days. The state requires many ready-to-eat and potentially hazardous foods to be consumed, sold or discarded within four days of preparation or storage to limit the growth of pathogens and toxins.

Self-service foods, including butter, granola, salad toppings, cheese and cookies, were not protected with sneeze guards. A few stored dishes were found dirty, and clean utensils were stored with a greasy surge protector strip. The facilities received other demerits for failing to properly sanitize wiping cloths.

Across the state of North Carolina, health and sanitation inspections have become an increasingly painstaking process. Last year, the environmental branch of the Alamance County Health Department released an updated document of food service sanitation rules to which dining establishments must adhere.

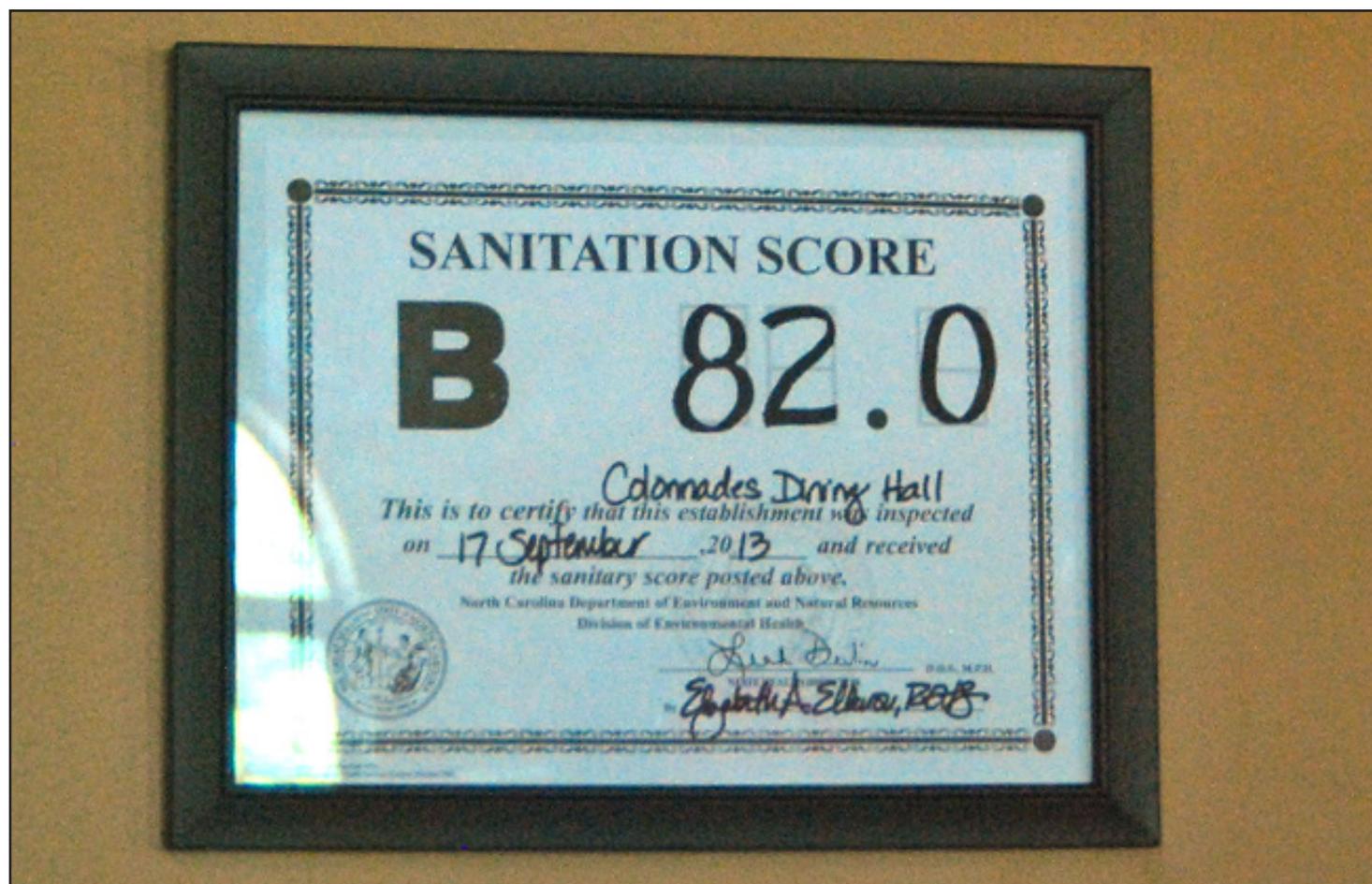
The list identifies the top five risk factors found in any kitchen, including improper holding temperatures and poor employee hygiene, along with ways to combat those risks behind the scenes. Food handlers are now required to wash their hands more frequently throughout the day, and mandatory holding temperatures have been adjusted.

Nelson said Elon takes a number of precautions to ensure each facility is meeting the state requirements for inspection.

“We have an institutional priority of maintaining at least a 97 percent on all of our inspections,” Nelson said. “The criteria developed by the state continuously becomes more stringent, and the Elon facilities continue to receive the same high scores.”

But it wasn't always that way. In April 2002, The Pendulum reported several facilities that had not scored nearly as high as they do now. At the time, the highest on-campus sanitation grade was a 94.5 at McEwen Dining Hall. The lowest was at Acorn Coffee Shop: 88 percent.

But according to Nelson, ARAMARK has assisted Elon's employees in becoming more conscious of sanitation throughout the years. This includes fulfillment of a



Colonnades Dining Hall and the adjacent 1889 Grill Room received a sanitation score of 82 after the most recent health inspection, 14 points lower than its last score. TIM DEWITT | Staff Photographer

training program called ServSafe which, if completed by a manager or employee, was formerly able to boost any dining establishment's sanitation grade by two points. Now, SafeServ certification is a requirement for all food service employees in the state.

“As an organization, we do have a third party inspect our facilities as a part of our safety platform,” Nelson said. “All of our managers are ServSafe certified, and we have continuing training and developmental opportunities for our front-line associates.”

Poor sanitation practices on college campuses can lead to food-related illnesses caused by bacteria and other practices, as well as problems for people who have food allergies. Despite the recent Colonnades Dining Hall demerits, on-campus eating establishments consistently score high sanitation ratings, often ranging between 97 and 101.

In March, Colonnades Dining Hall

received a rating of 96 and Lakeside Dining Hall received a rating of 99. McEwen Dining Hall was given a score of 98 in May.

Freshman Victoria Murphy said she believed Colonnades employees would improve their sanitation. Even though her friends encouraged her to eat at other dining locations, she said she continued to eat there, partly out of convenience.

“I've been eating here for a month, and I've been fine,” she said. “I trust that they will do what they have to do.”

Freshman Caroline Grell also said that she still ate at the dining hall after the score was issued.

“I feel like now that it's public knowledge, they'll do something about it,” Grell said.

Sophomore Sarah Vaughan said the rating at Colonnades might influence other on-campus eateries to improve their sanitation practices.

“It sends a message for other dining

halls to watch out,” she said.

Vaughan said she did not pay attention to Elon Dining's sanitation practices before the Colonnades rating. When the score was released, she said she understood that the facility was deducted points for health violations.

“I was really surprised that a low rating would be given at a college,” Vaughan said. “I don't want to be eating something that's not prepared very well.”

Despite these negative attitudes toward the news about the Colonnades inspection, ARAMARK is optimistic about its prevention program, according to Nelson.

“We are committed to the health and safety of Elon students and we are confident that we will continue to maintain a quality dining program,” Nelson said. “ARAMARK will continue to follow all of the local health regulations and retrain all employees on their ServSafe certification.” §

University defines acceptable network usage for students

Michael Papich
Senior Reporter

Logging into Elon University's wireless network is a daily exercise for anyone on campus with a laptop, often without a second thought about privacy or security.

With information about the National Security Administration's programs to collect Internet activity from some of the largest websites making international news during the summer, questions about who can see Americans' Web histories are making their way into the mainstream.

On Elon's network, Chris Fulkerson, assistant vice president for technology, said the university monitors all activity as a whole. However, he added logs are usually only investigated for illegal music, video or software downloads.

"While we reserve the right to monitor individual traffic and view files, we rarely do so," Fulkerson said. "There are times when something will corrupt network traffic and adversely affect the network. Then we will investigate in more detail,

but there is just too much traffic for us to monitor what everyone is doing on the network."

Similarly, Elon's technology policy prohibits Internet activity that can disrupt the wireless network.

"Anything illegal or unethical certainly is a breach of acceptable usage, but we also consider any activity that compromises the normal operations of our network or systems as a breach," Fulkerson said. "Just some examples would be a denial of service attack, operating an unauthorized server or setting up an unauthorized access point."

With unauthorized access points, Fulkerson said this is when students set up their own Internet routers on the school's grounds.

"It degrades the carefully engineered wireless network we install in the residence halls," Fulkerson said. "Whenever we get complaints about the wireless network in a residence hall, it is almost always because someone has installed a rogue wireless access point."

Elon reserves the right to monitor students' Internet activity, but the school's own technology usage policy also warns students that their activity, particularly emails, are not always private. So, how much privacy can one assume to have on the Internet?

"At the moment, you should assume zero," said Megan Squire, assistant professor of computing sciences.

According to Squire, current legal rulings dealing with privacy on the Internet reach back to a 1979 Supreme Court case, *Smith v. Maryland*, which ruled that a person has no expectation of privacy when they hand over information to a third party.

"This likely includes all providers of Internet services, including hardware and software and services," Squire said.

Google is currently involved in a lawsuit about its policy of scanning emails through Gmail for advertising purposes. Under *Smith v. Maryland*, Gmail users can have no expectations of privacy when their messages are scanned, but if those emails

are exchanged between people without a Gmail account, the law gets a bit fuzzier.

"The case being fought right now will determine whether the expectation of privacy extends to non-Gmail users or not," Squire said. "Google is saying 'no,' the lawsuit is saying 'yes.'"

Google's lawyers argue that in exchange for allowing emails to be scanned, Gmail provides free email service.

At Elon, students give up privacy in exchange for secure wireless Internet.

"Only students, employees and certain guests are able to access our wireless network, thus it offers more security than an open network that you would find in a public place such as McDonald's," Fulkerson said.

But Fulkerson said Elon's network has the same risks as any wireless network.

"Someone who already has access could intercept wireless traffic and gather information being passed over it," Fulkerson said. "That is why Elon encrypts the traffic of major systems such as Moodle, email and OnTrack."

Smith v. Maryland

Established what a reasonable expectation of privacy is, along with the legal test for privacy expectations.

A reasonable expectation of privacy is an expectation generally recognized by society.

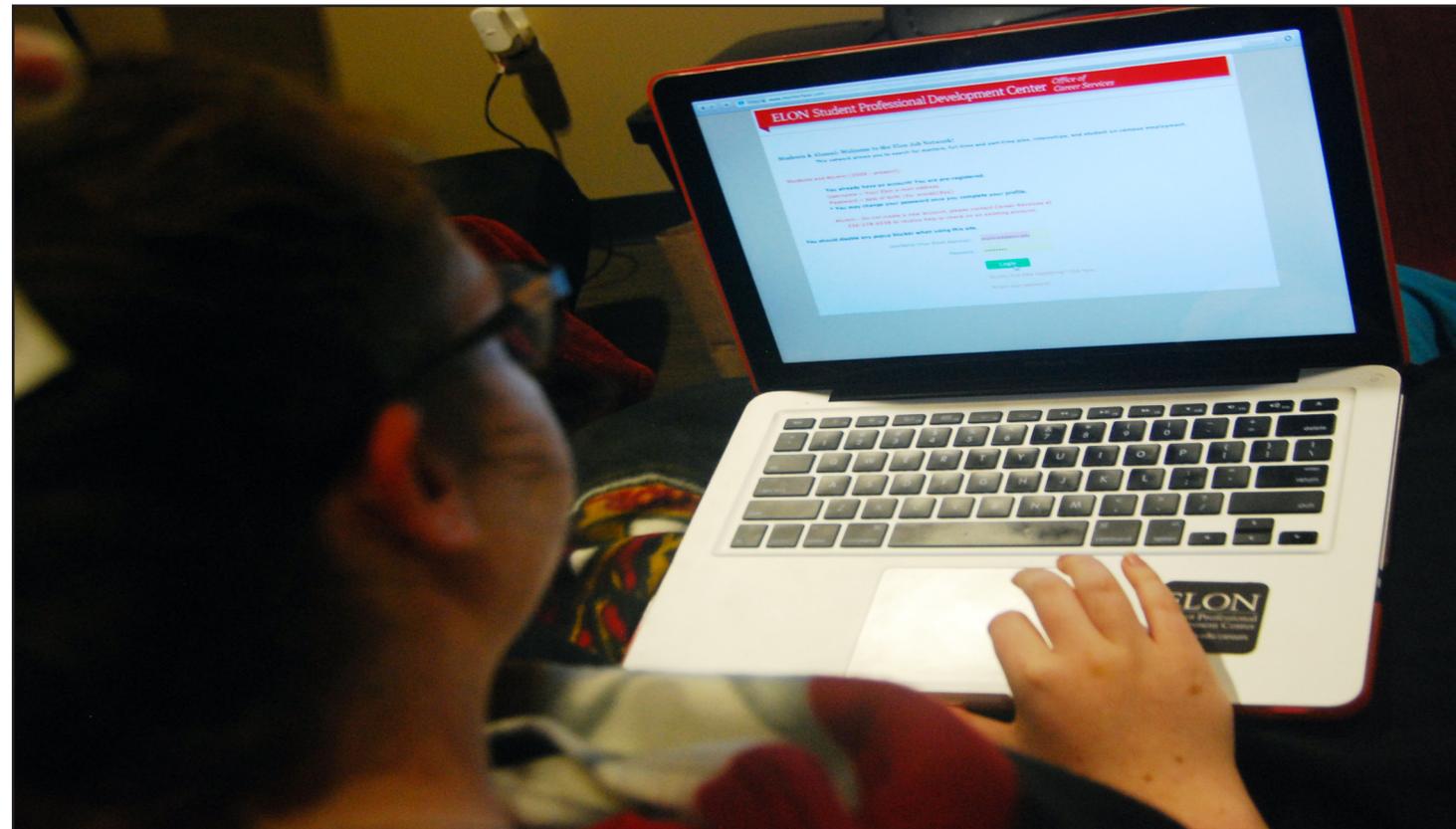
The test is crucial in determining the scope of the Fourth Amendment.

Places where privacy CAN be reasonably expected:

- A person's residence
- A hotel room
- Public restrooms
- Phone booths

Places where privacy CANNOT be reasonably expected:

- Public spaces, excluding rest rooms
- Conversations held in public
- Garbage dumps and the garbage those dumps contain



RACHEL INGERSOLL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Elon's technology policy prohibits all Internet activity that could disrupt the network, but usually only investigates for illegal music, video or software downloads.

West End ownership changes hands: Q&A with former owner Josh Ezrine

Q: Why did you decide to sell West End?

A: I had been looking for someone to buy it for a few years. I'd been there 10 years, and I have a young son, and it's just not fair to him. I'm not 23 years old anymore. It's hard to work till 3 a.m. and then come home and take care of your family and give your son the attention he deserves, the attention he needs.

Q: What are some of the struggles in keeping an Elon business open and profitable?

A: It's tough not getting the support that you need from the community, as well as the university. You would think that, as a local business, West End would deserve and get more support. Student support has always been great, always steady. But from my perspective, being there 10 years, it seems like the university still looks upon West End like a black sheep in the community.

Q: Why would the university consider West End a "black sheep"? What kind of drinking environment did you provide for students under your ownership?

A: West End is a place in which kids who are over 21 can drink in a safe environment. It's not illegal. It's heavily supervised. We made sure to watch over the students, to give them one of the few safe places where they could go out and drink responsibly, with some level of supervision.

Q: How is student drinking at West End different from where they might go off campus, otherwise?

A: You hear about those incidents with alcohol poisoning, the horror stories where kids wind up in the hospital, sometimes even dead. And it's just about always at off-campus parties. They might not tell you that, you might not hear about it, but it's definitely there, and it happens just about every weekend. At West End, we're diligent. We're watching over students. We're making sure no one underage drinks, and we're making sure those who are 21 are drinking responsibly. Our first concern is your safety.

Compiled by Michael Bodley, assistant news editor



TARA WIRTH | Staff Photographer

Josh Ezrine, former owner of West End Station, sold the establishment in order to spend time with his family.

Familiar face challenges incumbent Ronnie Wall for mayor of Burlington

Michael Bodley
Assistant News Editor

After graduating from Elon University five years ago, Ian Baltutis never left Burlington. And he's now trying to unseat incumbent Ronnie Wall as the next mayor of the city.

Baltutis is new to politics and he faces a recognizable candidate with political experience in Wall. Wall has been mayor since 2007, and he was challenged for his seat only once in 2009.

But Baltutis has done his homework, preparing a comprehensive campaign strategy under the guidance of seasoned veterans of local politics.

"At the very beginning of the campaign, we spent quite a number of weeks meeting with different elected officials and previously elected officials from around the country to gauge strategy and get feedback for the Burlington community," he said. "We really wanted to figure out the direction that would be best for Burlington."

Baltutis points to his business background as experience enough, political pedi-

gree aside. He has built a business from the ground up since graduating from Elon with a degree in business administration. His start-up, The Vibration Solution, has grown to become the world's largest producer of ultra-soft polymers, which are used to quiet the noise made by dishwashers and other large household appliances.

But Baltutis' business experience may not be enough to win the election, according to Kenneth Fernandez, assistant professor of political science and director of the Elon Poll.

"A candidate who had prior experience serving on a city council or a school board might have an advantage over someone who is a businessman," Fernandez said.

At the same time, local elections tend to have much lower voter turnouts than those on the national stage, making the results difficult to predict.

"The key thing to keep in mind with any type of local election, particularly with a smaller place, is most people just don't know much about all of the candidates," said Jason Husser, assistant professor of political science and assistant director of the Elon

Poll. "That makes these kind of elections extremely volatile. Often we don't know how elections will go until they actually happen. You sometimes see a correlation by alphabetical order of name and their vote share."

In order to accomplish his goals once in office, Baltutis craves the support of a particular demographic that has been conspicuously absent from Burlington over the last decade: people aged 18-40.

Over the past decade, Burlington has grown by 11.5 percent as a whole. But the 18-40 age group has seen no growth at all. Young professionals are finishing school and leaving Burlington behind, a trend Baltutis would very much like to see reversed.

"We need to grow across all age demographics, in order to make sure we strengthen our economy not only today, but for the coming decade," he said. "The economy needs young people, needs new ideas."

And while he seeks to keep younger people in Burlington, Baltutis is still young himself, which may complicate his campaign planning.

"The key challenge for young people to overcome is to establish credibility early on

in the race, so that people can see them as a person of maturity," Husser said. "And that's not necessarily easy to do in a race that people might not pay that much attention to to begin with."

If he wins the election, Baltutis has plans to more closely integrate Elon with the Burlington community. He pointed out that the Elon BioBus is open to the general public, though many members of the community think it's only available to students.

The BioBus is part of a larger plan of Baltutis' to overhaul the city's public transportation system, slowly, as not to overwhelm the city with exorbitant costs that have caused previous efforts to fail.

He also has spoken with the Love School of Business about a program that would match entrepreneurial Elon students with local businesses in an internship of sorts that would benefit local businesses while giving students real world experience.

"The idea being that there's no better way to get this experience on an entry level than to get down and dirty, hands on, with somebody that's fighting for their business' life," he said.

Recent incident reveals underlying, ongoing racial tensions

Ethan Smith
News Editor

On the morning of Sept. 17, two female students, one Jewish and one African-American, woke up to a swastika, the acronym “KKK” and a sketch of male genitalia drawn on the whiteboard outside their room.

“I’m tired of it,” said senior Immanuel Bryant, one of two founding leaders of Better Together, Elon’s multi-faith learning community. “It used to make me sad, and sad for the person that did it. I see the person who did it as the victim because they need to be aware of what they’re doing and realize what they’re doing is wrong.”

Despite this incident happening last Sunday, Vice President of Student Life and Dean of Students Smith Jackson didn’t send an email to the Elon community to notify them of the incident, opting rather for an email titled “Bias Prevention and Response Initiatives and Campus Notices,” reminding students and staff at Elon of the university’s policies regarding these subjects.

Lynn Huber, associate professor of religious studies, said she hadn’t heard about Smith Jackson’s policy to no longer email students when incidents such as this one happen, and was shocked when she found out this was the case.

“Once I listened to his reasons for no longer addressing incidents through emails, I can understand his reasoning for it,” Huber said. “Not that I necessarily agree with it.”

Huber, along with the Department of Religious Studies, posted messages on the department’s Facebook pages and website to address

what had happened.

“The department as a whole is committed to diversity,” Huber said. “But we realize in saying we want diversity means doing and acting when there is an incident challenging it.”

Bryant and senior Mason Sklut, the other founding member of Better Together, will hold a forum at 6 p.m. Sept. 26 in McKinnon Hall to facilitate a discussion among the student body regarding the incident.

“[SGA Executive President Welsford] Scott [Bishopric] reached out to Better Together and asked us to facilitate discussion about what happened and how we want to handle it as a student body,” Bryant said. “We’re asking people to keep the discussion going and we’re addressing how to have a discussion about these topics.”

Three seniors — Diana Abrahams, Sarah Holland and Paige Ransbury — wrote a letter to the student body and submitted it to The Pendulum (see page 15), calling for the student body to act.

“This is a student issue that will only be solved by students, and we believe the first step is simply to start speaking up for each other,” the letter reads.

Chaplain Jan Fuller directly addressed the incident on the Truitt Center for Religious and Spiritual Life’s website.

“This weekend, as the Yom Kippur holy day observances came to a close, ugly racial and anti-Semitic slurs were left on the white board on a student residence door,” Fuller said in the message. “The two women students within identified as African-American and Jewish. This is an unprecedented act of anti-Semitism for our campus, accompanied by all-too-famil-

iar acts of racism.”

Fuller continued the message by reminding students of Elon’s commitment to diversity, and how this incident shows underlying issues at Elon and how the incident risks derailing Elon’s efforts to be a more inclusive community.

“We are ashamed and offended that such a mindset of bigotry is present in our community, and has been outwardly expressed in this manner,” the message said. “Our hearts are sorrowing for the pain of the students, and for the larger communities, who are being hurt by these actions and attitudes. Such actions and attitudes are not representative of our values at Elon. In a time of great hopefulness, as we live into becoming a community of ‘unprecedented...commitment to diversity and global engagement,’ which is our first strategic goal as a university, one act like this can derail our communal efforts.”

This act is not the first racist incident that’s happened on Elon’s campus. In April, then-senior Blake Thompson found a note posted on the second floor of his apartment building that used the term “coon” — a racial slur for African-Americans.

That month, Thompson said racism on this campus doesn’t happen in isolated incidents. Rather, it happens nearly every day. The incident in April happened less than a month before the school year ended, and the incident on Sunday happened within a month of students returning to campus.

“It’s a series of micro-aggressions every day that makes it hard for those without privilege to be in this environment,” Huber said. “This incident is just one more thing on top of it, just

one more punch.”

Huber said she feels these incidents are happening among the student body for a myriad of reasons.

“It’s a hate of the ‘other’ simply because they are the ‘other,’ and that’s what we’re seeing here,” Huber said. “It’s anxiety due to challenging the rightness of our own beliefs and ourselves, causing hatred of the ‘other,’ and it’s important to remember that this hatred of the ‘other’ has persisted for centuries. This is the use of symbols to hurt others, and that has a long history. People don’t realize how laden in history symbols are.”

The timing of the incident made it have an even more significant meaning, Huber said.

“This event is coming right after Yom Kippur, which is the most important Jewish holiday, and one where Jews have been attacked in history during this holiday,” Huber said. “I’m not sure if the person who did this realizes that, but even if it was a drunken action, it doesn’t excuse the action and how wrong it was.”

Bryant, a facilitator of the discussion happening on Thursday, said he wishes he could help those who perform these kinds of acts, and he feels as though campus is disconnected.

“It irritates me that I don’t know how to help [the people that commit these acts],” Bryant said. “And it irritates me that they don’t have any friends who say it’s not okay for them to do those things. It feels like there are two different languages — there’s inclusive language from the university, promoting diversity, and then there’s exclusive language from the student body, saying they don’t want people different from them to be part of their Elon experience.”

OFFENSES TIMELINE

Sept. 8, 2011

Five white males in a convertible BMW yelled the N-word at an African American student crossing North O’Kelly Avenue, inciting the “Not On Our Campus” movement.

Nov. 15, 2012

A male in a red mini SUV yelled an Asian racial slur at a student as she crossed the street at the intersection of Williamson and Haggard.

Sept. 17, 2013

A note containing religiously and racially derogatory symbols was posted on the whiteboard of a Jewish and an African-American student.

Feb. 1, 2012

A male in a car at the light in front of McMichael yelled a homophobic slur at a student as he walked toward Moseley Center.

March 2013

Students wrote a racial slur on a note and posted it in the hallway of an off-campus apartment.

McCrory's ratings drop in latest Elon Poll

Michael Papich
Senior Reporter

The latest Elon Poll shows the North Carolina General Assembly and Gov. Pat McCrory dipping in their approval ratings, but the poll's directors say this is far from signaling a change in party control in 2014.

McCrory saw his approval ratings go from 46.1 percent in the April Elon Poll to 36.1 percent in September's.

The North Carolina General Assembly also saw a drop from April's poll to September's, going from 35.2 percent support to 32.3 percent.

Kenneth Fernandez, director of the Elon Poll, said what will signal a change in the General Assembly is whether people are motivated by the legislative action, not by poll responses. He also pointed out the Elon Poll showed many North Carolinians support other actions by the General Assembly, like voter ID and drilling for natural gas.

"Whether you're a Republican, a Democrat or a pundit, you could see strong support or strong opposition to the General Assembly in these results," Fernandez said.

With the next election for North Carolina's governor more than three years away, these results are even murkier for McCrory's reelection bid.

"It would be foolish to speculate how this will impact the governor's chances," said Jason Husser, assistant director of the Elon Poll.

New N.C. laws

Seventy percent of North Carolinians support the state's new voter ID law, and although voter ID was one of the biggest issues addressed by the Moral Monday protestors during the summer, Fernandez said it is unlikely to push voters to vote democratic next November.

"A lot of people will give their opinions on voter ID, but they will not be losing a lot of sleep over it," Fernandez said.

While voter ID has consistently had support in polls of North Carolinians, Fernandez said this is the first time a majority of any demographic has opposed the measure. In this Elon Poll, 54 percent of Democrats and 55 percent of African-Americans oppose voter ID.

Although 51 percent of state voters believe there should be more restrictions on handguns, Fernandez said the new state laws that allow concealed carry of firearms in a wider number of areas, like parks and bars, will not be enough to stir voters. Instead, there would need to be some sort of incident or tragedy in conjunction with guns in bars or parks to push voters in that direction.

Eighty percent of respondents said teachers in North Carolina are paid too little and 53 percent support teacher tenure. Husser said it is difficult to ask about tenure because each side of the issue has a different definition for tenure. But he said Elon Polls have shown a consistent view that teachers are paid too little.

National issues

With health care exchanges set to open soon as part of the Affordable Care Act, the Elon Poll found that 50 percent of North Carolinians believe the law will make things worse. This is the first Elon Poll to refer to the law as "the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare."

"When you call it Obamacare, people stop thinking about the law and start thinking about the politics," Fernandez said.

While he said not all political scientists and pollsters agree with referring to the law as "Obamacare" in the poll, Fernandez said that when testing the poll, people would not know what law he was referring to unless he used the phrase "Obamacare."

"Obamacare is a law that has a lot of political baggage and we wanted to see how that changes over time," Fernandez said.

Sen. Kay Hagan, D-N.C., is up for reelection in 2014 and the Elon Poll found 38 percent of voters approve of her, and Husser said this is not a strong sign for the senator.

"Senators can be the most popular elected official in their state, so she's not doing too well," he said.

The Elon Poll did not see how voters felt about Hagan versus Thom Tillis, the Speaker of the House in the General Assembly.

"Tillis is in a campaign for money and for journalists right now, but not yet for voters," Husser said.

The Elon Poll was conducted from Sept. 13-16, with 701 respondents.

Career Fairs one of many tools for students seeking jobs

Ethan Smith
News Editor

This Thursday, more than 60 employers will flood Alumni Gym for Elon University's Job and Internship Expo. In turn, hundreds of Elon students will gather to meet with potential employers face-to-face in hopes of securing an internship or job.

According to Tom Vecchione, executive director of career services, various career fairs provide mixed results for students.

"Every fair is different and each college is different," Vecchione said. "For example, our Teacher Job Fair is much smaller, as you might expect, as we only have about 70 teacher-ready graduates each year. As far as the upcoming fall fair next week, we are hoping for anywhere from 300 to 400 students. The spring job and internship fair is larger and we expect at least 500 Elon students or more to attend."

Last year, of the hundreds of students that attended, "many of the employers who attended our expo made offers to Elon students that ended up in acceptances," said Thomas Brinkley, executive director of corporate and employer relations.

Of the employers that attended the career fair last year, City Year, Teach for America and Credit Suisse hired the most Elon students, hiring 12, 11 and six students, respectively, according to Brinkley.

"Many employers also still prefer to attend career fairs as they like the opportunity to get their name and brand on campus and that they are likely to talk with a larger number of students in a shorter time frame than is possible in other circumstances," Vecchione said. "For many employers, it would not be worth their time to come to campus to interact with only a few students, but they will come for a career fair."

While a larger volume of students at-

tending means less personal interaction with employers, it also means exposure to a wider range of employers.

There are additional resources, other than career fairs, that can aid students in finding employment. Next month, Elon will begin a program called City Treks, a series of road trips that students can apply to attend. Once selected, the students in attendance will go to Charlotte, Raleigh and Winston-Salem, N.C. to meet with employers such as SAS, Red Ventures, Vanguard and IMG.

"Many students make their initial contact with a given employer they eventually end up working for at the fair, I'm sure, but we may never hear of it once they have left Elon," Vecchione said. "Having said that, we do know dozens of students each year gain interviews and secure internship or employer offers from the employers attending these events. Career fairs are only one 'tool' among many that should be in every Elon job seeker's toolbox."



RACHEL INGERSOLL | Staff Photographer

Career fairs are a chance for employers and students to network. Career services hopes 300-400 students will attend the fall expo Thursday.

Construction of Dollar General may impact smaller businesses

Michael Papich
Senior Reporter

Construction is well underway on a new Dollar General on South Williamson Avenue in Burlington, and across the country in small towns, similar low-cost retail stores have been met with opposition.

Dollar General is a low-price retail store that offers a variety of products. There are more than 10,000 Dollar Generals in the United States.

Tom Tiemann, professor of economics at Elon University, said the fear towns have had about Dollar Generals and other dollar stores goes deeper than just the concern they will drive local companies out of business with their low prices.

“Civic activity is important in a small town and if you put a small business out of the town and put in an outside manager, will he be as engaged in the community?” Tiemann said.

Tiemann said because of Elon’s small downtown area, the draw from a more affordable store like a Dollar General could have a larger impact on the few shops there.

“If you’re driving out to go to the dollar store, are you going to come back into town to go into the local cafe or will you stay down there?” Tiemann said.

While Tiemann pointed out how Dollar

General could impact a small community in these negative ways, he also said this does not necessarily mean the same will happen in Burlington.

“Burlington has a pretty interesting family-owned industrial base,” Tiemann said. “It’s not a service city for the local farmers.”

This industrial base leads to a different kind of civic leadership in the town that is not disrupted by the closing of a hardware store or a restaurant, like it might be in another small town.

Tiemann also said that, at more than 50,000 residents — nearly one-third of Alamance County — Burlington is not exactly a small town anymore. And while other towns that have opposed dollar stores expressed distaste for big-box stores, Burlington already has both a Wal-Mart and a Target.

“The cat’s already out of the bag,” Tiemann said.

He added that you cannot expect local people to pay more when a dollar store option is available.

“Dollar stores open on Sundays,” Tiemann said. “Joe’s Hardware doesn’t.”

While Dollar General is not truly a “dollar store” because it sells goods that cost more than \$1, it follows a dollar store format to keep its prices low.

“They tend to move to low-rent areas and buy a lot of goods so they can bargain with suppliers,” Tiemann said, adding that a well-trafficked area like South Williamson Avenue is an atypical location because it likely has higher property costs.

Tiemann said dollar stores also save money by buying excess goods and “distressed goods” from other businesses, giving the example of Wal-Mart over-ordering socks and Dollar General buying up the extras to sell.

“That’s why it’s not always the same products on the shelves,” Tiemann said.

Overall, Tiemann said the presence of Dollar General, whether in Burlington or in another small town in America, and the costs and benefits it brings is a trade-off communities will have to accept.

“It’s a change. The world changes,” Tiemann said.

Sherri Yow, office manager in the Burlington inspections division, said Dollar General applied for a permit to begin construction on South Williamson Avenue at the end of July.



KATY CANADA | Photo Editor

A Dollar General store, one of more than 10,000 in the United States, is under construction on South Williamson Avenue.

Kernodle Center forms new partnerships after food distribution ceases at Loaves & Fishes

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Senior Reporter

The closing of the Loaves & Fishes Christian Food Ministry in Burlington has left several local organizations scrambling to fill the needs of the 7,000 people it served each month.

Loaves & Fishes, which closed its doors in August, distributed provisions to people in Alamance and surrounding counties. The Kernodle Center at Elon University has partnered with the Salvation Army and Allied Churches to fill the void it left in the community.

The Kernodle Center’s Campus Kitchen at Elon (CKEU) program is now heading an effort to collect food at the university. Allied Churches, which operates the county’s largest shelter and lunchtime feeding program, started

a non-perishable food distribution program and opened up its hot meal program to non-shelter residents. The Salvation Army expanded its emergency food distribution from two to five days per week.

This year, ARAMARK, Elon’s food service provider, donated space in McEwen Dining Hall for the preparation of CKEU meals. According to Bob Frigo, associate director of the Kernodle Center, many of the CKEU meals are delivered to Allied Churches.

“CKEU collects unused and unserved food from community partners, including ARAMARK Dining Services, while engaging students, faculty and staff as volunteers who prepare and deliver the meals to those in need in the Burlington community,” Frigo said.

The CKEU recently opened a location in

Moseley 230 where students, faculty and staff can drop off non-perishable food items.

Students will also be able to serve at the locations, according to Tammy Cobb, assistant director of community partnerships for the Kernodle Center.

“There are limitations for on-site direct volunteer service due to space issues, but some opportunities do exist,” Cobb said. “We anticipate more volunteer opportunities to open in the future as we work alongside these organizations to help build capacity.”

At Elon, the Kernodle Center partnered with Loaves & Fishes for 12 years, which included volunteers, academic service learning courses and the LINC (Leaders in Collaborative Service) program.

Student volunteer tasks at Loaves & Fishes

included sorting, shelving, packaging and distributing food. Some academic service learning classes helped Loaves & Fishes with marketing and communications. Last semester, some communications classes worked on projects for the organization.

Loaves & Fishes was started by a group of local churches in 1999, and it became Alamance County’s largest food pantry. A statement from its board of directors said the organization’s financial contributions declined starting in January because of “negative” articles from the Burlington Times-News and Alamance News, two local newspapers. The financial concerns led the organization to reduce its operations to two days per week and limit its number of employees before it was forced to stop distribution, according to the statement.

Minimum wage at lowest real value since

Ethan Smith
News Editor

It's no secret that the dollar has been losing value — but for minimum wage workers, this has especially dire consequences.

Adjusted for inflation, minimum wage is now worth less than it was in the 1960s and '70s. The minimum wage in 1968 was \$1.60, which would be \$10.69 today if wage had kept up with inflation, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Consumer Price Index inflation calculator.

According to Arindrajit Dube, assistant professor of economics at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, the purchasing power of minimum wage has fallen and minimum wage workers are currently earning 37 percent of what the median worker earns when it should be near 50 percent, he said.

“Minimum wage isn't indexed to keep up with the cost of living,” Dube said. “And keeping the minimum wage indexed so it's tied to cost of living is something that makes a lot of sense.”

Dube's 2010 study on minimum wage and employment was cited during President Obama's State of the Union address as the president called for a raise in the minimum wage. The study showed raising minimum wage would not result in unemployment.

Prior to the recession, approximately 1.7 million workers earned minimum wage or below in 2007, but that total surged to 3.6 million in 2012. Low-wage jobs have expanded since the recession and have replaced middle-class jobs during the recovery. The District of Columbia and 18 states have raised minimum wage above the federal level of \$7.25, and 10 states raise it annually so it rises with the cost

of living. But workers who earn tips have a federal minimum wage of \$2.13 an hour.

“An argument to raise the minimum wage stems from the fact that many people would argue that anyone working full-time shouldn't be living so close to the poverty threshold,” said Steven Bednar, assistant professor of economics at Elon University. “One reason the minimum wage is not higher is because those affected by it cannot collectively demand more. Turnover is high in minimum wage, which decreases the collective bargaining power and certainly the bargaining power of any single worker.”

Bednar believes political pressure has much to do with the stagnation of minimum wage increases.

“One reason the minimum wage has not increased much is due to political pressure,” Bednar said. “There is an argument that increasing minimum wage

would hurt businesses and job growth. Empirical evidence is not conclusive on this topic. Individuals making minimum wage are likely to spend a greater fraction of their income from companies that hire minimum wage workers, so this may hurt those who it intends to help.”

Paul Sonn, legal co-director of the National Employment Law Project, said the issue of raising minimum wage has become a political football that gets tossed around and ends up gridlocked in Washington, D.C. During the recession, one in five jobs lost were low-wage jobs, and three in five jobs created after the recession were low-wage jobs. The effect of continuing this trend is staggering, he said.

“The impact would be deepening poverty across the country and an overall weaker economy,” Sonn said. “If low wage workers don't have the money to spend, businesses won't have consumer spending



TARA WIRTH | Staff Photographer

Minimum wage has declined 20 percent since its record high in 1968, and workers are earning 37 percent of what the median worker earns while they should be earning 50 percent of what the median worker earns.

1968, workers barely above poverty line

MINIMUM WAGE BY THE NUMBERS

that allows the business to make money.”

Workers under 25 make up approximately one-fifth of hourly paid workers but account for about half of all workers making minimum wage or less nationwide. In the first quarter of 2013, the average unemployment check in North Carolina paid \$298.90 per week. Working a minimum wage job for 40 hours per week equates to an income of \$290 per week — less than someone who is unemployed.

Since the minimum wage program started in 1938, its overall decline in real value is 20 percent since its all-time high in 1968. It declined in real value 34 percent from 1978 to 1989, and 19 percent from 1998 to 2006. Raising the minimum wage, Sonn said, helps stimulate the economy by increasing purchasing power and allowing workers to stay in steady employment instead of circulating through low wage employers, which costs each company thousands of dollars to train and hire new employees.

“The indexation proposal [for minimum wage] prevents the minimum wage worker’s paycheck from eroding,” Dube said.

Dube said it would be best to phase in indexation policies over a number of years instead of all at once. It would take a couple of years of sharper increases to get minimum wage indexed to match the cost of living, and implementing these policies gradually would not result in unemployment, he said.

While minimum wage sits at one of its lowest points in history, profitability for U.S. companies is high.

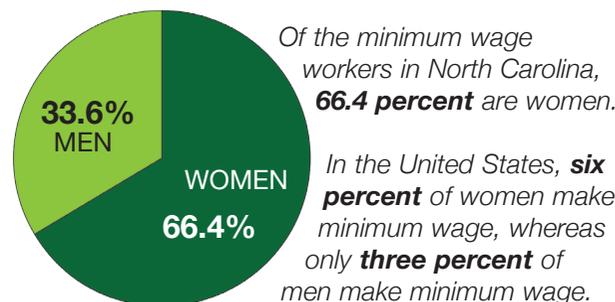
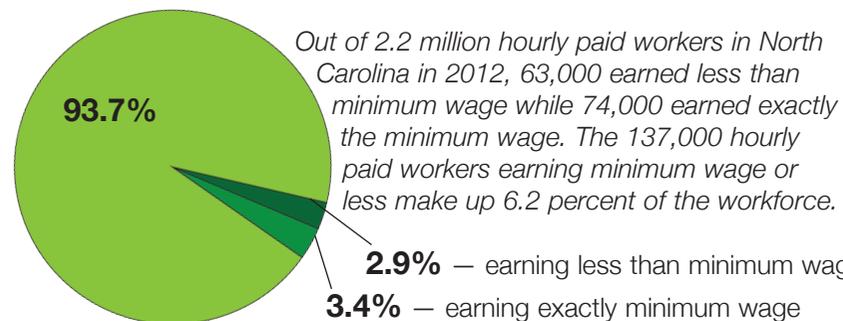
“U.S. corporate profits have completely recovered and are at an all-time high,” Dube said.

This inequality in profits exacerbates existing inequities in the wage earning system.

“It’s a problem when policies tend to amplify certain problems they’re supposed to emolliate,” Dube said. §

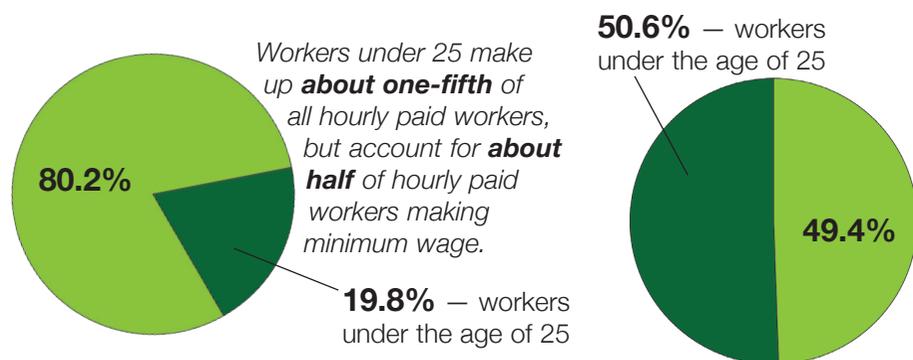
Current minimum wage: **\$7.25**

“Tipped” employees: **\$2.13**



The actual value of minimum wage pay has declined since its inception. The peak value of minimum wage was in 1968. If today’s minimum wage were adjusted for inflation, it would be **nearly \$11.**

At the end of 2012, there were **3.6 million hourly paid workers** in the United States making minimum wage. These 3.6 million workers make up **4.7 percent** of the total 75.3 million hourly paid workers in the United States.



Unemployed residents of North Carolina were paid, on average, **\$298.90 per week**, which is more than the average *full-time* minimum wage worker, who earns **\$290 per week.**



TARA WIRTH | Staff Photographer

Since 2007, low-wage jobs have replaced middle class jobs. As minimum wage has become more of a talking point, the issue has earned its place in the political arena, especially in North Carolina.

The future can wait: Elon needs to build for now

Catapulted by its ambitious construction plans, determined academic initiatives and a revitalized campus and athletics, Elon University has risen through the ranks throughout the past two decades to sit deservedly as the No. 1 regional university of the south, according to U.S. News College Rankings.

For visitors touring the Elon University campus, it remains virtually impossible not to notice how extraordinarily beautiful it is. A new dining hall, new dorms in the heart of campus and signs foretelling even more future construction are all just small parts of Elon's master plan to continue to overhaul the university.

But by placing an emphasis on always building for the future, a fair share of drawbacks occur and are felt by the current student body. Long-term goals remain the priority at Elon, but these goals have less benefit to students who currently call Elon home. Furthermore, Elon's future construction goals do not completely consider the true needs of students. As Elon goes forward, an emphasis must be placed on smarter planning in all aspects of campus life, not just faster building.

So Elon — take a breath and slow down.

In recent weeks, Elon has seen a slew of minor but telling signs of some of the potential problems that come from building too much, too fast. When the focus is on the future, things in the present tend to go unnoticed until they become too big to ignore. Sewage leaks in the Oaks, poor sanitation ratings at one of only three dining halls on campus, mold in Virginia and Danieley—small oversights becoming big problems are symptoms of what happens when an emphasis on the future takes precedent over maintaining high quality in the present.

Then there are the day-to-day elements students feel only because they directly affect us. Long lines at dining halls and retail locations, mailroom lines backed up for half an hour and an overcrowded library are just some of the problems that need addressing before Elon can continue to grow its student body so rapidly. What do we expect to happen when we keep adding students to parts of our school that cannot even handle the current load without working to ease the problems?

Elon emphasizes improving educational



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quality remains the backbone of the entire campus initiative. But why do they make their construction priorities based around buildings that don't directly benefit the students who currently call Elon home? Despite the fact Elon's ongoing planning goals include "grow[ing] slowly, but not at the expense of academic quality," only one of the eight main points (expanding academic facilities for science and communication) of the strategic decade plan from 2010-2020 actually directly adds to a stronger academic climate.

Other elements of the plan include a multimillion-dollar, 5,000-seat convocation center, a new admissions building, and a 1,500-seat auditorium, all while assisting and promoting retail development in the Town of Elon.

Furthering the intellectual infrastructure of Elon should be the first priority, the factors that help every student at Elon thrive. Dining halls, access to appropriate parking, adequate numbers of class sections, top-level teachers, and appropriate residential life is the infrastructure we need to consider before we start throwing up new, pricey centerpieces of our already incredible campus. A 5,000-person convocation center does the student body no good if the library is still too small.

Elon's growth remains a point of pride, and for good reason. With the largest class sizes in Elon's history, record numbers of applicants and higher incoming standardized test scores and high school GPAs, we're having no trouble attracting national attention as it is.

But what happens when these record class sizes continue to grow without addressing current problems for students? Finding a spot in the library will be impossible, lines at the dining halls will be even longer during the lunch and dinner rushes and the mailroom line will pour out of Moseley. Simply put, without smarter planning with current students in mind, the Elon student body will outgrow the parts of Elon vital for their success.

If we always build for the future and never stop to see how the present choices affect current students, Elon will miss the point of providing a truly elite college experience. Academic excellence should never get lost in the shuffle of a beautiful new building. Current students should never take a backseat to future students.

New IRS regulations take a bite out of server wages

In the vast and complex network that is the United States tax system, where should we focus our scrutiny? Who should we make sure is paying their fair share? Many might say “big banks,” or “enormous international conglomerates.” But according to the Internal Revenue Service, it’s your friendly local Waffle House waitress, and every other server across the country.



Ian Luther
Columnist

Starting in January, automatic gratuities on large parties will be taxed as a wage, not a tip. While this seems like a meaningless distinction, it means huge changes for servers across the country, and for the restaurants that employ them.

As a waiter at your favorite soup-salad-and-breadsticks dispensary, Olive Garden, this law hits home harder for me than it does for most. But for the majority who’ve never had the misfortune of seeing a party of 14 bad-tempered customers determined to take “Never-Ending Pasta Bowl” literally, allow me to explain the concern.

Let’s start at the beginning, with the

minimum wage for tipped employees: \$2.13 an hour. Some states go as high as about \$5 an hour, but North Carolina has been kind enough to keep it at the lowest federally guaranteed amount. After taxes, this functionally comes out to zero dollars an hour, give or take a couple cents either way (yes, you can lose money).

So then it comes down to your tips. But tips aren’t a sure thing, either, when you have to count on the often non-existent generosity of your customers. But no matter how good or how bad a night you have, the way to get paid is about as simple as it gets: the cash you walk with at the end of the night is what you made during that shift.

Until this new law passes, that is. With this change in classification, the automatic 18 percent on large parties suddenly becomes a wage, not a tip. Servers get their tips the very same night they work, but wages become a biweekly check, with taxes already taken out of them.

National chain restaurants like Applebee’s, Chili’s and Olive Garden (cough cough) are already considering ending automatic gratuities, simply because the new regulations will be too big a hassle. This means servers, in the one area they could guarantee a reasonable return for their work, won’t even get that.

Now, I want to clarify one thing. For the



New regulations by the IRS mean big changes for how servers get paid on large tables, if they do at all. PHOTO COURTESY OF MCT CAMPUS

most part, serving is a great gig. It pays well (usually), and it’s not terribly unpleasant (sometimes) and for a part-time job in college, it’s better than most.

But working behind the scenes, you interact with a very different world than Elon’s warm, insulated, money-injected atmosphere. The average Chili’s waitress is there to provide for her family, not for another round of drinks next weekend. And for people whose families and livelihoods depend on what’s left on the table

after you leave, changes in how they get paid can have a huge impact.

Odds are the generous folks at the IRS aren’t going to change their minds, and servers all over the country will probably end up taking one more hit to their wallets. So the responsibility falls on you, the Bloomin’-Onion-ordering, endless-breadstick-consuming customer. Tip us what you should, and we’ll make it worth your while. In fact, there just might be an extra breadstick in it for you.

LETTER TO THE STUDENT BODY

To the student body of Elon University,

By now, you are likely aware of an incident last weekend in which a swastika, the letters “KKK” and a sexually explicit image were drawn on the whiteboard outside two students’ room in a dorm on campus. The residents of that room identify as African-American and Jewish. Perhaps, like us, you were horrified but did not feel there was anything you could do about it. We write this letter as three of your fellow students who want to go beyond feeling angry, sad or disappointed and to ignite a greater student response.

At a university that “strives to create a campus climate which understands the value of difference, honors the dignity and humanity of each community member and engages our differences respectfully,” these recurring incidents show that we, as a student body, aren’t holding up our end of the bargain. Even if our own words or actions are not discriminatory, we fail one another when we stand by

and watch without speaking up. If we want every student to feel they belong here, that they are part of the Elon family, we’ve got to have each other’s backs. This means showing our support and our outrage when someone in our community is discriminated against and it also means having the courage to call our own friends and classmates out when hurtful things are said.

Maybe we think that these incidents are blown out of proportion or maybe we are all a little desensitized from all the conversations about inclusion and diversity. Perhaps we think these incidents are not products of malicious intentions or that “it was just a joke.” In the end, intentions are irrelevant when people feel threatened, unwelcome or devalued. A word that isn’t offensive or hurtful to me may be hurtful to the person next to me in class, to my roommate or to a stranger in the dining hall. We’re not asking for everyone to think alike, to agree or to even all be friends, but to recognize that how we express our differences and

disagreements matters. What we are calling for is civility so we can create the environment we want to live in instead of waiting for faculty, staff or certain individuals to create it for us.

As students we have the power to create our own experiences and ample opportunities to engage with one another. It is our responsibility to make sure that is done with respect to every individual involved, and that includes not staying silent when acts of violence, hatred or discrimination occur. Desmond Tutu once said “If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor. If an elephant has its foot on the tail of a mouse and you say that you are neutral, the mouse will not appreciate your neutrality.” If we are bystanders to discrimination, we are part of the problem. This is a student issue that will only be solved by students, and we believe the first step is simply to start speaking up for one another.

Therefore, on behalf of every Elon student who is pissed off, let down, riled up or beaten down, we want to make those feelings known

and show our solidarity with every individual who has been made to feel unwelcome here, that we are sorry for our own complicity and we want to be better. If you’re with us, let us hear it. One way you can do so is by wearing one of the “We are Elon” bracelets which were distributed at Tuesday’s College Coffee and knowing what the intentions of these bracelets are. We imagine these bracelets as a visual reminder of the part we all play in creating and maintaining an inclusive community. Wearing this bracelet indicates you will speak out against offensive language or actions whenever you encounter them. This is just one way to start doing our part in making this university a place where everyone feels like they belong. With that in mind, let’s start celebrating our differences, start disagreeing and start putting our feelings into actions. Love our school enough to change it.

Sincerely,
Diana Abrahams, Sarah Holland & Paige Ransbury

Tokyo set to host 2020 Olympics, Spanish sentiment remains mixed

Natalie Beach
International Correspondent

MADRID — The selection between Istanbul, Madrid and Tokyo to host the 2020 Olympics was fraught with controversy this year, as each city currently faces economic, political or environmental troubles.

The dispute continued with the recent announcement that Japan, still recovering from nuclear disaster, won the International Olympic Committee's vote Sept. 7. In Spain, where an economic crisis has the unemployment rate above 25 percent, citizens have mixed feelings about Madrid losing the international sporting event.

Oscar Ceballos is a professor from the CIEE study abroad center in Seville, Spain. He said Spain needs to focus on the restoration of its economy, not hosting the Olympics.

"I think it is better that we don't have them because we need to concentrate on more important problems," Ceballos said. "The Olympics would be a distraction and they would allow the country to ignore the reality of the state of the economy. It is a bad idea to work for something temporary."

While preparation for the Olympics would create jobs, Spain would pay for it with a hefty price tag. In the midst of a dramatic economic crisis, many Spaniards are skeptical.

Sarah Bellido is a Spanish student at la Universidad de Sevilla, and while she recognizes the immediate benefit of hosting the games, she also recognizes the long-term effects.

"I believe that it only helps in the moment. Investing in the games is great before the games to create jobs, but once they end things will be the same," Bellido said.

Others residents believe Madrid could have been a great host city, as it already contains many of the necessary infrastructure and stadiums. Madrid also branded itself as the best city for a giant international party during the selection process.

Fran Pascual, a student at la Universidad de Sevilla, has mixed emotions regarding Madrid's loss as host city for the games.

"I feel happy and sad," Pascual said. "I'm sad because I would enjoy if the games were celebrated in Spain, but I am OK with it be-



The Tokyo Metropolitan Government Building was lit in Olympic colors Sept. 20 in honor of the city being named host of the 2020 Summer Olympic Games. PHOTO COURTESY OF MCT CAMPUS

cause of the crisis. The Olympics cost a lot of money, which is bad for Spain overall."

While the games could be positive for Madrid, others recognize that with a population of more than 47 million, Spain is too large for the Olympics to solve all of its problems.

"The benefits would only be in Madrid," Pascual said. "I would like Seville to host the Olympics so that the benefits would be here."

Professor Jorge Rodriguez from the CIEE study abroad center in Seville said he wants Spain to focus on its economy, not the Olympic Games.

"The positive aspects for Spain would not be in the South," Rodriguez said. "I wouldn't notice a difference. The country should focus on more serious matters, like the crisis."

Regarding the possibility of Madrid hosting the 2024 Olympic Games, Bellido said it

all depends on Spain's economy at the time, but definitely not if the status quo remains.

This is Madrid's third bid and rejection to host the Olympic Games. The city's mayor told King Juan Carlos and Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy not to try again for 2024.

Though some citizens feel cynical about the timing of the 2020 Olympics, they still see the positives for Spain to host the games.

Rodriguez is content with the ruling, understanding the other side's argument.

"In general I think the Olympics are positive because they make our country more visible to international eyes and increase the number of tourists," he said.

Tourism is one of Spain's largest industries, and an increase in international visitors could aid the struggling economy.

Ceballos worries focusing solely on tourism could actually hurt the economy in the

long run.

"The Olympics are great for tourism and branding, but that's exactly it, they would only help the tourism industry," Ceballos said.

Despite lukewarm enthusiasm for the Olympics in Seville, not all of Spain has given up hope. The day after Madrid lost the 2020 host spot, the government of Barcelona announced its plans to bid for the Winter Olympics in 2022.

Barcelona hosted the Summer Olympics in 1992 and has most of the necessary infrastructure built. Plus, the Winter Olympics are historically less expensive than their summer counterpart.

When asked if Barcelona should bid for the games in 2022, Rodriguez's response was simple.

"Good luck," he said.

Costa Rica beats USA soccer team, but game remains under investigation

Emilia Azar

International Correspondent

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica — The United States men's National soccer team suffered a loss to Costa Rica Sept. 6, breaking their previously held 12-match winning streak. The game was a victory for both Costa Rican soccer players and locals but is now under scrutiny by FIFA, the international soccer governing body.

The game was played at Estadio Nacional in San Jose, which is the home field of the Costa Rican players otherwise known as Los Ticos.

The game was off to an unexpected start when U.S. star midfielder Michael Bradley walked off the field during warm-ups. Bradley had a sprained ankle and remained on the bench the entire game.

Los Ticos scored two goals in the first half, leaving the United States desperate for a point. U.S. midfielder Clint Dempsey scored a penalty goal with three minutes to spare in the first half. Unfortunately for the U.S. team, Costa Rica added one more goal in the second half. The final score was 3-1.

In March, Costa Rica suffered a 1-0 loss to the USA team on American turf.

Claudio Arias is a local hostel and restaurant owner in Jaco Beach, Costa Rica. He said after their loss in March, his team finally took their revenge.

Daniel Sanchez, a California native who works for Arias, explained the Costa Rican players had somewhat of a disadvantage.

"Everyone here was angry," Sanchez said. "They played in Colorado, in the snow, and most of the Costa Rican team had never played in snow before."

This game was Costa Rica's chance to redeem itself, and anticipation for the rematch generated a high level of excitement among the locals on game day.

Arias played the match on a big screen in his restaurant, "Papas and Burgers." The restaurant was filled with bursts of cheering each time Los Ticos scored, directly followed by the chanting of their national anthem.

Miller Delbridge, a junior at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, is currently studying abroad in Costa Rica. He watched the game at Arias' restaurant, surrounded by local Costa Ricans and other

American college students.

"I've watched soccer on television before, but never in an atmosphere like that," Delbridge said.

Arias' restaurant and hostel is a common spot for watching sports games. He has a wide range of visitors, but most are foreigners looking for a hip, cheap place to stay for the weekend.

"I have Germans, Australians, Americans, Costa Ricans, Swedish, you name it, we've had it," Arias said. "I like to think I have one of the most diverse hostels in Jaco Beach."

The night of the big game, Arias' establishment was booming, as were many public venues. The American loss didn't appear to

cause any strife between locals and what the Costa Rican people like to call "gringos" — typically American foreigners.

"Everyone was a good sport about the game," Sanchez said. "I like to think that it creates this bond, because we're all yelling and screaming, but in the end it doesn't matter as much which team you're cheering for. It matters that everyone got involved."

The Costa Rican Football Federation is currently under investigation for three separate incidents that occurred Sept. 6 at the Estadio Nacional.

Reports state that prior to kickoff, fans booed and whistled during the U.S. national anthem, the PA turned off Dempsey's micro-

phone while he was in the process of reading out a statement about fair play and onlookers in the stands pointed lasers at the U.S. coaching staff and players.

The country itself eliminated its standing army in 1949 and is usually considered to be a relaxed and friendly place for travelers. Overall, the locals accept Americans as revenue-enhancing tourists and treat them with respect and kindness. But when it comes to Central America's favorite pastime, it appears their hostility can surface unexpectedly.

"We love soccer, but we love beating USA in soccer even more," Arias said. "I also won \$10 after betting on this game, so that's a plus."



The final score Sept. 6 was 3-1, ending the United States' 12-match winning streak. The Costa Rican Football Federation is under investigation regarding the game.

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The incredible journey

Elon students plan to embark across India unaided in Rickshaw Run

Abby Franklin
Senior Reporter

Most Elon University students are familiar with Bio-Carts, the small vehicles used by members of Elon's maintenance staff to travel around campus.

If you pluck this little electric vehicle out of the "Elon bubble" and place it in Northeast India, people would probably call it a rickshaw — a two-wheeled hooded vehicle drawn by one or more people.

This January during Winter Term, five Elon students will be driving two rickshaws nearly 2,000 miles in less than two weeks in an ultimate adventure called the Rickshaw Run in India.

Seniors Maria Castine, Will Stirn, Ben Donahue, Jack Halligan and junior Jordan Nulsen will be making this journey. Together they form Team Elon Tuk Tuk.

Surviving the journey

The five will arrive in India Dec. 26 for rickshaw training — learning how to drive the doorless vehicles.

After rickshaw lessons and various pre-departure activities, Team Tuk Tuk (which will be divided into two rickshaws) will travel from Jaisalmer, Rajasthan in Northeast India to Kochi, Kerala, which is approximately 1,800 miles south.

"We have a two- to three-week period to complete the journey and will be completely unassisted," Stirn said. "When our rickshaw breaks down, which it will, we'll have to use our skills along with the local people and things that exist to help us. We'll experience India in a very in-depth, chaotic way. It's basically a long road trip in slow vehicles similar to motorized bicycles."

"More like tricycles," Donahue said with a laugh.

The Oxford English Dictionary defines adventure in numerous ways but offers one definition that especially pertains to Team Tuk Tuk:



(Left to right) Team Elon Tuk Tuk is comprised of seniors Maria Castine, Will Stirn, Ben Donahue, Jack Halligan and junior Jordan Nulsen. The team will participate in The Adventurists' Rickshaw Run in January and will have two weeks to pull two rickshaws down the Western length of India completely unaided.

PHOTO SUBMITTED BY WILL STIRN

"a remarkable or unexpected event, or series of events, in which a person participates as a result of chance, a novel or exciting experience."

Seventy-eight other teams will assemble from multi-national backgrounds to crouch into their rickshaws and embark on a journey down the western length of India together, thrown together by chance.

Forming the Tuk Tuks

When thinking about a trip of this magnitude, it's assumed the travelers are close friends.

Although Team Tuk Tuk is tight-knit currently, they didn't start out that way.

Each member majors in a different area of study, but all had Stirn as a mutual friend.

He seems to act as the team's mastermind and common tie who brought this unlikely group together.

"You're ridiculous," Donahue said, addressing Stirn as he recalled Stirn's initial adventure pitch. "He came up to me — completely on a whim — and said, 'How do you feel about riding rickshaws through India?' I immediately said, 'No. That can't be feasible on any level.'"

Halligan laughed and responded with his own recollection of Stirn's approach.

"I was in the library and he came up to me and was like, 'Hey, what are you doing Winter Term?'" Halligan said. "I told him I wanted to study abroad but I missed the deadline. He was like, 'How do you feel about going to India?' I was like, 'Go on.'"

Castine recently joined the team after Stirn approached her at Irazu Coffee Shop.

"I had already talked to her about [the idea] last spring and I was like, 'Hey, we're trying to find a fifth person and guess what? You should be that person,'" Stirn said. "Texts later, there she was."

Stirn's enthusiasm for adventure and his convincing pitch sold the seniors on the idea. But the recruitment of Nulsen happened a bit differently.

"My family and I were eating at Pandora's Pies," Stirn said. "They saw [Nulsen] and were like, 'I wonder what she does with her life.' So we asked, and she said she'd transferred from the University of Vermont and grew up with horses. My family owns a dude ranch and I

grew up around horses as well, so we had a fun conversation. A few weeks later, I texted her and said, 'I have a good feeling about you being interested in something like this' and asked her about [going to India]. Her 'yes' was almost immediate."

Doing something different

Stirn said he has always felt drawn to studying abroad, but he felt a need to do something no Elon student has done before. He just wasn't initially sure what that would be.

"I was looking at all the adventures the Adventurists [a group run by U.K.-based company The League of Adventurists International Ltd.] offer and looking for the one I would have the most success with," Stirn said. "I thought to myself, 'The Rickshaw Run is possible, but I should not do this.' Then a few months went by and I was like, 'I should probably be doing this, or at least asking someone if they want to do this with me.'"

Each member of the group agreed to participate in their own time, but everyone agreed with his sentiments about studying abroad.

"[Studying abroad] is just a really enriching experience for anybody who wants to mix it up and go to a different country or see a different way of life," Donahue said.

But Nulsen said their trip to India will be different from any typical study abroad experience.

"What we're doing is throwing ourselves into the mercy of this country," she said. "We're not taking a train to different parts of Europe and staying in nice hotels."

Halligan agreed, relaying the impression he's gotten from other Elon students about studying abroad.

"You find a lot of commonalities between the way students describe their study abroad trips," he said. "No matter where they go, they're like, 'Oh yeah, I went skydiving here, I [partied here] and it was awesome.' They have a lot of fun but they don't really learn too much — in my opinion. This is a unique trip because it's an experience that no one at this school has had. We're going to suffer and be in the struggle."

Castine said the best part of the trip will be experiencing the challenges the team will face together.

"This is going to be a bigger challenge than anything we've ever done before and we get to give back to the country that's going to give us this great experience," Castine said. "Instead of



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Smitty's is sponsoring Team Elon Tuk Tuk by offering a new flavor called "Rickshaw Run Oreo." The team will receive proceeds from the sale of the flavor.

going and doing and leaving, we get to experience [being abroad] in its best form and then give them something."

By "give them something," Castine is referencing the charities involved in the Adventurists' projects and specifically the Rickshaw Run.

Making preparations

After Stirn assembled his rickshaw crew, he began wading through technical details.

As part of the rickshaw program, each team is required to raise \$4,000 by the end of the run. They've chosen the Frank Waters Project as their central charity.

"The Frank Waters Project was started by a girl who went to India on a class trip and got sick from drinking the unclean water," Nulsen said. "When she got back, she decided to start this charity which sells purified water. The proceeds go to resolve the water pumps in rural India. It's cool because now we're going to do the same thing while we're in India and understand what it's like to not have direct access to clean drinking water."

The Adventurists has a general charity attached to the event called Cool Earth that seeks to slow climate change by mitigating deforestation in the Amazon rainforest.

Locally, Team Tuk Tuk has sought out sponsorship in ice cream.

Some Elon students may have noticed a new flavor at Smitty's called "Rickshaw Run Oreo." The name represents Smitty's sponsorship of the team, and Team Elon Tuk Tuk will receive proceeds for every carton consumed by Elon ice cream eaters.



PHOTO COURTESY OF MCT CAMPUS
Mohammad Siddiqi has pulled a rickshaw through the streets of Kolkata, India for more than 50 years. Team Elon Tuk Tuk will have to pull rickshaws similar to this for more than 1,800 miles from Jaisalmer to Kochi.

"It also means we have an excuse to habitually eat ice cream, which is good," Donahue said.

In addition to Smitty's, the team has gained sponsorship from an outdoor apparel company and a local coffee shop in Stirn's hometown.

The team has set up a group email, WordPress blog, phone number and Facebook page where parties interested in making donations or researching the Rickshaw Run can do so.

In the months leading up to the trip, the team will be exploring every nook and cranny of Elon's study abroad system to make their trip smooth, safe and productive for their own purposes and also for the proper representa-

tion of Elon.

They've done research, made a list of potential liabilities and hazards and even outlined a syllabus for an independent study abroad course. They hope this will not only pave their way across India but also guide future students who seek to study the road less traveled and create an abroad experience all their own.

"What I've found is that I'm combining every possible passion I have ever had and now finding I can put everything I know into this," Stirn said.

His teammates agreed.

"Will has put blood, sweat and tears into this," Nulsen said. "We can't wait to see where this journey takes us." §

‘A second chance at life’

Elon senior donates blood stem cells to cancer patient

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Elon University senior James Davies may have just accomplished the top goal on his bucket list: to save someone’s life.

But it didn’t happen quite the way he expected. He didn’t dramatically rescue someone from a burning building, nor did he save someone from drowning. Instead, Davies made a blood stem cell donation to a leukemia patient in need in early September.

The process for the donation all started when Davies attended an on-campus bone marrow donor drive set up by Elon’s National Pan-Hellenic Council his sophomore year.

“A friend of mine told me to come sign up with her at a bone marrow registry for the Delete Blood Cancer DKMS center,” Davies said. “I had no idea what any of that meant. My friend said the odds of me getting picked [to donate] were less than the odds of me winning the lottery, so I was like, ‘OK, I’ll feel like a good person and sign up. I’ll probably never get called anyway.’”

But Davies’ chance of being selected was higher than he thought. He received an important call from a representative at DKMS about a year after he signed up.

“I was actually driving to my girlfriend’s house when I got a call from a guy saying, ‘You’re a match with one of our patients and we’d love for you to donate,’” he said.

Davies agreed and began moving forward with the donor procedure. He was soon told he would be doing a peripheral blood stem cell (PBSC) donation, an outpatient procedure that serves as the more common and less painful method of the two ways bone marrow can be donated. The other method is a surgical donation where bone marrow is removed from the back of both hipbones.

“My procedure was way less intense,” Davies said.

But Davies had to go through several crucial steps before undergoing the procedure itself. First, he had to get a physical to make sure his heart, liver, spleen and lungs were

all healthy enough to handle the procedure.

Second, he had to be injected with filgrastim — a synthetic protein used to boost stem cell and platelet count — on the four consecutive days leading up to the donation.

When the time finally came, Davies traveled to Washington, D.C., for the procedure.

Blood was taken through one arm and then passed through a machine that separated out the blood stem cells to be provided to the patient in need. The remaining blood was returned to Davies’ body through the other arm. The procedure took about four to five hours total.

“The nurse was saying they filtered all the blood in my body somewhere between two to four times, but honestly, I didn’t even feel anything,” Davies said. “I wasn’t even sore the next day — just a little tired. [Two days later] I felt 100 percent fine.”

Every day thousands of patients search for a bone marrow donor match, but only four out of 10 patients will receive a transplant because of the current lack of matching donors, according to Rebecca Dow, workup coordinator for Delete Blood Cancer DKMS. She said DKMS works to spread greater awareness about the need for more registered donors — the more people they reach, the more patients can potentially be saved, she said.

“The mission of Delete Blood Cancer DKMS is to eradicate blood cancer and register more people to become a potential lifesaver,” Dow said. “James is an example of a modern-day hero for selflessly giving a second chance at life for someone in need.”

But what makes Davies’ situation even more unique is, because of DKMS’s patient confidentiality rule, he barely knows anything about the person to whom he donated. The patient can choose to reach out to Davies a year after the procedure takes place, though, and Davies said he hopes that will happen.

“All I know is that he’s a 55-year-old male with leukemia who lives in the United States,” he said. “I don’t know his name or



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY JAMES DAVIES

Elon University senior James Davies donated blood stem cells to a leukemia patient in need in early September. He did a peripheral blood stem cell (PBSC) donation, an outpatient procedure that lasts about five hours.

anything about this guy, but if I can give him a second chance at life — maybe a chance for him to walk his daughter down the aisle or see his grandchildren — I think that’s a pretty remarkable thing, and it would be a crazy rewarding experience to meet him someday.”

In the meantime, Davies said he’s determined to set up more bone marrow donor drives at Elon, whether it’s on his own or through the Student Union Board, of which

he is president. A college student is 75 percent more likely to sign up to donate than the average person, according to Dow, so Davies said he hopes to take advantage of this statistic at Elon.

“It would be really good for Elon students to do this,” he said. “We always talk about building the local community, but you have to contribute to the global community as well. I will personally try to do something more for this cause in any way I can.”

'Here and There' feature film illustrates Mexican poverty, lacks depth

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"Aqui y Alla" translates into "Here and There," which is director Antonio Mendez Esparza's first drama feature film. This Spanish film received high honors at the Cannes Film Festival in 2012 and was featured at Elon University's Spanish Film Club's ongoing festival Sept. 20, which aims to celebrate the new wave of Hispanic cinema this semester.

The film centers on Pedro De los Santos who has recently returned to his detached family in the impoverished town of Guerrero, Mexico from a prolonged stint working in New York City. "Aqui y Alla" utilizes amateur actors playing characters with their same first names as an intention to be variations of these real-life people.

The movie offers a mildly compelling plot and no innovative insight into the human condition, nor is it a character study of its careworn protagonist. The film simply presents a series of sequences intended to illustrate a real-world situation faced by many Mexican citizens in a similar socio-economic predicament. It is the story of a man who has familial and cultural ties to a homeland in which he cannot ultimately stay because of its lack of employment opportunity.

But the film was not entirely unsuccessful. Although it suffers a lack of insight into one-dimensional caricatures of a developing Mexican family, the lack of experience of the actors provides a depth of realism to the piece. This sometimes made viewers question if they were watching a documentary or a feature film. Still, for the most

part, audiences were only offered a shallow glance into the characters' emotional struggles and too much is left to assumption.

The most successful insight provided by the film was its illustrative look into the shortcomings of the Mexican healthcare system. Pedro almost loses both his wife and newborn child due to a lack of nearby capable facilities and on-site medications, which he himself must seek out from nearby pharmacies. Additionally, Pedro must sleep on the street outside the hospital during his wife's prolonged stay. This is a particularly lengthy episode in the film and probably the film's most perceptive and disconcerting.

Though often overly restrained, "Aqui y Alla" ultimately works due to its authentic portrait of a misrepresented issue, which surrounds the citizens of the United States,

but about which most understand little. The film succeeds in revealing the struggle of an undocumented immigrant in an effort to provide for a distant family.

This series of snapshots, though not as compelling as it possibly could have been, endeavors to humanize a situation of which most U.S. citizens and Elon students do not have any firsthand knowledge. Because of this informative and empathetic quality, it is indeed a film that should be shown to anyone attempting to wholly understand the immigration issue and its related culture.

The Spanish Film Festival is free to the public and will continue through November. The next film, "The Return," will be screened at 6 p.m. Oct. 4 in LaRose Digital Theatre. All the festival's offerings can be found online on Elon's cultural calendar.

'Collage' ready to wow students, visiting families with student-chosen musical compilations

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Senior Reporter

The "Collage" show has been part of the Elon University music theater program for the past 15 years, allowing students to express their love for popular Broadway hits and other dance-worthy songs. Dressed in all black, music theater majors will make compilations of musical numbers that range from Elvis Presley to "Footloose" and make them their own with the help of other students in the "Collage" program.

There will be four showings — two Sept. 27 and two Sept. 28, at 7 p.m. and 8:15 p.m. both

nights — in Yeager Recital Hall during Family Weekend.

"Music theater majors select possible songs that they would want to perform and then they put together the number by selecting other [music theater students] to be in it, musically directing the number, choreographing it, directing it," said senior Chris McNiff, the artistic director. "These numbers are then auditioned for the [music theater] faculty and certain ones are chosen to make a cohesive night of entertainment."

Once students finished performing "Grand Night" in April, they dove into "Collage" rehearsals. Since the semester ended soon after,

serious rehearsals didn't start until classes began in August.

Sophomores, juniors and seniors were given the chance to create a performance in "Collage." Many students will participate in multiple performances — some up to three or four times — throughout the evening.

In the spring, freshmen will be able to perform in "Grand Night," a similar show. Each grade does its own group performance in addition to pieces done with small, individually chosen groups. While the students have the ability to choose the songs they want to compile, faculty members are available for help and support.

"Collage"’s final song will be "I Will Turn to You," written by Elon alumni Dan Gibson and Chris Staskel. April Hill, director of "Collage" and adjunct instructor, said it's a very sentimental song for everyone involved in the show and all of the performers in each class are involved in the piece.

"Collage" is a wonderful tradition that kicks off the new year and is a fun way to welcome the freshmen into our program and an exciting evening for [Family Weekend], as well as for other students and faculty on campus," McNiff said.

Hill said she was excited and optimistic about "Collage" this year. The show usually attracts a large audience, since it is always planned for Family Weekend. The show's chosen songs

include tracks from popular musicals such as "The Wedding Singer," "Anastasia," "The Color Purple" and many more.

"Every year, I am amazed at the line of people in the Center for the Arts who are waiting to see if they can get into the performance," Hill said. "The small room limits the number of seats — around 135 — but it really creates an intimate atmosphere for the performance. You feel as if you are a part of the performance when you are watching. The performers are amazing and this is a wonderful chance to see the talent we have here in the Elon music theater department before they head on to Broadway."

McNiff and many other seniors have been through this for a few years, so they know how to make sure it runs smoothly and is ready for Family Weekend.

"I am someone who was in many of the numbers last year and have put some of the numbers together and know how this type of a revue should look and run," McNiff said. "Therefore, my job is to make sure every number has been polished and is in good shape this year and flows with the rest of the show."

Besides the occasional addition of a prop, the show will focus on students' voices and acting talent.

"It is a great opportunity to be able to display the talents of the music theater department and show the public the types of things that we work on and are proud of," McNiff said.



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Music theater students perform "Hello!" from the hit Broadway musical, "The Book of Mormon" in 2012.

upperclassmen for Elon's 125th anniversary

project for those new to Elon," Warman said. "However, upperclassmen will add a competitive dynamic, which I fully welcome."

Arroyo said she does not think adding upperclassmen will limit the competition's impact by any means. In the end, she said, the competition is about connecting students to their area and renewing their connection to Elon.

"The competition gives students opportunity to lay claim to their space," Arroyo said. "It is their way to make their mark on Elon by stating what the community means to them."

Residence Life has encouraged neighborhoods to think about two topics for the creation of the murals: the celebration of their individual neighborhood and Elon's 125th anniversary. Arroyo said the judges will look for a mural that incorporates both influences in a creative way.

Some participants have taken that advice to heart.

Freshman Samantha Sampson, who lives in Global Neighborhood 4, incorporated a globe as well as oak trees and squirrels in her mural to connect her neighborhood's defining characteristics to Elon.

Liz Chmura, a sophomore designing a mural for a seminar room in Oaks D, is taking a more traditional approach. She wrote Elon's alma mater among oak trees to convey the physical and emotional spirit of the university. Chmura said she believes this competition is a way to highlight students' talents and dedication to Elon.

"I think this contest is a great way for students to express their individualities and artistic talents," Chmura said. "It's a way that we as students can beautify our campus together."

All murals will be completed later this week, when faculty and judges will choose the winners, which will be announced at the football game during Family Weekend. §

Winners of the 2013 mural competition will be announced at the **football game during Family Weekend, Sat., Sept. 28**



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Elon has held the mural competition in residence halls for more than 20 years. The change to incorporate upperclassmen is in honor of Elon's 125th anniversary.



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Students have mixed feelings about the new rule allowing older students to participate in the mural competition, which has usually been reserved for freshmen.

Former baseball player hired as coach at

Jordan Spritzer
Senior Reporter

There comes a difficult point in time when every baseball player must hang up his cleats and retire from the game. A scout in the movie "Moneyball" may have said it best.

"We're all told at some point in time that we can no longer play the children's game, we just don't know when that's going to be," he said. "Some of us are told at 18, some of us are told at 40. But we're all told."

Former Elon infielder Chris Bresnahan

was "told" following the Phoenix's loss to the University of Virginia in the final of the Charlottesville Regional of the 2013 NCAA Tournament. Bresnahan could have completely walked away from baseball, but he didn't.

Instead, Bresnahan wanted to make baseball his life, and he has done so by becoming an assistant coach with Fordham University.

"I have a passion for baseball that I wasn't ready to give up on," Bresnahan said. "Ever since tee-ball, I've always loved the game. I wasn't always the most talented player on the field, but I feel like I knew

the game more than other people."

Throughout his four years at Elon, Bresnahan wasn't a star or flashy player. He even admitted it. Bresnahan realized and decided coaching was his best option to remain in the game of baseball.

"Not being the most talented, playing wasn't really an option for me, but coaching was," he said. "I wanted to make baseball my career and now, coaching is the way to do it."

There was a time before taking the job at Fordham when Bresnahan was nearly finished with baseball. He didn't get a whole lot of playing time during his freshman and sophomore years with the Phoenix. Instead of becoming discouraged, Bresnahan used his time on the bench as a tool to learn the game and get better.

Bresnahan looked to his coaching staff to learn about the game.

"I sat down by Coach Kennedy and the rest of the staff and tried to pick up things," he said. "I was trying to keep a positive attitude. I had the opportunity to really learn the game."

From spending time on the bench and taking in pointers, Elon head coach Mike Kennedy said Bresnahan better understood what it took to play at the college level.

"He became a better player because of that," Kennedy said. "He's a student of the game. He's always learning. He's always asking questions. When he wasn't playing and on the bench, he wasn't on the far end of the dugout talking about what was on television last night."

The rest of the team rallied behind Bresnahan's constant dedication to the team. Aside from learning the game, Bresnahan became a very vocal member of the team.

"I was elected a captain my sophomore year, so I was also sort of a leader," Bresnahan said.

Two years after being named a captain, senior infielder Sebastian Gomez went as far as to say Bresnahan was largely responsible for the team's turnaround in 2013 that saw them take the Southern Conference tournament championship after losing the first game of the tournament.

"He got us going in the right direction

when we were struggling last year," Gomez said. "Even if he wasn't playing necessarily, he was on the bench standing up for guys and backing us up."

Kennedy noticed the small actions from Bresnahan, too.

"When guys were struggling, I was sure Chris was right there picking him up and listening to us coaches talk to the guy about approaching his at-bats," Kennedy said. "He put everybody ahead of himself."

By his senior year, Bresnahan was a regular in the Phoenix starting lineup. Playing each infield position at some point throughout his senior season, Bresnahan used his solid fundamentals to make an impact.

"He could play all the infield positions and knew all the ins and outs of all the positions," Kennedy said.

Gomez said he was amazed with Bresnahan's soft hands as an infielder and believed he was "one of the greatest infielders I've seen."

Bresnahan's solid base and understanding of the game give him a strong foundation to take into coaching, according to Kennedy.

"He had some great experiences here and he learned from that," Kennedy said. "Being a guy who didn't play every day to a kid who really stuck to it and played every day his senior year."

While he's not trotting out to take his position anymore and is now stuck in the dugout with the rest of the coaching staff, Bresnahan said the transition has been "pretty easy."

The only difficulties Bresnahan admitted to were the office aspects, including doing paperwork and sending emails. Aside from the desk work, Bresnahan said he felt he did not have a difficult transition to his new players and coaches at Fordham.

"The coaching staff is relatively young, so I'm not intimidated by a guy who has been coaching for 50 years," Bresnahan said. "It's not like I'm from a different generation. They're all young guys with high energy. They're laidback, but they're fiery guys."

Fordham manager Kevin Leighton is



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Through his career at Elon, Bresnahan had 72 hits in 292 at-bats, good for a .246 batting average.

Fordham

also excited by the addition of Bresnahan to the coaching staff.

“We were looking for a coach that could come in and assist us with our infielders and relate to the players,” Leighton said. “I felt that Chris fit the position the best. He comes from a winning program and I know that our players will benefit from his experiences.”

The youth factor was also something Leighton liked about hiring Bresnahan.

“I like the fact that he is younger and our players will be able to relate to him,” he said.

According to Gomez, while Bresnahan wasn't flashy, the base of his success was the understanding of each position — something Leighton was looking to teach the infielders at Fordham.

Despite a strong foundation in fundamentals, Bresnahan looks to make an impact in other aspects of the game.

“I try to teach the fundamentals, but I also try to get into the mental side of the game,” he said. “I wasn't always the most talented guy, but I was always thinking on the field.”

Bresnahan said he already has a specific plan in mind to attack the mental aspect of the game.

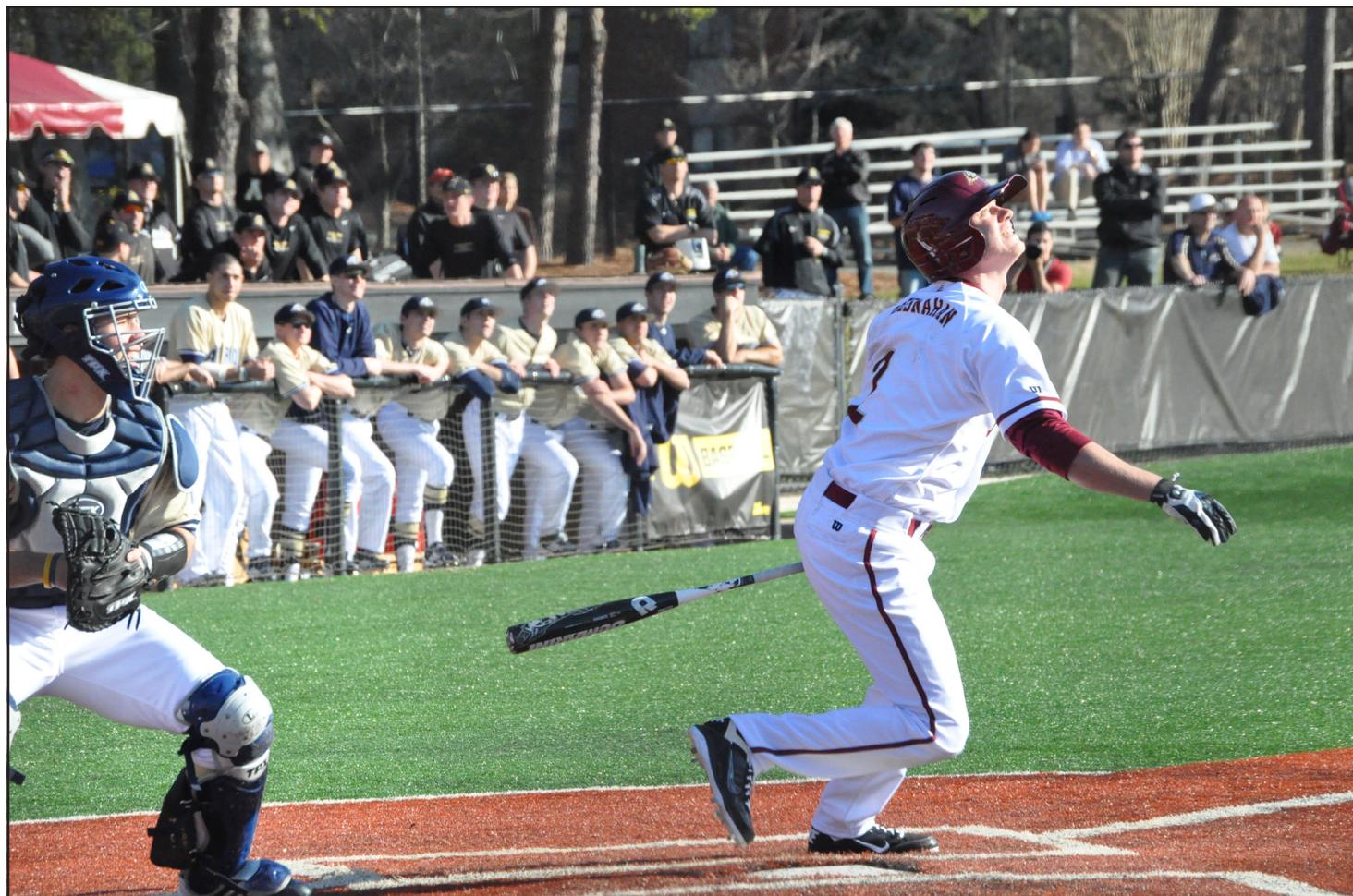
“What I'm going to try to do a lot is walk around during practice and ask different guys why they do certain things,” he said.

According to Bresnahan, his aim is to make sure the Fordham infielders are mentally prepared for each play. He said he believes most physical errors occur when a player is not mentally ready for that specific play. Leighton said he believes Bresnahan's baseball mind also adds to his value as a coach.

“Talking with Chris, I didn't get the feeling that he had just finished playing,” he said. “He has a lot of knowledge of the game and has shown that he has the ability to be a very good coach.”

Even with a strong baseball background, there is still a sense of uncertainty in the beginning stages of coaching.

“I am still trying to build a philosophy,” Bresnahan said. “I try to pick up little



In his senior season at Elon, Chris Bresnahan hit .284 with 14 RBI and a .324 slugging percentage. He walked 16 times through the campaign.

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things [from] every coach.”

Bresnahan sees his own philosophy stemming from the various baseball minds he's come across during his career.

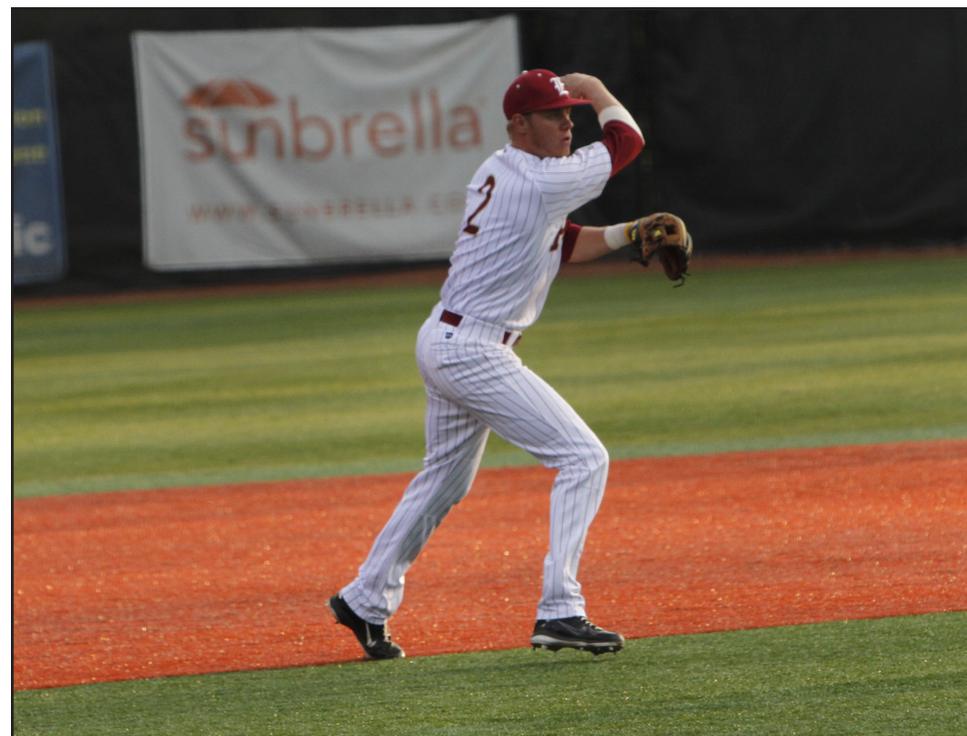
Kennedy believes Bresnahan has what it takes to be a coach and offered some words of advice for his former player.

“The most important thing is learning that all players are different,” Kennedy said. “Be receptive and understanding. Guys are different. You can't coach them all the same. My advice is to work extremely hard at relationships and that helps take care of your coaching part. If guys believe in you and trust you and think you have their best interests in mind, you'll do fine.”

While only on the job for a short period of time, Bresnahan already has thoughts about how this season will go for the Rams.

“This is a year where we think we'll make a great leap forward,” he said.

It's a fitting prediction from a former Phoenix making a great leap forward of his own into the world of coaching. §



Touted as a great defensive player, Bresnahan finished the 2013 season with a .950 fielding percentage.

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Competition within team pushes

Andrew Wilson
Sports Editor

Elon University men's soccer junior forward Jason Waterman isn't after personal records.

While Waterman has the job of filling the void left by Chris Thomas, who led the country in goals and points in 2012, following Thomas' 23-goal season with one of his own isn't what the forward is interested in.

"It's not about individual accolades. It's team," Waterman said. "We have goals for the year. As a team, we're definitely focused on getting places this season we've never been."

Through seven games this season, Waterman leads the Phoenix with four goals and 10 points. Elon is 5-1-1 in those seven games.

In recent matchups, Elon has taken on top-tier opponents in Wake Forest University, who came to Rudd Field ranked No. 9 in the country, and the College of William & Mary. The Tribe visited Elon coming off a double overtime victory against No. 1 Creighton University.

Throughout the team's home stretch, Thomas has been in the crowd as a spectator. He's seen Waterman fill the gap he left and said he's quite impressed with what he's seen.

"He's always been a goal scorer," Thomas

said. "He's got the finishing touch. He's definitely on scouting reports for teams coming in. It's obvious when you're a top scorer for a top team in the country. But he just works hard and understands nothing is handed to him."

Following Elon's 3-1 victory against the University of North Carolina at Wilmington Sept. 14, a game in which Waterman scored twice, Waterman said scoring goals with Thomas in the crowd meant a lot to him because of how much Thomas taught him while the two were teammates.

"I played behind Chris for a few years, so it does mean a lot to me to score goals in front of him because he really taught me a lot," Water-

man said. "He was obviously a terrific player. I'm sort of carrying the torch for him so it's kind of an honor."

What exactly did Thomas teach Waterman? After all, Thomas is the player who won Southern Conference Player of the Year twice and finished his career at Elon with 51 goals, even though he sat out majority of his junior season with injuries. It wasn't how to put the ball in the back of the net. Thomas said Waterman already knew how to do that. Instead, he taught him how to have amnesia.

"The most important skill a forward can have is having amnesia," Waterman said. "Chris taught me that. If you miss an opportunity, next



Junior forward Jason Waterman (25) has started all seven games for the Elon men's soccer team this season thus far. He leads the team with four goals and has tallied 10 points.

RACHEL INGERSOLL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Waterman forward

time you get one, you're just as confident you can finish even if you missed the last one."

Head coach Darren Powell shared the same sentiments, saying Thomas was instrumental in shaping the kind of player Waterman is this season.

"You're going to miss some chances as a striker, but Chris was able to share those things with Jason and he's given him confidence and Jason has taken that on board and he's been great," Powell said. "He works ever so hard, so just by sheer work alone, he's going to get chances. If he scores, he scores, but he's very good at getting on with the next opportunity when it comes up."

Waterman said Thomas also taught him "to be confident regardless."

"You can't worry about what happened the play before or what's going to happen on the play after," Waterman said. "Just focus on now and be confident, don't worry so much."

The learning game is a two-way street, though. Thomas reaped the benefits of that in his time with the Phoenix.

"Waterman is always a lot of competition," Thomas said. "He taught me to be on my game all the time. There is no down time. I was envious of Waterman because of his hard work and work ethic. He's the reason I wanted to work hard my senior year."

Thomas admitted he was always worried about Waterman taking his position because of the competition he provided.

"Quite honestly, I was worried about him until I started scoring a bunch of goals," Thomas said. "That gave me a little more comfort to stay starting but I thought at times he was definitely going to overtake me."

While Thomas kept his starting position, Waterman said the competition between the two was there from the start and he was determined to push Thomas for his job.

"From the beginning, we fought each other a lot," Waterman said. "Chris obviously started ahead of me, but sometimes we'd play together, sometimes I would start ahead of him. It just created a sense of urgency for both of us to know that no spot is safe."

Waterman knows that mentality has carried into this season as well with sophomore forward Caue Da Silva on his heels.

Da Silva has played in each of Elon's seven

games thus far this season, starting three of them. Prior to coming to Elon, he started 18 games in 2012 at Delta State University, scoring 16 goals on his way to earning Gulf South Conference Co-Player of the Year honors.

"Caue is a terrific player," Waterman said. "It still holds true. Nobody's spot is safe. We have people that can step on and make an immediate impact. That's how good and how deep our team is. Certainly, if I miss an opportunity in practice but Caue makes it, that just motivates me more to know, 'Alright, I have to get my next one to secure my spot.'"

Adding to the competition is the ability for the Phoenix to play multiple formations — some of which allow both Waterman and Da Silva to start up top.

Against Wake Forest Sept. 17, the Phoenix started one forward — Waterman. Three days later against William & Mary, Powell elected to start two forwards up front — Waterman and Da Silva.

"Our team can play a multitude of ways," Waterman said. "We were assured that against Wake Forest and William & Mary. We know people can come in and fill roles and we don't miss a beat. That's what good teams do — they find a way to win regardless of how it's done."

Like Waterman said, it's not about personal accolades for individual players — it's about the team and each player on it.

"We have really high expectations this year because of the chemistry on this team," he said. "It's really a tight-knit team. Everybody cares about each other and everyone hangs out with each other. Nobody is selfish and everybody is here to win. Nobody is here for their own glory."

But how far can Waterman's tally go this season? According to Thomas, it can soar — just as long as he remembers to keep pushing himself and what being on a team is all about.

"He can go on and score a lot of goals as long as he keeps pushing himself and doesn't expect that teams are just going to fall over for him so he can get a goal a game," Thomas said. "He's going to keep going as long as he keeps working hard no matter how frustrated he gets. But the main thing is to make sure the team keeps winning. Make sure you always put the team in front of you. As long as he keeps working for the team, he's going to keep scoring." §



KATY CANADA | Photo Editor

Waterman tallied twice in Elon's home opener against the University of North Carolina at Wilmington.



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Waterman only scored three goals in his first two years at Elon as a backup behind Chris Thomas.

Elon's second half magic: Can it be done for a whole game?

Max Garland
Senior Reporter

Expectations are everything. And for the most part, the Elon University football team played better than expected against Appalachian State University Sept. 21.

Although they lost 31-21, the Phoenix defended against the Mountaineers' sophomore star wide receiver Sean Price better than anticipated. He was held to eight catches for 99 yards and one touchdown. But the Phoenix had to contend with another factor they didn't exactly see coming.

Elon did not expect Appalachian State's freshman running back Marcus Cox to finish with 315 yards of total offense and three touchdowns. He did most of his damage on third downs, where his speed made him a great receiving option out of the backfield.

"Our defense couldn't get off the field on third and long," said Elon head coach Jason Swepson. "In football, it always comes down to five or six plays, and we didn't make them."

Three of those five or six plays were thanks in large part to Cox. After turning two short receptions into 50- and 73-yard touchdowns in the first half, he gained every single yard in Appalachian State's final scoring drive, including the touchdown that knocked the wind out of a Phoenix comeback.

"We missed some tackles out there," said senior defensive back David Wood. "If you make those kinds of errors, they'll score."

And that they did. Elon was playing at its absolute best when Cox wasn't carrying the Mountaineer offense. If Elon wants to make an impact in its last season as a member of the Southern Conference, it needs to figure out how to harness the defensive magic that nearly shut out the Mountaineers in the second half.

Leading up to the touchdown drive late in the fourth quarter, the Phoenix held the Mountaineers to 148 yards of offense and no points in the second half. Appalachian State only mustered 90 yards of offense in the third quarter alone.

But on the fateful drive for the Mountaineers, Cox ran for 75 yards to all but end the game near the end of the fourth quarter.

"They got playmakers on offense," Swepson said. "We had to play a perfect game against them to get the win. We didn't in the first half, but we did in the second."

Without the Mountaineers' final scoring drive, Swepson just might be right. On Elon's three scoring drives, the offense imposed its will through the running game, grinding out the clock to give the defense some much needed rest against speedy Appalachian State.

"The defense played great," said junior quarterback Mike Quinn. "We just got to make sure to keep them off the field. When we don't sustain drives, it makes it harder to get anything good going."

Appalachian State was shuffled between

two quarterbacks — senior Jamal Londry-Jackson and sophomore Kameron Bryant — throughout the game and might have fallen asleep at the wheel while nursing a 24-7 lead. But neither quarterback proved to be a push-over. A new signal caller on the opposing team can throw a wrench in a defense's game plan, forcing them to play basic schemes until they figure out what works best. That's not what happened to Elon against the Mountaineers.

Despite a loss characterized by missed opportunities and big plays allowed, Elon looked the shape of a formidable foe for SoCon opponents this season.

If that second half magic the Phoenix displayed appears Sept. 28 against Coastal Carolina University, a much better team than the Mountaineers that ranks No. 11 in the country in the Sept. 23 national poll, Elon could take a few games down the road this season that originally looked like losses on paper.



RACHEL INGERSOLL | Staff Photographer
The Elon offense moved up and down the field to the tune of 437 yards Sept. 21 against Appalachian State. The Phoenix ran for 193 yards while junior quarterback Mike Quinn led the team with 229 passing yards in the loss.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FOOTBALL	MEN'S SOCCER	WOMEN'S SOCCER	VOLLEYBALL	CROSS COUNTRY
Coastal Carolina 1:30 p.m. Sat., Sept. 28 Elon, N.C.	Radford 7 p.m. Wed., Sept. 25 Elon, N.C.	Western Carolina 7 p.m. Thurs., Sept. 26 Elon, N.C.	Georgia Southern 7 p.m. Fri., Sept. 27 Statesboro, Ga.	Mountaineer Open 5 p.m. Fri., Oct. 4 Boone, N.C.
Furman 1:30 p.m. Sat., Oct. 5 Greenville, S.C.	High Point 7 p.m. Sat., Sept. 28 High Point, N.C.	Appalachian State 2 p.m. Sun., Sept. 29 Boone, N.C.	The Citadel 2 p.m. Sat., Sept. 28 Charleston, S.C.	Greater Louisville Classic 10:15 a.m. Sat., Oct. 5 Louisville, Ky.

THE LAST WORD: Spice up your life ... this fall

The first official day of fall has come and gone, and there is a lot to be excited for this season. Among my favorite things



Jonathan Black
Managing Editor

about the season is the resounding crunch of stepping on a leaf, wearing pants all the time and the end of hate-watching yet another season of “The Newsroom.” Fall has undoubtedly been my favorite season for as long as I can remember.

If you have been reading any of the Last Words before, you know my soul is not only that of an 80-year-old cynic, but as judgmental as any of Elon University’s

anonymous Twitter accounts. But fall seems to provide some relief for my soul that no other season can provide for it.

Now don’t get me wrong, I’m still the lovable pessimist all of you have grown so close to while reading this column, but when fall arrives, I feel fresher than Lindsay Lohan after a rehab stint.

That being said, I’ve taken particular notice of a strange anomaly occurring within the past few weeks at Elon. Has anyone else noticed the strange murmur of hushed voices across campus? For once it doesn’t seem to be about the latest Smith Jackson email or Chick-fil-A debacle. It’s thousands of Elon students ordering pumpkin spice lattes.

As a child, I was once tricked into saying Bloody Mary three times in a pitch-black bathroom. Cue a week of keeping

my bathroom light on while I slept. Unsurprisingly, Bloody Mary didn’t visit. Never mind the fact I was 12.

The point is, I believe the Bloody Mary ritual can be tweaked, not twerked, for all of you pumpkin spice latte lovers out there. If you go into Acorn, Starbucks or another coffee shop’s bathroom, turn off the lights and say “pumpkin spice latte” three times while spinning around, a barista will appear to hand you a pumpkin spice latte.

I am not a lover of most pumpkin-flavored foods or coffee, so I have yet to try this because I wouldn’t want a pumpkin spice latte to go to waste. But I’m sure this is a foolproof plan to save a few dollars and meal swipes.

While I won’t have a pumpkin spice latte to keep me warm on cool fall nights,

you can bet I will be cocooned into a blanket somewhere, avoiding social interaction as I feast on new TV shows. “Scandal,” “Parks and Recreation” and “American Horror Story: Coven” are all returning, though I’m still mourning the cancellation of “Happy Endings.”

Though it is great so many of my favorite shows are starting within the next month, it does have its drawbacks. My emotional state will likely be driven by the happenings of Olivia Pope, Leslie Knope and Jessica Lange’s character on “American Horror Story,” and will doubtlessly ruin my sleep schedule.

Good thing I’ll have that cool fall breeze to wake me up on my walk to class. Living in the South, there’s only one problem when banking on fall temperatures: The season only lasts two weeks.

Sudoku

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Complete the grid so that every row, column and every three-by-three box contains the digits 1 to 9.

Difficulty Level: Medium

Find the solution at elonpendulum.com/sudoku.

Top Tweets

@OnlyAtElon

Enjoy the three hour ride home in the rain, @AppState. Just you wait until we play you in soccer.

@ERBall_So_Hard

Haha health code violations stop me from eating at colonnades? I paid >\$2,000 to swipe my little card. Best believe I’m eating there.

@rebeccadeitz

Just got to meet Conor Grennan, author of #littleprinces. Such an amazing story!

@BrianFormica

Appalachian State beats Elon 31-21. That extends the streak... we haven’t beaten App since 1964 #ugh

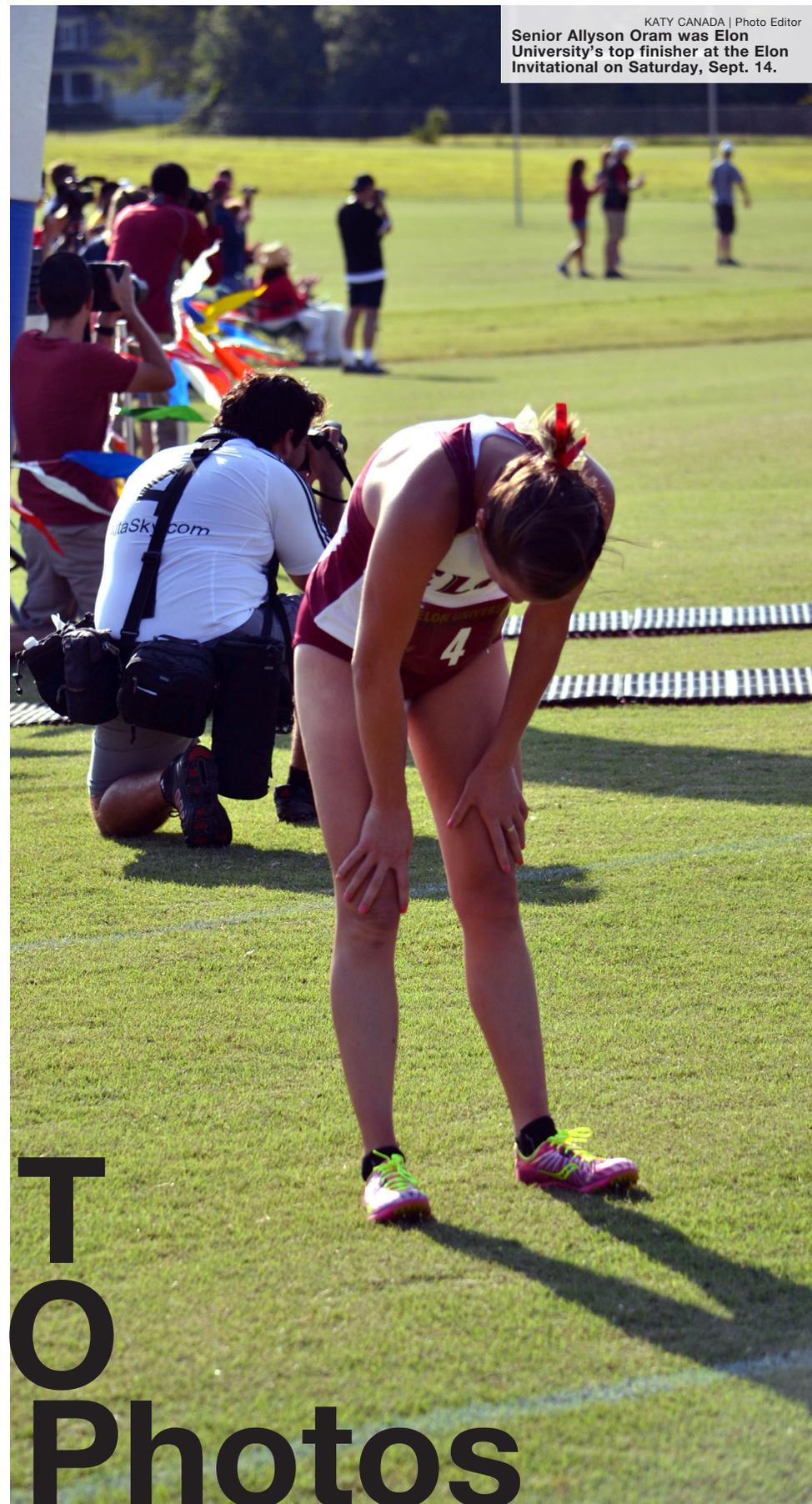
@WhutsCOOKin

Today felt like fall at Elon and I loved every minute of it #autumn



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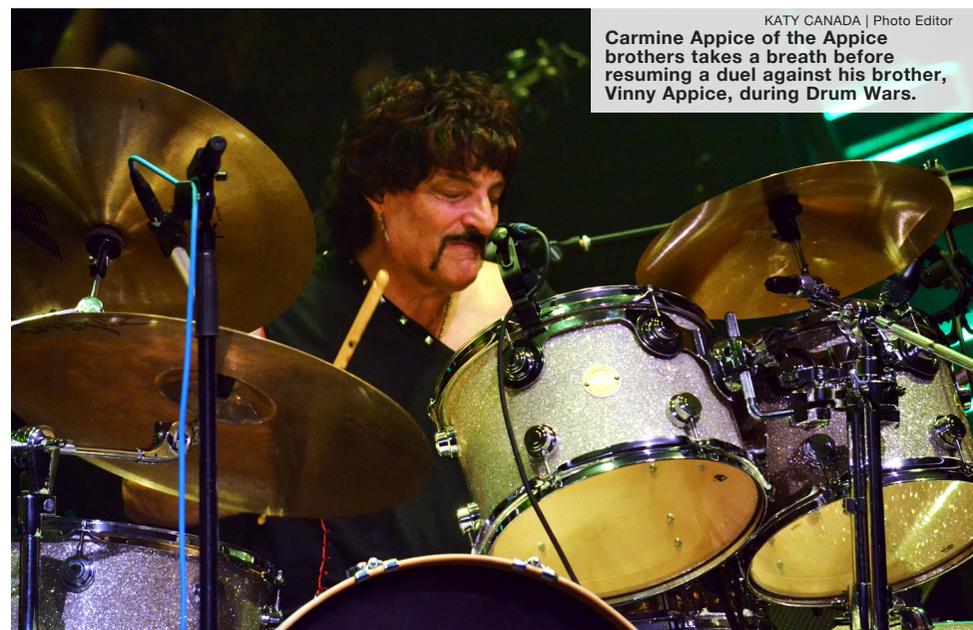


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Senior Allyson Oram was Elon University's top finisher at the Elon Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 14.

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Junior Luis Vargas receives a congratulatory hug from his fans after winning at the Elon Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 14.



KATY CANADA | Photo Editor
Carmine Appice of the Appice brothers takes a breath before resuming a duel against his brother, Vinny Appice, during Drum Wars.

KATY CANADA | Photo Editor
The Phoenix struggled in the match against
The College of William & Mary on Sept. 20.
Elon was defeated 1-0 in double overtime.



RACHEL INGERSOLL | Staff Photographer
Nothing says intimidation like rising from
the ashes on game day. Storming the field
in this fashion is an Elon football tradition.

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Elon students enjoyed a break from studying
to play with local dogs from the community
during the Dog Day Mixer on Sept. 15.



KATY CANADA | Photo Editor
Carmine Appice left his drums to join the
lead vocalist for a few songs during the
Drum Wars performance on Sept. 16.



RACHEL INGERSOLL | Staff Photographer

Elon ends the series against Appalachian State with an overall record of 9-32-1. Last time the Phoenix beat the Mountaineers, it was on the road in Boone, N.C. when Elon won by a score of 28-7 in 1964.

Book closes on Appalachian State era

Matt Krause
Assistant Sports Editor

“You made your entire existence about beating App. You never did. I enjoyed my final trip to Kidd Brewer East. I’ll miss having a home game in the Triangle.”

That comment, posted Sept. 21 on an Appalachian State University football message board, reflected the general attitude surrounding the Elon University/Appalachian State rivalry.

For Elon, Appalachian State was “the game.” Some players even compared this year’s matchup to the National Football League’s biggest game of the season.

“It’s like our Super Bowl,” senior safety Chandler Wrightenberry told Adam Smith of *The Burlington Times-News*.

The perspective from Appalachian State was more subdued. After all, the Mountaineers won three consecutive national championships from 2005-2007 while Elon has only qualified for the Football Championship Sub-division playoffs once in school history.

Appalachian State etched its name in col-

lege football lore with an upset win at the University of Michigan Sept. 1, 2007. Elon’s best performance against a major conference team was a two-touchdown loss to a woeful Duke University team in 2011. The Blue Devils finished 3-9 that year.

In 2008 and 2009, when Elon was ranked as high as No. 3 in the nation, the game carried a greater meaning for Appalachian State. The Mountaineers were able to win both years and prevent Elon from claiming a Southern Conference championship.

The rivalry’s final four editions saw Elon come oh-so-close to a victory, only to lose by three, four, 12 and 10 points, respectively. All the while, Appalachian State fans, always a loyal legion, packed Rhodes Stadium in Elon and essentially made it Kidd Brewer East, a reference to the Mountaineers’ home stadium in Boone.

While Appalachian State was focused on qualifying for the playoffs year in and year out, Elon was merely another hurdle to jump over, albeit one that had not tripped up the Mountaineers since 1964. Lyndon B. Johnson was in the White House when Elon last defeated

Appalachian State.

That same general attitude prevailed over the series’ final scheduled meeting Saturday night. Appalachian State is in the first year of a two-year transitional period to the Football Bowl Subdivision and the Sun Belt Conference. A result of that transition is increased scholarships, making the Mountaineers ineligible for the SoCon championship and FCS playoffs in 2013.

That being said, a winning season is the only goal Appalachian State can truly pursue in 2013. An 0-2 start left the Mountaineers eager for a turnaround, and a win over Elon seemed to provide the perfect opportunity.

Elon began its season 1-2, with difficult losses against Georgia Tech and North Carolina A&T State University. Team members seemed to sense Appalachian State would provide not only their greatest excitement of the season, but a chance to win and flip their season.

Yet the scene in the stands at Rhodes Stadium did not reflect those attitudes.

The visitors’ sideline was packed with fans decked out in black and gold, fans that had

made the trek from the mountains and were not going to let a steady rain deter their game-day experience.

The home sideline began the game nearly full, but had emptied out when the Mountaineers raced to a 24-0 lead as the game approached halftime.

Even as Elon clawed back to have a shot to win late in the game, Rhodes Stadium was quiet, with many fans having taken shelter from the rain and given up on their team’s “Super Bowl.”

As Appalachian State scored the game-clinching touchdown, the few Elon fans left stood wet and dejected.

The 31-21 loss marked the end of an attempt at a rivalry that never truly panned out.

Where will Elon’s new football chapter in the Colonial Athletic Association take them? Will a new rival emerge? Also, will Appalachian State have success at the FBS level?

These questions, not “Can we beat App this year?” will take over. For now, rest in peace, Elon/Appalachian State. It was fun while it lasted, even if it was, for the most part, a one-sided affair.