



FIGHTING CANCER

*Elon community
conducts research,
seeks to raise awareness*

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On a chilly Sunday afternoon, senior Megan Sibree walks over to the McMichael laboratories eager to conduct research on cancer induction methods.

Cancer is an all-too-familiar issue for Sibree, who dreams of an end to the crippling disease affecting millions of families across the United States.

When Sibree was 3, her 29-year-old mother died from acute myeloid leukemia (AML). Within the past two years, her two grandmothers died from cancer as well.

"I want to make a difference in people's lives because I know what it means to lose someone from a disease like that so prematurely," Sibree said. "I've seen firsthand what cancer does to a family."

As a 2014 Lumen Prize recipient, Sibree has examined the mechanisms of cancer development and how cancer forms in the

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**Senior Megan Sibree
conducts research in
McMichael laboratory on
cancer induction methods.**

Spring admit students adjust to late start

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Every spring, Elon University welcomes approximately 50 new students to campus. Referred to as "spring admits," these students start their Elon experience one semester behind the rest of their peers.

Like the rest of the student body, they come from various places and have various reasons for accepting the spring admit status, including deferment, over-enrollment and transferring. But one thing they all seem

to have in common is a love for Elon and a strong desire to be here despite the late start.

Starting at a school in the middle of the year is by no means easy.

"The transition to Elon has been, in one word, hectic," said Kendall Crosby, a freshman spring admit who began studying at Elon a few weeks ago.

Students like Crosby arrived on a Sunday or Monday and attended a small convocation, met with their Elon 101 instructor, had an

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Elon raises tuition by 2.87 percent

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The Elon University Board of Trustees approved its 2016-17 fiscal year budget, increasing tuition by 2.87 percent — the increase amounts to \$912.

With an increase of \$517 in room, board and fees, the total package cost will increase by 3.31 percent. According to President Leo Lambert, this will be the second-smallest increase in at least 27 years.

Elon Dean of Students Smith Jackson and Provost Steven House said the process for drafting a budget began in August 2015 with the goal of striking a balance between keeping Elon as a best buy insti-

This tuition increase is the second smallest increase in at least 27 years.

tuition while handling cost as reasonably as possible.

"If you want to make things better, you need additional funds and that's where the tuition increase comes from," House said.

House added that Kiplinger ranks Elon 29th in the nation for best college value among private institutions.

As part of the university's commitment to increase access to lower-income applicants, the budget approved on Feb. 11 features a 7.1 percent increase in financial aid. The financial aid increase will offer

additional funds for need-based scholarships, Presidential scholarships, Elon Engagement scholarships and the university's six fellows programs.

"You want to have an entering class that reflects your values and is going to be really dynamic," Jackson said. "You want to get students who are talented who might not be able to be here if they didn't have financial assistance."

With a total tuition-room-board-fees cost of \$44,599 next year, Elon maintains it is an affordable institution for higher education.

"Students want smaller classes, they want better technology and we want to deliver that," House said. "The goal is to handle cost as best as we can."

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CRIME REPORT

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UNDERAGE ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION

Early Sunday, a university police reports states that an officer was dispatched to Danieley Flat G because of an intoxicated male subject. The report does not state if the suspect was arrested. There were no weapons involved.

Feb. 12
BIL LOY DRIVE, ELON
LARCENY

At about 3 p.m. Friday, an Elon University police officer responded to a report of theft of personal property in Global Residence A. The stolen property included an equipment bag containing hockey gear: a pair of skates, gloves, a helmet, shoulder and elbow pads,

knee pads, pants, a jersey, socks, a towel and a pair of jock pants. The report estimates the stolen property is valued at \$1,290.

There was no drug or alcohol use involved, and the case is pending further investigation at the time of the university police report with no suspects.

Feb. 11
E HAGGARD AVENUE, ELON
LARCENY

According to an Elon University campus police report, a painting of Michael McMichael valued at \$7,500 was stolen from Powell Building. The report states there is no known time frame of the larceny, except that it happened after McMichael was dedicated in 1998.

The painting had been in the office of David Morrow, special

adviser to the president and assistant chief of staff. There was no suspect at the time of the report, but the incident is under further investigation.

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FOUND PROPERTY

According to university police reports, officers responded to two separate incidences of calls regarding found property. The first officer took possession of found property including a Visa debit/credit card and Phoenix card at the Campus Police office in Oaks Commons.

Another officer reported to Scott Studios in the Department of Performing Arts in reference to a call about a lost handbag/purse/wallet with an estimated value of \$50.

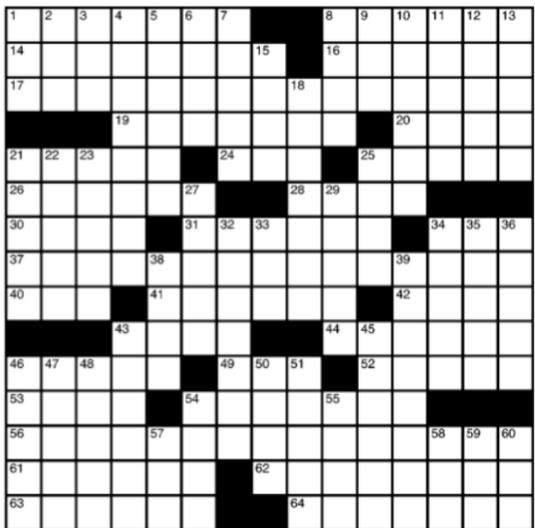
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16 Doubleheader half
17 1986 movie set partly in the Australian Outback
19 Shoe parts
20 Loch with a legend
21 One-named singer
24 Biol. or ecol.
25 Under attack
26 Co-star of the 2015 film "Joy"
28 Boot attachment
30 "Bridge of Spies" actor Alan
31 Onion rings are fried in it
34 Worldwide economic org.
37 1988 movie set in a Southern California high school
40 Tam or trilby
41 Pencil tip
42 Time in ads
43 FBI agent
44 ___ of influence
46 Start of el año
49 Record players, briefly
52 Improve a lawn
53 Roman baker's dozen?
54 More sudsy
56 1996 movie set in Nevada's Area 51
61 Nicks on many albums
62 1967
63 Like some movies ... literally including 17-, 37- and 56-Across
64 Wine competition attendees

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1 "Better Call Saul" network
2 Long-nosed fish
3 "Microsoft sound" composer
4 Like cannoli
5 One making amends
6 Mars and Venus
7 Bios are often part of them
8 Vanilla containers
9 "The Simpsons" shopkeeper
10 Star of E! network's "I Am Cait"
11 Machu Picchu's range
12 Attorney general under Reagan
13 "Give it ___"
15 Novelist Waugh
18 Single show
21 Cookbook measuring words
22 Fourth of 24
23 Run until
25 Calf father
27 Tara family name
29 Harborside strolling spots
32 Without end
33 NFL scores
34 Green climbers
35 D.C. underground
36 Set loose
38 Sample in a product pitch
39 Hard-wired
43 Mourn
45 Summary
46 Have a place in the world
47 Critical inning
48 Down for a pillow
50 Actress ___
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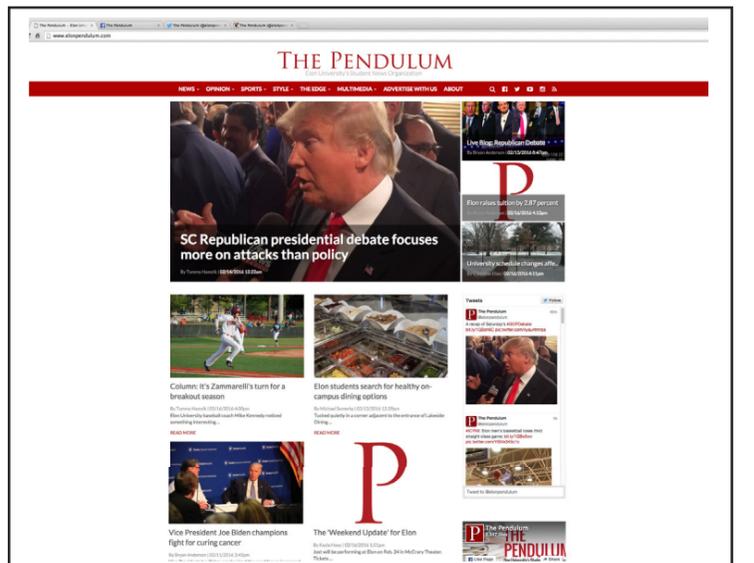
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Justice's death remembered at Republican debate

Personal attacks, lack of policy highlighted at Republican debate

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Businessman Donald Trump reflects on attacks against former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush at Feb. 13 Republican presidential debate in Greenville, S.C.

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GREENVILLE, S.C. — With policy discussion lacking in Saturday's Republican presidential debate, the most issue-driven exchange came at the start in the wake of Justice Antonin Scalia's death announced earlier that afternoon.

Debate moderator and "Face the Nation" host John Dickerson asked the candidates whether the decision to appoint a new justice should be left to President Barack Obama. They overwhelmingly agreed the next president should appoint the next justice. The candidates — notably Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas), who was fact-checked by Dickerson during the debate — even insinuated there's a precedent for waiting.

"I do not believe the president should appoint someone," said Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.). "And it's not unprecedented. In fact, it has been over 80 years since a lame duck president has appointed a Supreme Court justice." Obama isn't a lame duck, though. That terminology is reserved for when someone's successor has already been chosen.

Though businessman and front-runner Donald Trump said he would not want Obama to appoint a new justice, he recognized the likelihood it will happen in the near future. Trump did say the Senate should work as hard as possible to hold off any appointment confirmation until a new president is elected.

"Obama's going to do it whether I'm okay with it or not," Trump said. "It's up to [Senate Majority Leader] Mitch McConnell to stop it. It's called delay, delay, delay."

The issue of appointing Scalia's successor was about the only subject the candidates agreed on.

In a heated 2016 election season, personal attacks have taken center stage over policy. Saturday was no different, as Trump lashed out at former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, former President George W. Bush and Cruz.

From the early stages of the debate, Trump criticized the Bush family's inability to pro-

vide leadership in the White House. Trump argued President George W. Bush openly lied to the public, igniting a pointless war in Iraq.

"[The Bush administration] lied," Trump said. "They said there were weapons of mass destruction. There were none, and they knew there were none."

Bush, who has branded himself as a politician optimistic about the nation's future, responded in a harsher tone than usual to Trump's remarks.

"I'm sick and tired of him going after my family," Jeb Bush said. "While Donald Trump was building a reality TV show, my brother was building a security apparatus to keep us safe."

The attacks left Ohio Gov. John Kasich frustrated with the lack of substantive discussion. Kasich, who is surging in national polls after finishing second in the New Hampshire primaries, asked for more positivity and an opportunity to discuss the serious issues confronting U.S. voters.

"I've got to tell you, this is just crazy, huh?" Kasich asked.

As the debate progressed, Trump and Bush resumed their hostile attacks.

When Trump criticized Bush for using his mother Barbara in television ads, Bush replied his mother is the strongest person he has ever known.

"She should be running," Trump replied. But Bush and Trump weren't the only

candidates to engage in heated discussion.

Toward the middle of the debate, Cruz attacked Rubio for his weak stance on immigration and for working with the Democratic Party in the Senate to further its political agenda. The bill offered a pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants who were in the United States before Dec. 31, 2011, leading Cruz to allege Rubio supports amnesty.

"Marco has a long record when it comes to amnesty," Cruz said. "In the state of Florida, as Speaker of the House, he supported in-state tuition for illegal immigrants. In addition to that, Marco went on Univision [speaking] in Spanish and said he would not rescind President Obama's illegal executive amnesty on his first day in office."

Rubio, who helped draft the 2013 Comprehensive Immigration Reform (CIR) bill that is commonly referred to as the Gang of Eight bill, defended himself as a strong candidate on immigration reform. Rubio responded that Cruz's lack of Spanish-speaking skills would make it impossible for him to understand what was said on Univision. Cruz then interrupted Rubio in Spanish, telling him to continue talking if he so desired.

Meanwhile, more passive candidates on stage like Kasich and retired neurosurgeon Ben Carson struggled to get a word in edgewise.

In the early stages of the night, Carson joked he got to answer two questions before the first commercial break.

"Thanks for including me in the debate," Carson said. "Two questions already? This is great."

One of the more vocal moments of the night involving Carson occurred when Rubio chastised Cruz's Iowa volunteers for making fraudulent claims that Carson would withdraw from the race.

"For a number of weeks now, Ted Cruz has just been telling lies," Rubio said. "He lied about Ben Carson in Iowa."

While personal attacks dominated the debate, there was some brief discussion of policy during and after the debate.

Economic growth took center stage when Dickerson directed questions of domestic issues at the six candidates.

Kasich said he revitalized the Buckeye State by balancing budgets and spurring job growth.

"The fact of the matter is we went from an \$8 billion hole to a \$2 billion surplus," Kasich said. "We're up 400,000 jobs. Our credit is rock-solid."

Bush claimed he empowered Florida during his time as governor to achieve economic stability.

"We led the nation in job growth seven out of eight years," Bush said. "When I left, there was \$9 billion of reserves, 35 percent of general revenue. No state came close to that."

Tax reform also proved to be a major issue expressed by some of the candidates.

Cruz said he would repeal the Affordable Care Act — commonly referred to as Obamacare — immediately if he were sworn into office. He would then install a simplified tax code.

"Passing a simple flat tax that abolishes the IRS is not going to be easy, but if we stand with the American people, we can do it," Cruz said.

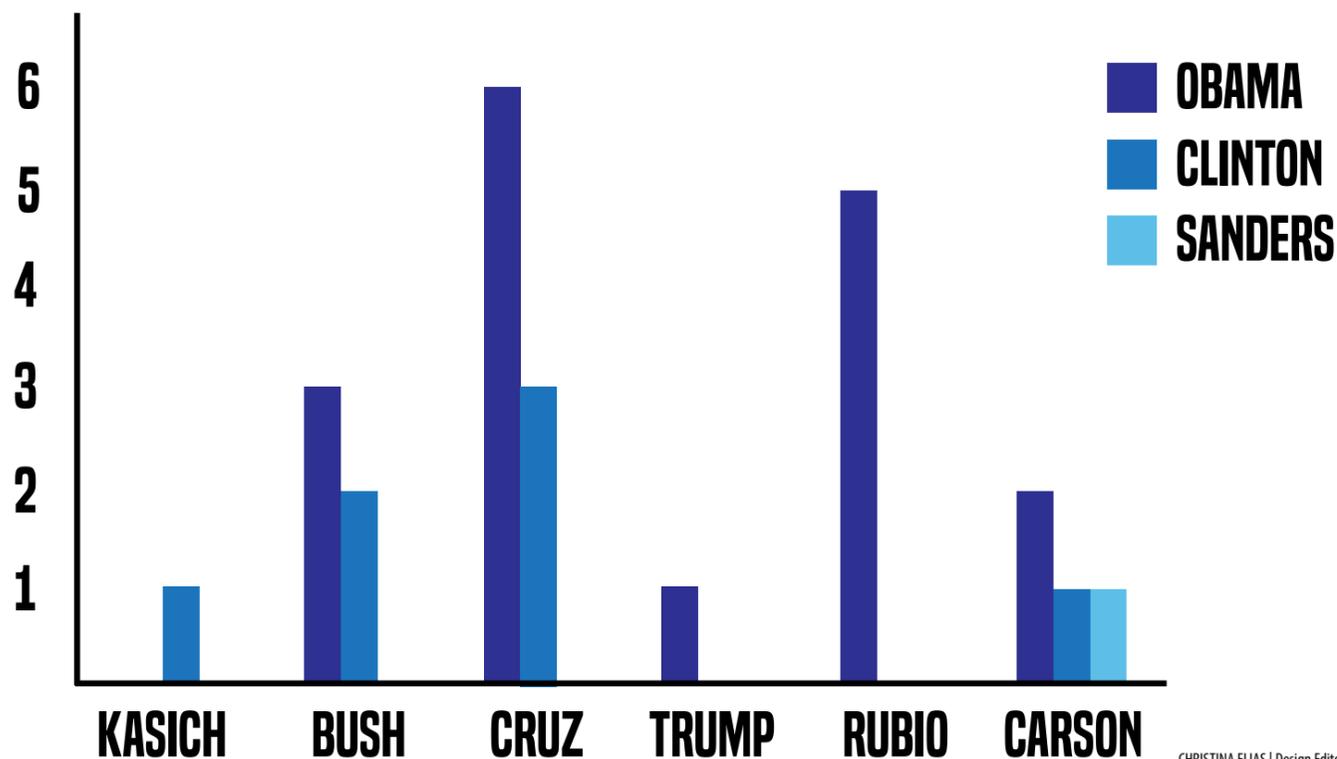
Rather than outline specifics on his plan, Carson redirected viewers to his website, BenCarson.com, for detailed information about how he would deal with the corporate tax rate.

Trump said he would utilize Congress' taxation powers to punish companies like Ford that are moving overseas to Mexico.

"I would build consensus with Congress, and Congress would agree with me," Trump said.

As the race for the Republican Party nomination continues, the remaining candidates will prepare for their next debate Feb. 25 in Houston. Before the next debate, South Carolina and Nevada voters will cast ballots Feb. 20 and Feb. 23, respectively.

CANDIDATES MENTIONING OBAMA, CLINTON & SANDERS



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Elon alumna running for NC House seat

Ferrell emphasizes experiences with unemployment, pre-K cuts

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Jen Ferrell '01 is building her campaign for the North Carolina House of Representatives off previous experiences and how policy makers' decisions directly affected her and her family.

A member of the last graduating class of Elon College and the student group that worked with the first Elon Poll, Ferrell spent time on unemployment and saw how the decision to eliminate Pre-K services brought adverse effects to her twins and their classmates. That's all on her mind as she campaigns for the seat in District 36, located southwest of Raleigh.

"As a 37-year-old mom, I strongly feel I can connect to parents across all political spectrums going into November on issues of public education, economic security and jobs and to get these parents out there that are not voting," Ferrell said.

At 37, she's the youngest woman running for a state legislative seat in North Carolina, and she'll go up against Woodie Cleary in the Democratic Primary March 15. The incumbent, Republican Nelson Dollar, has served for 12 years.

Ferrell, originally from Northern Virginia, was laid off the day before the 2008 election from a Goldman Sachs-funded energy tech startup in

Raleigh. Pregnant with twins, Ferrell was on unemployment for eight months and ultimately decided not to look for a job so she could stay home to care for her twins.

"That was a turning point for me," Ferrell said. "The policy started to directly affect me."

Ferrell began lobbying her state representatives, calling it "learning by doing." She voiced her concerns to the North Carolina General Assembly, and even spoke to an N.C. House Human Services Committee about the pre-K services that were eventually cut.

After another candidate — for whom Ferrell was set to serve as campaign manager — dropped out because of family health concerns, Ferrell was encouraged by the House leadership caucus to run for the seat. She filed on Dec. 23, 2015 — the last day she could — and formally launched the campaign in early January.

She's already received endorse-

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JEN FERRELL
ELON COLLEGE ALUMNA

ments from the Raleigh-Wake Citizens Association and the Triangle Labor Council, and is pleased thus far with her cam-



PHOTO COURTESY OF JEN FERRELL

Jen Ferrell smiles with her twins, Trey and Emma. Ferrell is running for a seat in the N.C. House of Representatives.

aign's recent success.

The three issues Ferrell is focusing the most on are public education, economic security and jobs and women's personal health issues.

She said she wants to ensure that teacher pay and teacher assistant positions aren't further cut along with textbooks and other resources. Ferrell is an advocate of the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) for middle class families, and she'd also like to increase the unemployment eligibility weeks.

Ferrell said there's been a "direct assault" against rights for women's

health and wants those decisions to be left to women, not to policy makers.

"I think we need to get back to priorities and funding our schools, economic development and jobs in the state rather than this social regressive policy that is going to restrict people's rights," Ferrell said.

Though Ferrell grew up in a Republican household, the college climate at Elon challenged her beliefs.

She recalls her time at Elon being "incredibly challenging to balance but rewarding." She majored in political science and public administration. She juggled her involvement in the political science department with being a member of Phi Mu Fraternity and working at Cracker Barrel to help pay rent.

"I learned so much from my professors as far as keeping an open mind, learning about worldwide

policy, global policy, state and national policy," she said. "I really think that helped shape me. That was kind of a turning point for me to help learn from them."

Ferrell said she hopes to be a voice for the ordinary people in her district. That's why she got involved with state politics to begin with and why she is running today.

"I'm running to bring back all of our voices to the N.C. 36 District for balance of sound and solid policy that will benefit all of the citizens here in the district and the state," she said. "Right now, we're not seeing that. We have a 12-year incumbent that no one really knows. They don't know who he is. He doesn't host town halls. He's not very good with constituent services."

"It's my passion, so I'm going for it ... I'm doing that to ensure everyone's being heard."

Explaining the importance of South Carolina and Nevada

States reflect more diverse electorate

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Throughout the course of the 2016 presidential election, heavy discussion has taken place concerning the Iowa caucuses and the New Hampshire primaries.

But while they are the first two states in which voters cast their ballots for their preferred candidates, South Carolina and Nevada are more reflective of the national electorate.

Ninety percent of Iowa's electorate and 94 percent of New Hampshire's electorate is Caucasian, according to the United States Census Bureau. At a national level, only two-thirds of the U.S. voting-age population is white.

The lack of diversity in Iowa and New Hampshire poses challenges to generalizing results nationally.

In Nevada, more minorities are represented. Twenty-four percent

of eligible voters in the Silver State are Hispanic, 9 percent are African-American and 10 percent are Asian.

In South Carolina, 27 percent of voters are African-American. The difference in percentage of white voters in South Carolina and the United States is less than 1 percent.

Considering the more representative populations of South Carolina and Nevada, candidates are fighting to get their messages out to voters.

Of the six remaining Republican candidates — businessman Donald Trump, Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas), Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.), retired neurosurgeon Ben Carson, Ohio Gov. John Kasich and former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush — there is some diversity on the stage both racially and economically.

Though a variety of backgrounds are represented, early South Carolina polls reveal Trump and Cruz as the favorites to win. According to Real Clear Politics, Trump is the clear favorite and is projected to win by about 20 percent.

Early data from Real Clear Politics has former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton routing Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) by at least 20 percent in South Carolina.

Winners in the South Carolina primaries have historically gone on to secure their party's nomination

— John Edwards in 2004.

Since 1992, there has only been one occasion where the Democratic Party's primary winner did not get the party's nomination. Since 1980, there has only been one occasion where the Republican Party's primary winner did not get the

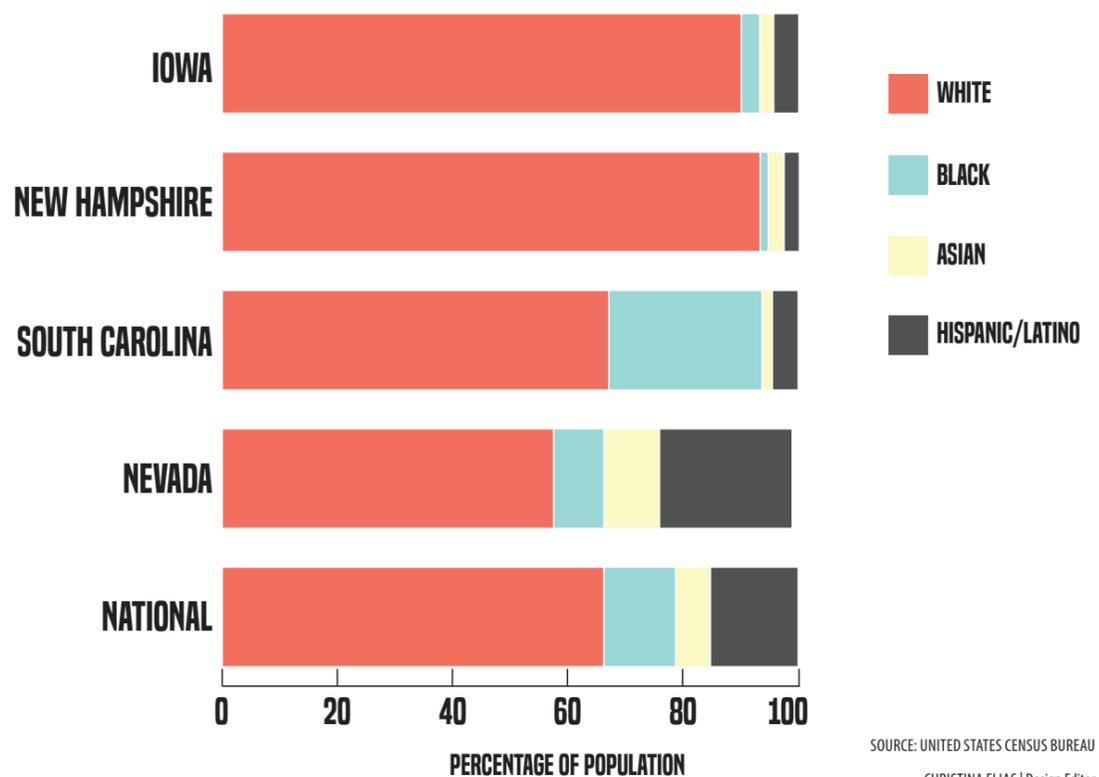
party's nomination — Newt Gingrich in 2012.

Nevada, which operates through a caucus format, has been less accurate in foreshadowing which candidate receives the party nomination. Nevertheless, its heavy minority population offers insight into how

the national electorate may vote.

With North Carolina primaries taking place on March 15 and South Carolina primaries and Nevada caucuses being held Feb. 20-27, voters should be paying increased attention to results from more representative states.

DEMOGRAPHICS OF MAJOR PRIMARY STATES



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from cover

body. She is specifically looking at how one carcinogen induces chromosome instability in zebra fish through a variety of molecular biology techniques.

Maximizing available resources

Because Elon University offers a finite amount of resources and does not have as large of a research budget as Duke University or the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, many students like Sibree focus on under-researched, smaller-scale subjects.

Linda Niedziela, associate professor of biology and Sibree's research mentor, said the university's unique approach to scientific research allows undergraduate students to gain more practical experience. Sibree and other passionate students can then transfer their acquired knowledge to graduate school where they can study cancer at a more advanced level.

"Undergrads can be doing research and make a real contribution," Niedziela said. "They just have to understand it may be a very small contribution. What Elon needs to do is find those little areas that nobody's all that interested in."

Because Sibree's research involves examining chromosomes in zebra fish while other institutions look at chromosomes in humans, rats or mice, she has run into several obstacles. The most challenging part of her research has been the methodology of using isolated DNA from zebra fish to look at chromosome instability.

"Basically, what we concluded from those results was that that technique was not the best way to investigate the mechanisms of chromosome instability induction caused by this chemical," Sibree said.

Though the results were disappointing, Sibree's research has helped the larger scientific community save time from further research into this subject.

"With cancer, there's so much that's unknown," Sibree said. "When you look at unexplored topics, even if you don't get the results that you necessarily want or expect, that information is still critical to the field."

Launching the moonshot campaign

Research at the university level has recently received increased recognition from the national community and is discussed more at time progresses.

As part of a national tour for finding a cure for cancer, Vice President Joe Biden met with 10 experts Feb. 10 at the Duke University School of Medicine to discuss the federal government's commitment for further research.

"I'm from the federal government," Biden said. "We need advice on how we can be more helpful, and we will not hesitate to tell you where we think the community can be more helpful."

At the round table discussion, participants advocated for more collaboration within the scientific community, increased sharing of

CANCER FACTS

- **595,690 people are estimated to die from cancer in 2016.**
- **Cancer is the second most common cause of death in the United States.**
- **20% of all cancers diagnosed in the United States are related to body fatness, physical inactivity, excess alcohol consumption, and/or poor nutrition.**
- **1/3 of the estimated cancer deaths are caused by cigarette smoking.**
- **86% of all cancers in the United States are diagnosed in people who are over 50 years old.**

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big data and encouragement for the public to participate in clinical trials.

But perhaps the most important moment occurred when Biden explained the necessity of dispelling public misconceptions about cancer.

"We've learned that there's not just one cancer, but that there's thousands of cancers," Biden said.

According to Sibree, a lot of people have a misconception that cancer is a single entity with a single cure likely to be discovered in the near future.

"It's so important that people understand cancer is not one thing where there's just going to be one cure," Sibree said.

Yuko Miyamoto, associate professor of biology mentoring a different student for a Lumen Prize research project about cancer, said all students should consider taking an introductory biology course like BIO 113 "Cell Biology" to develop a basic understanding of healthy habits and cancer prevention.

"Science is very interesting, and yes, it can be hard," Miyamoto said. "But it can also empower students to make healthy choices."

Elon students, both science and non-science majors, have worked tirelessly to inform students about the realities of cancer and spread the proper information.

Raising awareness outside of research

In 2003, a group of students started Elonthon Dance Marathon, a 24-hour dance marathon that raises money for patients and families at Duke Children's Hospital. In the inaugural event, the students raised \$28,500. In 2015, 1,500 students raised more than \$180,000.

"It's grown incredibly since then," said senior Conor Janda, Elonthon's marketing director. "I think my biggest pride is not even how much money we've raised. It's just the fact that 25 percent of



Sibree explores how one carcinogen creates chromosome instability in zebra fish at McMichael laboratory.



Vice President Joe Biden explains the importance of increasing public awareness about the realities of cancer Feb. 10.

students participate. I'm not sure if there's anything else on campus that can brag about having 25 percent of students participate. That's really exciting to me."

As Janda prepares for this year's Elonthon scheduled for April 8-9 in Alumni Gym, he urges students not to forget the ultimate purpose of the event: to raise money for families affected by diseases like cancer.

"Research and programming

Your Melon Crew on Elon's campus in January and obtained its maximum number of 20 participants. The group first formed after discovering the message behind a website created by two different college students.

The Love Your Melon campaign began in 2012 out of a simple idea of putting a hat on every child battling cancer in the United States. Since 2012, the website creators have developed an ambas-

Since forming the crew in January, Cervini and Kasten have worked hard to brand the crew's mission on social media. They have also recently begun talks of forming coalitions with other organizations on campus, such as Elonthon.

"We've done so much already and I sometimes forget that it's only been a couple weeks," Kasten said. "We've done so much, but we still think there's so much left to do."

Cervini and Kasten encourage members of the Elon community to visit the Love Your Melon website and add Elon University from the drop down menu underneath the "Select a Campus Crew" header when checking out an online order.

Confronting the realities of cancer

While raising awareness about cancer through events and online purchases is important, Sibree urges students to take initiative by educating themselves on the facts.

There will be an estimated 1,685,210 new cases of cancer in 2016 in the United States resulting in 595,690 deaths, according to the American Cancer Society. Through early detection and healthy practices, Sibree said a substantial portion of cancers could be prevented.

"People just really need to be aware of their health and take it seriously," Sibree said. "Some people don't realize what they're doing to their bodies."

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MEGAN SIBREE
SENIOR

are really important parts of Duke Children's Hospital and I'm so proud to say that our money goes to both programming and research," Janda said.

While Elonthon has become a large-scale platform for raising awareness within the Elon community, other students are looking to make a year-round difference through smaller contributions.

Launching the Love Your Melon campaign

Elon seniors Jessica Cervini and Carly Kasten formed a Love

sador program in which college students like Cervini and Kasten sell or donate hats for cancer.

For each item Elon's crew sells through the Love Your Melon website, the group receives a point. Those points allow members to go to local hospitals and homes to give hats to kids battling cancer.

"To have somebody five years old going through such a traumatic experience is just heartbreaking," Cervini said. "To be able to go to that hospital and let that child smile and forget about what's happening would be such a remarkable experience."

Elon addresses need for sustainability awareness

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Elon University Assistant Director of Development Devlin Shaw walked to the McMichael Biobus stop, eager to learn more about university initiatives to promote sustainability.

Riding with four other members of the local community, Shaw took a tour of Loy Farm led by the Office of Sustainability.

"I'm trying to get as educated as I can about some of the opportunities that Elon is trying to utilize to educate individuals on ways we can best sustain ourselves and save money," Shaw said.

Since joining Elon's staff just a couple weeks ago, Shaw has actively explored opportunities to learn more about the university's commitment to sustainable practices.

"It's my job to learn all I can about initiatives like this one so I can educate other individuals on how they could really make an impact on the future if this is something that they're interested in," Shaw said.

While he has gone on several tours and will be going on several more in the near future, Shaw said Loy Farm made a major impact on him.

Office of Sustainability offers education

It is for people like Shaw that the Office of Sustainability holds events to educate the general public.

Jessica Bilecki, education and outreach coordinator for the Office of Sustainability, led the Feb. 12 tour hoping to show people how Loy Farm operates.

Office of Sustainability launches the Phoenix Cup, a series of competitions to educate students about waste.

"It's a great opportunity to get people out here and talk about civic engagement," Bilecki said.

The university first purchased the farm in 2000 and primarily used it for storage and biology classes. Since then, the farm has had solar panels installed and has served as a host for research projects from both students and professors.

Today, Loy Farm also supports the larger Burlington community through Campus Kitchen and Allied Churches, both of which use food grown at the farm.

On the tour, Bilecki guided five people through the solar farm, urban studio and food and farming system operations.

"The food here is grown for educational purposes, but it doesn't get wasted," Bilecki said.

Waste reduction is central to the Office of Sustainability's commitment to improving university operations and developing educational programs.

In addition to tours of Loy Farm, which are offered on the second and final Friday of each month, the office is promoting several other initiatives.



HALI TAUXE | Photo Editor

Vistors learn about sustainable agricultural practices during a tour of Loy Farm. Bilecki explains how students are able to access the greenhouse for courses.

Students to participate in Phoenix Cup

Perhaps the most important campaign to educate the Elon community about sustainable practices is the Phoenix Cup, a series of competitions that changes every year designed to reduce Elon's collective ecological footprint.

For the cup this year, teams or individuals earn points for actions that minimize landfill waste. Some actions include printing on both sides of paper, using reusable bags each time while shopping and recycling all paper, plastics, glass and electronics.

Students who commit to an action listed on a provided checklist are entered into a raffle for \$25 in Phoenix Cash. The individual who earns the most points wins \$50 in Phoenix Cash.

The team that earns the most points per person by the end of the three-week competition wins a participation bag, local restaurant gift cards and a choice of a solar-powered cell phone charger, a hammock or a donation on their behalf to one of four charities — World Wildlife Fund, United Way, Donors Choose or Adopt an Acre.

"There are a number of educational opportunities, but ultimately, what each participant takes away depends on the person and what he or she does," said Elaine Durr, director of sustainability.

Durr said some students might form a daily habit of bringing a reusable mug to classes while others might track everything they dispose of in a week and change their behaviors based on that information.

Part of the goal of the Phoenix Cup is to highlight the importance of increasing awareness about environmental issues.

"Environmental issues do not just impact the environment," Durr said. "They impact people, and in turn, the economy."

As part of an environmental educational campaign, the office is also promoting Core Curriculum forums.

On Monday, Feb. 22 and Tues-



HALI TAUXE | Photo Editor

Jessica Bilecki, education and outreach coordinator for Elon University's Office of Sustainability, offers a guided tour of Loy Farm.

day, Feb. 23, in LaRose Digital Theater, Professor of Sociology Thomas Arcaro will lead a forum about expanding upon Elon's mission statement on how to be a global-minded citizen.

While there are several opportunities for students on campus to engage in sustainability initiatives through the Phoenix Cup and Loy Farm tours, the Office of Sustainability also works with its community outside of Elon.

Though there are several different interpretations of what it means

"Practicing sustainable behaviors is a way to contribute toward the desirable goal of healthy people, planet and prosperity," Durr said.

Influence extends beyond Elon

Elon is partnering with the Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (PART) Feb. 22 - March 18 to run a van service that takes people to and from Elon's campus to the PART Route 4 Alamance Burlington Express Route

Though Elon works beyond the town's borders, its focus remains on increasing engagement from within.

On-campus organizations spark interest

Students involved in the Eco-Reps Program — a peer education program designed to promote sustainability and environmentally responsible practices — work with Residence Life and Fraternity and Sorority Life to incorporate sustainability into the respective programs.

Eco-Reps also visit Elon 101 and The Global Experience courses as requested.

Sophomore Azzurra Catucci said she decided to join the program to help educate the general student population.

"As an Eco-Rep, I help spread awareness throughout the Elon community about various sustainability initiatives and different ways to be more sustainable in everyday life," Catucci said.

Students and faculty interested in learning more about sustainability initiatives taking place on Elon's campus are encouraged to contact the Office of Sustainability, located in Alamance 213.

PRACTICING SUSTAINABLE BEHAVIORS IS A WAY TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARD THE DESIRABLE GOAL OF HEALTHY PEOPLE, PLANET AND PROSPERITY.

ELAINE DURR
DIRECTOR OF SUSTAINABILITY

to practice living sustainably, the Office of Sustainability defines sustainability as "meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

In its simplest form, it refers to overall wellbeing.

bus stop at Alamance Regional Medical Center.

"The PART Route 4 Connection Pilot will help Transportation Services determine if this service should be continued," Durr said. "Ridership during the pilot will be the primary determinate of this."

Panel addresses religion, evolution relationship

Discussion bridges gap between faith, science

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Elon University panelists explained how they found ways to avoid choosing between faith and science. “Evolution and Religion: Does human evolution represent a threat to my faith?” offered community members a chance to ask how to bridge the gap between religious and scientific thoughts.

The panelists included Professor of Sociology Thomas Arcaro, Senior Lecturer in Religious Studies L.D. Russell, Associate Professor of Biology Dave Gammon, Professor Emeritus of Health and Human Performance Michael Calhoun and Adjunct Instructor in Communications Mark Fox.

Each panelist gave a brief background of himself and how his faith, or lack thereof, has tied into his work Feb. 11. Russell began

According to a Gallup poll, 42 percent of people in the United States believe God created humans in their current state and that evolution did not happen.

by sharing the development of his faith as a young person.

“I had a huge religious experience in high school, and I became very religious,” Russell said. “In that particular form of religiosity, I saw the very idea of human evolution as a huge threat to

my faith. And I worried about it a lot ...[Religion] formed who I was. It gave me a lens on the world.”

Gammon, who prepared slides to present to the audience during his introductory time slot, explained that while many U.S. citizens accept



Dave Gammon, associate professor of biology, offers a scientific view of evolution and religion during panel discussion.

MEG BRENNAN | Staff Photographer

the idea of evolution for every other species, it only becomes an issue in terms of human development throughout the millennia.

According to Gallup poll results as recent as 2014 (which Gammon referenced in his short presentation), 42 percent of adults in the United States believe God created humans in their current state and that human evolution did not happen.

Gammon’s last slide revealed that, for him, “Evolution explains human nature ... but God explains human potential.”

One audience member later asked a question pertaining to exactly that — how non-religious people answer the questions of how and why humans exist.

“We need to consider the terms in which we are even talking about this issue and transcend this understanding that it’s all about us,” Russell said.

He continued, stating that while religion offers a pathway to understanding for many people, it is not the only way in which humans have searched for the

answers to those same questions throughout history.

“I tend to see the scientific endeavor as a similar search,” he explained.

There was disagreement at one point among the panelists about the relevance of the Bible and other religious texts when attempting to reconcile religion

for straws.” Instead, he offered ways in which books of the Bible — especially the first, Genesis — could be interpreted in a way that could shed light on God’s possible role in evolution.

It is all in the phrasing of the book: God “let” things happen, Gammon emphasized. He theorized that while God may have

some cases, “negatively” impact contemporary culture, tying it into political and social issues as well as scientific endeavors.

“That is problematic as we move forward, looking to a book not written to these times as direction,” Arcaro said.

Fox disagreed, saying that the Bible was written for all times and does not expire.

“I’m standing on the word of God because I believe the word of God is true,” he said. “I believe [the theory of evolution] is still a hypothesis ... I’m not going to stand on that because it’s not valid.”

When an audience member questioned how panelists’ colleagues with backgrounds in the hard sciences perceived their faith in the workplace, no panelist cited negative receptions.

“They seem remarkably tolerant of my faith. They often don’t agree with it, but they seem far more openminded than you’d expect,” Gammon said. “Science can’t touch faith — not easily, anyway.”

Sophomore Emily DeMaioNewton, an intern at the Truitt Center for Religious and Spiritual Life, was asked to moderate the panel discussion in McKinnon Hall because she was unbiased — she does not come from a Christian background.

While the discussion focused solely on the relationship between evolution and Christian traditions, she admired the diverse viewpoints within different sides of the issue.

“It tends to mostly be Christian traditions that find dissidence with evolution, at least in the mainstream,” DeMaioNewton said.

DeMaioNewton said she appreciated how the panel gave the audience an opportunity to listen to various perspectives, ranging from sole acceptance of evolution or religion to views that fell somewhere in between the two ends of the spectrum.

“The discussion was more comprehensive than I expected,” she said.

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and science today.

Gammon said that because the Bible was written thousands of years ago, it was not written with the intent to be used as a foundation for scientific beliefs, and “to try to reconcile it is like grasping

created the initial universe, its scientific evolution into our current world could hypothetically just have been set into motion by God’s initial creations.

Arcaro also weighed in, stating that one’s religious beliefs can, in

SGA rejects amendment to its Constitution

‘So help me God’ clause will not be removed

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Elon University’s SGA rejected an amendment to its Constitution Thursday night which called for the removal of the optional “so help me God” clause.

Because amendments require a two-thirds majority from eligible voting members and the final count ended in a tie, the amendment failed to pass. Of the 46 total voters, 23 students voted to keep the “so help me God” clause in the Constitution, 22 voted to remove the clause and one abstained (abstaining results in a

negative vote).

Senior Hannah Orth said she was disappointed with the decision to keep the clause in the SGA Constitution because it makes some students feel uncomfortable.

“I am not in favor of the ‘so help me God’ clause in the Constitution because it is not inclusive of everyone,” Orth said. “While it does include a large population that tends to be the majority, it isn’t taking into account a lot of the other religions that exist.”

All elected members of SGA are required to take an oath of office prior to assuming their positions, according to Article IX Section F of the Constitution. At the end of the oath, it is optional for elected students to say, “so help me God.”

Debate over the proposed

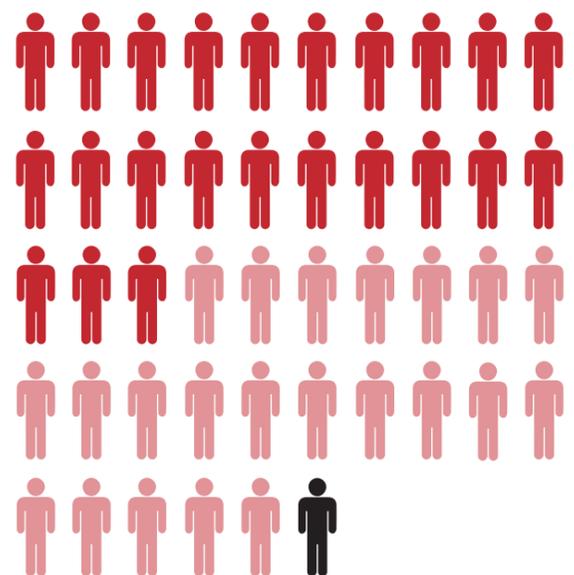
amendment proved to be an arduous process. With two separate motions for open, 10-minute discussions followed by a one-hour motion for open discussion, SGA members expressed a plethora of opinions on the subject.

Amendments require a two-thirds majority vote, which the amendment failed to achieve.

While some argued the phrase made newly elected members uncomfortable, others said students shouldn’t be uncomfortable since they are not required to say, “so help me God.”

Though the amendment did not pass, it will be discussed at greater length through Senate bylaw proceedings.

SGA VOTE BREAKDOWN



KEEP **REMOVE** **ABSTAIN**
CHRISTINA ELIAS | Design Editor

SPRING ADMITS from cover

Engaged Learning session, went on a campus tour and had an orientation meeting all before beginning classes on Tuesday.

"The first couple of days were definitely pretty hectic," said freshman spring admit Chloe Tagariello. "Orientation felt a little rushed, and having to start classes the next day was overwhelming."

Making matters slightly more challenging, the Sunday that the new students move in always falls as the same day as sorority bid day — a day when hundreds of girls accept their invitations to join Fraternity and Sorority Life.

Elon's Transfer and Special Admissions department created a mentor program designed to provide incoming transfer students access to a student resource before they arrive on campus.

"Moving in during sorority recruitment was especially challenging," Crosby said. "If I'm being honest, I didn't like the fact that move-in was the same day as bid day. I would say that the majority of my friends here at Elon are guys because they are the only ones that have had time to hang out. I still haven't been able to meet girls who are in sororities."

Spring admit students, in general, are not allowed to take a class during the Winter Term before they enter in the spring. And since many

students who do not participate in recruitment chose to go home for Fake Break, the spring admit students and newly affiliated women are

often the only people on campus.

"I remember my first day at Elon moving in to a completely empty dorm," said senior Catherine van Eyck. "All the girls on my hall were at bid day and came back wearing shirts with their new Greek letters."

Getting adjusted

Laurin Kier, an assistant professor of sociology, considers the added difficulty her Elon 101 students face.

"I once had a spring admit student who had been placed in a Danielely flat with seven students who had arrived in the fall,

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CHLOE TAGARIELLO
FRESHMAN SPRING ADMIT

all of whom had just gotten into a sorority," Kier said. "Not so much fun for my student as none of her flat mates had time to spend getting to know her."

Aware of these challenges, Kier spends extra time making sure the new students get set up with their schedules by providing them with as much information to make the transition run smoothly.

But with a mountain of information needed to be learned as quickly as possible, Elon 101 students received visits from several different organizations and resource centers.

Between presentations from Elon Volunteers!, the Student Professional Development Center, the Leadership office, study abroad and Fraternity and Sorority Life panels, much is covered in Elon 101 classes.

"I believe all of that helps them know what Elon has to offer both academically and socially and, I hope, makes a difficult transition at least a little bit easier," Kier said.

Changes and challenges

Aside from the normal anxieties of meeting new people, finding their way around campus and adjusting to new class schedules, spring admit students are often shocked to hear that in their first week at Elon, they already owe a \$200 housing deposit and have to figure out who to live with and where to live for the next fall.

"Coming in not knowing anyone to live with or anywhere to live is scary, especially when you have to know your living situation so soon," Tagariello said.

The spring admits' Elon 101 classes have a representative from the Residence Life Office come in and explain the logistics of the housing selection process since it happens so early in the spring semester. Because many of the spring students come to Elon with few or no college credits, they get last pick on where they want to live.

"Between the money and meeting people who I am going to live with next year I felt very overwhelmed," Crosby said. "All of the fall semester kids knew who they were

going to room with so it was a struggle to find girls I liked enough to want to live with next year. I pretty much get last priority for housing which is a bummer."

In an effort to assist the new students in matters like this and several others, Elon's Transfer and Special Admissions department created a mentor program. The program has been designed to provide incoming transfer students access to a student resource before they arrive on campus.

In this program, mentors contact incoming students prior to their arrival on campus and follow up with them once they arrive.

"She answered questions that I wouldn't feel comfortable asking a teacher or admission person," Crosby said of her mentor. "She did an incredible job making me feel welcome at Elon."

Finding a home

Despite the challenges, the new students are happy to be at Elon. Whether they chose to work, stay home for the semester or transfer from another school, many of the arriving students saw something in Elon that made them want to wait.

"I really have been in love with Elon ever since my sophomore year of high school so, coming here spring semester was still a dream," Crosby said. "This is the most amazing school and even though I came a semester later I felt so welcomed. This still feels like my home."

"No school compared to Elon, and I just couldn't see myself anywhere else, which is why it was worth the wait," Tagariello said.

Elon continues to welcome new students through the spring admit program and continues to work to make the transition as seamless as possible.

Delays have repercussions for local businesses

University schedule changes affect local businesses

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Elon University announced at 5:56 a.m. Monday that it would delay operations and postpone classes until 10 a.m. after inclement weather Sunday night and early Monday.

Snow days affect local businesses' operations, too. Phil Smith, owner of The Oak House, said delays impact their scheduling.

"Obviously it is easier for the rest of the community, particularly the downtown business community, to make our business decisions and operational decisions when we know those type of things in advance, so earlier is always better," Smith said. "I know the last storm they made a decision the night before, and we were fully able to plan our contingencies for the next day."

Smith said, ideally, downtown businesses would be aware of changes as soon as possible.

"We sometimes have to have extra staff, because if school's going to be out, then sometimes we're feeding — and I would say housing — for the day a lot of students who are looking for a place to be warm and to study, especially when classes are out," he said.

Peter Ustach, co-owner of Pandora's Pies and Fat Frogg, agreed it is beneficial to know the school's plans ahead of the business day.

"I have contacts that work at the dining halls, so I stay in touch with them, Ustach said. "And if they tell me that they're going to be

closed, we load up. My kitchen manager and I watch forecasts of the weather and order heavily earlier in the week if we know there's a chance of inclement weather."

Ustach said he puts employees on an on-call schedule on snow days and usually find someone to work that day to accommodate the thousands of students in the area.

"It's our responsibility, if we can get our employees here safely, to feed [the students] and be part of that community," Ustach said.

Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students Smith Jackson said the university delays classes as soon as they deem it necessary.

"We want to keep classes as long as we feel people can be safe," Jackson said.

The university took steps to ensure snow or ice would not prevent students, faculty and staff from coming to campus.

"We have Physical Plant down on campus in the wee hours of the morning clearing things, making sure [paths are walkable]," Jackson said. "We've got Campus Police driving out checking all the different locations, and then we will have Provost Steven House and I talk after he's talked with the Campus Police and Physical Plant."

Despite the university carrying on with its services, some professors were not able to come because of inclement traveling conditions in surrounding areas.

"We have 3,500 students who are living here or around [campus], but there are many faculty and staff who don't live so close," Jackson said.

News Editor Bryan Anderson and Sports Editor Alex Simon contributed to this report.



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Physical Plant works early in the morning to clear pathways for students arriving to delayed classes.

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CHEAT SHEET

Cheat Sheet: Justice Scalia's Death



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Justice Antonin Scalia, 79 (far left), died on Feb. 13 in Texas. In the wake of his death, a contentious political debate has ensued as to whether or not President Barack Obama should appoint a new justice.

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia died from natural causes Feb. 13, according to Texas authorities. Appointed by President Ronald Reagan in 1986 and serving until his death, the 79-year-old was the longest serving justice on the current Supreme Court.

Because of his unexpected passing, the country will be thrust into a political battle about who should be appointed in his place.

What did Scalia do while in the chair?

Scalia was a strict constructionist who had a limited judicial interpretation of the Constitution. He was the first justice of Italian-American descent. Being an active conservative voice, one of Scalia's most

famous opinions came from District of Columbia v. Heller.

In a controversial majority opinion, he wrote that the Second Amendment allows U.S. citizens to own guns in their homes.

What is the federal process for choosing a new Supreme Court Justice?

Supreme Court Justices serve life terms. When one justice dies, the president nominates a replacement.

Numerous factors are considered when a president chooses a new justice, including experience, political allegiance, gender, race and judicial ideology.

After a president makes a nomination, a majority vote from the Senate is required

for confirmation.

What makes the particular appointment so important?

Many Republican presidential candidates and congressmen have called President Barack Obama a lame duck — an elected official approaching the end of his tenure. This is inaccurate. A lame duck is when someone's successor is chosen. As such, they argue the next president should appoint Scalia's successor.

But after Scalia's death, Obama said he intends to nominate a new justice and that there is enough time for the Senate to "fulfill its responsibility to give that person a fair hearing and a timely vote," before his term

ends next January.

With a Republican majority in the Senate and Scalia being a conservative, Obama will have a difficult time trying to replace Scalia with a more liberal justice.

During the Republican debate Saturday in Greenville, South Carolina, frontrunner Donald Trump said the decision should be up to Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell. Trump said McConnell should delay the vote until the new president takes office. Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Tex.) said he agreed.

"We are one justice away from a Supreme Court that will strike down every restriction on abortion," Cruz said. "We are one justice away from a Supreme Court that would undermine religious liberty for millions of Americans."

NEWS BRIEFS

INTERNNow Communications Internship/ePortfolio Expo to be held Feb. 18

Employers will be on campus in McKinnon Hall to critique ePortfolios and offer internships for communications students from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Feb. 18. Critiques for senior students will take place 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Employers will hold drop-in hours for all students looking for internships or wanting practice networking with professionals from 3 to 4 p.m.

Questions can be directed to Nagatha Tonkins at ntonkins@elon.edu.

PART van system to be tested Feb. 22-March 18

The Piedmont Authority for Regional Transit (PART) will pilot a test run for its Burlington Express Bus route departing from Alamance Regional Medical Center.

Monday through Friday from Feb. 22 to March 18, riders can travel to Greensboro, Mebane, Whisett and Chapel Hill through this public transportation system.

Tickets cost \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for senior citizens as well as students with a Phoenix card.

People, Planet, Profit to discuss sustainable business summit

In order to promote an eco-friendly mindset regarding small businesses, the "People, Planet, Profit" summit will be held at 9:30 a.m. Feb. 20 in McKinnon Hall in Moseley Center.

Its purpose is to provide avenues to strengthen relationships between businesses and humanitarian advocates on campus.

Online registration is available at pericleanppp.com.

Elon sponsoring Deliberative Dialogue on Health Care costs

Elon University will be sponsoring the dialogue "Health Care: How Can We Reduce Costs and Still Get The Care We Need," from 4 to 6 p.m. Feb. 22 in McKinnon Hall in Mosley Center. Participants will be asked to read selected passages online and answer three questions in an open panel-like discussion.

To register and receive the readings in advance, students and faculty can log into the Elon Event Management website and search for the title for more instructions.

 **STAFF EDITORIAL**

Get to know SGA candidates through election process

REQUIREMENTS TO RUN FOR OFFICE

- Minimum GPA 2.5
- Good disciplinary standing
- For Executive Officers: 300 signatures (75 from each class)
- For Class Officers: 150 signatures from their class
- For Academic Officer: 50 signatures from their school

LUCY NORTHUP | Design Editor

HOW WE SEE IT

The process to become eligible to be a candidate for SGA elections needs to focus more on the candidate's platform. Students also must take SGA elections more seriously.

Around this time of year, seeing frantic yet determined students walking around campus with a packet and pen in their hands asking random students for their signature is very common. Often, students comply without hesitation, adding their name to a list of other students without asking many questions. They go on with their day.

But these signatures prove to be far more important to the lives of Elon University students than they seem to view them.

In order to be eligible to run for a position within SGA, whether as a Class Officer or an Executive Officer, students must receive a certain number of signatures from their constituents. To run for a position on the Executive Council, prospective candidates must

receive 75 signatures from each class, including the senior class. Similarly, potential Class Officer candidates need 150 signatures from students within their respective class.

This system has been in place for years, and it does help to narrow down the number of students who run for these positions. But the problem is that it can intimidate students who may have incredible ideas for our student body and it makes the election less about the issues and more about simply knowing people.

If Elon did away with the signature requirement, then students who are less extroverted could feel more comfortable running for office. While this may cause there to be many candidates, it would force the candidates to focus on their platforms in order to stand out.

Getting signatures from 300 different students is easier and far less scary for

students who are very outgoing or know many people across campus. But for those students who are more introverted, this requirement could make running for executive office very difficult. It is possible for students to have great leadership potential without being very outgoing, yet this process does not reflect that.

The process of just asking for a student's signature also distracts from the real issues at hand. Far too often, students sign their names without even asking the candidates about their platform. In many ways, the process of receiving signatures is not relevant or beneficial to the campaign itself.

Elon's SGA President Avery Steadman recognizes this issue and hopes to encourage students to run. SGA has recently been doing more outreach in order to empower students to find their voices as well as the courage to run for office.

Students complain about various aspects of campus life daily, as if they forget that they can go to SGA to make these changes happen. Students should use this election period as a time to voice their concerns and vote for a candidate who will listen to them.

What too many students fail to

understand is just how much power SGA has. So many of the changes you have seen around campus lately — such as 20-minute parking by Qdoba and the new bulletin board in Moseley — have all been made possible with the help of SGA.

At this point, the deadline for the elections application has passed, but Elon students still have the ability to get involved in the election. Each week, SGA's Thursday night meetings are open forums that any student can come to and voice their concerns or ideas. SGA's purpose is to serve the students, so it is imperative that we take these elections seriously.

Don't just check the name that you most recognize, or that your friends told you to vote for — become an active participant. SGA plays an important role in our Elon experience, and students shouldn't underestimate that.

Now that the candidates for Executive and Class Officers have been announced, take time to seek out these people and learn about their platforms. Engage in conversations, ask them questions and state your opinions. It is time we take these elections more seriously and truly let our voices be heard.

Why choose between print and online books?

Since the introduction of digital books into mainstream culture, many have questioned the likelihood of survival for traditional print literature.



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Some claim that, because of the increased accessibility and interactivity found within most e-books,

print books are slowly becoming outdated.

But others argue that the print format is a key aspect of literary history and cannot be adequately replicated on a device. There are few places where this ongoing debate

is more prevalent than the college campus, where both reading and technology are commonplace in our daily lives.

Although it would be natural to think that college students would generally prefer digital books to print, that might not necessarily be the case. According to a newly released survey, 92 percent of university students indicated that they preferred to read books on paper rather than on a screen.

This particular study was conducted by American University Professor of Linguistics Naomi S. Baron between 2010 and 2013, in which more than 420 students from the United States, Slovakia, Japan and Germany were polled for their preferred reading platform. Though the results of the study may not account for the technological advancements of e-books within the

last few years, it still presents a surprising new image of the relationship between university students and literature.

Clearly, we cannot consider print books to be a dying platform, and yet it's still far too early to call e-books a passing fad. Even though it was only years ago that scholars and social critics alike were claiming that the end was nigh for books as we knew them, print books are evidently still quite relevant in the university setting.

There may be trends in reading platforms that periodically arise, but the truth is that nothing about the subject of reading technology is absolutely certain. And now we need to ask: Should one method of reading really be considered superior to the other? When both print and digital have proven that they have staying power among college

students, and both have their own advantages and disadvantages, is there any merit in choosing one as "better" than the other?

Consider, for example, the textbook — one of the most common forms of e-books used by college students. Digital textbooks are usually equipped with many tools for easier reading, allowing for students to resize text, make temporary notes and access additional information and resources through hyperlinks.

But reading on a screen can

often lead to eye strain, an issue not found in reading from a print textbook. Additionally, print books are often praised for their simplicity by those who find the extra features of the e-book as distractions. These are but a few of the arguments in the debate of print and digital literature, but the point is that either format can be effective depending on the student's needs. Take time to consider how you read, and how each format might be able to better develop your abilities as a student.

Ultimately, it is our responsibility to make the necessary choices on reading platforms. How we read should not be influenced by perceptions of what form is more popular or what form might be more prominent in the future, but rather by our personal preferences — the way we are best able to connect with a given text.

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Lenten season allows for new beginnings

It is the beginning of a new semester. Well, a week or two in — close enough. We are still mostly excited about going to class, still reading a little bit ahead and working toward the growth and learning that is promised.



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And how well I remember those moments at the beginning, when it is overwhelmingly apparent how much there is to learn, how much is beyond our capacity and understanding, and how far

the goal is. But by the end of the term, we will all be amazed.

A week into the semester is also the beginning of Christian Lent. Lent is a 40-day observance that is for learning, preparation and growth. It is commonly known that Lent is a season of penitence — one in which we recognize how little we know about lives of wholeness and also how little we actually adhere to our own values of grace and love.

Many Christians observing Lent give up habits that stand in the way of their growth or take on disciplines that assist them in growth. They may avoid Facebook and devote themselves to more silence or service. Lent is an annual course in faithfulness and includes facing both great success and painful failure.

Of course, we are not all Christians at Elon, but the beginning of a new season is an opportunity to see ourselves as we are and to set goals for where we want to be at the end

of this particular course, semester or season. We do it academically, athletically, even socially. So why not spiritually?

Now is as good a time as any to think about what matters most in your life and to then do something to bring you closer to it, whatever your practice. It's a great time to make a spiritual goal — to learn about your given or chosen path, to learn about someone else's, to go deeper than you ever did before, to seek new spiritual insight or to serve someone in need.

Find someone to ask your deepest questions to, examine your most closely held

assertions, or try on a new way of prayer, meditation, spiritual study or action. You might, in the end, be amazed by your progress. Or not.

The American 20th century theologian G.K. Chesterton wrote, "If a thing is worth doing is, it is worth doing badly."

I want you to take hope from this thought, as Lent begins, as this semester offers new challenges that we might rather avoid, as we face things we might not be any good at and as

we take risks to learn. Blessed Lent, blessings on your spring terms and blessings on your spiritual seeking. Your chaplains are ready to walk with you in these days.

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Exercise in any form can offer health benefits

We walk through the doors of the fitness center, give our Phoenix cards to the front desk staff and



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head up the stairs. Fingers crossed, we stare through the glass to see how crowded it is. We breathe a sigh of relief when there are only a few people

working out, or tense up when it's packed.

Talking with students on campus, there seems to be a love-hate relationship with the gym. First-year Mollie Somers said, "Fitness is a great positive outlet for stress and an awesome way to challenge yourself and discover new limits." Even on busy days, she makes time for exercise, as "it's an important part of [her] day and always makes [her] feel refreshed."

Other students shared that they love the idea of the gym but rarely manage to get themselves there. Sometimes, students will even dress in workout clothes in the morning with the intention of exercising, but after sitting in class for hours with a long list of assignments due the next day, end up studying in the library instead.

Even after a productive day getting work done, for some it could feel wasted if they miss another day of exercise. Students can get mad at themselves for not going to the gym, punishing themselves and creating a cycle that could be hard to escape.

Exercise can be a positive outlet for the stress that comes with being a college student and can offer a good distraction. It can also be a place that exposes our insecurities. We see people sprinting on the treadmill, mastering their ab routines and lifting weights with great form. While we feel as if everyone is staring at us, we forget that we

already overcame the hardest part — walking through the door.

There are many different types of gym-goers. There are those who are all in and others who are all out. If you're like me, you fall somewhere in between. Everyone is different, and there's nothing wrong with going every now and then, as long as we do so with a healthy mindset.

Feelings of depression and anxiety are very prevalent among college students. According to the National Alliance of Mental Illness' research, one in four college students suffers from some form of mental illness.

According to the Mayo Clinic, physical activity is "any activity that contracts muscles and expends energy."

Diagnosed or not, students in general feel overwhelmed with their responsibilities. Exercise can be a safe, positive outlet to help relieve our stress. It releases endorphins, serves

as a distraction and helps us build confidence in ourselves. The gym is not as scary as it seems. For those of us worried that we look silly, we should plan workouts in advance. We can bring a friend to help us stay motivated, or take group exercise classes offered for a guided, scheduled workout.

If nothing you hear from medical experts, gym-junkies or me convinces you to go, consider this: Medical experts at the Mayo Clinic state that any type of physical exercise can improve health. While they consider exercise "a planned, structured and repetitive body movement done to improve or maintain physical fitness," physical activity is classified as "any activity that contracts muscles and expends energy." Something as painless as a hike or long walk with friends is still beneficial.

There is no single form of exercise that suits everyone. Find what works for you and embrace it — for the sake of your physical health, mental health and overall college success.

'All-American' persona cannot make a person bulletproof

The archetype of the good, wholesome "all-American" man is central to U.S. culture. This



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character is often white, clean-cut and fits a "good guy" persona. Once we believe that someone fits this mold, he is often placed on a pedestal — unable to

do any wrong, unable to be taken down. We do anything to maintain this belief, even if that means trying to cover up when they do something wrong.

This is a custom that is dangerous, and in instances of sexual assault, perpetuates victim blaming.

This "all-American" persona is often seen in aspects of culture that are typically considered as quintessentially American as stars and stripes, particularly football. In recent years, many scandals have come up in the lives of football players, whether they are high school football players or NFL stars. While the media do report on these scandals, they do not do so with nearly as much depth as they do others.

Many football fans across the country rejoiced when the Denver Broncos won Super Bowl 50, primarily because of the team's beloved quarterback, Peyton Manning.

Manning has had an incredible career and gained a large fan base during his almost 20 years in the NFL. This past season was what many believe to be his last, making many people happy to see him close it out with a Super Bowl championship win.

Manning's media portrayal and way of carrying himself paints him as the perfect "all-American" guy. His face has helped sell Nationwide insurance, DirecTV and Papa John's Pizza. Even in December when

he was accused of using human growth hormones, which are illegal in the NFL, he was still seen as a perfect man.

This image is now finally being called into question. Just one week after the Super Bowl, Shaun King of the New York Daily News wrote an article entitled "Peyton Manning's squeaky-clean image was built on lies, as detailed in explosive court documents showing ugly smear campaign against his alleged sex assault victim", in which King gives a detailed synopsis of a 74-page court document on Peyton Manning, his father Archie Manning, the University of Tennessee and Florida Southern College.

This is an issue we cannot ignore.

The document describes an incident of sexual assault that occurred in 1996 while Manning was an undergraduate student at the University of Tennessee and also reveals new details of an alleged cover up and smear campaign against the victim.

In December, Peyton Manning was accused of using human growth hormones, which are illegal in the NFL.

Dr. Jamie Naughtright, the associate athletic trainer for the football team, claims Manning sexually assaulted her during an examination. She reported the incident within hours, but the university allegedly tried to downplay the incident. She eventually left the university as a part of a settlement contract and signed a non-disclosure agreement with Manning and his family.

Manning and his father broke this agreement in their 2001 book "Manning: A Father, His Sons, and a Football Legacy," in which they wrote about the incident, calling Naughtright "vulgar" and painting her in a negative light, ruining her career in college athletics forever. She then filed a defamation suit which was settled with the terms confidential. The lawsuit was cov-

ered by a few news sources, but in general it has barely been spoken of since 2003.

Manning remains an "all-American" football player.

As Christine Brennan of USA Today wrote in 2003, we want to believe that he is good. We want to because that is what we grew up with. No one ever wants to discover that someone's true character isn't what they thought it was, but that doesn't mean that their actions should be hidden and forgotten.

Even now, after this story has reemerged, when I Google his name I see mostly articles about his message to Cam Newton or whether or not he is planning on retiring. In fact, after this past week, the most important story coming out of the Super Bowl remains Newton's demeanor at the post-game press-conference, which is a different issue entirely.

In an article for ESPN, senior writer Howard Bryant writes that confetti exploded after the game — not the confetti celebrating the Bronco's win, but confetti of different issues that the media and that nation could tackle. Between these scattered strips of confetti is what he calls "noise": anger, confusion and frustration.

"Every day, whether it is too much Newton or too little Manning, the pieces of confetti fall from the sky," Bryant wrote. "They land on the street, each separated by noise but waiting to be connected. The question is whether the public, the leagues, the fans and the media have the courage to confront and fit the pieces together, and whether we can handle what the finished puzzle says about all of us."

We cannot continue to ignore this issue. Sexual assault, harassment and domestic violence, especially by high-profile or well-respected figures, too often goes unnoticed, and justice is not achieved. We must link the pieces together, accept what this may mean about "all-American" culture and then act so this can never happen again.



Vital Signs competes at ICCA

*Coed
a cappella
group places
in quarterfinals*

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Vital Signs performed 'Hello' by Adele, 'Coming Home' by Leon Bridges and 'Our Own House' by MisterWives in the ICCA quarterfinals.

The International Collegiate Competition for a cappella has its quarterfinals done by region with the top two groups competing in the semifinals. Vital Signs placed third in the quarterfinals held in Florida.

The members of Vital Signs had a "Pitch Perfect" moment at the International Collegiate Competition for A Cappella (ICCA), placing third in the quarterfinals.

Though Vital Signs is Elon University's newest coed a cappella group, they decided to take a risk, apply for the experience and learn how the competition works.

A cappella groups will come from colleges and universities all over the world to attend the ICCA. To be accepted into the competition, the a cappella groups were required to send a 12-minute video of the group singing three or four songs.

According to senior Nathan Pool, president of Vital Signs, around 500 a cappella groups submitted their videos, but only 200 were accepted to participate in the competition.

Since so many groups are competing in the ICCA, the event is broken down into smaller competitions.

The a cappella groups whose videos were accepted during the deliberation period will

sing in certain competitions depending on their region and compete in the quarterfinals.

Once the quarterfinals are over, the top two groups of each region go on to the semifinal. After the semifinal, the top two groups overall compete in the finals to determine the winner.

At the quarterfinals, Vital Signs sang "Hello" by Adele, followed by "Coming Home" by Leon Bridges and closed their performance with "Our Own House" by MisterWives. But they did not compete in North Carolina.

"We actually had a last-minute change of plans with the ICCA's, because originally we were set to compete on Feb. 20, but we're actually hosting a benefit concert that weekend for Make-A-Wish Foundation," said junior Becca Johnson, treasurer of Vital Signs.

Since the concert had been planned for months, Vital Signs explained their predicament to ICCA and were given the opportunity to perform in Florida.

Though they didn't place first, the Vital Signs members were able to learn more about how a competition is organized. Since this is the first competition they have competed in, they did not go in with the mentality of placing.

But, they ended up surprising themselves. "We knew that we had everything in line and we spent hours every night rehearsing leading up to the competition weekend, but we weren't even really expecting to place," said senior Nic Nelson, music director for

Vital Signs. "We just wanted to go and just do it for the experience and have fun. So when we did find out that we placed, we were really excited."

Going to the ICCA's did not only get Vital Signs third place in the quarterfinals: it also allowed the group to broaden their range of singing.

"For me it just put everything in perspective because as an Elon a cappella group we get in a habit of singing for Elon and singing in this bubble area," said junior Matthew Crumpton, business manager for Vital Signs.

It also allowed the group to compare themselves to a cappella groups outside of Elon.

"We always try to make the arrangement as interesting as we can so you find something new every time, and it keeps its energy up throughout the time that we perform it and it never gets to a point where we are just in autopilot," Nelson said. "When we are singing we don't want that, because then you lose the feeling and the connection with the audience."

After this experience, the Vital Signs members are planning to apply what they have learned when they create arrangements in the future.

"We couldn't really gauge a level of where we are music-wise, and going out into a different area and being recognized for that was just absolutely incredible," Pool said. "It put everything in perspective and it gave me a lot of hope and a lot of faith in us."

Elon's a cappella groups Make-A-Wish

Vital Signs hosts its annual benefit concert to help kids

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For the third year in a row, Elon University's six a cappella groups will join together for a singing extravaganza to benefit sick children.

On Saturday, Feb. 20, the coed a cappella group Vital Signs will host the Make-A-Wish benefit concert. The concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Whitley Auditorium, and all of the proceeds will go to the Make-A-Wish Foundation to help fund more "wishes" for children in need.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation's goal is to grant wishes to children with life-threatening medical conditions. The "wishes" are used to enrich the lives of sick children and their families with hope and strength and give them an experience apart from hospital visits and treatment.

For example, Make-A-Wish will fund trips to various amusement parks, bring the children to meet their favorite celebrities or help them create giving-back projects of their own.

This event is important to Vital Signs on an emotional level as well. The benefit concert is dedicated to and put on in honor of the sister of a Vital Signs alumnus. The honoree, Bella Elder, is a leukemia survivor who received a trip to Disney World from the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

All of the proceeds from the concert will specifically go to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation chapter of Central and Western North Carolina.

All six Elon a cappella groups were invited to perform in the concert. Vital Signs also reached out to a cappella groups from other colleges in North Carolina, asking them to perform for students and families who have benefited from the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

The groups that are set to perform include Smooth Progressions, Shirley Tempos, Rip_Chord, Sweet Signatures, Twisted Measure, Plead the Fifth from Wake Forest University and the hosts, Vital Signs.

"I love the Vital Signs Make-A-Wish concert, because it brings all the groups together and we get to hear how everyone sounds

while performing for a great cause," said junior Andrew Mesrobian, a member of Rip_Chord.

There is rarely an opportunity like this to see more than one a cappella group perform at the same concert for charity. Each group will perform two to three of their own arrangements.

To grant a "wish," the concert has to raise about \$5,000. But the Vital Signs fundraising page, there has already raised more than \$600 in donations toward making a child's dream come true.

"This is personally my favorite event Vital Signs puts on, because we are given the opportunity to share our gifts of singing to be part of writing a bigger story," said sophomore Blair Foreman, a member of Vital Signs. "We have the honor of helping grant a wish to a family."

The Make-A-Wish Foundation gives sick

MAKE-A-WISH BENEFIT CONCERT

When: Saturday, Feb. 20, 7:30 p.m.

Where: Whitley Auditorium

Tickets are \$5 or \$7 pre-sale and \$7 or \$10 at the door.

children the opportunity to have experiences that they otherwise might not have.

The Central and Western North Carolina chapter of the Make-A-Wish Foundation recently granted the wish of a 10-year-old boy who wanted to go behind the scenes of his favorite television show, "The Price is Right," and met the host, Drew Carey.

Vital Signs wants to contribute as much as they can to this cause to grant a "wish" to enrich the lives of a sick child and his or her family.

Tickets, available for pre-sale at Moseley Center, are \$5 for students and \$7 for non-students or \$7 for students and \$10 for non-students at the door. Donations can also be made by visiting the Vital Signs profile on the Make-A-Wish website.



Vital Signs will be hosting and performing in the third annual Make-A-Wish benefit concert.

Freshman entrepreneur creates jewelry line

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While most students at Elon University spend their first semester getting involved on campus and socializing, freshman Kate Ulveling's fall semester was strictly business.

In July, Ulveling started her own jewelry line called Carolina Candy. While she sells handmade bracelets and other accessories, her best-sellers are tassel necklaces.

Tassel jewelry is a trend that gained more popularity in the form of necklaces this past summer. According to Ulveling, the simplistic yet statement jewelry piece can add a pop of color and unique twist to an outfit.

But some of these necklaces can cost upward of \$200 when shopping more pricey jewelry lines.

Ulveling saw a need for more affordable, budget-friendly tassel necklaces that college students would want to buy, which is why she decided to create her own.

"In Raleigh, the tassel necklace sells for \$80, so I never felt the need to buy them," she said.

Ulveling has always been into fashion. She used to make her own jewelry when she was younger and decided to start up the hobby again to make a cheaper tassel necklace.

With encouragement from friends who saw something special in her work, she set up an online shop on Etsy, which allows small businesses and crafters to sell their goods to a broad market. Ulveling took inspiration from the "arm can-

ny" trend, as seen on Pinterest where bloggers snap photos of their wrist stacked with bangles, cuffs and statement watches.

Her initial products were sent out in hand-packaged, reused boxes from her Birchbox membership. Ulveling would attach her logo and add colorful tissue and ribbon to the box to make it her own. Each necklace or bracelet has a candy themed name to it, such as "Sweet Cherry," "Sweet Blueberry" or "Lemon Pop."

To add to the candy theme, she originally put taffy in the boxes. Because of such high demand, Ulveling now has to ship her jewelry in manila envelopes, but sometimes still throws in taffy as a reminder of where she started.

Since each jewelry item is handmade, she orders the pieces herself to create her products. Shipping from China can be frustrating, she said, as one time it took about a month for her to receive the materials. It is al-

**MY JEWELRY HAS
A VERY BOHEMIAN
AND BEACHY STYLE.**

**KATE ULVELING
FRESHMAN**

ways more pricey, as shipping costs are sometimes double for international orders.

Each tassel necklace that Ulveling makes has three essentials pieces:

embroidery floss, wooden beads and tassels.

"It used to take forty minutes to make the necklaces because it is so hard to make the tassels," Ulveling said. "The beads are wooden, so the insides are not smooth, and the strings would always get caught."

Eventually, she got it down to a 20-minute routine, which helped her in the long run after her business began to grow.

After Carolina Candy launched, Ulveling promoted it on Facebook and Instagram, encouraging girls from her hometown to like and share with their college friends.

Her jewelry line really took off when Ulveling began creating tassel necklaces for football season, each tassel representing the school colors of University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Duke University and North Carolina State University.

"Most of my sales, besides Christmas, were for football season, and I think that's what stuck out about my jewelry," Ulveling said.

Ulveling spent much of her fall semester making her necklaces for the sports season, which she said was hard living in Hook, Brannock and Barney because she felt like she was missing out on her first semester at Elon. Balancing school work, a social life and her business was a challenge.

"My suitemates would be blasting music and hanging out, and I would be staying in my room working," she said.

But from July to October, Ulveling sold 400 tassel necklaces, between \$32-\$40 each. After gaining



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Freshman Kate Ulveling spent her first semester handmaking tassel necklaces for her line Carolina Candy each featuring a candy themed name such as 'Sweet Cherry.'

popularity on her Etsy shop, Ulveling decided to expand her business.

She began contacting boutiques throughout North Carolina and eventually was able to get her jewelry into several stores, including Catalog Connection in Greenville, Shimmer Boutique in Winterville and Madison in Raleigh.

Catalog Connection is located a block away from East Carolina University. According to the manager Meredith Rowe, Ulveling's jewelry is a perfect addition to the Southern boutique, as its main clientele is college students.

The boutique sells statement jewelry and trendy clothing, including game-day apparel that complements Carolina Candy's football-themed tassel necklaces.

"We sell typical Southern boutique apparel and jewelry, but our most popular pieces are long neck-

laces like Carolina Candy's tassel necklaces," Rowe said.

Eventually, Ulveling wants to expand Carolina Candy to other products.

"My jewelry has a very bohemian and beachy style, so I would want to make a swimsuit line," she said. "Since I'm not getting a textiles degree, I don't know much about making clothes, so I just need to find the right person and the right manufacturer."

In the next five years, she hopes to see Carolina Candy in stores across the nation. She plans to go to a jewelry trade show this summer in hopes of attracting attention to her line.

"I would love to one day see my jewelry in California and New York," Ulveling said.

But for now, her sweet, Southern creations are appearing in a few more North Carolina boutiques.

A festival for jazz fans

Elon students, community learn from guest artists

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Guest artists Dann Zinn and Chris Robinson will give feedback and critique to Elon University students and guests during the 20th annual Jazz Festival Friday, Feb. 19 in McCrory Theatre.

The annual event consists of two days of jam sessions, master classes and performances. Starting Friday at 9:30 a.m., 11 or 12 local high school and middle school bands will come to perform and practice all day in McCrory Theatre.

Zinn is a saxophonist who teaches at California State University, East Bay and has just released a new album, which director Matt Buckmaster, associate professor of music and education, said has gotten a lot of attention.

Paired with Robinson, a guitarist originally from Australia, the duo are expected to serve as great musical mentors to all of the students.

The music department strives to bring in big-name clinicians to teach both the visiting students as well as Elon students at the festival.

"We mix it up year to year," Buckmaster said. "Sometimes it's people more local, sometimes it's more global. This year we have two people

from the West Coast."

Local high school and middle school band directors are contacted by Elon and invited to join.

"Unfortunately, there aren't that many jazz programs in the area because of cuts and stuff like that. But the ones that are there are very passionate," Buckmaster said.

Chair of the music department Jon Metzger started the festival to give students the opportunity to learn from some of the best musicians in their field.

Both Buckmaster and Metzger said the community outreach component of the festival is one of the most important aspects.

"When I founded it 20 years ago, my main thoughts were about bringing outstanding, world-class artists here to Elon for the benefit of our jazz studies students first and foremost," Metzger said.

Elon music students will also have the opportunity to work with about 400 visiting grade-school students throughout the day.

Senior Jacob Ingle, a music major with a minor in music production, hopes to have a larger role in this year's festival than he has in the past.

"This year I am hoping to be more involved with the festival activities during the weekend, such as helping out all of the high school ensembles that are coming through and talking to students about music at the collegiate level," he said.

After the visiting students get a chance to perform and receive feedback, they head home, and Elon stu-

JAZZ FESTIVAL PERFORMANCE

When: Saturday, Feb. 20, 7:30 p.m.

Where: McCrory Theatre

dents get a chance to play with and learn from the guest artists.

Additionally, at 7 p.m. Friday at The Oak House, Elon jazz students will have time to bring their own instruments and play with the guest artists for Oak House patrons.

"It's kind of a party," Buckmaster said. "It's a little bit of a competitive battle sometimes, but mostly just fun."

Saturday morning, Zinn and Robinson will teach their own master classes to Elon students. They will have rehearsals throughout the day before a final performance.

At 7:30 p.m. in McCrory Theatre, Elon students will join Zinn and Robinson on-stage for a free concert.

The first part of the concert will be a collaboration with students, while the second half is reserved for both Zinn and Robinson to perform their own solo work.

Ingle, who will be playing upright bass in the show, says the concert is the most exciting part.

"I am definitely most excited for the concert itself, not only because I get to do what I love most, which is perform, but I will get to perform with professionals who are some of the best in today's jazz scene," he said.

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Elon Eats: Macho's Pizza opens up

Restaurant fills space formerly held by Anna Maria's

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Save for some paint and new picture frames, Eddie Martinho didn't change much from the former Anna Maria's. He did bring his own recipes, though, to newly-opened Macho's Pizza in Burlington, the shop that occupies the end spot in Stan's Plaza on South Church Street.

The menu is similar, and even some of the cooks are the same at Macho's, which formally opened its doors Jan. 2 after about a three-month selling process.

"There's some twists," Martinho said of the menu. "I kept the stuff I knew would sell better than keeping a lot of stuff that's just sitting there — a lot of dinners."

There are two options for pizza: New York style or Martinho's special Macho style. The latter is a four-cheese deep dish pizza with garlic crust. The toppings go underneath the cheese blend of which includes provolone, mozzarella, Monterey Jack and cheddar.

If you like cheese, it's for you.

The four-cheese blend is tasty, but only for the cheese lover. The garlic crust is an excellent addition, and the toppings always taste better underneath the cheese.

There aren't any specialty pizzas listed on the menu, like Anna Maria's used to have. Rather, the new menu just sports a list of 19 different toppings. Martinho said he can do specialty pizzas but didn't want to "clutter the menu" with a long list of them.

Macho's also offers a gluten-free pizza.

"Basically, if you know what you want, we can make it," he said.

The Macho's menu also has a slew of appetizers like Garlic knots and fried calamari, along with stromboli, calzones, subs, burgers and pasta.

There's a special Macho's style for each section of the menu, too. The Macho Dinner is your choice of pasta with meatballs, Italian sausage, chicken, sauce and cheese; while the Macho Combo sub includes turkey, ham, roast beef, salami and cheese and the Macho burger is a double bacon cheeseburger with onion rings and a special Macho's sauce.

Macho's has steak and cheese subs and chicken phillys, and the Macho's Cheese Steak is loaded with nine toppings.

There's a vegetarian menu too and a number of salads. The \$6.95 unlimited salad bar special lives on from Anna Maria's, and it's moved closer to the door for prominence, Martinho said.

Other than the menu, Martinho made a few changes to the look of the restaurant.

He painted the interior and put up photos to go along with



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Macho's Pizza offers a similar menu to Anna Maria's, including a meat lovers calzone, stromboli and pizza made to order.

the name of the restaurant — Muhammad Ali, Michael Jordan, Bruce Lee, John Wayne and Arnold Schwarzenegger are some of the celebrities that line the walls.

He's still making tweaks, though, so expect more changes as the restaurant settles in.

Martinho also said Macho's can do catering. The restaurant delivers at lunch and dinner, and is open seven days a week.

Martinho, who's worked in the food industry for 30 years, used to operate his family business, Martinho's Bakery & Deli in Mebane. He knew the former owner of Anna Maria's and so far, the transition has been smooth.

"[Business] has been pretty good," he said. "People have



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The Macho's Pizza menu offers appetizers like garlic knots and calamari to start.

been responding pretty well to it. We're trying to concentrate on an overwhelming amount of customer service."

The menu does feel a lot less jumbled, like Martinho was hoping. And the new paint and photos give it a more relaxed feel inside.

"You're going to get a lot of food for your buck," Martinho said. "We just want the public

to enjoy their experience here. We're going to change a few things still — slowly but surely, we're getting a few things."

The Macho style pizza is worth a try, and the New York style is tasty — Macho's sells by the slice as well.

Overall, it's not too different from Anna Maria's. If you liked the old Anna Maria's, you'll enjoy Macho's Pizza.

The 'Weekend Update' for Elon students

'Saturday Night Live' star Colin Jost to perform comedy on campus

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When Seth Myers left "Saturday Night Live," he left a big chair to fill at the news desk of "Weekend Update."



Colin Jost

His inability to hide his reaction to the absurdity that was Stefan, Drunk Uncle or the The Girl You Wish You Never Started a Conversation With was always a highlight of the segment.

There was doubt anybody could come close to reporting the Weekend Update, with its mix of comedy and news, as well as Myers.

Then came Colin Jost.

With a cheeky attitude, sarcastic tone and the ability to deliver quick-witted jokes that simultaneously inform viewers, Jost slipped into Myers' role with ease and grace.

On Feb. 24, he will bring a similar performance to Elon University through the Student Union Board (SUB).

"We're really excited to bring him to campus. He is so funny," said sophomore Max Gould, member of the executive board for SUB.

In the past, SUB has brought other "Saturday Night Live" actors to perform comedy shows. Jost will be the fourth SNL cast member to visit Elon, after Jay Pharoah and Nasim Pedrad in 2013 and Kate McKinnon in 2014.

With the success of these three visitors, such as McKinnon's memorable Ina Garten impersonation, Jost has big shoes to fill.

According to Gould, SUB uses a middle agent to find the acts. By giving him their budget and what they are looking for in terms of entertainment, the middle agent will give SUB a list of names and acts and work as the middle man between SUB and the talent agents.

"We try to find the best act that will fit in our budget," Gould said.

Though the show is a few weeks away, hype has already begun. Sophomore Jenny Ball is excited to see Jost perform by himself.

"I love how authentic Colin's humor is and how he's put his own spin on the 'Weekend Update,'" she said.

Jost was a writer for SNL in 2005 upon

graduating from Harvard and has been a co-head writer for the show since 2012.

His recent take over as co-anchor with Michael Che at the "Weekend Update" has been quite successful.

His energy brings a fresh face to the desk and he is great at audience interaction. Often times he will look at the camera and conveying the same emotions viewers feel when interacting with Jebidiah Atkinson or Leslie Jones, which is usually some variation of "what is happening on this show right now?"

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JENNY BALL
SOPHOMORE

Jost breaks down the news in a digestible and witty way, leaving nothing but high hopes for his performance at Elon this month.

"SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE'S" COLIN JOST PERFORMANCE

When: Wednesday, Feb. 24, 8 p.m.

Where: McCrary Theatre

In addition to co-anchoring the desk, Jost has won three Writers Guild Awards and a Peabody Award, and he has been nominated for several Emmy Awards for his SNL writing. He also wrote and starred in the Paramount & Netflix film "Staten Island Summer," based on his days as a life-guard growing up in New York.

Jost will be performing at Elon at 8 p.m. on Feb. 24 in McCrary Theatre. Tickets have been available since at 11 a.m. Feb. 15 in Moseley 207. The event is free for students with a valid ID.

Tickets have sold out, but students can come early and wait in standby for the possibility of an open seat.

Colin Jost co-anchors the "Weekend Update" for "Saturday Night Live." He began writing for the show since 2005 and has been a co-head writer since 2012.

Campus Kitchen brings education to service

New Nutrition Leader role brings health aspect to local community

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While abroad in Argentina, senior Libby Bacher's advisor recommended she apply for the CoBank fellow position at the Campus Kitchen at Elon University, a service organization that collects unused food, prepares meals and delivers them to the Burlington community. Interested in nutrition, she applied.

Bacher didn't end up getting the job, but instead a new role was created — Nutrition Leader.

Educating the community

The Nutrition Leader works with the CoBank position, who focuses more on getting grants and planning deliveries, to plan nutrition presentations every month at two senior centers: John Kernodle

out the nutrition knowledge."

Together they present simple nutrition concepts based on a mix of topics Bacher think are trending and backs them up using Elon's databases while relating it to the food Campus Kitchen delivers. For example, in one of her first presentations was on local and seasonal produce where she explained the benefits of locally sourced food and gave the seniors affordable options.

According to Stacey Rusterholz, Campus Kitchen coordinator, the Nutrition Leader role was added to give these presentations. She also believes it is helpful to have someone who is knowledgeable about nutrition to serve as a resource for the rest of the team.

"When we think about food access it is important to think about nutrition as well," Rusterholtz said. "We want to ensure that we are providing nutritional information along with meals to the community. Nutrition education is essential to developing and maintaining a healthy lifestyle."

For the presentations, Bacher will deliver the Campus Kitchen meals then give the seniors a hand-out with nutritional information



HALI TAUXE | Photo Editor

Senior Libby Bacher, nutrition leader for Campus Kitchen, tends her kohlrabi in the Elon Community Garden.

the presentations and even if they take away one thing, it's useful."

Bacher also tries to make the presentations seasonal. Recently, she did one on surviving the Valentine's Day season and plans on teaching the seniors about the newly updated Dietary Guidelines for Americans.

The seniors at these centers have a general idea of nutrition, but most of their education is outdated. Bacher said they are mostly focused on the trends shown in the media but won't research these trends further.

For example, one of the seniors heard it was really good to eat oranges before bed for a better sleep. But that's not a proven claim backed up with research, according to Bacher.

"They won't really verify what they hear," she said. "I hope that that's where we can come into play by providing evidence and academic background."

The presentations are taught at senior centers because that's where Campus Kitchen primarily delivers food. Bacher said this population is most at risk for being food insecure because they are at an age where

they can't really take care of themselves. Since it's harder to get the information out to them, it makes them a good target population.

Bacher also believes it gives her the opportunity to go out and mend the gap between Elon students and the community.

"I've been out into the Burlington community just a couple of times, so I think it's really important for us to cross that boundary," Bacher said. "These centers are 10 minutes away, but it's such an extreme difference between us and them."

A growing role

Though the Nutrition Leader role has been active for less than a year, it already has seen potential to benefit Campus Kitchen in more ways other than the senior center presentations.

Currently, Bacher's main role is education, but not necessarily bringing the nutrition information to the meals they deliver. But as the position grows, she hopes the role will apply more seasonality and health for a well-balanced meal.

According to Rusterholz, the organization has started doing additional nutrition presentations for kids in collaboration with Healthy Alamance and the Alamance-Burlington School System. Bacher is beginning to help with them.

"We're teaching kids at North Park about nutrition, we're giving actual nutrition classes," Bacher said. "Campus Kitchen has these outlines of classes, so we can look at these outlines and tweak them."

Bacher plans on making these classes interactive as well by doing cooking demos to make nutrition fun.

Since she is a senior, Bacher will not be continuing the role next year. But she hopes the future Nutrition Leader will be impacted by the Burlington community the way she has by crossing boundaries that are only 10 minutes away while providing simple, but valuable information.

"I also really like interacting with a different age group," Bacher said. "I always forget there are people not in their 20s, so it's nice

going into the community and having conversations with these people and bringing a smile to their face and food to their bellies."

The applications will be open for Campus Kitchen at the end of the month.

Connecting with the garden

The food that goes into the meals Campus Kitchen primarily comes from Loy Farm, and the rest is supplemented with donations from Aramark.

This means that most of the food has to be seasonal — recently, it has been mostly green beans or salads. Pasta salads or pasta with meat sauce is then added to meals from the donations for a variety of choices.

"We try to keep it pretty well-rounded — we would never just have a plate of pasta or a salad because it's hard to reach everyone," Bacher said.

Bacher is also taking the "Garden Studio" class this year, so she spends her Tuesdays and Thursdays working at Loy Farm or the community garden from 5-6 p.m. as well as doing workdays Fridays from noon-3p.m. and Sundays 1-4 p.m.

Anyone can volunteer to come help during the workdays.

Campus Kitchen has two Garden Coordinators who are primarily in charge of the harvesting, but other members of the team also volunteer to help.

"It's cool for me since I'm taking gardening, to see the plants and the water," Bacher said. "It's really gratifying to see stuff that you've literally planted with your own hands come together as a meal you can serve to so many people."

Since the Loy Farm is not producing meat, all of the land is devoted to growing more vegetables. To produce the same amount of food while having and feeding animals, the farm would need more land.

This makes most of the meals that Campus Kitchen delivers plant-based.

"It's gotten me way more involved with Loy and the community garden, and it's so yummy and delicious and fresh and easy," Bacher said.

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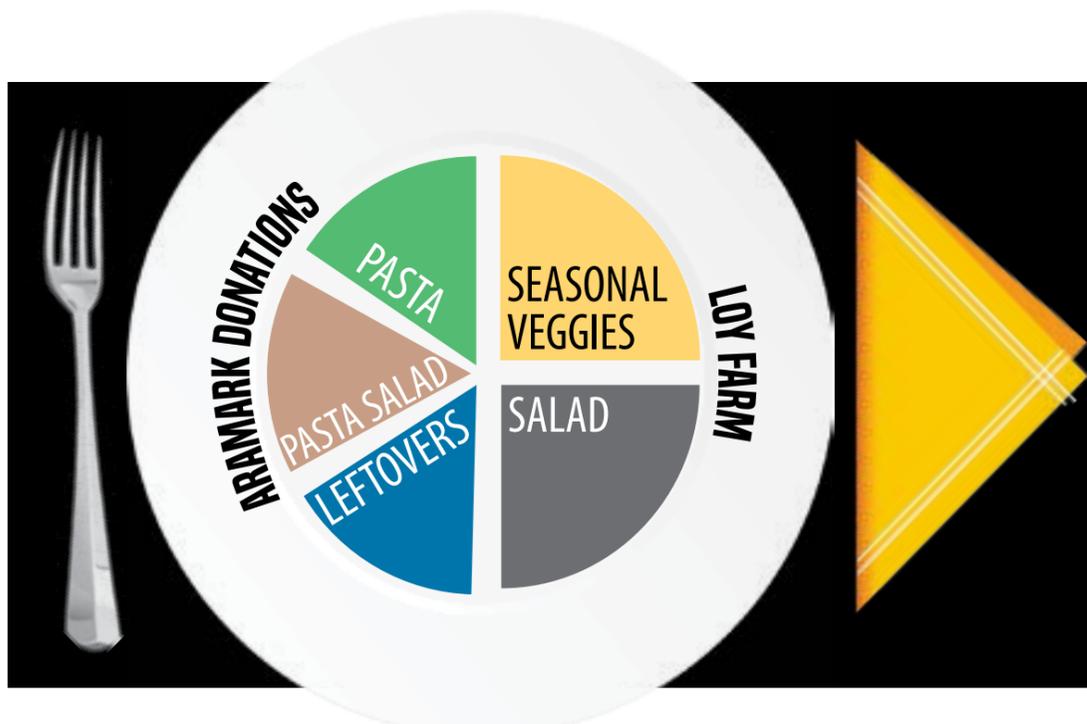
"When I interviewed, I think they already had a person for the CoBank in mind and they hadn't really had anyone interested in nutrition apply before," Bacher said. "As we were talking about it, I think they realized it would be helpful to have someone because the presentation can be overwhelming with-

while keeping it interactive by asking questions.

But some attendees are more engaged than others.

"At the John Kernodle senior center, they're really into it and love hearing our presentations," Bacher said. "At the [Graham Center] they'll sometimes do a lot of side chatter and try to be quick. But, there's a bunch of people who enjoy

MEALS PROVIDED BY CAMPUS KITCHEN



It's Zammarelli's turn for a breakout season

Elon University baseball coach Mike Kennedy noticed something interesting when comparing junior utility man Nick



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Zammarelli's stats from his freshman and sophomore years.

They were eerily similar.

He batted .284 his freshman year and .288 last year. He had 10 doubles last year and nine the year before. The only stark differences came in home runs (one in

2014, seven in 2015) and RBI (22 and 50).

After a standout summer in the highly regarded Cape Cod League, it's time for that to change. It's Zammarelli's year to breakout and solidify himself not only as the best player on Elon's roster, but one of the best in the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA).

His role won't be in question — he'll be an everyday starter and batting in the middle of the order. His position might fluctuate, though, between the outfield and third base.

"I think it's my year," Zammarelli said. "I feel good, especially coming off last summer in the Cape. I had a good fall. I feel healthy. I feel strong. I'm hoping it is my year."

His summer play hasn't gone unnoticed. Playing for the Orleans Firebirds, Zammarelli hit a modest .226 with five doubles, three home runs and 19 RBI playing in what's viewed as the best collegiate summer baseball league on the East Coast, if not the entire country.

That earned him a spot in the league's All-Star Game.

Zammarelli's proved he can hit both for power and in timely situations with those RBI and home run tallies. To bolster his status as an MLB prospect — he was drafted out of high school in the 28th round by the Boston Red Sox — it's the batting average hurdle he needs to clear.

"The challenge with him, for me, is the average portion of it and continuing to drive in runs but getting better pitches across the board to raise that number up," Kennedy said. "In terms of being a better hitter average-wise, it should be a big year for him ... The challenge will be for him to mentally take that same approach in the games. If he does that, there's no reason he can't hit well over .300 and drive in a lot of runs for us."

Zammarelli said he wants to be a leader and is striving to make himself approachable to the newcomers. That's vital, considering the Phoenix welcomes nine freshmen and seven transfers this season.

With that, he's also tasked with helping change the team's attitude. Kennedy wasn't thrilled with it last year, especially down the stretch as injuries and close losses left a feeling that Elon could've achieved more.

From the sense around the team now, days before the season starts, it seems as if considerable progress has been made in that category. Now, it's up to players like Zammarelli to ensure it stays that way.

He called last year's team, "for lack of a better word, selfish," but said this club is more team-oriented. That's illustrated in his personal goals for the year, too.

"Personally, just help the team win," he said. "Help them get to a Super Regional for the first time in school history. If we do that, I did my job."

That's no easy job, but leave it to Zammarelli with tasking himself to one of that caliber.

It's his time. Don't be surprised if he achieves it, and don't be surprised if he's not here next year.

Baseball finds new excitement

Kennedy believes team's self-motivation, health will be keys to success

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As a new season approaches for the Elon University baseball team, head coach Mike Kennedy was noticeably excited about the current group of players, and thinks they stand out from his previous teams at Elon.

"We have more baseball rats," Kennedy said. "Guys that just like the game, like to be on the field. I don't feel like I'm having to motivate as much as I have sometimes in the past, and I like that part about this club."

After years of finishing at the top of the Southern Conference (SoCon), Elon went 25-29 — its first season under .500 since 1999, Elon's first in Division I. Elon enters a new season with a first-place vote in the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) preseason poll, and the team was picked to finish tied for third in the conference.

The first time through the new conference was a challenge, and junior infielder/outfielder Nick Zammarelli thinks Elon wasn't completely a step-up.

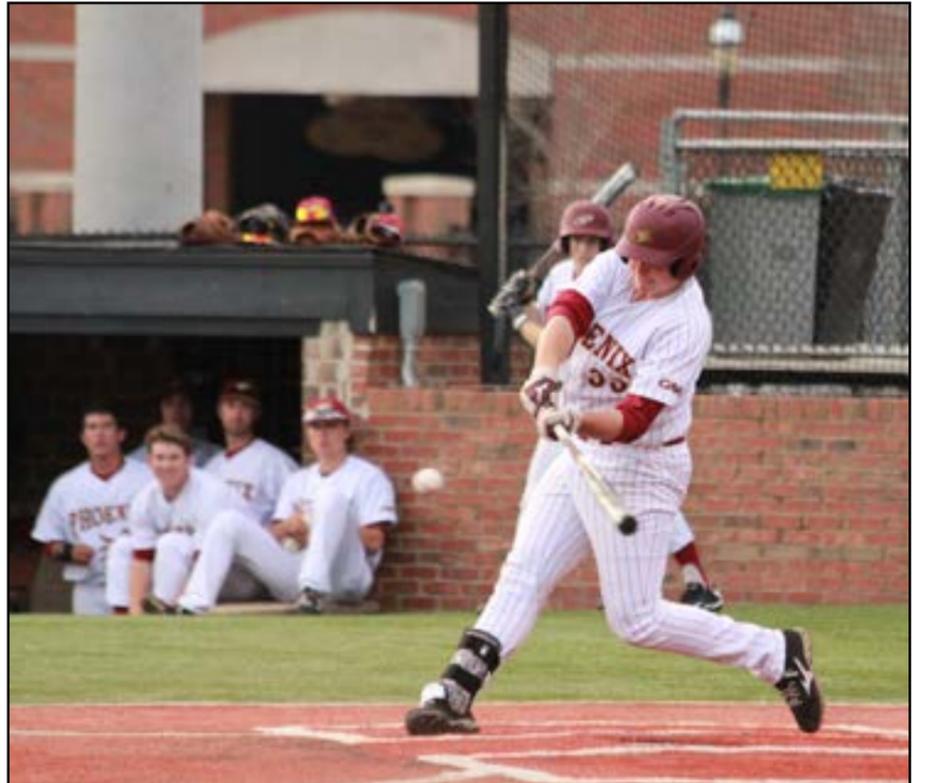
"Going into the CAA, we didn't know what to expect," Zammarelli said. "I thought overall, it was better than the SoCon. I think it's the baseball schools you want to go up and compete against. The first year going in, we might not have been ready, but we're definitely ready this year."

Zammarelli was the only Elon player to be tabbed to the preseason all-CAA team, getting an honorable mention pick. But Kennedy says Zammarelli may be joined by multiple new faces around the field.

"We've got a chance to play anywhere from three to four freshmen right away," Kennedy said. "I know we'll play three, and two of those guys — if we had to start tomorrow, they'd start. They've earned that job. There's a third that's not far off."

Toward the end of last season, Elon's pitching wore thin, ravaged by injuries and overuse of the bullpen. Kennedy said it was "awful," but found some positives to take out of them.

"When you're running out position players on the mound because you're so beat up on the mound, and in spite of all that, we fin-



FILE PHOTO BY ASHLEY KING

Sophomore catcher/infielder James Venuto (33) swings at a pitch against NC State April 7, 2015.

ished a game out of third, we can look back and say, 'What if?'" Kennedy said. "Just got to find a way to keep our guys healthy and have them ready for the core of our conference season."

The fourth-place finish last year sent Elon to the CAA Tournament, where the injuries that plagued Elon in the second half of the season were evident to all.

"It's kind of hard to compete in a conference tournament with only eight or nine guys active on the mound," said senior pitcher Michael Elefante. "To know we have at least 15 guys ready for the start of the season ... I'm definitely looking forward to opening day."

The health will be a factor early, as Elefante and sophomore pitcher Robbie Welhaf are both still recovering from injuries. Kennedy expects both to be ready around the beginning of March.

"Those two guys are big keys to the puzzle right now," Kennedy said. "Healthy enough to where they're throwing, but haven't been healthy enough to start the season. But that's okay — we'd rather have them down the stretch. The key is making sure we get to the point where they are ready with no setbacks."

Elefante had the best season of any Elon pitcher, going 3-1 in 12 appearances (nine starts) with a 4.33 ERA and 39 strikeouts. Once he gets back from injury, he's expected to be the ace of the staff.

But he, like Zammarelli and Kennedy, noticed that the team's injuries affect the attitude around the clubhouse.

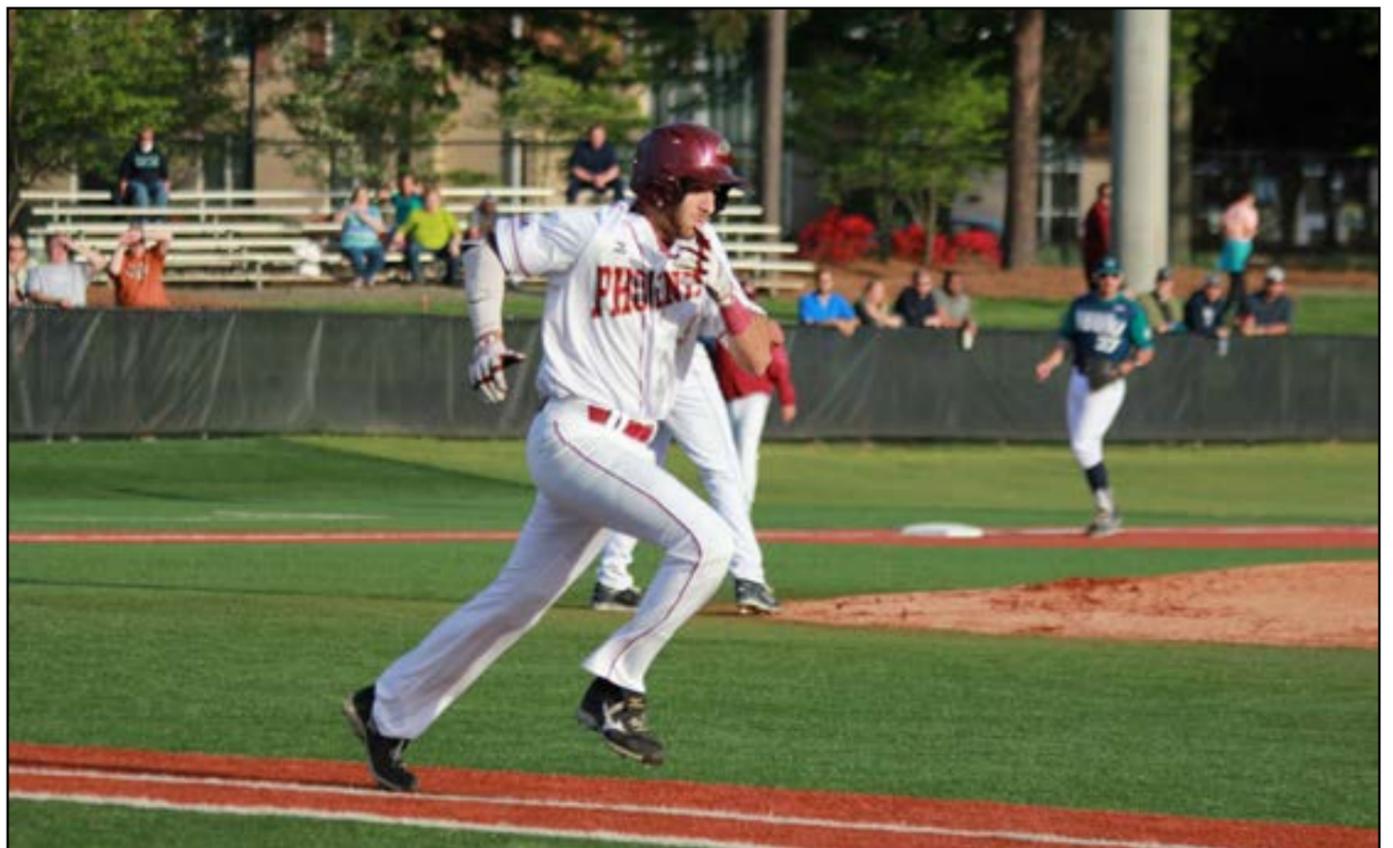
"I think some of the team's attitude was a little down sometimes," Elefante said. "Especially with the injuries and struggle to win some games we probably should've won, but blew later. Little bit of a struggle toward the end of the season each of the last two years, especially because we did have talent."

"This year, we definitely have strong team chemistry, team bond and work ethic. I think everyone's really pumped for the season to get going."

And the players are proving it to Kennedy, who can't seem to keep them away from Latham Park.

Not that he would want to, anyway.

"I think this club, regardless of how they play out of the gates, they like playing," Kennedy said. "I can look down on any given day, and six or seven guys are hitting in the cage. You need those type of things, and that's a pulse of your club you want to see."



FILE PHOTO BY ASHLEY KING

Junior infielder/outfielder Nick Zammarelli (5) sprints to first base against UNCW April 26, 2015. Zammarelli was named to the Preseason All-CAA team.

Freshman finding balance in his game

Seibring continues to develop game from starting lineup

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Head coach Matt Matheny said Tyler Seibring is a changed man. The freshman forward has been a staple for the Elon University men's basketball team, starting in all 27 games thanks to some necessary bulking in the off-season.



Tyler Seibring

"What he's done since he set foot on campus in June is remarkable," Matheny said. "The way he transformed his body to get ready for a grueling first year [of college]."

Seibring was a bright spot in Elon's losses to the University of North Carolina at Wilmington Feb. 11 and the College of Charleston Feb. 13. The Towanda, Illinois native scored a team-high 18 points against in-state rivals UNCW and followed it up with a 17-point outing versus the College of Charleston.

Seibring's strong outing at UNCW ended a slide of just one double-digit scoring performance



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Freshman forward Tyler Seibring (41) shoots a corner 3-pointer Feb. 13.

in his last five. Prior to his slump, Seibring had a run of six straight in double figures at the start of conference play. He ended his first streak with back-to-back 18-point performances, setting a season-high he also reached at UNCW Feb. 11.

But Seibring is quick to deflect praise to his teammates.

"The team chemistry we have is phenomenal," Seibring said. "On a day like today, when my shots are falling, it's great. But it's the days when they're not falling that my teammates are the best. I think that's what I've been passed on from the older guys, and that's what I try to do for them. Their positivity is great."

Seibring's shooting touch continued over into the College of Charleston game. Seibring's teammates found him early, knocking down a three and finishing from close range to give Elon an early

first-half lead.

"It was just two open looks," Seibring said. "Throughout our offense, it's not about getting one guy going — it's about getting everybody going, and I was the benefactor tonight."

Elon players continued to feed Seibring, who knocked them down in quick succession, going 7-of-8 from the field including a perfect 3-of-3 from behind the arc.

Seibring's only miss of the night still ended in points for the Phoenix. In the second half, he backed down a Charleston defender. Seibring fought through contact, got off his shot, grabbed his own offensive rebound and immediately put the ball back up to score — all in the same jump.

Seibring has become more of a presence inside. He recorded a double-double with 11 points and

11 boards against Northeastern University Jan. 30.

Matheny said opponents are starting to take note of the two-time Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) Rookie of the Week's shooting ability. Matheny noticed teams are starting to treat him like senior guard Tanner Samson, with defenders sprinting out to him when spotting up for a three-pointer.

Though, Seibring has been finding other ways to get on the score sheet. In the loss to Hofstra University, Seibring backed down his opponent and finished calmly with his left hand.

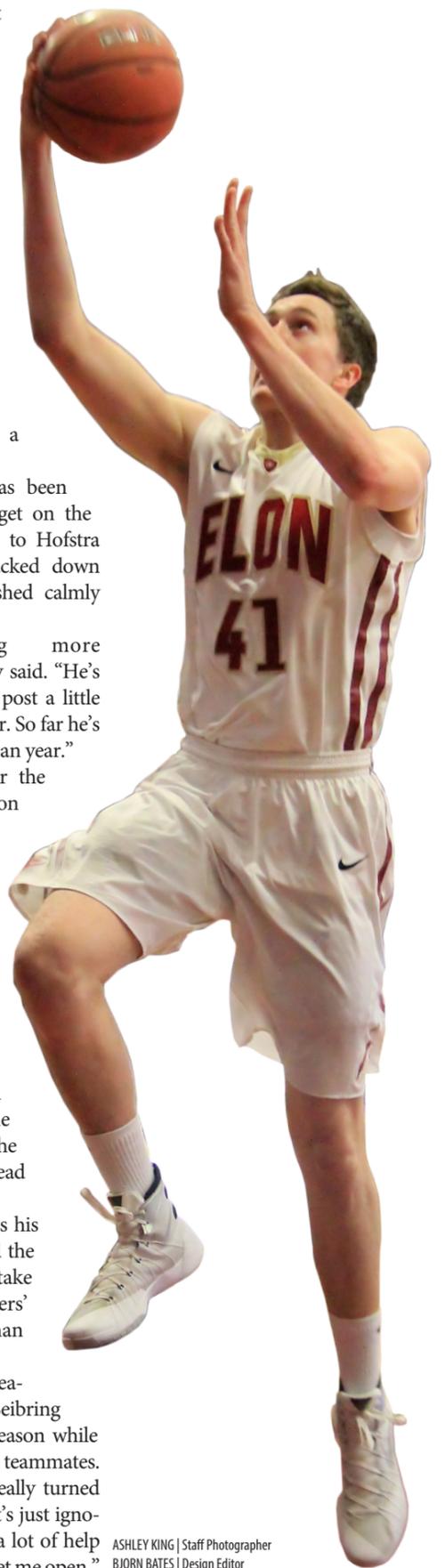
"He's becoming more well-rounded," Matheny said. "He's starting to score in the post a little bit and he's a great passer. So far he's had a sensational freshman year."

Seibring's impact for the Phoenix has also been on the defensive end. He said it's important to utilize the team's length to stifle opposing offenses. His six-foot-eight-inch frame has plenty of reach, grabbing a pair of steals against the College of Charleston when Elon went to its 1-3-1 zone as Elon cut down on the College of Charleston's lead late in the second half.

Matheny said he likes his team's length. He added the 1-3-1 allows him to take advantage of his players' wingspans more so than other zone defense.

With four regular season games remaining, Seibring reflected on his debut season while giving more praise to his teammates.

"I'd like to think I really turned a corner myself, but that's just ignorant," he said. "There's a lot of help from my teammates to get me open."



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FRESHMAN FORWARD

Former men's soccer players sign with former coach

Powell signs McBride, Salazar to San Antonio FC, brings Dunker for practice

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Former Elon University men's soccer head coach Darren Powell signed two former Elon players — defender Sam McBride and midfielder Miguel Salazar — to contracts with San Antonio FC, the club announced Monday.

Another former Elon player, defender Austin Dunker, is currently in San Antonio and practicing with the team during pre-season training camp, according to a spokesman for San Antonio FC. He has yet to sign a contract with the team.

Powell was named head coach of the expansion club in January, and the two former players will play in the United Soccer League (USL) for San Antonio FC, which

is the third tier of the soccer system in the United States.

"We are very happy for both Miguel and Sam to realize their dream as professional players," said Elon head coach Chris Little.

Powell spent the past two years as the director of Orlando City SC's academy after leaving Elon in 2013.

McBride played every minute for Elon in 2015, and played in 78 games during his time at Elon. He was named to the North Carolina Collegiate Sports Information Association's (NCCSIA) All-State second team for his efforts in 2015, and was also named All-CAA third team.

"I've known Sam for a long time," Powell

said. "He's a very good center back who is very good in the air. He is strong, honest, has great character and will add important depth to the center back position. It will be great to reconnect with a player from my Elon days as well."

Salazar appeared in 80 games during his four years, starting in the midfield the entire time. He was named All-CAA first team for each of the past two seasons, and was invited and played in the 2016 MLS Combine.

"Miguel is a very talented player who came up in an MLS academy," Powell said. "I'm very familiar with him from his early days at Elon. He's a talented midfielder who can get the ball off the back four, look for good passing positions and help build the play forward."

Both McBride and Salazar were a part of three NCAA Tournament appearances, in which Elon played five games, and won a school-record 53 games with their senior class.

Dunker played at Elon from 2011 to 2014, missing just three games in his career with the Phoenix. He was named to the Southern Conference's All-SoCon second team in 2013.



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Miguel Salazar (8) gathers the ball Oct. 31.

THE PHOENIX FOCUS

SOFTBALL

SCHEDULE

Tournament
Feb. 12-13
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Feb. 17
Home 4 p.m. 

Tournament
Feb. 19-21
5 games 

WOMEN'S LAX

SCHEDULE

Feb. 12
11-7 

Feb. 14
15-8 

Feb. 19
Away 3 p.m. 

MEN'S BASKETBALL

RESULTS & SCHEDULE

Feb. 11
82-86 

Feb. 13
62-66 

Feb. 18
Away 7 p.m. 

Feb. 20
Away 7 p.m. 

STANDINGS

	Overall	CAA
UNCW	20-5	12-2
Hofstra	18-8	10-4
James Madison	19-8	9-5
William & Mary	17-8	9-5
Towson	18-9	9-5
C. of Charleston	16-9	8-6
Northeastern	14-13	6-8
Elon	14-13	5-9
Delaware	6-19	1-13
Drexel	3-22	1-13

BASEBALL

SCHEDULE

Feb. 19-21
Home 4 games 

Feb. 23
Away 4 p.m. 



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MEN'S TENNIS

RESULTS & SCHEDULE

Feb. 13
5-1 

Feb. 21
Home 2 p.m. 

Feb. 23
Away 2 p.m. 

WOMEN'S TENNIS

RESULTS & SCHEDULE

Feb. 13
7-0 

Feb. 19
Home 1:30 p.m. 

Feb. 20
Away 3 p.m. 

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

RESULTS & SCHEDULE

Feb. 12
80-58 

Feb. 14
61-67 

Feb. 19
Away 11:30 a.m. 

Feb. 21
Home 3 p.m. 

STANDINGS

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James Madison	18-5	11-1
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Delaware	13-11	8-5
Northeastern	10-14	5-8
C. of Charleston	9-14	4-8
William & Mary	13-11	4-9
UNCW	7-17	3-10
Towson	6-18	3-10

SPORTS BRIEFS

Softball splits games at Red and Black Showcase

Sophomore outfielder Kara Shutt had eight hits (two doubles) and six RBI as the Elon University softball team went 2-2 at the University of Georgia's Red and Black Showcase in Athens, Georgia.

Junior outfielder Alaina Hall drove in nine runs, as the Phoenix beat Winthrop University twice (15-0 and 17-3) but fell to the host Bulldogs twice (9-0 and 10-2).

Senior pitcher Kayla Caruso and freshman pitcher/outfielder Elise Walton were the winning pitchers for Elon in the victories over Winthrop.

Women's golf finishes 3rd at FGCU Eagle Invitational

Sophomore Heather Munro shot a 9-over-par for the weekend as the Elon University women's golf team placed third at the FGCU Eagle Invitational in Estero, Florida.

Munro finished tied for sixth, and senior Sunna Vidisdottir was tied for 16th at 12-over.

Mercer University won the tournament, 10 strokes ahead of Elon at 30-over.

Women's track and field sets multiple school records

Senior Jen Esposito ran a 55.29 in the 400-meter dash and then helped the 4x400-meter relay team of freshman Desiree Ross, freshman Lauren Brzozowski and sophomore Lydia Laws record a time of 3:48.44, establishing two Elon University records at the Spire Institute Division I Challenge in Geneva, Ohio.

Junior Carrie Abraham's 18'9.25' leap in the long jump qualified her for the Eastern College Athletic Conference Indoor Championships.

Women's soccer hires assistant coach

Sammy Scofield has been hired as an assistant coach for the Elon University women's soccer team, head coach Chris Neal announced Monday.

Scofield played four years at the University of Notre Dame, and spent last year as a volunteer assistant at the University of Kentucky.

Scofield replaces Henry Zapata, who left to become an assistant women's soccer coach at Lamar University.

TOP PHOTOS



HALI TAUXE | Photo Editor
Alavia Yahya (left) and her mother, Mussarut Jabeen, attend a memorial at North Carolina State University Feb. 10 to mark the one-year anniversary of the shooting in Chapel Hill that killed Deah Barakat, Yusor Abu-Salha and Razan Abu-Salha.



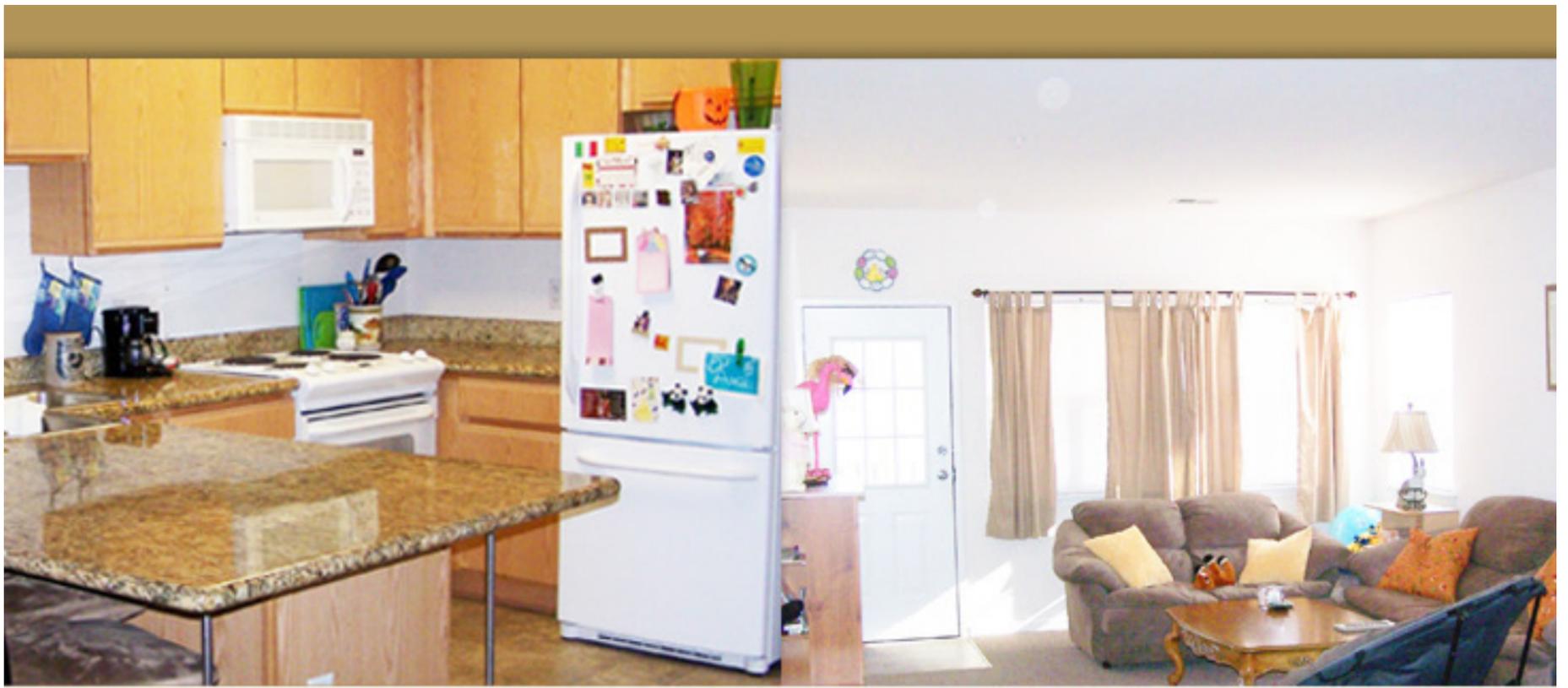
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Women's basketball sophomore forward Malaya Johnson (44) shoots a jump shot over a Towson University defender Feb. 12.



ASHLEY KING | Staff Photographer
Women's lacrosse sophomore midfielder Kelsey Dupere (34) runs through the tunnel of lacrosse sticks before the match against Longwood University Feb. 14.



ASHLEY KING | Staff Photographer
Elon University men's basketball senior guard Sam Hershberger is lifted by his teammates on the bench to celebrate a good play on the court Feb. 13.



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