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FOUR years of FRIENDSHIP

Tightly-bound cohorts prove very effective for student retention at Elon

Laura Wainman
Senior Reporter

One of the factors every university keeps a careful eye on is the retention rate of students. With the current economy, it is more economical to retain students than to recruit new ones.

While a number of reasons contribute to a student's decision to remain at a university, studies show that students who take the same classes together and go through the same academic experiences are more likely to complete courses and stay at the school they are attending.

Elon's fellows programs and Elon 101 classes provide every student an opportunity to be a part of a cohort group right away.

There are six fellows programs at Elon: Business Fellows, Communications Fellows, Elon College Fellows, Honors Fellows, Leadership Fellows and Teaching Fellows. Each program has different requirements



Phoenix Phanatics president James Shaver visited Spanish professor Donna Van Bodegraven's Elon 101 class Tuesday. Elon 101 classes explore campus activities and help freshmen decide how to get involved.
LINDSAY FENDT | Staff Photographer

for their students, but all place an emphasis on bonding the students together.

"Elon fellows programs all have excellent retention rates because it gives students a group to identify with right away," said Susan Klopman, vice president of admissions and financial planning.

Business Fellows become very acquainted with one another quickly as they are required to take one class

with their cohorts every semester.

Scott Buechler, former director of Business Fellows, said this grouping creates a very strong bond and develops strong friendships outside of the classroom setting.

"We require our fellows to take classes together, including Elon 101, because we want them to get to know each other well from the beginning in

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Elon Law graduates jump the bar

Margeaux Corby
News Editor

Elon Law School's inaugural class received an 83 percent bar passage rate, putting the graduates far above the 73 percent pass rate for the 1,120 people who took this year's exam administered by the Board of Law Examiners in July.

Wake Forest continues to dominate the state's top bar passage rate at 91 percent as well as Campbell University with 91 percent, followed by University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill at 87 percent and Duke University at 85 percent.

Elon Law School bested the 77 percent passage rate achieved by North Carolina Central University. Charlotte School of Law came in at 76 percent.

"I think it's a point of pride for the students and for the faculty and staff that they had such a bar passage rate for the first class," said Dan Anderson, director of University Relations. "It's a sign that the program is on the right track and doing the things that are necessary to prepare students for a career in law."

Students who graduated from law schools outside North Carolina and took the N.C. bar exam passed with a percentage rate of 59, Anderson said.

The bar exam is the test law school graduates must take to practice law, and it has about a 70 percent pass rate.

The two-section, two-day exam took place July 28 and 29 at the Raleigh Fairgrounds. On the first day, would-be lawyers must answer 12 essay questions designed to specifically test their knowledge of North Carolina law

On day two, test-takers must answer

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Fewer students traveling abroad Winter Term 2010 despite more cost-effective programs

Laura Smith
News Editor

While interest in Winter Term 2010 is still very popular, program enrollment for this January is down a bit because of the weakened economy.

As of Sept. 4, 592 students have enrolled in Winter Term courses. Last December, there were 688 students enrolled, a difference of 96 students.

"We probably won't capture 90 (more) new students," said Woody Pelton, dean of international programs and director of the Isabella Cannon Centre. "We'll end up being down, but a lot of things are down (right now)."

Three programs are full and closed as of press time, while seven are sorting out the waitlist. That brings the total number of programs fully closed to 10, fewer than what is usual this time of the year.

The first to close were New Zealand: The Business and Culture of New Zealand, Business in the Pacific Rim and South Africa: The Call of South Africa.

To combat the struggling economy, the

Isabella Cannon Centre for International Studies has been revving up the publicity and marketing for the Winter Term programs.

Activities have included College Coffee tables, a table at the organization fair this Friday, increasing awareness among faculty, E-net ads and work with El Centro de Espanol, Elon's Spanish center.

The annual study abroad fair will also be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 16 in McKinnon Hall.

Winter Term programs have tweaked the academics a bit in the past year.

This year, most programs require a pre-departure one-credit course taken in the fall. Before last year, programs required several meetings but never a formal class.

"Part of the reason we ask (students to take them) is so they can spend a little more time laying out what they're really going to do," Pelton said.

The only courses not currently requiring the class are Costa Rica: Jungle Service, Costa Rica: Language, Culture and Ecotourism, Hawaii: Nation

or State? In Search of Hawaiian Identity, New Zealand: The Business and Culture of New Zealand and Peru: The Living Heritage of the Andes: Language, Society and Environment.

"It's a very clever model," Pelton said. "I think it really benefits the students. I think when you arrive, you have a better sense, a better knowledge, more background of what it is you're seeing, and I think you do enjoy it more."

While the economy may be taking a slight toll on study abroad enrollment this year, the 2010 programs might be the best to take advantage of.

"Our prices are down," said Alana Dunn, international programs adviser. "This year's are less than last year's cost. We also anticipate that when the economy starts to recover in time for Winter Term 2011, the costs will go up again. For students who think they might be able to incorporate it this year, it's a more cost-effective year."

There are still spots open in 17 of the Winter Term programs, and the deadline for applying is Sept. 21.

WINTER TERM 2010 STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS STILL AVAILABLE

- Australia:** Indigenous Studies
- Barbados:** Post-Colonial Culture and Society
- Chile:** Thriving but Still Recovering (new)
- China:** The Flying Dragon
- Costa Rica:** Jungle Service
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- India:** Science Education and Development
- Italy's Heritage:** Past is Present
- Italy:** Fine Arts
- London:** Human Services Practicum in London (new)
- London's Immigrant Communities:** Documenting Diversity Through Photographs and Words
- Peru:** The Living Heritage of the Andes: Language, Society and Environment

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Sloan Rangers member, freshman Kara Frasca, surprises herself and her teammates after she made the game-winning cornhole shot Friday.

the
X-factor takes the prize at
SPORTSFEST 2009

DAVID WELLS | Photo Editor



X-factor member sophomore Brandon McRae races back to the bucket carrying a water-filled sponge in an attempt to fill the bucket first. Team X-factor won the overall title.



Senior Conner Greg leads his team to a first-place finish in the tug-of-war contest.

Sportsfest 2009 included an impressive 64 teams, compared to last year's 30. Resident assistants and orientation leaders pushed the Campus Rec event to members of the freshmen class as a way to bond with others on their halls. This year, the event was held on a Friday as part of Campus Rec's Friday Night Lights program, which gives students alternatives to drinking.

Teams competed in classic events such as tug-of-war, cornhole, putting and dodgeball, as well as new events including sponge races, a tire flip, water balloon toss, chipping and a punt-pass-kick competition.

Team X-factor proved to have what it takes, as it took home the team title for overall champion.



Seniors Kyle Banks, left, and Colin Campbell sported crazy outfits as a part of the team spirit competition.

Freshman Jessica Shepps pulled for her team, the Inglorious Bastards, during the tug-of-war battle.

Senior James Bryant keeps an eye on his shot during the championship match of the putt contest.

Freshman Wes Sankey lobs a bean bag toward the board for the cornhole competition.

New religious policy allows non-Christian students to avoid penalties for faith-based class absences

Margeaux Corby
News Editor

In its continuing effort to embrace diversity, Elon has established its first official Religious Holiday Observance Policy this year. The policy will make room in the Christian-based academic calendar for religious absences celebrated by non-Christian students.

"If we're going to be a place that's to welcome people with these backgrounds, we need to create an atmosphere which will better foster their success," said Phil Smith, associate university chaplain and director of Religious Life.

The policy allows students to complete a Religious Observance Notification Form during the first week of each semester concerning religious holidays that will require them to miss class. Even after submitting official documentation, students are required to notify their instructors within the first week of class as well.

The current policy is written to recognize and legitimize obligatory holidays celebrated by the country's major religions — Judaism, Hinduism and Islam.

"The High Holy days are the most important days of the year for Jews to be able to celebrate and observe," said Avra Stackpole, president of Hillel. "Elon's acknowledgment and respect for them is hugely important in allowing students to keep these days sacred and holy without stress or concern for classes."

Smith said the policy does not deal with travel time that may be required, so any additional class time that might be missed in order for students to fly or drive home for faith celebrations is not covered in the new policy.

"Students are still responsible for what they missed," Smith said. "But now it is added to the list of excused things, similar to athletes."

The policy cannot be used during final exam periods. In the event a religious holiday falls during exam week, students must contact their academic dean as soon as possible.

The policy does recommend if such a conflict is foreseen, students should attempt that specific course another semester.

Smith said one catalyst that prompted the policy was recognizing that Elon's student body is becoming for heterogeneous in cultural backgrounds and faith traditions. There also had been previous incidents where students had conflicts with instructors about missing class time.

"Those students had their voices heard," Smith said.

The committee responsible for creating the policy looked at several religious exemption policies at neighboring schools, especially Duke University.

Although the policy is in its infancy, Smith said he doesn't expect it to remain unchanged for very long.

"As Elon's diversity continues to grow, then hopefully the policy will also continue to grow to accommodate students as necessary," Stackpole said.

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HOLIDAYS RECOGNIZED

Ramadan ends with Eid al Fitr sundown, Sept. 19 through sundown, Sept. 20.

Rosh Hashanah is sundown, Sept. 18 through sundown, Sept. 20.

Yom Kippur is sundown, Sept. 27 through sundown, Sept. 28.

Diwali is Oct. 17.

Eid al Adha is sundown, Nov. 26 through sundown, Nov. 27.

Pesach/Passover includes the evening of March 29 through the evening of March 30.

Good Friday is April 2.

CELEBRATION OF MAJOR FALL NON-CHRISTIAN HOLIDAYS:



Muslim

RAMADAN

Muslims use the lunar calendar of 354 days and Ramadan falls on the ninth month.

On the 27th day of Ramadan, the Quran, the sacred book of Islam, began to be revealed to the prophet Muhammad.

Healthy adults fast between sunrise and sunset and a feast, "el al-fitr," marks the end of Ramadan.



Hebrew

ROSH HASHANA

The Jewish calendar is based on both the sun and moon and Rosh Hashana occurs on the first and second days of Tishri, the seventh month.

The Jewish New Year celebrates God's creation of man.

The shofar, a hollowed ram's horn, is blown and sweet foods are eaten.



Hindu

DIWALI

The five-day festival celebrates the third day as the main "Festival of Lights."

Diwali celebrates Lord Rama's victory as king after his 14 years of exile after killing a demon.

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H1N1 FLU UPDATE:

First case of H1N1 virus confirmed

Staff Report

On Tuesday, Elon University received its first confirmation of the H1N1 virus on campus.

According to Jana Lynn Patterson, assistant vice president of student life, a student's sample was sent to the CDC on Sept. 3 and was confirmed positive for H1N1.

Elon's health center is considered a CDC reporting station, according to Patterson, and can send up to three samples a week.

Elon tests for Type A flu, which assumes H1N1, and Type B flu, which does not. Another student has also been tested for H1N1 off campus but the university has not received word about results yet. A third student has tested positive with Type B seasonal flu, as well.

All three students have left campus to recuperate at home.

Elon is not the only university in the

Triad affected by the virus' threat.

According to Wake Forest University's Web site, more than 100 students have been treated for suspected cases of H1N1.

"Our experience with the H1N1 flu here is that it is relatively mild and similar to seasonal flu," university spokesman Kevin Cox said in a statement. "Students are recovering in their residence hall rooms and off-campus residences. We have not experienced any extraordinary cases of the illness."

A Sept. 3 article from The Washington Post reported more than 1,600 cases of the virus have been confirmed on college campuses across the country.

At Elon, 14 members of the football team had suspected cases of the virus but none were confirmed.

The university has implemented an awareness plan and careful measures are being taken to prevent a possible spread.

Successful fellows programs, Elon 101 keep students motivated and attached to Elon

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order to create a high performing team that thrives in a challenging environment," Buechler said.

"This would be impossible to facilitate if the students do not feel comfortable with one another."

Buechler's experience with the program found that about 67 percent of freshmen who enter as Business Fellows graduate as Business Fellows, and of those who do leave the program, 75-80 percent remain at Elon.

Though the Teaching Fellows students are not required to take specific classes together, as they come from many different majors, they have a required enrichment opportunity from Elon and the North Carolina Teaching Fellows program every year. During freshman year Winter Term, for example, the students embark on an American history study tour traveling up the East Coast to six historical cities they have read about in David McCullough's 1776.

"This is the first of the enrichment opportunities for the Teaching Fellows and usually all of their favorite experiences during the four years at Elon," said Glenda Crawford, director of Teaching Fellows. "They are spending so much time together in very close quarters that it really bonds them together."

Elon's Teaching Fellows are also required to spend the spring semester of their sophomore year studying abroad in either Costa Rica or London. Elon is the only campus of the 17 schools that are a part of the North Carolina Teaching Fellows program that

allows students to study abroad for a full semester.

Klopman recognized study abroad as a big retainer for students.

"Study abroad provides an affinity group, which typically all students are searching for," Klopman said. "We have found that social comfort is a bigger factor effecting retention than academic comfort."

The Teaching Fellows retention rates are also very high, averaging a 91 percent retention rate during the last four years.

Klopman said she believes the start of the Elon 101 classes was beneficial for Elon's retention rates.

"Retention is something we watch all the time and discuss at almost every major faculty meeting," Klopman said. "We certainly saw an increase in retention rates due to the Elon 101 classes because the students had a group to be a part of that was helping them adjust to the new community."

Sophomore Elon 101 teaching assistant Sam Baranowski had such a good Elon 101 experience last year that she decided to get involved in the program this year.

"I still Skype with my TA almost weekly, even though she graduated, and I am still in contact with my OL and Elon 101 classmates as well," Baranowski said. "I wanted to be able to give the same mentoring to the freshmen this year and be a resource if they need me."

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Stimulus money paves way for local transit system, waiting for local match

Andie Diemer
Editor-in-Chief

Alamance County is one step closer to installing a public transit system in the area that would potentially connect Elon University riders to the surrounding area.

Brent McKinney, executive director of the Piedmont Authority for Regional Transit, said PATH is attempting to provide a public transportation service to Burlington, Graham and Alamance County to connect the county to the regional network of transit systems and other destinations.

"It's an effort to give people a choice of travel," McKinney said. "We think we provide a good service that would be good for Alamance County residents and businesses and students of Elon University."

McKinney, who is in charge of overseeing the acquisition of land and development of the project, said in comparison with automobiles, public transportation wins on every factor except for time.

Implementing a public transit option would help users save money, decrease fuel consumption and emissions, improve air quality, recycle money spent on fuel into the local economy, reduce congestion

on the road and improve safety, he said.

Similar programs are already established in eight out of 10 counties in the area, including Davidson, Forsyth, Guilford, Randolph, Stokes, Surry and Yadkin Counties. Davie County will start a service in December.

Alamance and Rockingham are the only other counties without a public transportation option.

The proposed route would include a stop at Alamance Regional Hospital, a stop near Alamance Crossing so the system can link up with Elon University's bus system and additional stops that would take riders back on the interstate and carry them into Burlington, Guilford County or Greensboro, which would then tie them into the regional network. A route could possibly be installed in Alamance County by July 2011.

To make the service more efficient, several park-and-ride lots are planned to get riders into one area to cut down on time when being picked up.

"We are very proud to be able to bring these monies back to Alamance County for a very good investment purpose," McKinney said.

But while the project has a plan in place, no construction has started because of funding issues and inaction

on the part of the Alamance County Commissioners.

"If (the county commissioners) take certain actions we propose for them, then we can bring more money back to Alamance County to meet our needs," McKinney said.

This project will absorb most of the \$1.3 million stimulus money, but because it is just a piece of a bigger plan, there has to be a 10 percent local match to receive other grants to completely establish the system.

"This is 100 percent stimulus," McKinney said. "The next project will most likely be funded with 90 percent (of grants), and we have to find a way to pay 10 percent of the cost."

The money, called urban transit funds, came through the city of Burlington, which was just one local agency that qualified. The funds were distributed across America by using a formula, with Burlington securing \$1.3 million in total.

At the request of Burlington, the first park-and-ride lot will be constructed near Danbrook Road and University Drive.

Since PATH has been installing similar services in other counties for several years, the group knew if the funding was made available to Alamance County they would construct three lots in the western, central and eastern parts of the county.

McKinney said there is some pending grant money that can be spent in Alamance County for other park-and-ride lots, purchasing buses or providing other services.

"We are sitting on grants right now that we can spend in Alamance County, but we do not have a 10 percent local match," McKinney said.

Aside from stimulus money and grants, the project would also be funded through bus fares and taxes.

"If we don't do this, people in Alamance County will continue to pay their taxes and their money will continue to go to other places," McKinney said. "It's been doing this for a long, long time. So here's an opportunity to bring 90 cents on the dollar of your tax money back home to meet your transportation needs, and if you don't do it then nothing is going to happen except you'll continue to pay your money and it will go elsewhere."

McKinney said the project can get started soon, and that it will take about six months to acquire land.

"We hope this is just the first step to providing public transportation services to the university, Burlington, Graham, the hospital and other places," McKinney said. "But there's no need to get started if you know you don't have that 10 cents to make it possible."

Foreclosures hit Alamance County homes with iron fist

Anna Johnson
Reporter

According to www.ncforeclosurehelp.org, there have been more than 500 foreclosures in Alamance County as of this July. Last year there were 874. Mecklenburg County leads the state with 8,291 foreclosures this year. Alamance County is ranked the 15th highest in the state.

"Some walk away from their house and leave the keys on the table," credit counselor Pete Sargent, said. "We prefer them not to do that, but they feel like they have no other options."

Sargent is a credit and debt counselor for the Burlington satellite of Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Greater Greensboro. Because of the recent economic downturn, Sargent said he has seen a drastic increase in the number of individuals who are facing the possibility of foreclosure.

"I know in our office a year ago we had a majority of people in here about credit card debt," Sargent said. "Now we are seeing a majority about foreclosures."

There are some options once a homeowner realizes they face the possibility of foreclosure. Sargent said the most popular option is loan modification where the lender and the homeowner will try to work together through a credit counseling agency to lower the interest rate or the monthly payment. The lender would consider allowing a deferment of late payments, allowing the homeowner to catch up.

Sargent said if an individual feels they will be late on their payments and will soon face foreclosure, they need to see a credit and debt counselor. He said it would be logical to contact the lender, but that homeowners are often told they cannot be helped until they are late on their payments.

"I've been doing this for 16 years, and you don't find a lot of logic in the credit industry," Sargent said. "If you are anticipating a problem, calling your mortgage company to see what you can do is logical. But what you hear is 'We can't help you until you are delinquent, until you are past due.'"

But homeowners looking to be proactive in preventing foreclosure have some resources available. The State Home Foreclosure Prevention Project was signed into law last August.

This project states that 45 days in

advance of foreclosure, homeowners should be informed via certified mail of resources available to them.

Resources that include free counseling with Department of Housing and Urban Development-approved counselors in the homeowners' area and access to the HOPE hotline, a hotline providing information about foreclosure options. Other services include support from local charities.

Libby Otos, program assistant for the Kernodle Center for Service Learning, said there are no programs that deal directly with foreclosures in Alamance County. But working with local food pantries would be a way of helping those who are struggling with foreclosure.

"When people are facing foreclosures, they are just people trying to make ends meet," Otos said.

Sargent said students who may be owning or renting for the first time should be aware of their spending habits and have a budget to help prevent foreclosure.

"It doesn't matter on age," Sargent said. "Anyone who buys a house needs to do a thorough review of credit, resolve any issues and do a thorough budget including the new costs. Never take on more house than you can actually afford."

There are three HUD-approved agencies in Alamance County: Durham Regional Community Development Group, Guilford County Homeownership Center and Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Greensboro.

For more information, visit www.ncforeclosurehelp.org.

TIPS FOR AVOIDING FORECLOSURE

Do not avoid phone calls or letters from your lender or mortgage company.

Make an accurate budget to see where money can be saved.

Seek help from professional debt counseling agencies that are HUD-approved.

Be wary of scams that offer to settle debt for an up-front fee.

Look over mortgage papers to find rights.

Be aware of what lenders can and cannot do once late on a payment.

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N.C. sales tax jumps a penny this month

Excise taxes on tobacco products, alcohol also see slight increases

Jake Martin
Senior Reporter

As part of an effort to bridge the state's \$4.5 billion budget gap, sales taxes rose to 7.75 percent Sept. 1. Excise taxes on tobacco products and alcohol have gone up as well.

While the increase in sales tax amounts to just one penny, it comes at a time of economic stress for many families across the state.

"The thing about sales taxes is that they are regressive," said Mark Kurt, an assistant professor of economics at Elon. "They tend to affect a percentage of families with lesser incomes disproportionately from those with higher incomes."

In an interview with the Rocky Mount Telegram newspaper, N.C. State University economics professor Michael Walden estimates the increase in the sales tax could result in an additional \$200 paid in taxes each year by each family.

Despite a struggling economy, Democrats in charge of the House and Senate along with the governor's office insist the sales tax and other increases are necessary to avoid cuts to important programs. Many Republicans are arguing the state could have cut budgets and saved essential programs while avoiding more taxes.

"I think that the tax increase is necessary because with the current deficit, it's our responsibility as involved citizens to ensure the state does not go bankrupt," junior Jack Friedman said. "However, I think it should be the income tax that goes up because that way the rich are paying

more than the poor."

With the current shape of the state's economy and high unemployment rate, which is now above 10 percent, the Democrats have had to answer many questions concerning the increases.

"Nobody wanted to raise taxes this time," said Rep. Hugh Holliman, a Democrat from Lexington, in response to criticism about the recent increases. "But the alternatives were worse. We could have had a devastating impact on public education and community colleges."

The excise tax on a pack of cigarettes rose 10 cents to 45 cents while a six-pack of beer will now cost five cents more, with corresponding increases on wine and liquor. The increases on beer, wine, liquor and tobacco is expected to generate more than \$41 million in revenue.

"With tobacco, I would say that people with lesser incomes tend to smoke more," Friedman said. "The problem with the excise tax might be that we're getting money from lower income families. They should try taxing golf clubs or something."

The higher sales taxes are considered temporary, though with the current economic slowdown affecting the state so much already many families may have to further tighten their budgets.

"Basically, every family is different," Kurt said. "But many will now have to face changing their spending habit, or what they buy. At the end of the day, people may not be saving as much. The budget will just be tighter."

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* Landline phone question was asked only in 2009.

Question wording: Do you pretty much think of this as a necessity or pretty much think of this as a luxury you could do without?

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'Luxury' takes on alternative meaning to students in downward spending spiral

Caroline Matthews
Design Chief

A Millennial, a young person from grade school to his or her 20s absorbed with themselves and their spending, is no longer at the height of consumption because of the failing economy, a USA Today article released during the summer said.

According to economist Richard Curtin, director of consumer surveys at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, the economic downturn is particularly significant to the Millennials because this is the time in their lives when sizeable attitudes are set, such as the importance of saving and spending. Because of this downturn, this age group will be more oriented toward economic security and relationships and will spend less, he said.

"I don't spend that much to begin with and (my) family hasn't been hit too hard, so as of now I don't feel like I need to change habits," sophomore Julia McLaughlin said. "But I know people are changing and awareness is spreading."

The Pew Research Center's Social & Demographic Trends released research in April stating half or more, of the substantial majorities of the public believe such has-been necessities like microwave ovens, TV sets or home air conditioning are now luxuries.

One thousand Americans of all ages and demographics were surveyed.

"My car is my biggest luxury item,"

McLaughlin said. "It's something I don't need to function day-to-day and the amount of money I'm putting into it for gas and maintenance is my largest expense."

The research discusses how adults younger than 30 are targeting their spending cuts. Of the respondents surveyed, 57 percent are buying less expensive brands and shopping more at discount stores. More youths than adults are cutting back on their spending on alcohol and cigarettes — 28 percent of adults compared to 39 percent of youths.

A quarter of Americans are changing to a less expensive cable or satellite TV subscription. Some have even done away with the service completely.

Young adults are the group most likely to use cell phones, and 30 percent have changed to a less expensive cell phone plan or have canceled the service altogether.

"My girlfriend is spending the semester in Ireland and I try my hardest not to answer my cell phone when she calls from her international phone," senior Tom Barberi said. "It's a luxury to have her easily call me from a phone but Skype is free to download and free to use, so that's how I plan on saving money while keeping in touch with her."

If the recession continues or follows a cyclical pattern, Curtin said there will be little difference between this generation and the one raised during the Depression. The pressures of the economy in the 1930s pushed the importance of the dollar, and from

the looks of the current economy, the dollar may continue to push back.

"I am currently looking harder for jobs than I ever have before," McLaughlin said. "I'm saving by cooking my own meals, and I'm paying more attention to my grades since I know how much that money really matters."

Historians note that global economies became more dependent on greater consumption after the Depression and WWII, which fueled the idea that each succeeding generation would be more financially secure than the previous.

But experts say the Millennials are not in luck.

Unlike this downturn and its global effect, the Depression only severely inhibited the Western world. Jim Cullen, author of the 2003 book "The American Dream: A Short History of an Idea That Shaped a Nation," said he believes long-term attitude changes prompted this structural change in the global economy.

Economic uncertainty can create greater materialism, according to psychologist Tim Kasser, whose research was published in Motivation and Emotion. Frugality is key during a recession, yet Kasser believes most consumers can be moved to spend by moments of psychological insecurity into spend.

"The economy has not effected my materialism. If anything, I think it has gotten worse since I've gotten to school," McLaughlin said. "I'm still going to want the same things no matter what's going on with the global economy."

Narcissism linked to Gen Y's obsession with social media

Sam King
Reporter

Despite poll results from a recent national survey saying today's generation is more narcissistic than any generation before because of social networking sites such as Facebook, many feel this study is an unfair representation.

The Article describes a survey, conducted by Jean Twenge, author of Generation Me, a book describing the ascetics of today's newest generation, in which the majority of the participants agreed they felt their generation "was more self-promoting, narcissistic, overconfident and attention-seeking than others" of generations past.

Senior Nancy Russell disagrees, and said she doesn't use her Facebook account to "sell" herself, but to keep up with the lives of her friends. She only checks her Facebook account about once a day.

"I used to check it much more during freshmen year, but now I don't have the time," she said.

Facebook has many options to show the world everything about oneself, from likes and dislikes to phone numbers and residences. With all these features, it may be hard for some to show restraint.

Many members of today's generation may not fully understand why posting every aspect of their personal lives on their own Web page is such a bad idea, Communications instructor Nicole Triche said.

"People don't realize that the Internet is public," Triche said. "I have a professional Elon account

and a personal one with maximum security for all of my close family and friends."

In Triche's digital media class, she helps her students find what is aesthetically pleasing to them, something art and photography teachers have been doing for centuries. She said she doesn't believe this generation is any more narcissistic than before.

"Everyone wants to find ways to express themselves," she said. "This generation is simply using the technology available to them proactively."

Employers are turning to Facebook profiles before hiring people.

"They're looking for anything at all to knock you off the list of potential applicants. Sometimes your profile picture is the only thing it takes," said Ross Wade, assistant director of Career Services for the School of Communications.

While students today are taking full advantage the technological advances, this may not be an act of narcissism but simply an act of making the most of the resources presented to them. Triche said.

Triche said this generation's use of technology should not simply be written off as narcissistic.

"There is a lot of press coverage about the millennials — not all of it is good," Triche said.

Recently, dozens of publications and individuals have expressed concern about the overwhelming direction in which the Internet and technology have taken today's youth.

Wade said he agrees. "Students are just trying to market themselves," he said. "They just want to fit in."

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Rideshare Program aims to increase carpooling on campus

Caitlin O'Donnell
Reporter

Already an environmentally friendly campus, Elon hopes to reduce its carbon footprint even further with a new carpooling program called Rideshare, which is open to students, staff and faculty.

The Rideshare page, available within E-Net's want ads, is structured to fit the needs of those individuals who want to carpool, with one section for normal commuting and a second for special destinations such as the airport or mountains. According to a commuter habit survey, 35 percent of Elon students carpool two days a week.

With promotion around campus and possible future incentives such as reduced parking fees, the school hopes to increase this number.

"This program provides an easy-to-use, Elon-specific method for finding carpool partners," said Elaine Durr, Elon's Sustainability Coordinator. "Encouraging carpooling and other alternate forms of transportation to campus will help Elon address the commuting piece of its greenhouse gas emissions."

A 2008 inventory found that 12 percent of Elon's emissions come from student and faculty commutes. The goal of this campaign and others is to establish a carbon neutral university, which means it would be one with net zero carbon emissions.

According to Durr, Elon is in the process of developing its Climate Action Plan.

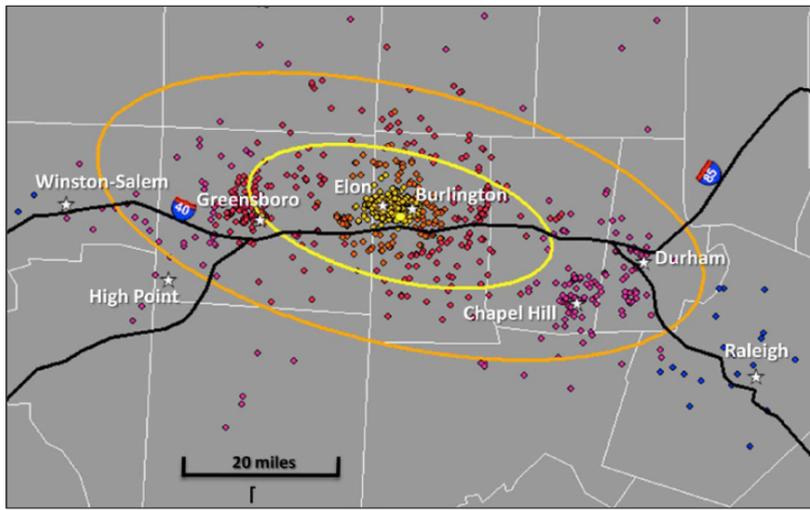
"This will include targets for reduction ... based on the 2008 net emissions, with a percentage reduction each year or at specified milestone years," she said.

Rideshare holds many benefits for Elon students without cars who are looking for a ride home or simply a way to cut down on gas prices and wear on their cars. With its user-friendly home page, Rideshare turns the simple task of carpooling into an easy and influential action.

Freshman Alye Villani said she likes the idea of Rideshare.

"I think it's a great way to meet new people who you would have never interacted with before," she said.

Students interested in carpooling can visit Rideshare's page at <http://www.elon.edu/e-web/e-net/rideshare/default.xhtml> and view current requests or place a new one.



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- Alye Villani
ELON FRESHMAN
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The Geographic Information System analysis shows the distribution of commuter travel by faculty and students. Each of the dots represents the home address of a faculty or staff member. Some of them travel to Elon as far as east of Durham or west of Winston-Salem, affecting the amount of greenhouse gas emissions that are released.

A day of individual CO2 emissions

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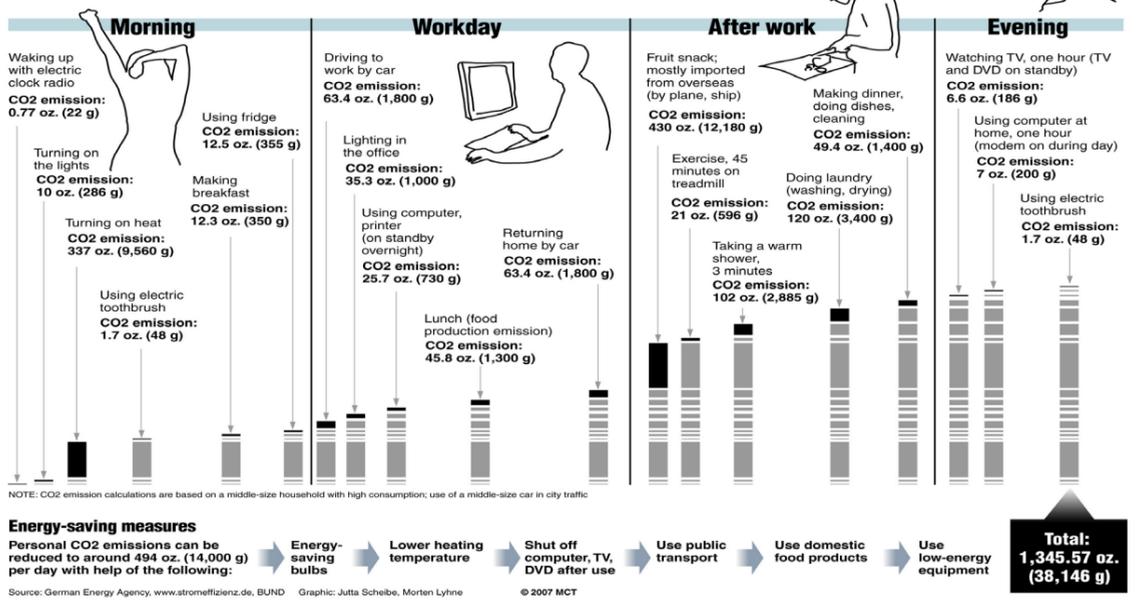


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NEWS BRIEFS

What's after High School? Program

The College Knowledge series will take place every third Thursday at 12 - 1 p.m. or 6:30 - 8 p.m. in the ABSS Central Office at 1712 Vaughn Road in Burlington.

Seminars include "College Knowledge Resources," "Merit-Based Scholarships — Not Just a Free Ride!," "College Applications 101" and "How to Read Report Cards, Progress Reports, Transcripts and Test Scores."

"Success by Design" college access conference for parents of 6th-12th graders will take place from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. this Saturday at Graham High School.

Register at <http://afterhs.abss.k12.nc.us>. Registration ends today.

The college fair at Elon University will be held from 6:30 - 8 p.m. Sept. 21.

The College Foundation of North Carolina College Application week is also being held Nov. 16-20.

Students search for jobs in more familiar circles

Alexa Milan
Managing Editor

As job opportunities dry up in the struggling economy, students are getting creative with how they network. Rather than relying on traditional recruiting processes, students are starting to use more personal facets of their lives in the job search.

According to an article from Business Week, the number of students finding jobs through family and personal contacts has been rising steadily since 2006.

Tom Vecchione, executive director of Career Services, said students often don't think about reaching out to family and friends when job hunting, but in this unstable economy, they can be some of the most beneficial resources.

"People need to expand their horizons and see the many ways they can reach out to people," Vecchione said.

Junior history major Kristen

Williams is one Elon student taking advantage of this job search tactic.

"I have used networks established by close friends and family to obtain every job that I have had," Williams said. "Personally, I use the family networks like any other network — as a tool to search for the best opportunities possible."

The Business Week article cites Elon as having some of the best parent outreach programs and formalized family and personal networking processes.

Vecchione said in his experience, parents and alumni are critical resources, and the Career Center is now connecting them with students through LinkedIn, Twitter and the Elon Career Network.

Students can connect with alumni and parents at events like Schmooza Palooza, happening at 6 p.m. Thursday in McKinnon Hall, and a parent networking event in February. There is also a tab on the new career center Web site where

parents can become Elon Career Network contacts or post job and internship openings.

"Particularly with the Elon Career Network, we spend a lot of time maintaining (parent relationships)," Vecchione said.

Vecchione emphasized the importance of not limiting family networking to one's parents. The career center encourages students to make a list of siblings, cousins, second cousins, aunts, uncles and other extended family members to reach out to and ask about career opportunities in their fields.

"That sounds so easy, but people don't often formalize that," Vecchione said.

Vecchione said students also don't often think about asking their friends what kinds of job contacts they have. A roommate's father or a classmate's older sibling may know of an opening in their field for which students can apply.

"Networking within the circle you've got on campus is

going to be a tremendous help," Vecchione said.

Williams said she thinks using personal connections when applying for jobs can sometimes subject students to greater scrutiny, but ultimately the pros of the process outweigh the cons.

"You get extra insight on the job, you get introduced to more contacts and it allows supervisors and other contacts within the job to recognize your name and set you apart from the rest," Williams said.

Whether students approach a close relative or someone they haven't spoken to in a while, Vecchione said it's important for students not to rely entirely on the relationship to land them a job. Having a strong resume, portfolio, cover letter and interview is still necessary to sell one's skills.

"Networking is not asking someone for a job," Vecchione said. "You want to network before you need it. You want to build relationships."

University just shy of top score in national sustainability rating

Jack Dodson
Reporter

Elon's Sustainability Program was realized in 2007 with the creation of an advisory council made up of faculty and staff, which was responsible for the hiring of sustainability coordinator Elaine Durr and the various programs that have been implemented for the betterment of the university's carbon footprint.

Some of these programs include the BioBuses, the "E-Lectric" carts that ride around campus, "trayless" dining, composting in dining halls and events like POWERless.

Recently, the Princeton Review came out with a "green rating" for different schools. Though Elon was not one of the 15 schools that received a top score of 99, it was only five points shy. Some of these top schools were Harvard College, Yale University, Colorado College, Middlebury College, and University of Washington.

The latter university has implemented a practice which Elon used in its most recent academic building.

"As part of (the President's Climate Commitment, a pledge to develop policies and practices that are climate neutral), all new campus buildings will meet at least the LEED Silver standard," according to the Princeton Review's Green Honor Roll Web site.

Elon's Lindner hall meets the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certification Silver standard, but it is the only building on

campus to do so.

Co-president of the Sierra Club and senior biology major Rachel Shain said she was happy about the building, but was a little disappointed to find out that it didn't meet the platinum level of certification, which is two levels above silver.

Elon's initiatives, like its sustainability master plan, which is a product of the advisory council, span varying topics beyond just building.

Durr said the school's main focus is on trying to cut back the carbon footprint.

"We love that they're making an effort," Shain said. "At the same time, I think they need to take it a little bit further ... I think it's because I know Elon can do it."

Shain and her co-president, Kim Krumm, a senior biology and environmental studies major, said their main goals with Sierra Club are to promote awareness on campus and keep its members up-to-date with what is happening.

The club works regularly with Durr, the two presidents said, in order to put on events like Elon's Earth Week, which happens in the spring. This year Shain said they are working on building a walking trail around campus.

Shain said she expects a lot from Elon in the future, with its building designs and its programs.

"I see a university as a place to test out new technology and brilliant new designs," she said.

Herco-president emphasized that it starts with students, though.

"If there is a push from the



An Elon University staff member recycles used cardboard. Elon has implemented many programs and plans to make the university more sustainable, and recycling across campus is just one effort to cut back on Elon's carbon footprint. LINDSEY FENDT | Staff Photographer

students, (change) can happen," Krumm said. But, she pointed out, "it's difficult with the economic climate."

Durr said she agrees with the importance of the students in the process. She said there are many ways for students to get involved, whether it's through joining an organization like Sierra Club or Elon Volunteers! Green Team, which is a subsidiary of the Kernodle Center for Service Learning, or just taking part in programs like the BioBus.

"There are so many things people can do on a personal level that shows commitment," she said. "I think the student

groups do quite a lot to show their interest in sustainability. And I think it's not just the student groups, but the student body in general."

Of the recent ratings, Durr was pleased with the score of 94.

"Our sustainability program is more advanced than others and not as advanced as others," she said. "And I think it's not just the student groups, but the student body in general who can show interest through personal actions and involvement."

Durr said there will always be things on which Elon can improve.

With a full council that works on the school's policies, a 53-

page master plan available on the Elon Sustainability Web site and a full time sustainability coordinator, Elon has put its name on the map within the world of college initiatives.

Elon's future plans remain to try to cut back carbon emissions, Durr said.

The most recent development has been in the kickoff of a Rideshare Web site specifically designed for carpooling at Elon.

Shain, Krumm and Durr all emphasized the importance of an individual's impact, and his or her ability to cut back on emissions in their everyday life.

LAW SCHOOL from PAGE 1

Outstanding rates of bar exam prove Elon School of Law to be 'on track'

200 additional multiple-choice questions covering the intricacies of U.S. law.

To help its recent graduates prepare for the bar exam, the law school provided free on-campus room and board to its first alumni class so they could spend

the majority of the summer studying instead of working.

Graduates who took advantage of the program were housed in the Colonnades on main campus for free from the end of May to July, in addition to receiving meal

plans. They also were able to receive loans through the university to pay for pricey prep classes.

The law school is currently provisionally accredited and will be eligible to seek full approval in 2010.

Chemistry professor awarded Scholar Professorship for the next three years

Kristin Feeny
Reporter

The application process lasted a matter of weeks. The review of candidates was even shorter. Yet the decision brings distinction and resources to one fortunate Elon professor.

On Aug. 24, Elon University named Kathryn Mansfield Matera the third recipient of the A.L. Hook Science & Mathematics Emerging Scholar Professorship. Matera, an associate professor of chemistry, will hold the honor of the rotating professorship for a three-year term.

Matera joined the Elon faculty in 2007 after 11 years of teaching at Baldwin-Wallace College in Ohio. She holds a doctorate in organic chemistry from the University of California-Davis and a bachelor of arts in chemistry from Pitzer College in California.

As part of her term, Matera will receive an annual salary supplement and funding for undergraduate research. The professorship will allow Matera to continue research on enzyme-related studies and organic synthesis as a method for examining biological systems. It will also serve as funding for the independent research of

biochemistry students.

"I foresee the professorship will help us to publish what we're working on," Matera said. "I also think it could be the chance to bring some fabulous students to work in the lab and spin off new projects."

Junior Caroline Peckels, a chemistry major, has previously published research with Matera on radical generation by amyloid-beta fibril plaques, which are a leading factor in heart disease.

"I'm not surprised that Dr. Matera has won," Peckels said. "She is truly an amazing professor who exemplifies what an Elon professor should be. Her passion for research is contagious."

Peckels is one of three Lumen Scholars who regularly consult with Matera for research advice.

Junior Amanda Clark, another Lumen Scholar and chemistry major, has been working with Matera since her freshman year.

"I'm so fortunate to work with her," Clark said. "From the moment you meet her, there's this aura about her. She's so encouraging."

In her three years of collaboration with Matera, Clark has presented at



LINDSAY FENDT | Staff Photographer
Professor Kathryn Mansfield helps junior Stephanie White with a chemistry experiment. Mansfield plans to establish one to two summer research positions for students and will receive an annual salary supplement and funding for undergrad research with her professorship.

conferences throughout the country and is in the process of completing two research papers investigating lipid oxidation on plaque formation.

Peckels' and Clark's projects represent heart disease, one of Matera's two main research focuses. Her second focus is Alzheimer's research, a continuation of her work from Baldwin-Wallace.

"I had a student at Baldwin-Wallace who was interested in Alzheimer's research," Matera said. "He came in, proposed what he wanted to do and ran

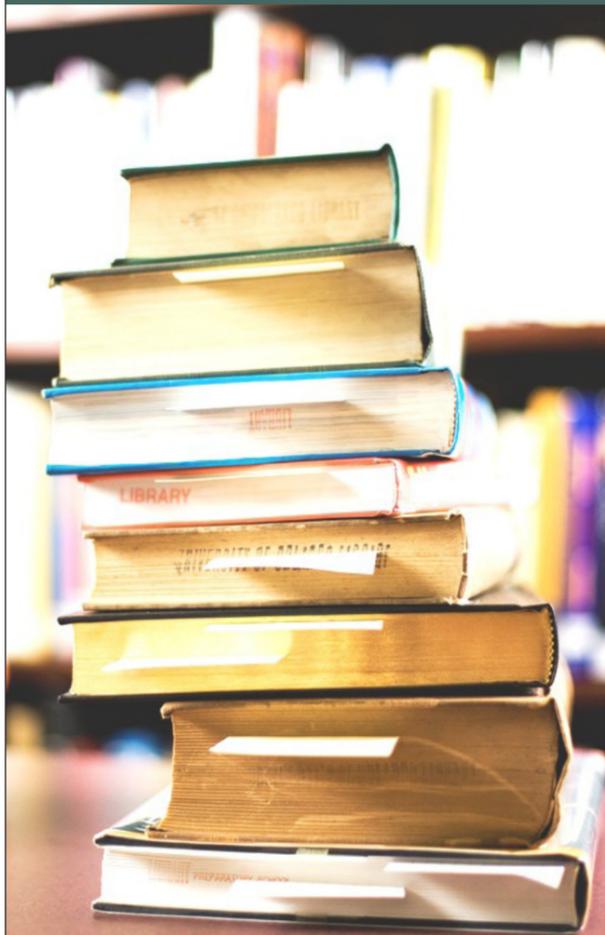
with it. I have four projects that have stemmed off of that initial interest — it's exciting."

The experience opened up Matera's eyes to the possibility that undergrads are capable of coming up with research topics, she said.

It is because of this that Matera plans to establish one to two summer research positions to allow students an opportunity to pursue their own projects.

"My hope is to get as many students as possible involved in research," she said.

The A.L. Hook Science & Mathematics Emerging Scholar Professorship was established in memory of Alonzo Lohr Hook, a former physics and mathematics professor who taught at Elon for more than 60 years and graduated in 1913. It is awarded to a pre-tenure physics, mathematics or chemistry professor. Past recipients include mathematics professor Crista Arangala and physics professor Kyle Altmann. Matera is the first chemistry professor to hold the distinction.



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EXTENDED BRIEFS:

Associate dean receives higher education leader of the year award



Rex Waters
Associate Dean of Students

Elon University's Associate Dean of Students Rex Waters was named a co-recipient of The National Society for Experiential Education 2009 Higher Education Leader of the Year Award.

Waters, who works with several organizations on campus including the Center for Leadership, Campus Recreation, the Kernodle Center for Service Learning, New Student Orientation and student media, will receive his honor in October at the NSEE National Conference in Dallas, Texas.

The award recognizes Waters' 20-year role on Elon's campus.

"Elon has been a wonderful environment for experiential education," Waters said in a statement. "The curriculum, the general studies goals, the engaged learning philosophy and much more contribute to an arena fertile for learners to collaborate and experience the relationship of knowledge and application."

Senior Patrick McCabe is the student senior director for the Center for Leadership on campus and works with Waters on a regular basis.

"(Waters) is really big on student engagement," McCabe said. "He loves to get the students involved. He's very compassionate about getting students to succeed and grow and to experience different leadership opportunities."

A doctoral student at Case Western Reserve University submitted Waters for the award. To be nominated, one must be an "NSEE higher education member who has demonstrated innovative uses of experiential learning in their institution," according to the application.

"Working with students who have a passion for what they are doing and who are eager to learn how they can be more effective in their efforts is very rewarding," Waters said. "The focus on leadership development and citizenship is core to our efforts at Elon."

Elon University President Leo Lambert was also the winner of the NSEE 2009 William M. Burke Presidential Award for Excellence in Experiential Education.

For more information on the National Society for Experiential Education, visit: <http://www.nsee.org>.

Career Services to host professional networking event Thursday

Career Services and Alumni Relations are teaming up to hold "Schmooza Palooza" on Thursday, an event that will focus on networking and connecting with professionals as a part of the career search.

The seminar will be held from 6 - 8 p.m. in McKinnon Hall. Alumni Relations selected alumni with backgrounds in various industries to speak on a panel.

Afterward, students are invited to network with the professionals.

Tom Vecchione, executive director of Career Services, said this is an easy way for any Elon student — including underclassmen — to make connections and learn how to effectively network in a comfortable setting.

"The alumni at this event want to give back to Elon and help current students," Vecchione said. "There will never be a better time to begin learning and practicing this important lifelong skill."

Vecchione said the "warm networking" is a valuable skill to learn since asking someone for a job is not really networking.

"Students should begin building and maintaining their professional networks well before they might need them," he said.

Making good eye contact, firm handshakes, asking good questions and listening are all skills that are important and necessary functions related to networking, Vecchione said.

"No matter your goals, even those going right on to graduate school, learning to effectively network and make connections will be of benefit," Vecchione said. "Being able to comfortably converse with others in professional settings will probably be a part of nearly every Elon student's career at one point."

Career Services also offers online networking tools. For more information, visit: www.elon.edu/e-web/career_services.

ADDITIONAL CAREER SERVICES EVENTS

How to Become a Job Search Ninja

4:15-5:15 p.m.
Oct. 13
LaRose Digital Theater

Job Interview Skills

4:15-5:15 p.m.
Nov. 10
LaRose Digital Theater

SPECIAL RECAP:

Lambert and others address seniors, provide necessary tips for final year ahead

Hey Seniors! You're just 255 days away from walking across the stage under the oaks to receive your diplomas.

The senior class meeting was held Sept. 3 and was hosted by members of the Senior Class SGA to inform students about what they need to know before making that historic walk. Faculty and staff were also in attendance.

If you missed it, here are some things you need to know:

FROM JOSH FELIX

Elon alumnus, class of 2000

Give to Elon as a graduate and consider joining Elon's young alumni organization, IGNITE. "Elon's not a place you're at for four years," Felix said. "It exists for a lifetime."

Give to the senior class gift. This year, it is a sustainability research grant where students can receive funding for sustainability-related research work.

FROM LEO LAMBERT

president of Elon University

Give back to the community after graduation.

"Think of yourselves as philanthropists," he said.

"Practice gratitude for what you've been given."

"Take this year and squeeze every opportunity out of it."

FROM TOM VECCHIONE

director of Career Services

Visit the Career Center.

Use new Career Center Web site resources, such as the Elon Job Network, CareerBeam and Going Global.

Get a LinkedIn account to increase networking reach.

Start the job search now. According to Vecchione, employers begin looking at potential candidates for entry-level positions beginning in September and October.

FROM SUSAN PATTON

associate registrar

Every senior must meet with her this semester to discuss courses to ensure on-time graduation.

For students graduating in December or January, meet with Patton as soon as possible.

Fill out an application for an appointment with her at the registrar's office.

Displaced 'Virginia' bats seek new homes in other student dorms

Ashley Barnas
Online Editor-in-Chief

The bats displaced from their home in West Area's Virginia residence hall attic have moved to other dorms on campus.

Bat sightings occurred Friday and Sunday in Carolina and Sloan, respectively. As in the first case of bats in Virginia, no students were harmed.

Director of Physical Plant Robert Buchholz said Carolina and Sloan were sealed last Thursday, in addition to Hook, Brannock, Barney and Smith. West and Virginia were sealed prior to that.

After the weekend's sighting, Sloan will be revisited to ensure everything is sealed properly.

Buchholz thinks these new sightings are occurring because the bats can no longer return to their original homes and are out in the trees at night seeking new residence.

Students are urged to keep their un-screened windows and doors closed, particularly during the hours of 8 p.m. to the prime time bats are outdoors.

There should not be a fear of rabies from the bats, Buchholz

said. Bats are not aggressive creatures, and fewer than 6 percent carry rabies.

The particular species on Elon's campus, "little brown bats," have an even smaller likelihood of carrying rabies, nuisance control told Buchholz. The public health department is not interested in saving the bats to test them.

Little brown bats are insectivores that are less than three inches long with a wingspan of less than a foot. As soon as it turns cold, Buchholz said the bats will move south or seek a warmer home on campus, which is why students are being urged to mind the openings to their rooms.

"If they find a nice place that's warm, they'll stick around," he said.

The attic of Virginia fit that description, but Buchholz has been back since it was sealed, and no bats have returned.

A large number of live bats were first found in Virginia before move-in day Aug. 28. The 14 early-arrival students did not come in contact with them.

Students who see bats in a university building are urged to contact Physical Plant at 278-5500

during normal working hours or Campus Security at 278-5555 after hours.

INFORMATION ON BATS FROM SMITH JACKSON'S E-MAIL TO STUDENTS AND FACULTY

Between 2 and 6 percent of bats carry rabies, which can be transmitted to humans through bites.

Bats are non-aggressive creatures that will only bite in self-defense.

If bitten by a bat, you will need to be examined by a physician.

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Imagining diversity, endowment

Elon's new strategic plan, titled Imagine Elon, sets out to remake the campus in a more vibrant, multi-hued image. The outline currently floating around the campus and undergoing discussion at various meetings and forums provides a vision of the campus in 2020 that, although ultimately similar, does contain several key differences.

It needs to be emphasized, though, that everything covered here is merely conjecture and not yet official policy.

Included in the proposal are changes to Elon's demographics, the way in which it hopes to continue growing financially, a newfound focus on on-campus housing, efforts to expand Elon's community both post-graduation and abroad and an expansion of the current facilities.

The future cost of an Elon education is unmistakably what seizes the attention of current attendees first. With a \$1,413 increase in tuition this year, which was the smallest increase as a percentage of the previous tuition since 2001-2002, there's no doubt that prices will continue to rise.

But the strategic plan acknowledges that Elon's price is also one of its strongest competitive advantages, as it's still significantly lower than the competition.

"In the past we did (increase revenues) on the back of tuition and growth," said Gerry Francis, co-chair of the new strategic plan and executive vice president. Looking ahead, Elon seeks to draw most of its revenue growth not from proportionately larger tuition increases or an expanded student body, but instead from a greater emphasis on its endowment and a continued utilization of the bond market.

"It's the worst time ever to fundraise. This is going to be a real challenge," Francis admitted, but that's where Elon's new focus on creating a so-called "culture of giving" within the university and its alumni comes in with the heavily-promoted Ever Elon campaign.

As for future students, Elon is looking to make them a much more diverse, multicultural batch.

"We've done a great job getting you abroad, now we have to bring more students here," Francis said, highlighting the irony of a sizably homogeneous student body experiencing different cultures for a semester or two, and then returning to Elon and its status quo.

As part of an initiative to ready the student body "for a 21st

century global society," Elon is seeking to push for a greater focus on non-Western study abroad programs, the construction of a multifaith center, religion-focused learning communities and a greater number of both international students and faculty.

With those initiatives in mind, the proposal includes simultaneously expanding and redirecting its financial aid to assist in those aims.

"Instead of, 'Here's a grant, enjoy college,' we want to give you a grant that helps you focus on something important to you," Francis said of the proposed changes to merit-based financial assistance.

Also included are a doubling of need-based financial aid over 10 years, thanks to funds from the Ever Elon campaign, and universal, fully funded athletic scholarships which, most importantly, will be drawn from independent fundraising efforts, as opposed to being drawn from other budgetary needs.

As for construction, along with the previously mentioned multifaith center, a new admissions center, expansions for the science and communications schools, expanded student housing, a convocation center, a field house at Rhodes Stadium and a new area in the town of Elon itself that would be full of various businesses and provide a common ground for the campus and community to interact are all being considered.

Upward of 66 to 70 percent of the student body could live on campus in 10 years, providing upperclassmen the opportunity to have guaranteed housing. It's a necessary measure given current housing woes, though it does go against Elon's long-advertised upperclassmen can live off campus policy.

The initiatives are many, and the plan, even this early in the game, is a solid six pages of bulleted points. It's a heavy burden to carry over the course of 10 years, one that will need to be trimmed before the Board of Trustees meets on it in October.

But it does reflect a positive acceptance in the administration of the need for a greater degree of diversity on campus, and the escalation of the athletic program's importance in the proposal doesn't seem to come at the expense of academics.

Provided that the Imagine Elon plan doesn't go through the next month of deliberation with its head in the clouds, it could easily become the groundwork for a continued elevation of the university's success.

Letter to the Editor: The real price of livestock

To the Editor,

Here in the Elon bubble, when you think of a farm, you might picture verdant pastures with contentedly grazing cows and snuffling pigs and a hardworking farmer in overalls and a straw hat. But this is an image of the past.

On the modern factory farm, animals are confined to stalls where they cannot turn around. They are sustained on a cheaper diet of corn and slaughterhouse scraps, and periodically pumped full of antibiotics that allow their stomachs to process this foreign diet. The resulting beef is less nutritious for the consumer, uses a startling amount of energy and emits an indefensible amount of pollution.

If you were to look at your one daily habit which most harms the planet, it might just be your meat consumption.

According to the 2006 United Nations report, "Livestock's Long Shadow," livestock production accounts for 18 percent of global greenhouse gas emissions, which is more than all the world's cars and SUVs combined.

In addition, the livestock sector emits 37 percent of the globe's methane, a greenhouse gas that is considered to be far worse than CO₂. More than 7.4 million acres of trees are cut for pastures and feed crop land each year in order to support these factory farms, thereby further decreasing the earth's ability to stabilize

this pollution.

Animals raised for food produce 130 times as much excrement as the entire U.S. population. In the past, on smaller farms, farmers would use this manure as fertilizer for their crops, but livestock are now often sequestered on feedlots.

This feedlot waste, which is often toxic due to the animals' unnatural diet, is funneled into huge drainage ponds called "lagoons." The toxic waste then seeps into the earth, and sometimes streams and rivers, adding an excess of fertilizer and destroying ecosystems.

Everyone has heard of the Exxon Valdez oil spill of 12 million gallons, but the relatively unknown 1995 New River hog waste spill in North Carolina poured 25 million gallons of animal excrement and urine into the water. This spillover killed an estimated 10 to 14 million fish and resulted in the closing of 364,000 acres of coastal shell fishing beds in the New River.

If you want to help the environment, consider a meat-free diet and become aware of where your meat is coming from.

It is the system of factory farms and feedlots that have made meat so environmentally destructive. Buying meat locally from small-scale farmers who allow their livestock free range is far less detrimental to the earth, is healthier and strengthens the local economy.

There's a lot of talk on campus

about going green and becoming environmentally sustainable, but you cannot eat meat like a typical American and claim to be doing all you can for the environment.

The meat industry degrades the earth, contributes to human health problems and keeps animals in cruel conditions. If you care about the earth, turning off a light switch is not enough.

Find out where your meat comes from and make a responsible environmental choice about what and how much you eat. The result of reduced and educated meat consumption will be healthier humans, healthier animals and a healthier earth.

Rebecca Berube
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Opinions

Don't be at his Beck and call Illness, not enlightenment on the airwaves



Dan Rickershauser
Columnist

In mid-August, Glenn Beck was in hot water. After remarking that Barack Obama had "a deep-seated hatred for white people," a claim so outlandish that even Beck refuted it only seconds later, 36 of his program's sponsors gradually dropped their advertisements. "We have seen rhetoric that is destructive and divisive before, but taking a platform that is supposed to be for news and analysis and using it to stoke racial animosity just crossed the line," said James Rucker, executive director of Color for Change, the black advocacy group leading the charge against Beck.

The mass exodus of sponsors from Beck's program proves that, when pushed, sponsors are very reluctant to align themselves with such a program.

Even with a viewership often approaching 3 million every night, sponsors are choosing to distance themselves from the commentator.

While Beck's outlandish accusation that Obama has "a deep-seated hatred for white people" was indeed vitriolic, offensive and a completely unfounded lie, it's nothing out of the ordinary for Beck. Instead, it has become the standard.

We are living in a time period where people have every right to be angry. We are in the midst of the worst economic recession most of us will live through.

There are real people, institutions and ideologies to blame for where we find ourselves today. While Beck often asks his audience to "ask questions," those responsible aren't the people Beck wants questioned.

Instead, he takes the frustrations of people who have every right to be frustrated and misleads them into believing things that are little more than conspiracy theories.

Who does Beck think we should be questioning?

Community organizing groups like ACORN? Or the Apollo Alliance, a coalition of labor unions, environmentalists and business leaders push for reform to combat global warming whom Beck has equated to "radical wolves that are about to devour our public?"

While there may be political reasons to disagree with the work of groups like ACORN and the Apollo Alliance, should they really be our top concerns? Does he have the basis to call them "radical wolves?"

For those who find Beck's claims too outlandish to believe, Beck pulls out one of his signature moves: ratcheting up the fear.

Just try and count the number of times Beck calls someone a fascist, socialist, radical, extremist or communist on his program. Question any commentator who has to do that much name-calling to drive his point home.

At best, Beck's program liberally stretches the truth. At worst, he is outright lying. No station has the right to call itself a "news station" by promoting either of these behaviors.

One of Beck's favorite populist claims is that the media "has been silent" on many of the things he addresses on his program. That is because traditional media are bound to the truth. They have to prove things. Commentators don't.

When Anderson Cooper came to campus last year, he said it was not the responsibility of news stations to feed viewers broccoli, but to give them what they want.

While Cooper is one of those responsible for the slough of misinformation that's out there, this quote does reflect what seems to be the philosophy of many cable news stations: "Give the people what they want."

But have we really come to the point where we would rather believe half-truths that fit into a political agenda than the truth?

Commentators like Beck aren't feeding us broccoli — they are feeding us poison. It's a poison that seriously handicaps the open and honest political discourse of this country at times when we need it most.

Drawing the line in the sand about U.S. healthcare



Kevin Clang
Columnist

This month, Congress will go back to work hammering out legislation after their August recess. Among these Congressmen will be the famed "Gang of Six," three Republican and three Democratic Senators from the Finance Committee who, for most of the summer, spent their time writing a bipartisan healthcare bill. The group, like most things in Washington, was formed with the best of intentions.

Unfortunately, things didn't go exactly as planned. Two of the three Republican Senators have been unwilling to work with Democrats and seem intent on stopping the bill before it reaches the floor. Somewhere in the talks, bipartisanship got lost.

Let's get one thing straight — President Barack Obama doesn't need bipartisanship to pass his healthcare plan. With a comfortable majority in both the House and Senate, the Obama administration could have Congress draft a bill and then use some executive muscle to get it passed. It wouldn't be pretty, but the plan would be enacted.

President George W. Bush used this method to pass bills such as the Patriot Act when Republicans held a slim majority in the House and were essentially deadlocked in the Senate. But Obama is not going to do this. He is, at his heart, a legislator first. A compromiser. He realizes that healthcare is a major issue in this country, and he seems committed to fixing it in a way that will please everybody.

The problem is that not everybody is willing to cooperate. He can't please Rep. Michelle Bachmann, who said at a rally that Americans have to slit their wrists and make a covenant to make sure the bill doesn't pass.

He can't please former governor Sarah Palin, who fabricated the notion of death panels. He can't please former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich, who has called Obama a McCarthyist who wants to "put terrorists on welfare."

By trying to appease the far right, Democrats, particularly the president, are appearing weak. The agenda of hope and change that Obama advocated during his campaign is being abandoned for a watered down version, or, politics as usual.

This is how discussions about dropping the public option from health reform began. The public option, a government healthcare plan that would compete with private companies, is a good idea. It would help to keep insurance companies honest and stand as a cheaper option for those who cannot currently afford health coverage.

Los Angeles has had a similar system for more than a decade with its L.A. Care Health Plan, which has over 800,000 enrollees. The mostly successful Medicare is another good example of this. A public option is not only possible, it's necessary to healthcare reform. The thought of a healthcare bill without a public option written in is staggering. Mandating citizens to purchase healthcare that is unaffordable would solve nothing.

Americans deserve healthcare reform. More than 70 million people in this country are either uninsured or underinsured. Insurance companies routinely drop clients just when they need coverage the most. The World Health Organization ranks America's healthcare system at No. 37 in the world, behind countries such as Malta, Dominica and Oman. In a country as prosperous, principled and celebrated as the United States, the status quo is unacceptable.

Obama should stop letting Congress push him around. When the stimulus debate was raging, Republicans in Congress worried that the price tag was just too steep. Obama listened and compromised, lowering the cost of the bill by hundreds of billions of dollars. Turns out we didn't spend enough, and now American unemployment is the highest it's been in decades. He is now falling into the same trap.

Republicans have already made their decision: They want the president to fail. Obama needs to remind everyone that he is commander in chief and use his Democratic majority to his advantage now before he loses it next November.

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Danger among the clouds



Neel Arora
Columnist

In the past year or so, the world has seen a significant number of disasters and potential catastrophes involving airplanes, with a death toll that has left many wondering if air travel is still the safest form of transportation.

It still is by a great degree.

But gauging the safety of air travel by comparing it to highways and waterways does not accurately depict the dilapidated state of international air safety.

The most recent tragedies — the Air France flight, which vanished over the Atlantic on June 1, along with the Caspian Airlines flight and the Yemeni Airways flight that landed in the sea on July 15 and June 30 respectively — have taken the lives of 548 passengers.

And these are just the latest highlights in a string of incidents that have only recently taken place. The International Air Transport Association should be concerned but has not been vocal. Each incident that has taken place has either received minimal coverage or has been treated in isolation.

It was only early this year when US Airways flight 1549 landed in the Hudson River with all its passengers and crew leaving the scene unscathed — a close call, but one that seems to have faded into a distant memory.

It's hard to keep up, and there's a longer list of disasters that have taken place over the past 18 months, which many people may not remember or have even heard of.

Honestly, it does not come as a surprise. The airlines have been riding their luck for far too long. They can say this cluster of incidents is coincidental,

or they can say nothing, just like IATA has, and hope no one will realize anything, but they are all responsible and need to end this denial before things become worse.

Ever since this spree of disasters began and shattered the illusion of safety that blanketed the dangers of air travel for so many, the statistics have seen a staggering escalation of non-security incidents.

It is the compromises and cost cuts that have torn into the cushion of safety that is now only meeting standards that are questionable at best.

Not too long ago I was sitting in an airport waiting for a flight that was on schedule. But with all the recent downsizing, there was no flight crew available because they were held up on another flight. And you would expect they were probably exhausted because of the delay.

Then there is the issue of personal safety on board the flight, which seems to have reached farcical proportions. What good is a seatbelt at 30,000 feet in the air? It's for the illusion, to make people feel safe, not to protect them. The tiny, cramped space that is offered to you on board is more than enough to keep you wedged in your seat.

The seatbelt is not going to keep you from hitting your face against the seat in front of you, which is barely two feet away.

The case of flotation devices instead of lifejackets is another traumatizing issue. How on earth are you supposed to hold on to the flotation cushion after being knocked unconscious from hitting your face against the seat in front of you when your plane is downed?

With all these plane crashes, perhaps it is time for safety regulations to be updated. Not to suggest that airlines need passengers strapped onto parachutes before they enter the plane, but the airlines and IATA certainly need to take a long hard look at where the industry is heading, given their recent failures.

Style

NO SIESTA all FIESTA!

ALEX TRICE | Photographer

Fiesta en el Patio de Octagon had members of the Elon community eating authentic Spanish food and dancing the salsa last week.

El Centro hosted the Octagon Fiesta from 5 to 7 p.m. Sept. 4, on the patio outside Moseley Center's Octagon Cafe. Elon's ballroom dancing club, Club Dance, was invited to the event to spread awareness of the club and to teach people the salsa.

The fiesta offered students an assortment of free Spanish food and drinks, as the Club Dance members taught basic salsa steps and the underarm turn.



Senior Molly McGowan, publicity manager of Club Dance, helped teach fiesta attendees the basic salsa movements.



Students lined up and prepared to show off their moves at the Octagon Fiesta Friday, Sept. 4.



Students listened and learned as they received instructions from Club Dance team leaders.



ABOVE: Some students and faculty members sat on the sidelines and watched the entertainment while enjoying the food at the Octagon Fiesta. LEFT: Sophomore Meagan Chieppor, event coordinator of Club Dance, and Club Dance member Sophomore Ned Dibner spin around to the salsa.



Nationwide artist volunteers display their work at Elon

Amanda Kennison
A&E Editor

New buildings and an in-progress tunnel aren't the only developments around Elon's campus this year. As part of the Tri-State Sculpture Exhibition, Elon will house more than 100 pieces across the university.

Annually, the organization sponsors exhibitions at colleges and universities across the country. Elon art faculty members Michael Fels and Mike Sanford belong to the organization and volunteered Elon as this year's hosting institution.

"We volunteered to host the event this year, knowing that it would enhance our exhibition program and provide students with a very good overview of what is happening in contemporary sculpture," Sanford said.

While most of the pieces are located in the Arts West Gallery and in the Center for the Arts building, outside sculptures can be found on the sculpture walk along Haggard Avenue, in the Academic Pavilion and around the Arts West building.

The sculptures themselves vary greatly in design and style. Between all the pieces in the exhibition, artists used virtually every medium available.

"Sculptures in the exhibit range from realistic to conceptual, in scales from architectural to miniature," Sanford said. "Media include metal, wood, stone, plastic, fabric, concrete, clay, fibers and found objects, to name a few."

With such a wide range of meaning and techniques, Fels said Elon students can benefit from the presence of the exhibition on campus.

"Inherent in all art, there is a common visual and conceptual language that can be learned from," Fels said.

The exhibition also propels the university's mission to support liberal arts and a broader global appreciation of art.

"Art is a visual representation of the university's belief in a liberal arts institution," Fels said. "Art offers a global perspective from many different perspectives, on many different issues. The art also represents the cultural pulse on campus."

Students and community members are encouraged to visit the sculpture locations and examine the pieces.

The exhibition will run until Oct. 3, and a closing reception will be held at 6 p.m. that day in the Isabella Cannon Room. Artists will be available to speak with the public.



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Elon is hosting this year's annual tri-state sculpture exhibition. More than 100 pieces are displayed across campus.



THE ANONYMOUS BAND: Elon's favorite local band not so anonymous anymore

Wilson Owens
Reporter

The Anonymous Band (formerly Anonymous) kicked off the semester at Lighthouse Tavern on Friday. Originally formed as a cover band in Elon, The Anonymous Band has entertained students for the past five years, but isn't stopping there.

Playing with bands such as Sister Hazel and Perpetual Groove, The Anonymous Band is seeing success few bands ever taste. With a live show of foot-stomping original jams intertwined with wonderfully chosen covers, The Anonymous Band forces crowds to take part in the band's musical parties. Audiences can expect to hear the sounds of everything from The Grateful Dead to The Talking Heads, in addition to a slew of new and exciting tunes.

The release of their first EP, The Handout, and a recent rotation of band members, has propelled the band's popularity to a new level.

Scheduling shows from Washington, D.C., to its roots in the Elon and Greensboro area, The Anonymous Band's transformation from an outstanding cover band to a unique high-energy band has taken place.

The Anonymous Band offers something for everyone, regardless of musical taste. The band's visits to its origin provide Elon students an opportunity to see the group as it continues to gain popularity.

The band is scheduled to play Sept. 10 and 24 at The Fat Frog. Tickets are \$3 for 21 and up and \$5 for under.



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The Anonymous Band performed at Lighthouse Tavern on Friday night. As of now, the band is scheduled to play multiple times throughout the semester at The Fat Frog. The band will also play at the Lighthouse Halloween Party.

PERFORMANCE REVIEW



The Black Jew Dialogues

Comedy performance stimulates intense discussion through humor

Dawn Joyce
Reporter

Actors Ron Jones and Larry Tish's ancestors had a lot in common. Both suffered persecution from Europeans. Both participated in the Underground Railroad. Both considered religion an important aspect of life. One thing both ancestries did not share was race.

While Tish's skin reveals his heritage, Jones' can only be determined by his religious practice. Their similarities are what compelled the two actors to write a play about the absurdity of racism and prejudice surrounding the black-Jew experience.

The performance combines improvisation, multi-media and sketch comedy to discuss the growing rift between Jews and blacks since the early 1970s, and the result is humorous.

Jones and Tish take the audience through a myriad of situations. A Jewish boy explains his Bar Mitzvah to his black friend. Two grandmas, one Jewish and one black, argue over their skills in the kitchen. A pair of rednecks gives a voice to the rebel flag, yelling racial slurs and homosexual insults out of a pickup truck. Through these characters, Jones and Tish say what everyone is thinking but normally don't have the audacity to say.

Elon's Office of Student Activities and the Student Union Board presented the "Black Jew Dialogues." The show featured video footage including on-the-street interviews exposing New Yorkers and their misguided opinions of blacks and Jews, among other topics.

The actors also played a game of "Jew? Or Not Jew?" with the audience. Tish used his "Jewdar" — an innate ability to detect "Jewness" in another person — to spot Jewish students in the audience. The entire show served as a great learning experience.

Following the performance, the actors sat down to give the audience an opportunity to share their ideas and opinions about the show. Elon students responded with some thought-provoking comments on the stereotypes Jones and Tish portrayed. A combination of agreements and disagreements were made. Still, the result was a constructive exchange of ideas about blacks and Jews in America.



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Ron Jones, left, and Larry Tish discuss the obstacle a fro poses for a Yarmulke.

The actors developed this play to stimulate dialogue through humor. Their courage has sparked an examination of racism and prejudice across the United States.

"The United States is the world's last chance to show people can get along regardless of ethnic, sexual and religious differences," Jones said.

Performing at numerous universities, religious organizations, theaters and festivals across the nation, the actors are sharing their point of view with the country. Their exploration of the differences, similarities and the humor within each group has sparked nationwide discussion — discussion that might cause people to think twice about prejudices and stereotypes.

Disturbingly, according to the show's actors, college campuses are home to the fastest increase of hate crimes.

"Freedom is not something one minority can gain on their own — handicapped, poor, Muslims, Latinos or homosexuals," Tish said.

The arrival of "Black Jew Dialogues" on many college campuses presents an eye-opening experience for many students, and the reaction was no different on Elon's campus.

Step Afrika!
demands,
receives big
attention

Lauren Ramsdell
Reporter

Step Afrika!, touted as the "world's first professional step team" visited Elon's campus as part of its 15th anniversary tour Sept. 2. The approximately hour and a half show filled McCrary theater with pulsating rhythms and infectious handclaps — hallmarks of the style of dance known as "stepping."

Stepping involves carefully coordinated arm, leg and body movements coupled with timed stomps, claps or slaps that turn the entire performing company into one percussion section.

The group says its mission is "to promote an understanding of and appreciation for stepping," something many students at Elon have never seen before. In addition to being a touring company, Step Afrika! is also a cultural ambassador for the United States. They travel the world sharing the uniquely African tradition of step dance and learning more about other cultures in the process.

Step Afrika! began its performance with the South African gumboot dance, a form of expression and communication that evolved out of the harsh working conditions in the Johannesburg mines. The group's founder, C. Brian Williams, discovered the gumboot dance while on a cultural exchange in South Africa and immediately drew a connection between American stepping and African dance.

The dance was interjected with humorous and lively banter between the performers, acting out the parts of an overseer and mine workers, before culminating in a thundering dance that left the audience cheering.

After examining Step Afrika's roots, the company delved into the roots of stepping. Developed on college campuses in the early 1900s, stepping came from black cultural group socials. Eventually, stepping divided into two styles: "sorority" and "fraternity."

The performers demonstrated the difference in styles through a step contest. Sorority style features more stylized chants and challenges, while fraternity style is bent on intimidating the opposition. The audience's cheers indicated which team won.

Audience involvement remained high throughout the night. The team even invited audience members onstage and taught them a simple step routine. The rookie steppers then took their places as Step Afrika! brought the focus back to traditional dance with a Zulu celebratory drum circle.

Beginning and ending with pounding drum beats, the celebration featured acrobatic leaps and feats of flexibility as a young woman and young man appeared to court.

The evening wound down with a superb tap dance performance culminating in the entire group's final step routine, impressively showing off each performer's individual style and talent. The packed theater left marveling at the performance, particularly those who had never seen or heard of step before.

MOVIE REVIEW



'Gamer' loses at box office

Adam Constantine
Film Critic

"Gamer" clings to a concept that is not new to the minds of anyone who plays video games: virtual reality.

But this movie takes the concept to a whole new level as gamers have complete control over an actual death row inmate in a full scale first person shooter war game called "Slayers." The United States prison system has filed for bankruptcy and Ken Castle (Michael C. Hall) will personally fund the prison system with the installation of the game.

In "Slayers," if an inmate and his gamer can survive 30 consecutive battles, then the inmate gets set free.

Unfortunately, most gamers don't even last five matches, let alone get remotely close to thirty. Kable (Gerard Butler) and his gamer Simon (Logan Lerman) start the film with 27 victories with just three more to go. The world is churned into a frenzy at their possible victory, and Slayers Pay-Per-View sales break records worldwide.

Since "Gamer" is Butler's first hardcore action movie since "300," there were reasonably high expectations for the film. Previews for the film showed what appeared to be a straight-through beginning-to-end action thriller. But while the film follows Kable on the road to freedom, there is another side of the movie that follows Kable's wife, who is an actor in a game called "Society."

This real-life version of what we



PHOTOS COURTESY OF IMDB.COM
Gerard Butler plays Kable, a prison inmate waiting for parole. He is tossed into the gaming world, forced to fight for his freedom.

know as "The Sims" allows people to control human beings anyway they see fit. This of course opens the door to a lot of unnecessarily seedy scenes that are rather awkward to watch.

The way the battle scenes are filmed and edited do give an interesting feeling that you are watching a video game, and the screenwriters also added some of the gaming culture in the movie which was entertaining to see.

The plot of the movie was average at best. From the beginning you know Kable is trying to get out alive and save his wife, so there is no real suspense in the movie. There is a group of hackers called Humanz that attempt to add an element of mystery, but it is squashed quickly with no real grip in the main portion of the film.

The acting was decent, with good performances coming from Hall and Butler. Ludacris was not terrible, but expect no Oscars from



Butler and Hall face off as an inmate and "Slayers" creator. Hall is ready to do whatever it takes to prevent Butler from winning the game.

his performance.

Overall the movie is a very forgettable action movie that has more memories of awkwardness than the actual plot itself, but it did bring up some interesting points gamers would be interesting in pondering. How real will these video games get before there is a definite issue of morality involved?

Either way, "Gamer" is nothing to die for.

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MOVIE REVIEW



Judge fails to 'Extract' laughs this time around

Jeff Weaver
Reviewer

Mike Judge has been a consistently funny purveyor of comedy. From his early efforts with animated television shows ("Beavis and Butt-Head" and "King of the Hill") to his live-action films ("Idiocracy" and "Office Space"), Judge creates satires that are as poignant as they are funny.

Now returning to the big screen after "Idiocracy's" 2006 straight-to-DVD release, he turns his focus to the world of small, privately-owned factories and the challenges that accompany that life with his new film, "Extract."

Unfortunately, the film does not accomplish what it sets out to do. "Extract" is neither funny nor a clever glimpse into life.

The story revolves around Reynold's Extract Factory owner Joel, played by Jason Bateman ("Juno," "Arrested Development"). Living with his wife Suzie, played by Kirsten Wiig ("Knocked Up," "Saturday Night Live"), it is a rocky day-to-day struggle to get home before she gets her sweatpants on at 8 p.m. and kills any chance of Joel breaking his sexual frustration.

Joel also has to deal with a severe accident where one of his employees loses part of his "manhood" because of a flying gasket.

While all of this is occurring, a woman desperate to make a buck any way she can, played by Mila Kunis ("Forgetting Sarah Marshall," "That 70's Show"), tries to benefit monetarily off the accident at the factory. She finds a way to cozy up to Joel and attempts to seduce the man who was the victim of the accident.

None of these interconnected storylines seem to be developed. They all unfold haphazardly and some are never truly resolved in any satisfactory manner. It's a wonder that people would care about any of these characters.

It was also difficult to believe that some of the events would ever occur based on the characters Judge created — especially the storyline about a gigolo and Joel's wife.

Not only did the movie boast a very flat and uninteresting story, but it was also not funny. This is very surprising coming from a film made by Judge, but this movie is undeniably a failure of a comedy.

In the 100-minute running time, the laughs



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In "Extract," the new movie from "Office Space" director Mike Judge, Joel (Jason Bateman) is a factory owner dealing with a freak accident at work and an uptight wife (Kirsten Wiig) at home. But not even the comic chops of Bateman and Wiig save the film from falling flat.

generated could be counted on two hands.

After leaving this film, it is uncertain what was more frustrating: having to sit through the un-funny film or that there was so much wasted talent. With a cast of Bateman, Affleck, Wiig and David Koechner, it is bewildering how this could have gone so wrong.

But the cast was not to blame for this failure. The script was juvenile — and not in a good way like "Idiocracy" or "Beavis and Butt-Head."

The film's only small glimpse of comedy was thanks to the annoying neighbor Nathan, played by Koechner. His portrayal of the insatiable, nosy and unknowingly irritating neighbor is quite funny. His character provided the one laugh-out-loud moment that occurred during the film.

But the way Bateman's character feels about this neighbor only mirrors the feeling brought on by this movie as a whole.

At one point in the film, Koechner's character even tells a story of how he was at a sales conference and the guy that was talking just "kept going on and on and on."

If you are looking for a movie as funny as "Office Space" or "Idiocracy," this movie will not quench your thirst for comedy, but rather make you more dehydrated.

A&E IN BRIEF

Trivia Night: Sept. 9

Every Wednesday night from 9 - 11 p.m. Lighthouse Tavern will host a trivia game. Form teams of six players and compete for a prize.

Kenny Floyd, singer: Sept. 9

"The Kenny Floyd Show" will come to Lighthouse, with doors opening at 9 p.m. Floyd's music combines southern rock, blues, soul, funk, hip hop, reggae and classical genres.

Karaoke at Lighthouse: Sept. 10

Lighthouse continues its Thursday night tradition of karaoke this semester. Doors open at 9 p.m. and the songs start soon after.

Midnight Meals: Sept. 10

Midnight Meals gears up this semester at 11 p.m. Thursday in McKinnon Hall.

In addition to free food, SUB has brought in musician Jared Campbell for the night's entertainment.

Movie Run: Sept. 11

SUB will host its first movie run of the year Friday. Between 6 and 7 p.m. students may come to the Moseley front desk and purchase \$4 movie tickets, redeemable at Carousel Theater at Alamance Crossing.

There is a limit of two tickets per person and they go fast.

Sweet Signatures Auditions: Sept. 11-12

Sweet Signatures, Elon's all-female a cappella group, will hold auditions at 7 p.m. on Sept. 11 and 3 p.m. Sept. 12 in the Center for the Arts room 165.

Be prepared to sing a verse and chorus from a song that showcases talent.

Rip_Chord Auditions: Sept. 12-13

Men interested in auditioning for Rip_Chord, Elon's all-male a cappella group, can sign up for information at Friday's org fair or through e-mail at ripchord@elon.edu.

Auditions are 1-3 p.m. Sept. 12 in room 165 in the Center for the Arts. Men should be available for call-backs Sept. 13.

TV REVIEW



New FOX show makes television 'Glee'ful once again

Amanda Kennison
A&E Editor

Nowadays, television is full of sex, vampires, murder mysteries, raunchy comedy or all of the above. It's rare to find a program that fails to profit from the dark side of reality or exploit the current popular trends. But FOX's new comedy, "Glee," created by Ryan Murphy ("Nip/Tuck," "Popular"), embraces the task in all of its rareness.

Focused on McKinley High School's glee club, an hour is all it takes to make viewers gleeful. "Glee" offers a refreshing twist to the high school drama. Unlike its contemporaries "Gossip Girl" and "90210" or predecessors "One Tree Hill" and "Veronica Mars," "Glee" chooses to highlight the absurdities and insecurities of teenagers through equally ridiculous comedy.

The quest for star power and a comfortable niche in high school may be exaggerated in the new series, but no more so than the drug-induced sexual liaisons so many other shows attempt to paint as realistic.

A large part of "Glee's" immense charm stems from the eccentric web of storylines. In the pilot alone, viewers are exposed to the new glee club adviser, Will Schuester (Matthew Morrison), falsely accusing a student of drug possession in order to force him into the club, the mystery of Rachel's (Lea Michele) real father (because her two dads mixed their sperm together) and the nutritionist's (Jayma Mays) extreme

clean-freak tendencies.

Unlike other shows that are basically carried by one or two main characters or whose supporting cast fails to provide any actual support, the casting directors of "Glee" certainly kept in mind what makes an ensemble cast great.

Virtually every individual that comes across the screen, from the bitter, drug-toting former glee instructor to Will's craft-obsessed, neurotic wife Terri (Jessalyn Gilsig), is able to hold his or her own. Whether Finn (Cory Monteith) is trying to make out with his ultra-religious girlfriend or coach Sue (Jane Lynch) is comparing the plight of cheerleading to that of having hepatitis, the well-executed performances will lead to a laugh.

Another major aspect of "Glee" is the music. After all, it is a musical comedy.

Typically, such a categorization can create a reluctance to tune into the program. Especially after the disturbing tween craze over Disney's "High School Musical" franchise, approaching any sort of musical program should be done with hesitance. Thankfully, though, "Glee" is free of the sickening, candy-coated mindlessness that Zac Efron and company produced.

Sure, "Glee" boasts high schoolers belting out tunes, the occasional dance and the classic feud between popular and unpopular groups. But the "Glee" crew performs with real passion. Plus, there are several intriguing side stories: Emma's



PHOTO COURTESY OF IMDB.COM
"Glee," the new Fox comedy from "Nip/Tuck" creator Ryan Murphy, focuses on Spanish teacher Will Schuester's attempts to turn the high school glee club from misfits to stars.

infatuation with Will, Will's growing family and Finn's involvement in both glee and football, among others, add substance to the program. At least for now, there is no sign of random people breaking out into song and dance without any legitimate purpose.

Being only an episode into the series, it's difficult to provide an accurate assessment. The only real letdown is the fact that Monteith's voice isn't up to the level of the leading man he is made out to be.

Amber Riley's powerhouse voice, as well as Morrison and Michele's Broadway-caliber vocals, definitely overshadow Monteith's

comparatively mediocre skills. Also with the sheer amount of quirkiness and oddball characters fighting for screen time, it will be interesting to see if the show will be able to adequately incorporate all the craziness — or if it will simply run amuck.

Right now though, hopes run high for the new show. Taking a cue from its own pull-for-the-underdog mentality, "Glee" could very well come out as the little-show-that-could of the season. If nothing else, it has already made television all that happier a place. Tune into FOX at 9 p.m. every Wednesday to catch new episodes of the should-be hit.

Youth use nature to reach creator

Students come together for summer as rafting guides

Carolyn VanBrocklin
Reporter

Towering 14,000-foot mountains with green forests and red rock canyon walls surround rafters on the Brown's Canyon portion of the Arkansas River. This sight greeted seven Elon students every day as they guided customers down the river and up the mountains for Noah's Ark Whitewater Rafting, located in Buena Vista, Colo.

Recent graduate Will Berry was the first of the students to work at the rafting company four years ago. Over time, other Elon students have come to work there through their various social connections.

Elon alumni Scott Jones and Sean O'Conner were bible study leaders, senior Elizabeth Walt participated in a co-ed group as part of InterVarsity and senior John McGreevy led a small group that sophomore Stuart Jones was part of.

Each year Noah's Ark hires 20 new guides, and all together there are about 60 guides. New guides are trained once they reach the destination.

"I love outdoor stuff like backpacking, and I love rafting, but I didn't think I could be a guide," Walt said.

On the first day, everyone piles into rafts and attempts to guide. Training takes a month on average, with trainees going down the river two or three times a day. When individual guides are ready, the first trip guiding customers is taken with an instructor.

The guides go to work at 7:30 a.m., eat breakfast and attend a staff meeting where they "discuss the river because it changes every day," Walt said.



Seven Elon students worked together at Noah's Ark Whitewater Rafting in Buena Vista, Colo. this summer. The students, pictured above, pose in their rafting gear by the Arkansas River. PHOTO SUBMITTED

Because it's a Christian organization, the guides also have a morning prayer or Bible study session. Then they prepare the rafts for the customers.

On a typical day, river guides take groups of customers down the river either on two 10-mile, half-day trips or once on a full-day trip. Brown's Canyon is a class three rapid. Rivers are classified on a scale of one through five.

Each time they go down the river, the guides give safety talks and then get everyone ready to raft. There are two different kinds of rafts. In a

combo raft, the guide does most of the navigating and rowing, mostly used for families and younger people, Jones said. In a paddle raft, the customers paddle and are responsible for the raft's movement, but the guide tells them where to go.

During the trips, the guides talk to their customers and take them through the rapids.

"Your goal is to create a relationship with customers," Jones said. At first, the guides are focused on navigating down the river, "but after a couple of weeks, it clicks."

In addition to rafting, the guides also go on backpacking trips in the mountains, sometimes 14,000 feet up. They take 10 to 15 people into the woods and try "to do so in a way that pushes people to a certain limit, but not a limit that's unsafe," McGreevy said.

The guides also try to instill in the customers a "love for creation and the Creator at the same time."

Sometimes unexpected things happen while navigating the river and mountains. McGreevy described the "backpacking trip from hell" that took three days to get to the point they should have reached on the first day, and to top it all off, the cooking stove exploded.

Outside of rafting and guiding, the guides form strong relationships. They all live together in staff housing, and they "play together and work together, which creates a really good atmosphere," McGreevy said.

"It's great because the company has dinner every night, because we're so tired we'd probably just eat cereal," Walt said.

The intensive training and the Christian spirit of the group are a way for all the participants to form stronger friendships.

Being a guide is a two-year commitment, but the community aspect also draws people back.

"We all love rafting, but that's probably not why we keep coming back," Walt said. "The community out there and the friends we have are what keep us going back."

'Broken in two'

A
love song
FOR

TAYLOR SWIFT

Football player turns YouTube star with original song, help from how-to book

Rachel Cieri
Features Editor

For junior Elon football punter Andy Leffler, it all started with a crazy idea and some sidewalk chalk.

It was summer 2008, and the Columbus, Ohio native and his best friend were taking a road trip to Nashville, Tenn. By that point, Leffler had been following country singer Taylor Swift for a few years already, but it wasn't until that trip that he became, quite possibly, her biggest fan.

"He said, 'You should write a letter to Taylor,'" Leffler said of his friend. "Then he showed me that he found her address in Nashville and dared me to write a letter to her in sidewalk chalk in front of her house."

Never one to turn down a spontaneous challenge, Leffler agreed, even with concerns about seeming too forward. As he finished the letter, stick of chalk in hand, a black Hummer pulled up and a man climbed out before walking over to ask Leffler about the letter.

"He asked me, 'Is that a letter to Taylor?' and I said 'Yes.' Then he said, 'Well, I'm Taylor's father,'" Leffler said. "We ended up talking about Nashville for about 10 or 15 minutes."

Later during their trip, Leffler and his friend were approached by a woman giving away tickets to the CMA awards that would allow them to meet Swift.

To Leffler's surprise, Swift remembered the letter he'd written to her, and her mother even commented that she thought it was sweet.

"She just seemed like such a genuine girl with

Junior punter Andy Leffler posted his song about meeting Taylor Swift on YouTube last September, and it has since received more than 6,500 views. PHOTO COURTESY OF YOUTUBE.COM

values and morals," Leffler said.

It was only natural for him to write a song about the experience.

Now with more than 6,500 hits on YouTube, his song, "Taylor Swift (Broken in Two)" has gotten Leffler more attention than he'd ever anticipated.

Shortly after he posted the video last September, Leffler was contacted by Winston-Salem radio station 107.5 WKZL, which played the song and interviewed him. Not much time went by before a radio station in Maryland contacted him as well.

"They actually made fun of me on the radio," Leffler said. "For the record, I'm tone-deaf. I want people to pay more attention to the lyrics than the singing."

Leffler said he gets teased by some of his Elon football teammates because of the video as well.

"They like to call me 'Taylor' or 'Taylor Swift' because of the video," Leffler said. "They played it for the coaches, too."

Leffler started writing poetry long before he began songwriting, using it as an outlet for stress in high school. Even though he is the punter on Elon's football team, he said the sport isn't a substitute for the outlet songwriting has become.

"It's more of a mental, emotional thing," he said.

Leffler got into songwriting simply by picking up a how-to book from the library. He had no previous musical experience, and he taught himself to play guitar from YouTube videos.

"I searched 'learn to play guitar,'" Leffler said. "You and Me" by Lifehouse was the first song I ever learned to play."

A man of many interests, the biology major spent the summer researching a different kind of music — the songs of North Carolina mockingbirds. Leffler is an aspiring small-animal veterinarian, Spanish minor, Tae Kwon Do expert and ghost-hunting fanatic.

Taylor Swift doesn't know what she's missing.

Not just for nerds: Chess club encourages community involvement, female participation

Sarah Costello
Reporter

Brows glisten and fingers twitch during the final stages of a long battle between two passionate competitors. Tension is evident as the board quickly becomes vacant of pieces. Eyes widen and collected breaths are released with the subtle tap of a fallen king. Checkmate.

Intense competition between Elon chess players can be expected every week at Chess Club meetings, when players of all ages, backgrounds and levels of ability challenge and learn from one another.

"Our club is kind of unique because we have total community involvement," said Aaron Peeks, associate professor of sociology and the adviser of the Elon Chess Club.

Students, faculty, staff and even children attend the Tuesday evening meetings for instruction, as well as friendly competition.

"Chess is about puzzles," Peeks said. "If you love puzzles, you'll love chess."

Peeks has played chess since high school and temporarily sacrificed his undergraduate studies to compete in national tournaments his freshman year. He said he loves the beauty of the game and the ability to relate chess to life.

"Chess keeps my brain sharp," Peeks said. "Chess provided me with a level of self-control. It's made me a better planner."

One of Peeks's goals as the faculty adviser is to shatter existing stereotypes

that often accompany chess.

"Chess is (often) seen as a nerdy game for geeks," he said.

He advocates that chess is not solely for individuals with high IQs, impressive GPAs or a collection of pocket pens.

Peeks also wants to interest more women in the game. With female representation at less than 10 percent in national tournaments, Peeks said he believes it is important to encourage women to play a game often perceived as explicitly masculine.

"There's a more feminine side to chess," Peeks said. "There's artistic beauty and motion, but a lot of females think they can't grasp it."

Jennifer Shahade, a two-time American Women Chess Champion and the author of "Chess Bitch: Women in the Ultimate Intellectual Sport," is attempting to combat misconceptions by empowering women and girls through the art of chess.

Shahade is the co-founder of 9 Queens, a nonprofit organization in Tuscon, Ariz., which provides chess instruction to girls and youth in the inner city.

"It's important to teach chess to girls and women because chess improves confidence and rewards healthy aggression," Shahade said. "For cultural reasons, these are areas in which women often don't feel as comfortable as men. Chess is a medium where boys and girls can compete on an equal playing field."

Peeks, a self-proclaimed feminist, said he believes women should have equal opportunity to participate in



PHOTO SUBMITTED
Aaron Peeks, the chess club's faculty adviser, has opened the club to students, faculty, staff and their children. He intends to promote female participation in the traditionally male-dominated game. Above, he teaches Elon Academy students basic rules of the game.

chess and would like to interest more women in the game.

Peeks hopes to attract more male and female students by spreading the word through public tournaments and a "Beat the Professor Challenge" Sept. 22 at College Coffee. Students who can beat Peeks will receive a \$10 gift certificate.

"Come to chess club," Peeks said. "It's uncanny how chess can improve academic skills. Research shows kids who play chess have higher GPAs."

WANT TO PLAY?

Attend the "Beat the Professor Challenge" Sept. 22 at College Coffee.

Meet the club at its weekly meetings from 7 - 9 p.m. on Tuesdays in Belk Library 102.

Freshman donates graduation money to patients at Duke Children's Hospital

Laura Wainman
Senior Reporter

While most of her high school friends were busy shopping for dorm room essentials, freshman Andi Cochran was using her graduation money to brighten the day for hundreds of sick children at Duke Children's Hospital.

Cochran used \$750 of her graduation money and the matching contribution from her mother to purchase more than 300 toys ranging from infant to adolescent age-appropriate.

Though blessed with 18 years of health herself, Cochran spent many hours at Duke Hospital as a child. Her grandmother was a survivor of breast cancer, and when Cochran was in second grade, her mother was diagnosed with Hodgkin's disease, a battle Cochran said affected the entire family.

"I realized how precious every day with someone can be and learned how to fight like a girl from watching my mom (battle cancer)," Cochran said. "Her battle with cancer was just another test God gave to her, and she knew just what to do: fight like a girl. I am who I am today completely because of my mom and dad."

Her mother and her grandmother received treatments for cancer at Duke, which made the hospital a great place for Cochran to continue her history of service projects.

"I have always been involved in service projects, and I was lucky enough to be raised never having to worry about financial matters," Cochran said. "I had been given so much in life, and I knew I wanted to do something worthwhile with the graduation gifts friends and family gave me. Duke was just the perfect avenue since I had a personal connection there."

Cochran e-mailed Susie Zuenges, operations coordinator at Duke Children's Hospital, during the spring to let her know that she was interested in donating toys to the hospital, and

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- Andi Cochran
ELON FRESHMAN

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Zuenges let her know what items were needed in the children's play room. The hospital asked her to gear the gifts toward adolescents, as they are often the patients who get overlooked when donations are given.

The community's reaction was very supportive of Cochran's decision. Those who gave her graduation gifts were not aware of the plans she had for the money, but upon learning of her donation, they all praised her choice.

"I think people were proud because you don't often see kids my age giving their money like that, but since my family has always been very involved in giving back to our community it wasn't a huge surprise," Cochran said. "My friends have always supported me by participating in an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis walk with me every year, in honor of my uncle who passed away from the disease."

Cochran definitely does not want this donation to be her last interaction with Duke. She has already made plans to get involved with Elonthon, the 24-hour dance marathon Elon hosts every spring to raise money for Duke Hospital.

"Seeing those kids' eyes light up when they saw their new toys was an indescribable feeling," Cochran said. "I know they have had to grow up so fast, so it was great seeing them act like kids again."



Andi Cochran
Elon Freshman

MEET THE GIVER

Name
Andria "Andi" Cochran

Year
Freshman

Hometown
Emerald Isle, N.C.

Major
Plans to major in business administration

Elon Connections
Mother and two uncles are Elon alumni

Interests
Service activities such as a yearly Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis walk and March of Dimes, Future Business Leaders of America

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Hi-Rez Studios provides video game sneak peek

Yakira Bristol
Reporter

In 2005, Erez Goren turned his love of gaming into a full-time career. Now the founder and CEO of Hi-Rez Studios, an independent game developer located in Alpharetta, Ga., Goren said he hopes to put his company on the map of the gaming universe.

Hi-Rez's current video game project has the potential to do just that by carving a place for itself in the world of Massively Multiplayer Online Games.

Michal Adams, public relations specialist and associate producer for Hi-Rez Studios, provided a tour of the Georgia-based company and an overview of their current project, "Global Agenda." The first stop was a room of play testers with the current version of "Global Agenda."

"Global Agenda" is an action MMOG created using Unreal Engine 3, a developmental game engine that features a world controlled by the players. The setting is a post-apocalyptic future that shows how radical technological advances could impact humanity. The players can choose to be agents from one of four of the following classes: assault, medic, engineer and recon. Agents in the world join together to form agencies and carry out missions to acquire territory, status and the most up-to-date technology.

This game is unlike many other MMOGs. Through the video campaign, the developers let you know that there are no elves included — breaking away from previous fantasy-driven MMOGs.

Every day, the play testers test a completely new version of "Global Agenda." At night, the information is gathered and compiled into a system where the programmers, artists and animators get information on the bugs, fix them and put out a new version of the game for testers to evaluate the next day.

The Pendulum sat down for a Q-and-A with COO and Executive Producer of "Global Agenda" Todd Harris:

Q: What was the slowest part of the process?

A: In the beginning, it was building the tools to allow us to work faster. While a human character will take about a week to complete, a robotics character can take from three weeks to a month to complete. Now, it is a new level for a mission.

Q: Some post-apocalyptic MMOGs create a world with limited technology. Why did you choose to go in the opposite direction and have the whole world based on technology?

A: We wanted a clean-looking world that presented an optimistic view of technology.

Q: In a description of the game, you said the player's character will evolve within the world. Will the world evolve as well? Will a player who just joined see a factory that was just built or destroyed?

A: Yes, the world itself will evolve as well. There will be new cities and hub zones. If an agency acquires a territory and builds a factory, a new player who just joins and sees the factory may try to attack it. Things made in the world will stay and are viewable by new players.



Seniors Erin, left, and Kirsten Silva both participate in the Fire of the Carolinas and various other activities, but have also found ways to create their own identities at Elon. DAVID WELLS | Photo Editor

To separate or not to separate?

Twins mull different paths, staying together for college

Laura Wainman
Senior Reporter

Choosing the right college is one of the toughest decisions a student makes. Countless hours are spent creating pro-and-con lists to compare the multitudes of choices. Factor in having a twin sibling, and the decision becomes doubly hard.

Not only do twins have to deal with leaving friends and family behind, balancing activities and accepting the new responsibility of freedom, but they must also choose whether to attend the same university or separate for the first time.

For Elon junior Anna LoPresti, the decision to separate was easy since she and her fraternal twin sister, Melissa, were not best friends like many twins seem to be.

"We had very different personalities and interests to begin with, so we developed our own friends in middle school," LoPresti said.

LoPresti was attracted to Elon because of the small size and personal attention, whereas her sister, who attends the University of Georgia, was looking for a school where she could get lost in the crowd if she wanted to.

But senior identical twins Erin and Kirsten Silva never even considered going to separate schools. They applied to almost all the same schools, but had a change of plans when Kirsten got into Elon early decision and Erin was not accepted early action.

"I went to another school for a year and then transferred to Elon for the music and communication programs," Erin said. "Also, I really missed Kirsten."

Not only have the Silva twins chosen the same university, but they also participate in many of the same activities, such as marching band, orchestra, the wind ensemble and Red Cross. The girls have also chosen to live together at Elon.

"Our relationship is..." Erin attempted.

"Strange," Kirsten finished. "I was going to say unique. Unique is a better word," Erin said.

Living together was a natural step for Erin and Kirsten because they already knew what to expect from each other.

"I don't really think of it as an advantage or disadvantage," Erin said. "She's just there and I know she always will be."

The only disadvantage Kirsten recognizes is being mistaken for her twin.

"People are always coming up to me, hugging me and asking me how I am, and I just want to ask 'Who are you?'" Kirsten said. "Our professors mix us up a lot, too, because they don't see us together, so they don't associate us as twins."

Despite living together and participating in activities together, the Silva twins have managed to create their own identities and do not feel at all limited by their choice to stay together.

But LoPresti said she felt it was necessary to be separated from Melissa and her family in general to have the best college experience.

"I come from a very conservative Republican family, and being on my own has helped me to develop my own beliefs," LoPresti said. "I'm not just looking at things the way the rest of my family does anymore. It's a nice feeling."

LoPresti said she and Melissa have gotten closer since separating, and she would recommend it to all twins so they can experience "not being a twin" for a while.

Though LoPresti and the Silva twins chose different paths, all three girls said they feel confident they made the right choice.

"I wouldn't ever trade it," Erin said. "We have our groove."

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- Kirsten Silva
SENIOR

2009-2010 PHOENIX BASKETBALL

Women's team comprises young players, faces tough season

Pam Richter
Sports Editor

The Elon women's basketball team announced the release of the 2009-10 schedule this season. The team will begin its season Nov. 13 in a game against Youngstown State in the Phoenix Classic tournament.

"We're excited about every game we play because we're still young," Elon women's basketball head coach Karen Barefoot said. "I think for us to start off with our tournament will be exciting."

On Nov. 14, the Phoenix will conclude the opening tournament with a game against the Naval Academy. Elon will then play three more nonconference games before beginning its Southern Conference schedule Dec. 5.

The Phoenix's non-conference schedule is highlighted by a match-up against Atlantic Coast Conference opponent, Virginia Tech.

"Tough non-conference play helps you prepare (for the season)," Barefoot said.

Barefoot also said the team will fly to New York to play Manhattan College on Dec. 1.

Elon will play at Georgia Southern on Dec. 5 in the first SoCon game of the season. The Phoenix will conclude the regular season Feb. 27 against UNC Greensboro.



FILE PHOTO
Elon senior forward Urysla Cotton (left), junior guard Julie Taylor (center) and senior guard Tiffany Davis (right) make up a team that will return 12 players from last season's team.

Last season the Phoenix went 5-26 overall and 2-18 in the SoCon. The team will return three juniors and seniors, six sophomores and will have five freshmen. Last season the team had no seniors on the roster.

"We'll be more consistent, thus being able to bring some more scorers," Barefoot said. "We definitely had times

last year where we didn't have a true scorer on the floor."

This season will be Barefoot's first recruiting class and it is nationally-ranked.

"Some of the talent we brought in is exciting," Barefoot said. "How quick we can test them will be tough, but they don't fear anything. They are excited to play their first collegiate games."

Men's basketball prepares for top-level competition

Conor O'Neill
Reporter

While the Phoenix faithful await the release of the full 2009-10 schedule, fans now know the Phoenix will play Atlantic Coast Conference members N.C. State and Wake Forest this season, and in the future.

Elon will travel to Raleigh and Winston-Salem this year to take on the Wolfpack and the Demon Deacons, respectively.

Next year, the Phoenix will host each team at the Greensboro Coliseum. A third match-up against the Wolfpack has been arranged for the 2011-12 season.

Playing the top level of competition is important for a team looking to rebound from an 11-20 record last year.

"It's good for us to have the best teams that we can get on our schedule, so the opportunity to play teams like Wake Forest and N.C. State ... can only help prepare our team for January and February and for a Southern Conference run," head coach Mike Matheny said.

Last year against the ACC, the Phoenix nearly pulled off an upset in Blacksburg against Virginia Tech, losing 76-67. Elon also lost to Maryland 76-50.

Matheny, who was previously an assistant coach at Davidson, said he learned in his time there the importance of playing in intimidating environments.

"My experience over the last 10 years

(at Davidson) was to craft a schedule for a team that needed to be tested in the early part of the season ... so that you're used to hostile situations," Matheny said.

Wooten named director of basketball operations

Not only has Matheny been busy putting together this year's schedule, and he also has named Jack Wooten the director of basketball operations at Elon.

For those unfamiliar with the title, Wooten will handle travel reservations and other behind-the-scenes jobs, as well as attending practice and offering valuable insight.

Wooten sees Elon as a school that is waiting for its basketball program to explode.

"I see all the excitement on campus for football, and I think we can bring that to basketball," Wooten said. "There's plenty of talent in North Carolina, but it's not just ACC talent. In five years I can see (Alumni Gym) packed with students. I think Elon is ready to be excited for basketball."

Wooten graduated from the University of North Carolina in May, and has found it convenient to find a job close to home.

Last year at UNC he was awarded the Athletic Director's Scholar-Athlete Award, as well as the Burgess McSwain Scholar-Athlete Award, an honor bestowed on the top scholar-athlete of the men's basketball team.



ONE ON ONE

Are you ready for some football? Preseason Picks

Russell Varner & Conor O'Neill
Sports Commentators

It's that time of year again. Bring out your grills and football jerseys. The NFL is finally back, starting with the Super Bowl champion Steelers hosting the Tennessee Titans Thursday night. After the crazy ending to last season, what teams can we expect to surprise us this year?

RUSSELL

Before the Monday night game between the Texans and Vikings, I was going to say the Texans. But with Matt Schaub possibly injured, you can forget about that. My surprise team for this year is not really a surprise at all: the Seattle Seahawks. This is a team I feel would have won the NFC West easily last year if Matt Hasselbeck had been healthy. He is back now, they have added TJ Houshmanzada and will have a vastly improved defense led by first-round pick Aaron Curry. Look for the Seahawks to push the Cardinals for the division title this year.

CONOR

While I agree that Houshmanzada and Curry will vastly help the Seahawks, I don't see them advancing deep into the playoffs. Staying in the NFC, I'll pick the New Orleans Saints to travel deep into the playoffs this year, perhaps with a Super Bowl berth. I think this is the year Reggie Bush breaks out, as he looked great last year until he was injured. Drew Brees is probably the most consistent quarterback in the league, and he'll have to put up big numbers again because of a shaky defense. You heard it here first, the Saints will be marching in February.

RUSSELL

Until the Saints show me they have some form of a defense, I refuse to believe they will be in a Super Bowl, no matter how great their offense is. You can score all the points in the world like the Saints did last year, but if you can't stop anyone, it doesn't matter. The Saints are also in a very competitive NFC South and face tough challenges

with the Panthers and Falcons, so I think they will struggle just to make the playoffs this year. Hiring defensive coordinator Gregg Williams helps the Saints, but I just don't see the defensive talent there for the Saints.

CONOR

I know the assumption made by most football fans is that the Saints don't have a defense and won't have one for a while, but I look closer and see talent such as Jonathan Vilma, Malcolm Jenkins, Sedric Ellis and Darren Sharper, and I can't help feeling like this unit is ready to prove they can at least be somewhat as dangerous as the offense. As for being in a tough division, the Panthers are in trouble if Jake Delhomme is their quarterback. I think the NFC will be decided between the most balanced teams: the Falcons and the revitalized Saints.

With the start of each season comes all the experts making their bold predictions. Now it's our turn to try to and make them.

RUSSELL

My bold prediction is that Tony Romo will miss Terrell Owens by Week 9 this year. With the loss of Owens and the injury to Roy Williams, the team has no real threats at wide receiver. Defenses can now just key in on Jason Witten and the Cowboys' running game.

CONOR

While I can certainly see that scenario, my bold prediction is the rookies of the year will be Denver's Knowshon Moreno and Washington's Brian Orakpo. Ever since Clinton Portis was traded, we've seen running backs like Tatum Bell, Peyton Hillis and Selvin Young be effective in their system. Think what a talented player like Moreno could do. This preseason Orakpo has been a dominating force for Washington, even though he switched from defensive end to linebacker.

Elon Sports This Week

Wednesday

Women's Soccer vs. Coastal Carolina – 6 p.m.
Volleyball @ High Point – 7 p.m.

Friday

Men's Soccer vs. Longwood @ Greensboro, N.C. – 5 p.m.
Men's Tennis (Virginia Classic) – all day
Men's Tennis (UNC Greensboro Invitational) – all day

Saturday

Football @ Presbyterian – 1:30 p.m.
Cross Country (Elon Invitational) – Women 9:15 a.m., Men 10 a.m.
Men's Tennis (Virginia Classic) – all day
Men's Tennis (UNC Greensboro Invitational) – all day

Sunday

Men's Soccer vs. Marshall @ Greensboro, NC – 12 p.m.
Women's Soccer vs. N.C. State – 5 p.m.
Men's Tennis (Virginia Classic) – all day

Monday

Men's Golf (Springhill Suites Intercollegiate) – all day

Tuesday

Volleyball vs. Radford – 7 p.m.
Men's Golf (Springhill Suites Intercollegiate) – all day

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Football

SEPT. 5
ELON 56
DAVIDSON 0

Men's Soccer

SEPT. 4
ELON 1
CHARLOTTE 2

Women's Soccer

SEPT. 4
ELON 0
TEMPLE 1

SEPT. 6

ELON 1
HIGH POINT 0

Volleyball

SEPT. 4
ELON 3
HOWARD 1

SEPT. 5

ELON 3
EAST TENNESSEE STATE 2

SEPT. 5

ELON 3
LIBERTY 1



FILE PHOTO

The men's cross country team takes off at the start of the 2008 Southern Conference Championship at Wofford College in Spartansburg, S.C.

Cross country teams expect strong start



FILE PHOTO

Junior Emily Fournier races during the 2008 regional championship.

Jack Dodson
Reporter

The Elon men's and women's cross country teams will look to the season's first meet this weekend as the first home meet for Elon.

The new course was completed during the summer and regulated so the teams could host their first meet. The event is the first-ever Elon Invitational, which will host schools Saturday.

UNC Greensboro, the Citadel, College of Charleston, Western Carolina University and Furman University are among the schools expected to attend, head coach Christine Engel said.

"I know there is some buzz about the meet and I hope that people come out to see our team compete," Engel said.

The course starts at South Campus, both starting and ending on the club sports fields. The route will take runners along the development beyond

the fields and past the lake that can be seen from the Campus Recreation driving range.

As a whole, the program has begun to improve with winning records under Engel, and the inaugural Elon home meet follows suit with the program's expansion. The event this weekend will also set the stage specifically for the end of this season, when the Southern Conference Championships will be held at the new Elon course Oct. 31.

The meet will be a chance for the team to engage the Elon community with its cross country program, Engel said.

"Our team is in a good place training-wise," Engel said. "We certainly look to the Southern Conference Championships on Oct. 31 and NCAA Regional Championships on Nov. 14 as when we want to race our best, and all of our training is geared to that, but we definitely want to perform well at home and set a

good tone for this season."

Engel said the goal is for the Elon Invitational to be an annual event.

"The course is very much a true cross country course and hopefully it will become a bigger meet each year," Engel said. "I think also for many people it could be their first experience being a spectator at a cross-country meet."

Engel pointed out the various records broken last year by some of the returning runners, including junior Matt Richardson and sophomore Willie Schefer for the men and junior Emily Fournier for the women.

FIRST EVER HOME MEET

The Elon Invitational will be Sept. 12 with the women running at 9:15 a.m. and the men at 10 a.m.

The Phoenix soars with an undefeated record

Jordan Scahill
Reporter

The Elon women's volleyball team set the season off with a bang this past weekend as it defeated Liberty in the championship match of the Liberty Invitational in Lynchburg, Va. three games to one.

With the win, the Phoenix remains the only undefeated team in the Southern Conference with a record of 8-0.

Elon hopes to carry its winning record through this week when it travels to High Point at 7 p.m. tonight.

Two of the players, sophomore outside-hitter Caroline Lemke and sophomore right-side hitter Traci Stewart, were selected to the All-Tournament Team for their achievements in the tournament. Lemke was also awarded MVP honors with a total of 34 kills in three matches.

"I am very happy with our progress so far," Elon head coach Mary Tendler said. "We have six out of seven returning starters this year and six freshmen, too."

The three captains leading the Phoenix this season are senior setter Emily Regan, senior outside hitter Jessica Barrow and junior middle back Sarah Schermerhorn.

Tendler said Regan leads the team as a setter and playmaker on the court, Schermerhorn is a hard worker who sets a great example for the rest of the team to follow and Barrow brings a lot of emotion and enthusiasm to the court as a fifth year senior back from a shoulder injury last year.

With 15 players on the team, the Phoenix maintains a lot of depth both on the court and on the bench.

"All of our players are constantly pushing each other for starting positions, and I have confidence in every one of them to get the job done and put the ball away when we need it," Tendler said.

Although its record remains flawless, Tendler still said there is room for improvement and a lot for the Phoenix to work on to prepare for conference play.

"We will continue to work and focus on blocking," Tendler said.

"Serving and passing is also a critical part of our game, along with better ball control to allow us to be more effective and efficient on the court."

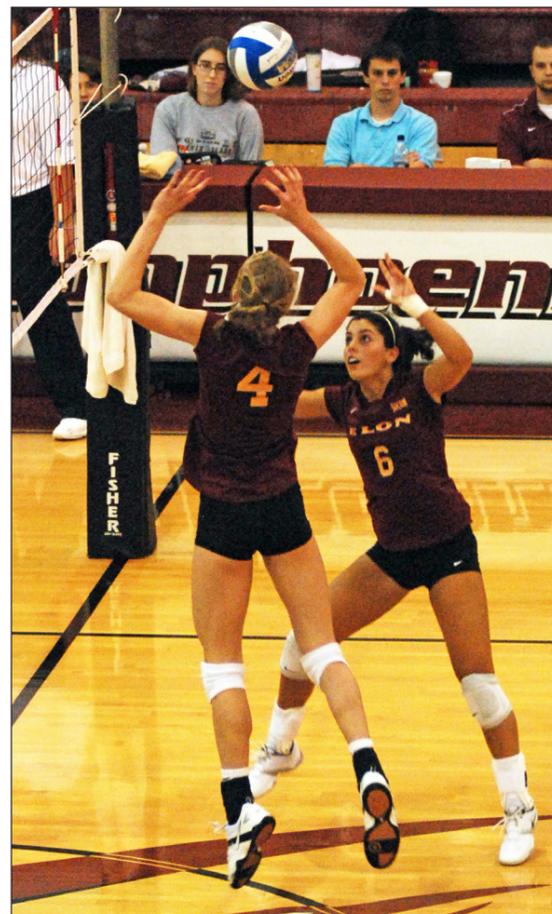
Tendler also plans on getting her players more repetitions in practice and games as well to keep all of the women fresh and prepared for conference play.

The team's big win this weekend against Liberty and perfect record will help to mentally prepare the players for its matches approaching in the near future.

Tendler said she plans to give the women a break this weekend to rest since they do not have any matches.

But the team will not have time off for long, with big games to look forward to in the future. During the weekend of Sept. 26, the Phoenix will face Chattanooga and Samford, two main competitors for the SoCon title.

"We have never beaten Chattanooga in an away match at their gym," Tendler said. "And we will be preparing and looking forward to winning those big games this year."



FILE PHOTO

Junior middle back Sarah Schermerhorn (left) and sophomore setter Megan McMahon (right) are part of an undefeated Phoenix volleyball squad.

Elon Hall of Fame inducts 39th class

Pam Richter
Sports Editor

When Elon began the transition from Division II to Division I athletics, the teams were not permitted to compete in championships. So for Elon baseball alum Scott Brendle and other athletes in this transition period, the biggest games of the season were considered championships.

In the 1999 season, the biggest game of the season came against the No. 1 team in the nation, the University of Miami. Brendle was part of a 1999 Elon baseball team that defeated Miami that season. The Hurricanes went on to win the NCAA baseball national title.

On Saturday, Brendle was part of the 39th class inducted into the Elon Sports Hall of Fame. Basketball player Issac "Ike" Fesmire, basketball player Chris Kiger and basketball and track athlete Roland Miller were inducted as well.

"The school's been great to me," Brendle said. "I've had a lot of great moments here and good times ... It's absolutely humbling."

Kiger, like Brendle, played for Elon in 1998, during Elon's transitional period to Division I athletics. During his career, Kiger compiled 1,579 points, placing him ninth all-time on Elon's career scoring list.

"I never imagined that I would get into the Hall of Fame this quickly out of school," Kiger said.

He describes one of his favorite moments as the first win for the basketball team in Division I play.

Off the court, Kiger was named the A.L. Hook Scholar Athlete Award twice and graduated from Elon summa cum laude. He currently works for a law firm in Raleigh.

"If you knew Ike, this would have been the highlight of his life. He was Elon through and through. He ate, slept and bled Elon."

- Jack Boran
IKE FESMIRE'S SON-IN-LAW

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Jack Boran, who is Fesmire's son-in-

law, accepted the induction on his behalf. Fesmire was a 1939 graduate and passed away in 1998.

"If you knew Ike, this would have been the highlight of his life," Boran said. "He was Elon through and through. He ate, slept and bled Elon."

Fesmire was a four-year starter for the Elon basketball team in the 1930s. He was part of a 1938 team that posted an Elon-best 19-2 mark.

Boran described a game Fesmire played during his career against Lenoir-Rhyne. In the game, Elon won 41-26 and Fesmire scored 25 points, one less than the entire Lenoir-Rhyne squad.

The last athlete of the 2009 class, Miller, a 1964 graduate, played both basketball and track at Elon. Miller passed away in 2006. His wife Linda accepted the induction on his behalf.

"It's exciting, and it's sad because he won all the honors," Linda said. "I'm so proud of the man he was and the man he came to be. He was one of a kind."

Miller led the Phoenix to a 17-13 record in his first season scoring 161 points and recording 154 rebounds. On the track he broke the school record for the two-mile run with a 9:56:30 and was the first runner to break 10 minutes in this event.



DAVID WELLS | Photo Editor
The 39th class of the Elon Sports Hall of Fame members were recognized at halftime at the football game Saturday night. Inducted members include, left to right, baseball player Scott Brendle, basketball player Issac "Ike" Fesmire, basketball player Chris Kiger and basketball and track athlete Roland Miller, represented by Linda Miller.

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO MAKE THE HALL OF FAME?

Completed at least two full seasons at Elon.

Been of good character.

Had 10 years elapsed since his/her last year of intercollegiate competition.

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South Campus athletics expands with golf center

New golf facility includes state-of-the-art training equipment that will take Elon golf to the 'next level'

Sam Calvert
Assistant Sports Editor

South Campus opened its newest addition Friday with the dedication of Elon's first golf training center. The center is named after Elon alumnus and former member of the men's golf team, W. Cecil Worsley III.

Inside the facility is a practice area where players also hit balls with a computerized swing analysis center and a putting green. Both the men's and women's head coaches' offices, along with a players' lounge, are housed inside the center.

Outside the facility, there is a lighted driving range and a short game area. There are two 10,000 square foot greens, one planted with Bermuda grass and one planted with Bent grass.

"The two different greens help us get used to playing on the two different types of grasses that we'll see in matches," women's head golf coach Chris Dockrill said.

These features will be a big part of recruiting in the future, both Dockrill and men's head coach Bill Morningstar said.

"I think it'll take us to the next level," Morningstar said. "We'll be able to try and get really top-of-the-line players."

Dockrill said the new facility will allow them to compete for prospects with other golf programs across the country, especially the top schools in the conference, such as Furman and College of Charleston.

"Right now, we compete against a lot of Atlantic Coast Conference, Big Ten and Southeastern Conference schools for kids," Dockrill said. "All of them have these types of facilities. Elon's a great school and attracts a lot of kids, but if we don't have this type of facility, we can't compete."

The new facilities will do more than just attract new prospects. The players already at Elon also benefit from

the center.

"It gives kids the opportunity to come in and study their own golf swing," Morningstar said. "The practice facility is right on campus where they can just walk to it, so they'll really be able to spend time out there."

Location plays a big role in the effectiveness of the facility. Before it opened, both teams had to drive 20 minutes to a golf course, Dockrill said, and they would not know whether they could use the driving range until they got there.

"(The new facility) is 500 yards from Alamanace building," Dockrill said. "Our kids can come over between classes, chip, putt, work on the computer and then go back to class."

The center even has wireless Internet, which is just one more reason why the coaches hope the players will want to spend more time there.

"The best thing about the new facility is its convenience," Dockrill said. "It will make our kids practice more."



PHOTOS BY KATELYN LAZOR | Photographer

The W. Cecil Worsley III Golf Training Center opened Friday.

GET TO KNOW W. CECIL WORSLEY III

W. Cecil Worsley III, a 1986 Elon graduate, was a member of the men's golf team under current men's golf coach Bill Morningstar. Current women's golf coach Chris Dockrill was on the team with Worsley.

Worsley has kept in touch with both head coaches since leaving, Dockrill said, and has been involved with the two teams for a while. "He's always wanted to do something for the golf program," Morningstar said. "This was a very good opportunity to do that."

'Losses do good for the team'

Sam Calvert
Assistant Sports Editor

On Friday night, the men's soccer team took the field against the Charlotte 49ers for its second match of the season.

This loss brings Elon to a 0-2 start for the season after dropping its first game 0-1 against High Point on Sept. 1.

While the Phoenix took the lead early on Friday, it did not hold on and ultimately lost as the 49ers scored the only goal of the second half to win 2-1.

"It's very, very early," Elon head coach Darren Powell said. "Obviously not the start we were looking for, but we've got 17 games left, and we're just going to take them one game at a time. We've just hit a bad patch at the wrong time of the year, really."

After only seven minutes of action, fans watched as senior defender Steven Kinney sent a pass down the field to freshman forward Chris Thomas. Thomas then sent the ball past Charlotte's goalkeeper to put the Phoenix up 1-0.

Eleven minutes later, Charlotte battled past the Elon defense and tied up the score 1-1 with a goal on junior goalkeeper Clint Irwin.

In the second half, the 49ers scored its second goal in the 57th minute to take the lead 2-1, and Elon was unable to answer with another goal the remainder of the match.

"It was a very tight game, and we didn't come out on the good side of it," Powell said. "We are going to work in the next week to make sure we come out on the good side of our next game."

On Friday, the Phoenix will begin play in the UNC Greensboro's Kickoff Classic with a match against Longwood University.

"We are going to work on making sure that we are ready to play Longwood in terms of both sides of the ball," Powell said.

Elon will have the chance to watch Longwood play before the two teams take the field, after which time Powell said he is going to put a game plan together.

"In the meantime, the guys are going to train hard, refocus on their goals and be ready next Friday," Powell said.

While at the UNC G Kickoff Classic, the team will also take on the University of Marshall on Sunday before returning to Elon to play Clemson on Sept. 16.

Both Powell and Thomas said they know the team had the capacity to win, regardless of its 0-2 start.

"Losses do good for the team," Thomas said. "It helps the team push more because everybody knows on this team that we can do better, that we can keep winning games and make it to the NCAA tournament."



Senior midfielder Justin Wyatt attempts to run after a Charlotte player in Friday's game, where Elon fell 2-1 to the 49ers. JUSTINE SCHULERUD | Photographer



Senior defender Orry Powers races toward the ball in Friday night's loss against the Charlotte 49ers. The Phoenix lost 2-1 in a close match. HEATHER CASSANO | Photographer

LOSSES EARLY ON FOR THE PHOENIX IN NON-CONFERENCE GAMES BOTH THIS SEASON AND LAST SEASON

The Phoenix finished the season 10-9-1 last season, going a perfect 9-0 in the Southern Conference. Elon struggled in its non-conference schedule going 3-9-1.

Last season the Phoenix started the season 0-2-1. This season Elon finds itself in a similar position starting the season 0-2.

The men's soccer team looks to rebound from two early losses with a game on Friday against Longwood.

Elon will begin its quest to defend the SoCon title at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 26 against Georgia Southern.

Women's soccer scores first win with strong defense



Elon junior forward Brittany Hallberg looks to go past a defender. The Phoenix is 1-1-1 so far during the season. The team has only had one goal scored against it this season. FILE PHOTO

Justine Schulerud
Reporter

The women's soccer team rallied its first win on Sunday at the High Point Invitational. The Phoenix beat High Point 1-0 to improve its overall record to 1-1-1. On Friday, earlier in the tournament, they fell to Temple University in a 1-0 loss.

"We finally broke the ice today and scored a goal," senior forward Molly Calpin said. "It definitely changed the team atmosphere."

Freshman midfielder Ceci Jensen scored the game-winning goal with a shot from the 18-yard line on Sunday. Jensen was named to the All-Tournament Team. Freshman defender Claire O'Keefe and sophomore defender Andrea Keller were also named to the All-Tournament Team.

Despite Elon's struggle to finish at the tournament, its defense has held strong. The Phoenix has only had one goal scored against the Phoenix so far this season.

"I think Jensen and O'Keefe played really well and I'm excited we made the (All-Tournament) team, but we couldn't have done it without everyone else out on the field working just as hard," Keller said.

On Friday, Temple improved its record to 2-1-0 with the team's victory against the Phoenix. Though Elon outshot Temple 11 to nine, the Owls still capitalized with an inside pass for a goal. Elon senior goalie Sydney Little had three saves.

"Against Temple, we missed some great chances to score and fell asleep on a corner kick with four minutes to play and they punished us," Elon head coach Chris Neal said.

Elon has outshot its opponents this season 47 to 26 in the team's three games while the Phoenix is outshooting its opponents so far this season, but it is having problems finishing the opportunities the team is creating Neal said.

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We have been struggling in the past few games to find rhythm. (Sunday) was definitely a big help. These games before conference are used to work out the kinks, to improve as a team, and to get prepared for conference games.

- Molly Calpin
SENIOR FORWARD

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games to find rhythm," Calpin said. "(Sunday) was definitely a big help. These games before conference are used to work out the kinks, to improve as a team and to get prepared for conference games."

The Phoenix plays Coastal Carolina at 6 p.m. tonight at Rudd Field. This will be the first home game for the team.

"I'm really excited about the win, I think we needed it as a confidence booster," Keller said. "But, we have a lot more games so we need to focus and work on getting better every game."

Coastal Carolina's loss to Richmond in the Longwood Tournament on Sunday put the team with an overall record of 1-4. The Chanticleers were ranked one point behind Radford to finish second in the 2009 Big South preseason conference poll.

Coastal Carolina also had one player runner-up for the Big South Preseason Player of the Year poll.

Elon has three more games, North Carolina State, UNC Asheville and Jacksonville State, before the team starts conference play. They open the Southern Conference season with home games against Wofford and Furman on Sept. 25 and Sept. 27, respectively.

Sports

OPENING STATEMENT: Elon defeats Davidson in season opener, prepares to face Presbyterian Saturday

AVAILABLE ONLINE

Highlights of Saturday's game vs. Davidson
Press conference highlights
Full press conference clips
"Scene In" Rhodes Stadium
Podcast of a preview for Saturday's Presbyterian game will be online Thursday
For more of Saturday's game, visit: www.pendulumsports.wordpress.com



TOP: Senior wide receiver Terrell Hudgins catches a 55-yard pass from Scott Riddle to the Davidson one yard line. Hudgins tallied 156 receiving yards and two touchdowns in the win against Davidson.
BOTTOM SERIES: Junior quarterback Scott Riddle makes a 3-yard dash to the end zone during the first quarter to put the Phoenix up 14-0 in the first quarter.

Pam Richter
Sports Editor

When the Elon football team took the field in its season-opener Saturday night against Davidson, the team exploded with a punch to the Davidson defense.

After scoring twice in the first quarter, Elon cruised to a 56-0 victory against the Wildcats.

"I was really pleased that nobody was overlooking Davidson," Lembo said. "Everybody was coming out focused on what we need to do."

Elon started its first drive on a 20-yard pass from junior quarterback Scott Riddle to senior wide receiver Terrell Hudgins. Two plays later, Riddle connected with Hudgins again for a 55-yard pass that was one yard shy of the end zone.

"Throwing the ball to Terrell (Hudgins) is not a hard job," Riddle said. "I just throw it up there and let him go get it."

The drive was completed by a one-yard touchdown run by sophomore running back Jamal Shuman.

Riddle passed for 326 yards and four touchdowns in the game. Hudgins led all receivers with seven receptions for 156 yards and two touchdowns. It was Hudgins' 19th career game with 100 receiving yards or more.

Throughout the preseason, Lembo emphasized working other receivers into the offense because Hudgins is widely targeted by opposing teams' defenses.

"It's not a question of if, but when (Hudgins) is doubled (teamed), we trust

we can go elsewhere with the football," Lembo said.

Junior wide receiver Lance Camp caught five passes for 55 yards. Camp also returned a punt 54 yards with 3:47 left in the first half. He averaged 13.2 yards per punt return Saturday.

Camp was named the SoCon Special Teams Player of the Week on Monday.

Shuman finished the game with 20 carries for a total of 115 yards, with an average of 5.8 yards per carry.

"I'm going to give all the credit to the (offensive line)," Shuman said.

Junior running back Brandon Newsome has been nursing a sore foot, and Lembo said a lot of the load will fall on Shuman again in Saturday's game against Presbyterian College.

The Phoenix finished with 575 total offensive yards, compared to Davidson's 104 yards. In Saturday's game, the Phoenix ran and threw the ball an equal amount — 37 times.

For Saturday's game against Presbyterian, Lembo said the team needed to do a better job of limiting both turnovers and penalties.

Against Davidson, the Phoenix had two fumbles and lost both of them. The team also had five penalties for a total of 34 yards.

Last season, Elon defeated Presbyterian 66-12 at Rhodes Stadium. In Saturday's match-up Lembo is convinced that the Phoenix will face a tougher Presbyterian College team.

"Presbyterian is going to be a much more challenging opponent than Davidson was," Lembo said.

In Presbyterian's first game of the season, it was defeated by Furman 45-21. Despite the loss, the Blue Hose racked up 432 total yards of offense.

This is a significant improvement from last year for the Blue Hose. Last season against Elon, Presbyterian had only 185 yards of total offense, compared to the Phoenix's 667 yards.

Lembo said Presbyterian's offense is similar to the Phoenix's in the sense that both teams throw the ball a lot "down the field."

On the other side of the ball, Presbyterian's defensive coordinator, Tom Evangelista was the special teams coordinator and the corners' coach last season at Furman University. Lembo said he anticipates a similar type of defensive attack that Furman executed last season.

"Furman did have some success against us last year applying pressure," Lembo said. "I would think that would be part of their plan."

Since both teams have similar offensive styles because both teams throw the ball down the field, Lembo said that should help Presbyterian.

"They've prepared against our style of offense all preseason," Lembo said.

Last season, Presbyterian completed its transition period to Division I athletics. This is the first season the team can compete for the Big South Championship.

Saturday's game marks the second non-conference game of the season for Elon. The Phoenix will begin conference play at 1:30 p.m. Sept. 26 against Georgia Southern at home.

TOP FIVE THINGS TO LOOK FOR AT THE ELON VS. PRESBYTERIAN GAME

Elon's 66 points last season against Presbyterian on Sept. 13 was the second-most scored by a Southern Conference team last year. Appalachian State scored 70 points against Wofford on Oct. 31 last season.

Senior defensive backs Carlos Sullivan and Nolan Ward and junior linebacker Travis Greene will all make their season debuts in Saturday's game after missing the Davidson game for team disciplinary reasons.

In Saturday's Davidson game, junior quarterback Scott Riddle also acted as a punter, punting the ball three times for a total of 142 yards with an average of 47.3 yards per punt.

Last season, Elon had 667 yards of total offense against Presbyterian. Against Davidson, the Phoenix had 575 total yards. Riddle had 326 passing yards against Davidson on Saturday. Against Presbyterian last season, Riddle passed for 386 yards.

Junior defensive back Terrell Wilson left the Davidson game with a high ankle sprain. His status is questionable against Presbyterian. He started all 12 games last season.

BY THE NUMBERS

- 3** times junior quarterback Scott Riddle punted for the Phoenix
- 4** red-zone scores for Elon allowing it to convert all its opportunities within the 20-yard line
- 8** third down conversions the Phoenix had, leading the team to complete eight out of 13 conversions in the game
- 19** games Hudgins has played with more than 100 receiving yards
- 28** first downs the Phoenix had in Saturday's game, Davidson finished the game with seven
- 54** yards junior wide receiver Lance Camp ran back a punt return for a touchdown in the second quarter
- 104** yards of total offense for Davidson
- 156** receiving yards for senior wide receiver Terrell Hudgins
- 1954** the year of the last match-up between the Elon and Davidson football teams

BREAKING DOWN THE DAVIDSON GAME



DAVID WELLS | Photo Editor
Elon fans painted up and cheered on the team as the Phoenix dominated Davidson.