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Relay for Life sets donation record

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Hundreds of Elon University students gathered to increase cancer awareness in the annual Colleges Against Cancer Relay for Life 12-hour fundraiser April 23-24. Despite having to be moved inside because of rain, the event shattered previous fundraising records with a total of \$90,388.61.

Though the event financially succeeded, Relay for Life brands itself as an event with the goal of raising hope. For almost all of the students, families and community members in attendance at this year's event, cancer has impacted their lives or the lives of someone they know.

Senior Nicole "Colie" Dennion was a varsity soccer player when she found out she had cancer two and a half years ago. Coming off a season of success, Dennion

was devastated when she was told that a baseball-sized mass had been found in her chest. After multiple chemotherapy rounds, Dennion continues her battle with Ewing's sarcoma. But on April 23, she shared with her peers that she remains positive and hopeful.

"This is where I am now in my journey," Dennion said. "I will keep doing what I have been this whole time — fighting and living my life how I want to despite

what has been thrown my way."

Because of stories like Dennion's, Elon became the largest collegiate Relay for Life in North Carolina. The community-based event consisted of teams with a member who carried a baton and a luminary-lit track to honor those affected by cancer.

Throughout Relay for Life, at least one

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The race debate

SGA holds spirited discussion at last meeting

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Junior Chris Tarpley singlehandedly ignited a fiery, vigorous debate at the most recent Elon University SGA meeting, sprouting an animated conversation about race with one simple question: Where were you?

The debate began after Tarpley attended a race education event without any other senators.

What was originally scheduled as a hearing of a potential resolution in opposition to House Bill 2 quickly evolved into a discussion of the

lack of inclusivity toward minority students.

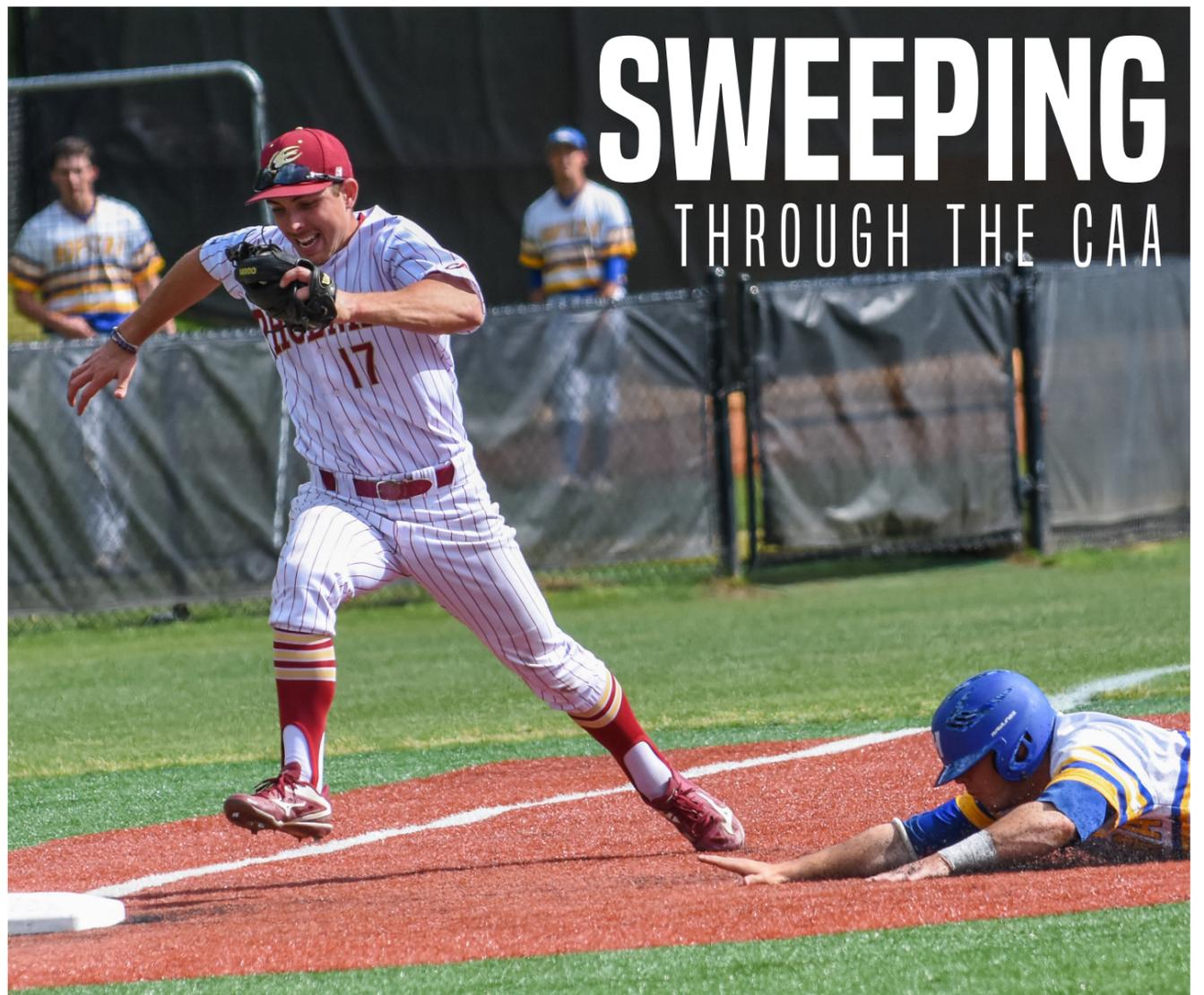
Tarpley, an academic senator for the College of Arts and Sciences, was frustrated because he recently attended a race education event without any other senators. Tarpley implied his colleagues were hypocrites because they adhere to the wishes of the LGBTQIA community but continually neglect the concerns of African-Americans — a vastly outnumbered portion of Elon's population.

"We say we're leaders, but if we're not doing anything to be leaders and to make progress on this campus, then we're all talk," Tarpley said. "I wish we didn't have to have that conversation, but I'm glad that we were able to because people were open and saying how they really felt."

Tarpley, who stepped out of SGA's April 14 meeting early to hear George Yancy speak at Elon, said he was disappointed he was the only SGA representative in attendance. Yancey, a professor of philosophy at Emory University, talked with Tarpley after the lecture and challenged him to confront the issue of race with his colleagues.

Though SGA members have an obligation to be at meetings, he argued

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JACK HARTMANN | Staff Photographer

Elon infielder Danny Lynch (17) races to third base for an out, just beating a Hofstra University base-runner in Elon's win April 23 at Latham Park.

Offense leading Phoenix during winning streak

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Elon University head baseball coach Mike Kennedy chalked up his team's recent offensive success to a handful of players, but more notably, two spots in the lineup.

The first two.

Kennedy noted freshman infielder Ryne Ogren's ownership of the lead-off spot, along

with junior utility man Nick Zammarelli's emergence in the two-hole, as keys to Elon's offensive prowess that plated 61 runs in a span of five games last week.

Ogren and Zammarelli have formed a one-two punch, and with senior infielder Tyler McVicar's 13-game hitting streak and freshman outfielder Liam O'Regan's stretch of five straight games with a home run, the Phoenix is in the midst of its longest conference winning streak in seven years.

Elon's won eight straight games in Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) play and

has climbed to third place in the league after stumbling early to a 2-7 start in the league.

Ogren has hit in the leadoff spot in every game during this hot stretch, and was a catalyst in the victory that started the streak. He was 3-for-4 with an RBI single in Elon's victory at Northeastern University on April 9.

Overall, he's hitting .281 with 20 RBI.

"In the last two or three weeks, you know, everyone talks about [Zammarelli],

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CRIME REPORT

April 22
EAST HAGGARD AVENUE, ELON CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL

A little after 2 a.m. Friday, an Elon University police officer was dispatched to Danieley Building G in reference to a suspicious noise nearby. The officer found an intoxicated 19-year-old male Elon student outside the building. The student was cited for underage alcohol consumption.

According to a report filed by Campus Police, no items were seized and no pursuit was involved.

April 22
SELLARS MILL ROAD, BURLINGTON ARMED BURGLARY

According to the Burlington Times-News, a man was shot when two men broke into his house around 2:30 a.m. Friday. The Burlington Po-

lice were called to Alamance Regional Medical Center regarding a gunshot wound.

The victim said the two men who broke into the house were wearing masks and sweatshirts with hoods. The resident of the home confronted the two suspects after hearing them break-in and was shot during the struggle.

He was released from the hospital Friday morning. The investigation is ongoing.

April 23
WEST LEBANON AVENUE, ELON VANDALISM

An officer responded to a call from a residence in the 300 block of West Lebanon Avenue Saturday night, according to a Town of Elon police report.

The owner told police he saw an intoxicated young man in his backyard and asked the man if he

was OK. The unknown subject then grabbed the top of the chain-link fence, pulled it down and caused multiple people leaning on the other side of the fence to fall on the ground.

The subject then ran away, leaving at least two damaged fence posts and damage to the top of the fence. The person hosting the party next door agreed to repair the fence.

April 23
FAIRFAX DRIVE AND FRIENDLY ROAD, BURLINGTON ARMED ROBBERY

A 20-year-old man told Burlington Police he was robbed at knifepoint early Saturday, the Burlington Times-News reported.

The victim told officers he was approached by three men around 1:10 a.m. The men assaulted him and robbed him of his money. The victim did not sustain injuries that required medical treatment.

GAMES

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

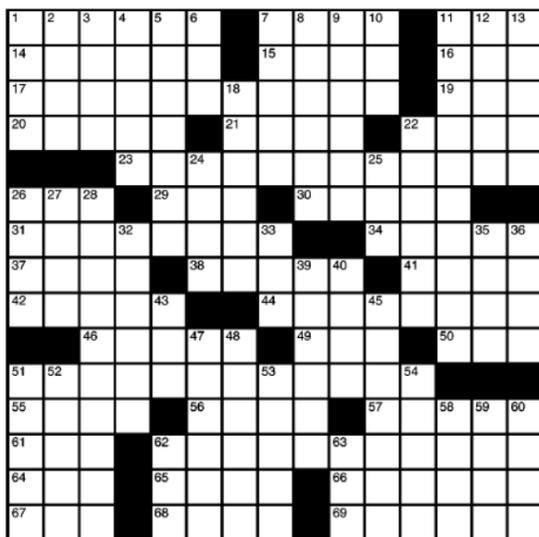
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ACROSS

- 1 Bumper car, at times
- 7 Cookbook author Rombauer
- 11 Smoke
- 14 Lancelot's unrequited lover
- 15 Assam products
- 16 Barcelona bear
- 17 Equipment for picnic competitions
- 19 Grabbed a chair
- 20 Melee
- 21 Ballet bend
- 22 State with five national parks
- 23 Embryo development sites
- 26 Priestly vestment
- 29 Right Guard rival
- 30 Old anesthetic
- 31 Willy Loman, in a 1949 play
- 34 Architect Jones
- 37 McDonald's founder
- 38 Make really happy
- 41 Nobel Prize subj.
- 42 "Cheers!"
- 44 Connections traced on ancestry.com
- 46 Tiny amounts
- 49 Chill in the air
- 50 Denials
- 51 Big name on Wall Street
- 55 French friends
- 56 Elevator option
- 57 Horseshoe-shaped letter
- 61 Tried to get into an office
- 62 Lisa Simpson's instrument
- 64 With 43-Down, what a criminal might be on
- 65 Augusta National's ___ Corner
- 66 British Invasion star
- 67 Doesn't lack
- 68 Nothing more than
- 69 Its flag features a six-pointed star

DOWN

- 1 Weight room count



By Mike Doran

- 2 Burn soother
- 3 Damon of "The Martian"
- 4 Mazda roadster
- 5 Inters
- 6 Classic auto
- 7 Novelist Calvino
- 8 Deliver from memory
- 9 Succeed
- 10 In the Gospels, Jesus rode into Jerusalem on one
- 11 San José denizen
- 12 First name in gravity
- 13 Some black-clad teens
- 18 "This Is ___ Tap"
- 22 Early Web forum
- 24 Title
- 25 City with two MLB teams
- 26 More than wonders
- 27 Carefree adventure
- 28 Connections traced on ancestry.com
- 32 Modern birthday greetings
- 33 "Can't help ya"
- 35 Disco adjective

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved



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- 36 Tip jar fillers
- 39 Lease signer
- 40 "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" writer
- 43 See 64-Across
- 45 Galaxy alternatives
- 47 Title for Bovary
- 48 Distracting bedmate
- 51 "Party on, Wayne" speaker
- 52 City on the Missouri
- 53 Sty denizens
- 54 Ugly campaign tactic
- 58 "¿Cómo ___?"
- 59 "The Wizard of Oz" family name
- 60 Skater's maneuver
- 62 Impact sound
- 63 Geisha's sash



UPCOMING EVENTS: APRIL 27 - MAY 3

7:30 P.M. | Guest reading by Joni Tevis
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28

3 P.M. | Campus Sustainability Tour
29

4 P.M. | Baseball at James Madison
30

1 P.M. | Softball vs. James Madison
1

7:30 P.M. | Dept. of Performing Arts presents "Working"
2

6 P.M. | Teardown Tuesday - Maker Meetups
3

TOP PHOTOS



ASHLEY KING | Staff Photographer
Freshman Nicole Karavas vaults over the bar at the Phoenix Invitational April 23. Karavas finished fourth in the pole vault.



HALEY LONGBOTTOM | Design Chief of The Edge
Pigs sniff and root around at Cane Creek Farm in Saxapahaw. The farm raises heritage breed pigs.



HALI TAUXE | Photo Editor
Senior lecturer in music Polly Cornelius plays a third grade teacher in "Working," the musical.

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NADIA NOBREGA | Staff Photographer
Visitors admired this dachshund and many other dogs at DU Dogs on April 25.

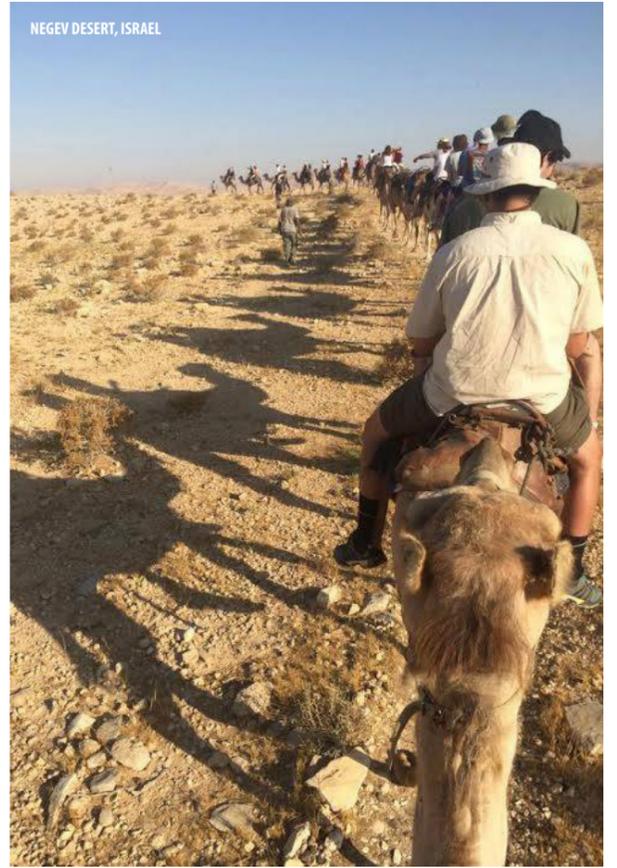


HALI TAUXE | Photo Editor
A frog finger puppet flops into its fourth ritual glass of Manischewitz at Hillel's Passover Seder in Upstairs Lakeside on April 22.





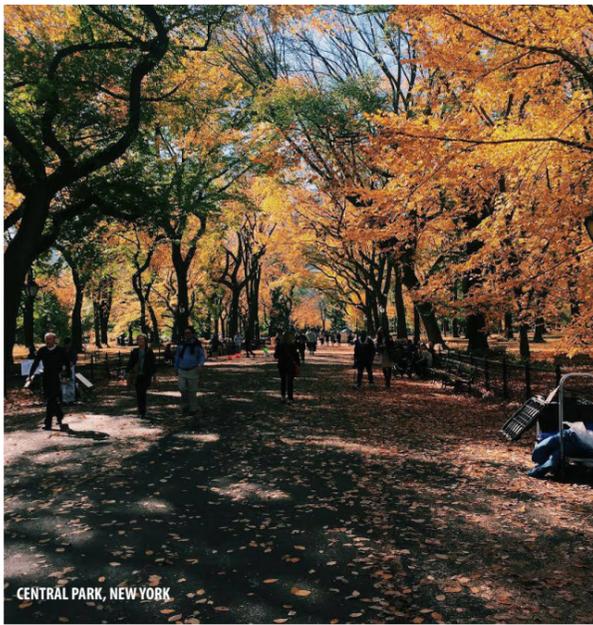
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CENTRAL PARK, NEW YORK



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GEC PHOTO WINNERS ANNOUNCED

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Elon University's Global Education Center (GEC) announced the winners of its annual photo contest Monday, featuring student-submitted photos of their Study Abroad or Study USA programs. Winners were selected from three different categories and won a variety of prizes.

"There is 'America the Beautiful,' which is to promote our Study USA programs, so celebrating diversity within the United States and global engagement," said Shanna Van Beek, assistant director of Study Abroad. "There is 'In Doing We Learn,' which [means] living our engagement outside the classroom category,

and then there is 'Worth a Thousand Words,' which tends to be our beautiful landscape shots and everything else."

Submissions opened April 1 and closed April 15. After voting closed at 5 p.m. April 22, pictures with the most likes in each category were considered the winners, and the students with the winning pictures were notified by email Monday morning.

The overall winner with the most Facebook likes was senior Chelsea Weber, who received \$350 in flight vouchers. The GEC staff pick was awarded to senior Patrick McLaughlin. The three category winners were senior Jessica Morse for "Worth a Thousand Words," junior Carly Zenker for "In Doing We Learn" and junior Daniella Chavero for "America the Beautiful." Category winners each received a \$50 gift card to a local establishment.

"We're doing this for promoting the photos, but also for promoting our own social media accounts," Van Beek said. "We want to generate engagement on this, so it was a choice to

do it this way rather than a critical evaluation."

"To sort of balance out the fact that it is a popularity contest, we do a GEC staff pick, so we gather around and determine what is the photo according to us that tells the most compelling story."

To ensure more people have a chance of winning, members of the GEC chose to include the staff pick. That winner is considered a second grand prize recipient and receives a GoPro.

The contest began a few years ago to celebrate student experiences and provide the GEC with marketing content.

GEC Business and Data Manager Amanda Zamzes, who votes for the staff pick, said she looks for a picture that tells viewers a larger story. She gave the example of a photo of a rose lying across railroad tracks leading into a concentration camp in Europe as a striking submission.

"[A quality photo] transports you elsewhere," Zamzes said. "I think that's the essence of a good global engagement experience — that from it, you are transformed."

(CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT) PHOTOS COURTESY OF CHELSEA WEBER, CARLY ZENKER, PATRICK MCLAUGHLIN, DANIELLA CHAVERO, JESSICA MORSE



MACKENZIE DUNN | Senior Reporter

Students relieve stress by playing with dogs Monday at the DU Dogs event sponsored by Delta Upsilon.

Ruff day solutions

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Students enjoyed a break from end-of-year stress Monday afternoon at Delta Upsilon fraternity's event, DU Dogs.

The fraternity allowed students to buy tickets for the opportunity to pet both puppies and dogs from the Humane Society of Alamance County. The event served as the main attraction for the organization's philanthropy week, and all proceeds benefited the Boys and Girls Club of Burlington and the Humane Society.

Sophomore Co-Philanthropy Chair Ethan Jaffe said the idea of bringing dogs to campus was designed to raise money for two causes the brothers feel most passionate about.

"We wanted to do something different this spring, so we came up with an idea we felt students would really like, while also being able to bring in some of the kids we work with during the week," Jaffe said.

Delta Upsilon members volunteer their time at the Boys and Girls Club on Fridays throughout the semester to mentor and play with the children of Burlington who participate in the after-school program. Volunteers brought some of the children to Monday's event.

"Overall, it's just a good way to give back to the local community," said junior Ryan Mansfield, president of Delta Upsilon.

Tickets were sold for \$5 and gave participants unlimited time with the dogs, a hot dog and live entertainment from a cappella groups such as Twisted Measure.

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member of each team walks along a track at all times as an act of solidarity to represent how cancer never sleeps. This year's theme was "More Birthdays," to honor those who can celebrate one more birthday as well as those who have lost their fight.

As teams flooded into the PARC in Danieley Center, participants watched various performers, listened to live music, ate at food trucks and participated in table activities. Participants could even donate up to eight inches of their hair on-site to contribute to wigs for chemotherapy patients. This year, a ticket system was used as an easier way for participants to raise funds and do activities without having to use cash.

The funds raised through Relay for Life events across the country go to cancer research and support programs that ease the lives of patients and their families who have been impacted by the disease.

Some programs include a facility where families can stay when they cannot afford accommodations while traveling for treatment, a transportation program so patients never miss a treatment and a makeover program that helps women battling cancer appreciate their appearance and self-image during treatments.

Throughout the night, many survivors shared their stories. Like Dennion, they encouraged those affected by cancer to see the brighter side in the battle. Dennion told those at the event to laugh at themselves, be kind and smile. She said she hopes others will find inspiration in her journey.

"It's not the struggle that defines you," she said. "It's how you respond and react to those struggles that define your character."

Sophomore Charlotte Hinrichs lost her father two months ago to cancer. She said while the event was emotional, she found support



PHOTO COURTESY OF COLLEGES AGAINST CANCER

Relay for Life raises all-time high by raising more than \$90,000 for cancer research and support programs. The event was held April 23-24.

in others sharing their stories.

"During the night, I was able to feel the comfort from several of my peers who have similar stories as me," Hinrichs said. "We are still learning how to live without our loved ones but are slowly learning how to adjust."

Hinrichs' personal fundraising page was the top individual fundraiser, raising \$4,915. Her original goal was just \$350.

"Having so many people donate to my page really showed and reminded me how many people loved my dad and what an amazing impact he had on their lives," Hinrichs said.

During the second shift of Relay for Life, multiple events were designed to keep participants awake. Some included eating competitions, a hypnotist, a DJ, zumba, bingo and sunrise yoga.

In between these events, even more survivors shared their inspirational stories.

Ovarian cancer survivor Linda

Harris told a story about early detection saving her life. She encouraged the Relay for Life participants to listen to their bodies because not all tests work.

"If I had ignored the problems, I would not be here today," Harris said. "I am now 20 months cancer-free."

The last speaker of the event was Elon Director of Campus Recreation Larry Mellinger. Mellinger was diagnosed with cancer six years ago while living in Vermont. He said he believes the experience of having cancer brought him closer to his friends and family.

"Nothing prepares you for that moment when you hear, 'I have cancer,'" Mellinger said. "I felt like my head had been chopped off of my body."

Mellinger pointed out the need for cancer education. Through personal experience, Mellinger researched his own type of testicular cancer and made sure he was



PHOTO COURTESY OF COLLEGES AGAINST CANCER

Attendees Lori Krake Earl and junior Alexa Lowey take a photograph at event to spread awareness on social media about Colleges Against Cancer.

prepared to ask tough questions to the doctors and nurses treating him.

"You can't worry about the

things you have no control over," Mellinger said. "But the things you can control — control the hell out of them."

Campus clubs offer meditation options

Campus Recreation, SPARKS, SUB, more offer different resources

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It's not hard to recognize the causes of stress and anxiety. Mounting academic and professional pressures reinforced by the expectations of parents can wear down the psyche.

Jana Lynn Patterson, Elon University's associate vice president for Student Life and dean of Student Health and Wellness, said the pressures can be particularly tough during times of transition.

"Everyone's stressed at the end of a semester or year — it's crunch time," Patterson said. "But we like to pay special attention to what we call the bookend periods, where new students are coming in and adjusting to college life and where seniors prepare themselves mentally for a life outside of the educational institution."

Patterson said it is important students rem-

edy their stress through healthy options, such as exercise and sleep.

"Some students don't get regular sleep while they're using chemicals to feel better, and it just doesn't work in the long run," Patterson said. "We do know from research that eating right, sleeping and exercising are all good ways to cope with stress."

Elon offers many programs and activities for students to combat their personal stresses through healthy means. Campus recreational facilities, SPARKS and SUB activities, Yoga Club and the Iron Tree Meditation Club are just a few of the available resources.

Christopher Bertrand, student adviser of the Iron Tree Zen Meditation Club, first learned about meditation from a high school world religion course. His semester in-focus study was on Buddhism, which inspired him to visit a Buddhist temple.

"I just loved the way it made me feel," Bertrand said. "Mindfulness meditation really helps with relaxation and fighting anxiety. It's scientifically proven. Our approach is very down to earth."

In 2012, The Association for University and College Counseling Centers Directors

(AUCCCD) found that anxiety and depression consistently contended for the primary concern counselors had for their respective students.

In surveying 400 collegiate counseling centers, representing nearly half of all AUCCCD membership, the organization found that counselors were overwhelmingly concerned for the mental health of their students. Seventy percent of directors believed the number of students with severe psychological problems on their campus had increased in the past year.

Anxiety topped the charts with 41.6 percent of counseled students suffering from the affliction, followed by depression at 36.4 percent. Relationship problems tailed both at 35.8 percent. Bertrand said all students could serve to benefit from Zen meditation. He said focusing on just breathing is like doing mental "bicep curls," enforcing a "live in the moment" mentality that extends outside of club meetings.

"Most of our stress is mental and overthinking stuff even when it's not directly influencing us or in front of us," Bertrand said. "That's really unproductive and can be damaging long term."

BY THE NUMBERS

41.6

PERCENT OF COUNSELED STUDENTS SUFFER FROM ANXIETY

36.4

PERCENT OF COUNSELED STUDENTS SUFFER FROM DEPRESSION

35.8

PERCENT OF COUNSELED STUDENTS SUFFER FROM RELATIONSHIP PROBLEMS

70

PERCENT OF DIRECTORS BELIEVED THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS WITH SEVERE PSYCHOLOGICAL PROBLEMS ON THEIR CAMPUS HAD INCREASED IN THE PAST YEAR

Underreported, not invisible

Statistics don't show magnitude of sexual assault

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Four cases of sexual offenses were reported in the Elon University Annual Security Report for 2014. This is the most recent count of the total number of sexual assault cases on campus, off campus, in residential areas and on public property.

The Annual Security Report also indicated that the number of sex offenses reported had doubled each year from 2012 to 2014.

These statistics, and any initial impressions that might be drawn from them, do not reflect the reality of sexual assault at Elon University, much less on all universities in the United States.

Dan Fail, director of Fraternity and Sorority Life, said the doubling of reports may be related to a growing awareness about the issue.

"The more education you do on sexual misconduct, the more the reports increase because people see it as a problem," Fail said. "While it's super unfortunate that we have reports to begin with, that's actually a good sign because then people who see a problem are reporting the problem."

Fail is one of many mandatory assault reporters at Elon University, along with deans, human resources staff, department administrators, Residence Life employees, Campus Safety and Security officials and student conduct administrators. These individuals are required to report any incident that violates Title IX to the university's Title IX officer.

Though Fail said he hasn't been approached by any students report-



Students, some in just a bra or corset, walked across campus holding signs to protest rape culture and victim blaming April 12.

ing incidents of sexual assault, he explained he would inform students that their story is subject to being reported before they disclosed any information.

Dissecting the reporting process

The Jeanne Clery Act of 1990 specifically stated colleges that receive funding from the federal government must publicly report sexual assault crimes that occur on their campuses.

In 2013, President Barack Obama signed an amendment to the Clery Act called the Campus Sexual Violence Elimination (SaVE) Act. Until this point, universities were not required to report certain cases of domestic violence, dating violence and stalking. The SA VE Act changed that and required universities to offer sexual assault education, awareness programs and more "prompt, fair, and impartial" disciplinary proceedings for survivors and their assaulters.

Clark explained that the Clery Act doesn't require universities to report sexual assault if it did not occur on campus, on on-campus property or on public property. By only requiring cases from certain locations to be reported, the Clery Act results in seem-

ingly low records for sexual assault cases at Elon and other universities.

"It's frustrating because it's really misleading," Clark said. "We as a university acknowledge that, but that's just the limitations of that particular report."

For three years, Clark has been one of several confidential advocates on Elon's campus who welcome survivors or friends of survivors of sexual assault to talk with them. The confidential advocates are not allowed to report any accounts that they hear unless the source wants them to, it is a case of child sexual abuse or the sexual assaulter is planning on hurting someone else.

Elon has a community of organizations on campus that address

SPARKS (Students Promoting Awareness, Responsibility, Knowledge and Success) is an organization that promotes a general healthy lifestyle, but also focuses on sexual assault as a major issue worth addressing.

EFFECT (Elon Feminists for Equality, Change and Transformation) offers membership to students of any gender with the aim to protect any person's sexuality and security in their sex lives.

Last year, SPACE (Students Promoting Awareness, Change and Empowerment) was started by senior Madeline Wise and Laurel Wiebe '15 and had its first active semester last spring. There is little advertisement for this organization on Elon's website, but its reputation is growing through collaborations with SPARKS and EFFECT for events like screenings of "The Mask You Live In," "The Hunting Ground" and the March Against Victim Blaming.

The goal of SPACE is to provide a safe space for students to talk and help each other in dealing with experiences regarding sexual assault.

"I think that it's important for me to say that, as the president of SPACE, I'm not trying to intend to get more people to report," Wise

said. "I'm just trying to be a support system and say, 'This happened to you. I'm here to listen to you, and whatever you decide to do, I support that decision.'"

Looking to the future

Sexual assault awareness campaigns and organizations on Elon's campus, student involvement is essential to addressing this serious issue.

The leaders of these organizations will eventually graduate and depend on their younger peers to continually evaluate Elon's productivity in addressing sexual assault.

As the second half of her senior year comes to a close, Wise is eager to see what her legacy of working with SPACE will leave and how U.S. society in general will progress.

"This is an exciting time in history," Wise said. "Just now, sexual assault has become a very pervasive issue in society, and I'm lucky to have been able to do something while I'm here. I hope that we can keep that going because I think differences are really starting to be made."

Though he has only been working at Elon for a year, Fail trusts Elon will effectively address the issue of sexual assault.

"No campus has this figured out," Fail said. "There isn't a premier, start-to-finish, perfect answer to this. Elon is a place that prides itself on being the next evolution of many items and I would hope that this would be one of the areas that Elon wants to tackle and not only tackle, but become a nationwide leader on how it's dealt with effectively."

Clark also sees a bright future and is proud of Elon's history with informing its students of sexual assault and catering to survivors.

"I think that we're ahead of the curve in many ways. By no means do we have it all figured out," Clark said. "This is a university that isn't sticking its head in the sand about [sexual assault]. It's really trying to send a message to Elon students that we take this seriously and this is something that we're not going to tolerate on this campus."

THE MORE EDUCATION YOU DO ON SEXUAL MISCONDUCT, THE MORE THE REPORTS INCREASE BECAUSE PEOPLE SEE IT AS A PROBLEM.

DAN FAIL
DIRECTOR OF FRATERNITY AND SORORITY LIFE

ELON SEXUAL ASSAULT RESOURCES

SAFELINE

Safeline is an anonymous hotline that allows students to call for support regarding dating violence, sexual assault, discrimination, stalking, and similar issues.

Phone Number:
336-278-3333

SPARKS

SPARKS promotes a healthy lifestyle while focusing on educating students about sexual assault and other sex-related topics.

EFFECT

EFFECT offers membership to students of any gender with the aim to promote healthy sexuality and security in their sex lives.

SPACE

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SGA
from cover

learning about essential inclusivity issues was more important to attend than the lower-energy weekly session.

What ensued after Tarpley's assertions was a passionate discussion about how SGA could address racial problems. Throughout the fall semester, many minority students voiced their displeasure about the underlying divide between minority students and white students on campus, which was reflected in a presidential task force report in September 2015.

Despite these findings, many members of SGA argued little progress has been in the time since.

Some African-American SGA members, who account for a small

portion of the total number of members, said their constituents feel SGA does not have their best interest at heart. As a result, they are fearful about approaching SGA with their concerns. Another point of contention was addressing discrimination on campus. When freshman Kenneth Brown was re-elected president of the Class of 2019, he argued that some males in his class thought he would not be capable of representing them because he was a part of a minority group. Junior Executive Secretary Alex Hunter said she was deeply disturbed after

hearing Brown's comment.

"That comment really struck me because not only are those boys [who don't think Brown would be an adequate representative] ignorant, but I think I'm ignorant for

that doesn't really happen at Elon. People don't really say that.' No one should be saying that, and I think we need to be working toward a community where that sort of stuff doesn't come up as an issue."

While SGA cannot control other people's prejudices, SGA Faculty Adviser Jana Lynn Patterson challenged members to be more outgoing and intentional about solving this dilemma.

She said the intensity and fervor of this discussion encouraged her, but added the next step is for more action instead of words.

"You grow when things are off-kilter," Patterson said. "You grow when things are uncomfortable. If we don't challenge these things, then we're not going to grow."

Junior Executive President Kyle Porro said he was extremely thankful Tarpley brought up the issue because it encouraged other senators to rise out of the shadows and express their reactions.

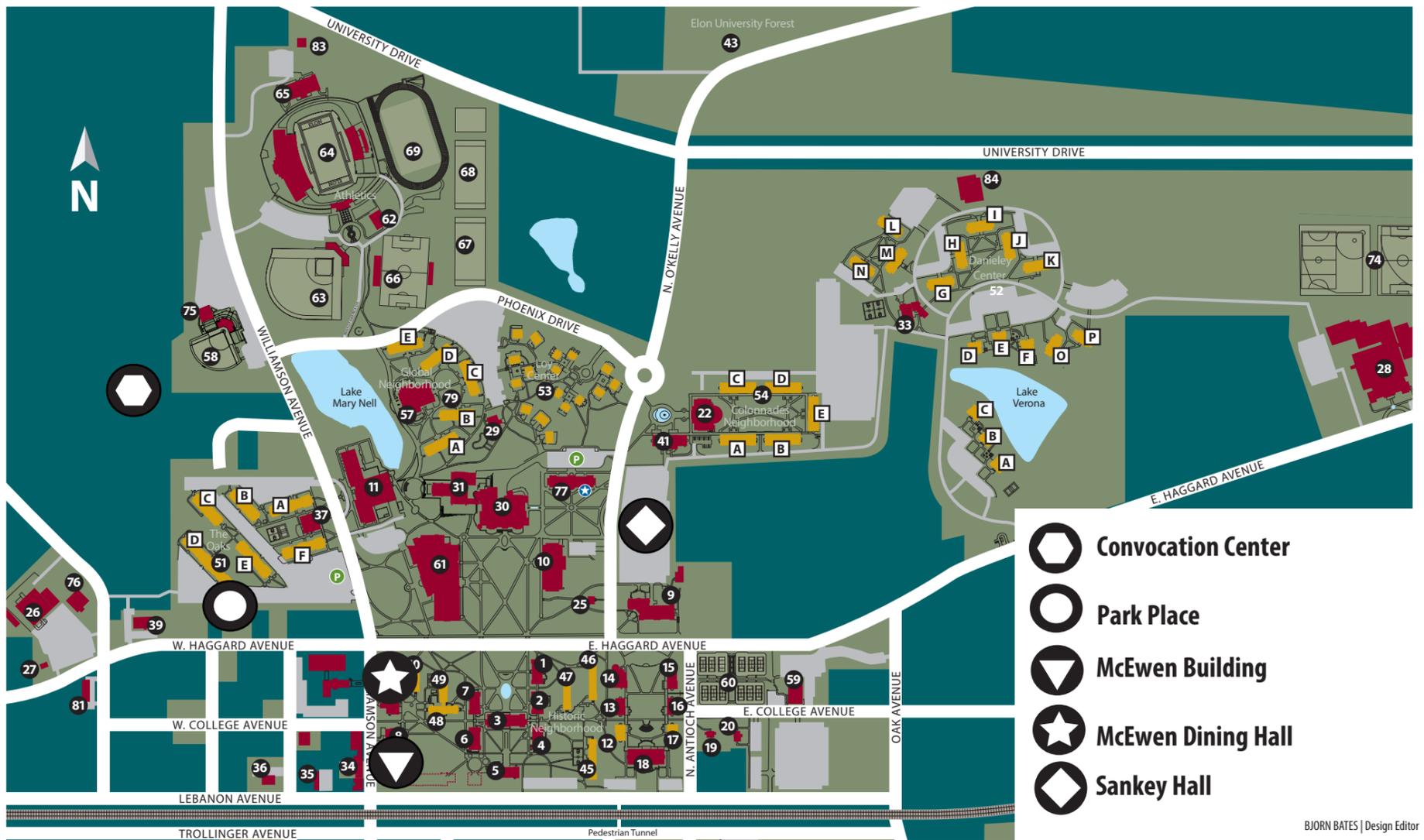
"The biggest point that stood out to me, regardless whether it's about race or HB2, is that the general consensus is that people do not feel comfortable coming to SGA if there is a problem," Porro said. "Student government is only here to make change upon what the students want to see, and if the students don't feel comfortable or safe with us, then that defeats the purpose because why are we here?"

WE SAY WE'RE LEADERS, BUT IF WE'RE NOT DOING ANYTHING TO BE LEADERS AND TO MAKE PROGRESS ON THIS CAMPUS, THEN WE'RE ALL TALK.

CHRIS TARPLEY
SENATOR FOR COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

thinking that doesn't happen at Elon," Hunter said. "This is an important message to spread. We are ignorant for thinking, 'Oh,

Master Plan projects Elon's trajectory



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When the year 2000 came around, Elon University officials drew up a plan for how they thought the university should focus on growing for the next 10 years. In 2010, a new master plan — the "Campus Plan for the Second Decade" — was created to incorporate the last 10 years' adjustments into the new goals of the university.

With the recent additions of the Global Neighborhood and the new Schar Hall, as well as the announcement of an expansion to the Love School of Business and a new convocation center, there have been many rumors about Elon's plans to expand and establish a larger presence in the community.

While a steering committee worked with university partners

and students to collaborate on the plan, the document was not meant to be a concrete course of action, but rather a guiding tool as the university began new projects.

"This Campus Plan is intended to be a working document, presented in loose-leaf format, so that the plan can be expanded and modified as conditions change," the document states on page 6.

Just by looking at the multiple proposal drawings, there have been some obvious changes to the original plans.

Rather than building a new communications school on the McMichael parking lot, the addition is set to finish construction this fall next to McEwen. Instead, the new Love School of Business building will be built in the space near Colonnades Dining Hall.

The convocation center was originally planned to be built on N. O'Kelly Avenue near the

University Drive entrance to campus, but the university announced earlier this year that it purchased 19.5 acres behind the Hunt Softball Park on Williamson Avenue.

The Park Place apartments on Haggard Avenue were also not included in the master plan, but are set to open for the 2016-2017 academic year.

The significant progress made by the university since 2010 raises the question of what is left to achieve now that we're past the halfway point.

According to a model drawing of campus in the master plan document, some of the changes the university has yet to announce include new Colonnades and Danieley residence halls, additions to the sports complex, residence halls to the east of the tennis courts, a small expansion to the Center for the Performing Arts and an extension to McMichael.

CAMPUS PLAN FOR THE SECOND DECADE

- Elon will continue to grow slowly, but not at the expense of academic quality.
- The campus will maintain an intimate feel; students and learning will remain at the center of all the university does.
- Elon will always seek to acquire strategically located property.
- The university and the town will develop a common approach for vehicle and pedestrian traffic, signage, landscaping and community aesthetics.
- The university will further enhance the commitment to campus green space, expand upon the pedestrian nature of the campus and locate parking to the periphery as is possible.
- Provide a scale and design on future facilities that blend with the campus architectural aesthetic.

Former presidential candidate talks campaign finance

Q&A

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Former Democratic presidential candidate and Harvard Law professor Lawrence Lessig visited the Elon University School of Law Tuesday to speak with an Elon faculty member who hosts a popular radio program broadcast in Silicon Valley.

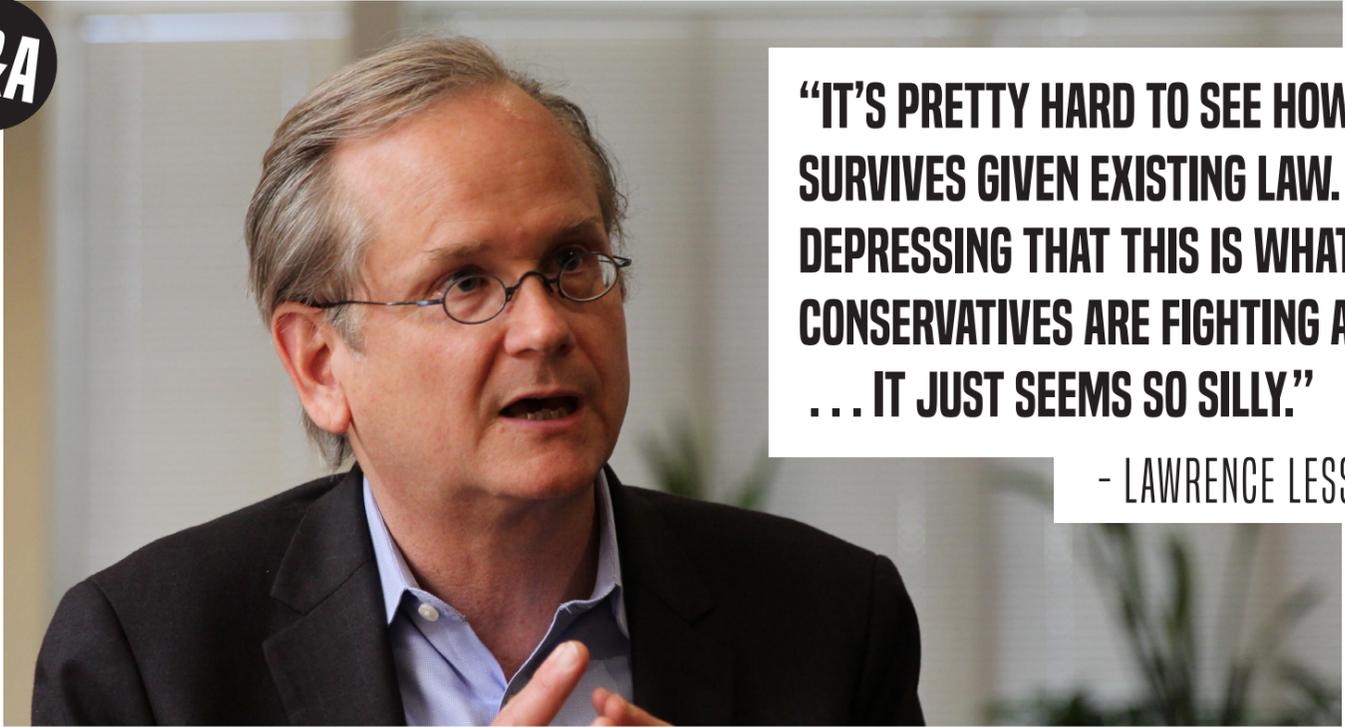
Before the event began, The Pendulum spoke with Lessig to get his thoughts on campaign finance reform, House Bill 2 and potential endorsements.

Why is campaign finance reform such an important issue to you, and how can the issue be addressed?

We have to recognize that we have a republic, which means we have a representative body that passes the laws that address all the issues any of these candidates are talking about.

Whether it's climate change or the debt or healthcare or student debt — it doesn't matter what the issue is — but we have a Congress that is basically crippled, and it's a failed institution in our democracy.

How does one go about fixing



“IT’S PRETTY HARD TO SEE HOW HB2 SURVIVES GIVEN EXISTING LAW. IT’S DEPRESSING THAT THIS IS WHAT CONSERVATIVES ARE FIGHTING ABOUT. . . . IT JUST SEEMS SO SILLY.”

— LAWRENCE LESSIG

HALI TAUXE | Photo Editor

Former Democratic presidential candidate and Harvard Law professor Lawrence Lessig discusses the need for significant campaign finance reform. He argues that Congress is not doing its job properly because of large campaign contributions from the wealthiest people in the United States.

Congress?

We fix it by recommitting to the idea of an equally representative Congress. Congress represents all of us, and the most important change to make is to change the way we fund campaigns.

Given the divisiveness in Washington, D.C., and struggles getting your voice heard, how do you plan to continue trying to effect change?

I plan to do whatever it takes. We made a gamble when I ran for president that we could get enough support to get into the debates. ... But then when we qualified, they changed the rules.

That change for me was the most surprising thing. I would never have predicted they would have played that game.

So when you can't get that support from the Democratic Party and are trying to fight Republicans, what's the next step moving forward for you today?

Well, today I think the next step is to figure out what the strategy could be. I have an answer right now. ... I think the question is, how many different experiments can we launch to try and create the pressure necessary to bring about this change?"

This year has been the most optimistic and the most pessimistic message on that. It's the most optimistic because for the first time even Republicans are talking about the corrupting influence of money in politics. Donald Trump totally defeated Jeb Bush because he was able to frame Jeb Bush as completely responsive to the money and Donald Trump as independent of the money.

That's progress, and I think that the opportunity to have a broad base of people on the Democratic and Republican side recognizing this problem is exactly the conditions necessary for solving it.

Here in North Carolina, House Bill 2 just passed. Do you envision the courts striking it down anytime soon? If so, what

would that timeframe look like in your mind?

It's pretty hard to see how HB2 survives given existing law. It's depressing that this is what conservatives are fighting about. Why should this be an issue? When I was young, conservatives had all the great ideas. They had all the ideas that were interesting and interesting to fight about. This just seems so silly, and it saddens me to see that a state like North Carolina gets drawn into this.

Have you made an endorsement yet for any candidate or are you planning to?

No.

Sanders still has hope despite Clinton's giant lead

Millennials needed for Sanders to be competitive

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Eight years ago, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton entered the presidential election season the same way she did this year — as the favorite to win the Democratic Party nomination. But the outcome did not match the expectation.

According to Elon University Assistant Professor of Political Science and Elon Poll Director Kenneth Fernandez, Bernie Sanders' (I-Vt.) chances of pulling off an upset similar to President Barack Obama's in 2008 is highly unlikely.

"I think this is a very different dynamic than in 2008," Fernandez said. "Clinton came into the 2008 election as the front-runner, and Obama was not really well-known but became the dominant player fairly quickly."

Sanders resembles Obama in his rise from anonymity but differs in that he did not have as much early success on the campaign trail. After wins in smaller states and in the Midwest, Sanders' momentum

was stifled last week when Clinton won New York — the state Sanders grew up in — by 16 percent. With the victory, Clinton took a 700-delegate lead, making it nearly impossible for Sanders to earn his party's nomination.

"This is clearly suggesting that although it is still mathematically possible for Sanders to win, it is highly improbable," Fernandez said. "He would have to do tremendously well in the remaining states."

With delegate-rich states such as Pennsylvania (189), Indiana (83) and California (475) on the horizon, Sanders still has some hope.

In the most recent Elon University Poll, Sanders beat Republican frontrunner Donald Trump and Ted Cruz (R-Texas) by at least 10 percent. If Sanders were to somehow secure the nomination, he would perform better than Clinton in head-to-head general election matchups. Fernandez said he does not foresee Sanders dropping out of the race until mid-June, which would be the same time Clinton admitted defeat to Obama in 2008.

"If you believe in what you're fighting for, and you believe that by remaining in the race you can affect the dialog, the rhetoric and agenda, why put down that microphone when it gives you a mecha-



HALI TAUXE | Photo Editor

Charlotte supporters of Bernie Sanders stand across the street from the Grady Cole Center where Hillary Clinton held a rally March 14.

nism to say that these issues matter?" Fernandez said.

Issues that Sanders consistently speaks on are inequality, campaign finance reform and corporate corruption. Sanders has said on multiple occasions he would solve many issues by granting free tuition to public universities with a tax on Wall Street speculation.

Because Clinton has held prominent positions and has been in the national spotlight for several

decades, she also has a 52 percent unfavorable rating, according to a recent CBS News/New York Times poll. Esteemed positions like U.S. Senator, First Lady and Secretary of State can be used as ammunition against Clinton for Sanders to market to people tired of the political system.

Even if Clinton wins the nomination, Fernandez said Sanders' presence will still be felt because his defeat may deter Millennials from

voting. This could hurt Clinton's chances of becoming the next president.

"Sanders is saying things that, you know, are in some cases pretty outrageous," Fernandez said. "He's talking about a revolution, a social movement — and that's attractive to young people. As long as he can continue to get a lot of people to come to his rallies, that shows that he is legitimately a force to be reckoned with."



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

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Eco-Reps welcome environmental engagement

Elon celebrates Earth Day at Party for the Planet

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Party for the Planet, an Eco-Reps-coordinated event, was an installment of the Elon Earth Week celebration. Aligned with the goals of prior events, the April 22 Party for the Planet promoted eco-friendly living, celebrated the beauties of the natural world and inspired attendees to strive for a healthier planet.

Students and faculty alike were continuously filing through the Koury Center Concourse 3-6 p.m. At the event, they learned about Earth through interactive booths, each sponsored by a different student organization.

Nineteen different student organizations were represented, including Colleges Against Cancer, The Elon Microfinance Initiative and The Elon



Eco-Reps invites students to participate in festivities to raise awareness about the importance of sustainable practices.

Community Garden.

One of the most popular attractions featured a booth for blending smoothies by biking.

"All of the booths have an interactive element and have

to do with sustainability," said junior Andrew Nemnich, a student Eco-Rep. "We wanted to make learning about the environment and the Earth enjoyable and shareable."

Junior Alex Miller represented the Elon Community Garden and said Earth Day is an important holiday for the Elon community to recognize the hard work put in by several on-cam-

pus organizations. Her booth featured fresh kale, rosemary, mint and lettuce, which were all grown fresh from the Elon garden.

"This is all so delicious, and we grew it ourselves," Miller said. "This school year, we were able to donate over 3,000 pounds of food to people in need."

Clare Farrow, senior and campus rep for People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), ran a booth promoting vegan dietary habits. She said eating vegan goes beyond protecting the rights of animals.

"Honestly, you'd be amazed how much better you feel after not eating meat," Farrow said.

Her booth came complete with a man dressed as a shower. The man wore a curtain wrapped around him that had a statistic printed on the front informing students one pound of beef requires the same amount of resources as 180 showers.

The party was filled with scattered laughter from attendees, showcasing the Eco-Reps' ability to combine fun and education.

Sex Trivia Night raises awareness about assault



MEG BRENNAN | Staff Photographer

Caroline Cirby, Joyce Choi and Alejandro Ramos ask students questions about consent and sex trivia.

IRC and SPARKS sponsor trivia night for sexual assault education

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The Inter-Residence Council (IRC) and SPARKS held an educational trivia night about sexual awareness April 21 in Elon University's McKinnon Hall.

Instead of IRC's normal bingo nights, the council decided to add its contribution to Sexual Assault Awareness Month by informing students about sexual health through trivia questions and prizes.

Sophomore Julia Elleman and freshman Joseph Keller were excited to host this event with SPARKS.

"We're mainly just trying to spread awareness regarding sexual assault," Keller said. "There are too many kids who

don't know about sexual assault and their sexual well-being."

The trivia lasted five rounds. After each round, the team of students with the most correct answers received prizes, including T-shirts, couples' gift baskets and \$80 worth of gift cards.

Each round had a specific theme, ranging from sexual assault and education resources on campus to facts about sexual acts, reproductive organs and names of sexy-themed songs.

Though this IRC-sponsored event had much lower attendance than its more well-known Thursday night festivities, the 20 or 30 students who participated were active and attentive during each round.

The last event at Elon that will support Sexual Assault Awareness Month programming will be World Denim Day April 27.

On that day, members of the Elon community are invited to wear jeans in support of a national campaign for survivors and victims of sexual assault.

SGA unanimously passes resolution against HB2

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SGA unanimously passed a resolution against the controversial House Bill 2 at its meeting April 21.

All 30 members of the Senate who were present approved the resolution.

"I thought it would pass, but I wasn't expecting unanimous," said SGA President and junior Kyle Porro. "I was expecting a little bit of pushback. ...

"I wouldn't say the student body is unanimous. But in terms of the majority of who [the senators] represent, they each were for it. That's kind of why it was a unanimous vote."

The resolution, authored by Junior Class Vice President Morgan Bodenaarain, condemned HB2, otherwise known as "the bathroom bill," which was signed into law March 23 by North Carolina Gov. Pat McCrory. Among many stipulations, HB2 requires transgender people to use the bathrooms of gender on their birth certificate.

The SGA resolution calls HB2 a "highly discriminatory piece of legislation," while decrying "the blatant disregard and denial of basic human rights."

The resolution will be sent to Elon University's senior staff and to SGAs at other North Carolina colleges and universities.

Added to the original draft was an article noting that SGA recognizes that members of the Elon community and those visiting it can be subject to discrimination as a result of HB2.

There was very little disagreement among the Senate, with much of the discussion revolving around terminology of the resolution.

In a straw poll before formal discussion began, 27 of 28 SGA senators who participated were in favor of the resolution.



Bodenarain said she was "scared" coming in, not knowing how the resolution would be received, but was happy with the outcome.

"This is substantial because no other student government has gone to this extent to show they care," Bodenaarain said. "It shows Elon is different."

"I'm ecstatic about how cooperative this whole process went," said sophomore Carlos Andino, competition senator and sponsor of the resolution.

A handful of students and student organization leaders were present for the meeting and voiced opinions prior to the Senate vote.

During open forum, Interfraternity Council President and senior Michael Goldstein said a majority of fraternities expressed their agreement with SGA's resolution during a meeting of the IFC Executive Council on Wednesday.

"I find this bill disheartening and sick," Goldstein said.

Spectrum President Monique Swirsky, in open forum, called the passing of the resolution "a great step forward for the university."



JACK HARTMANN | Staff Photographer
Smith Farms sells potted geraniums at the Farmers Market April 21.

THE MARKET

IS BACK



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Sophomore Mike Krueger picks out an aloe plant at the Farmers Market.

Farmers market promotes fresh, local produce

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In celebration of Earth Week, the Elon Farmers Market reopened at 3:30 p.m. April 21. The weekly market will now be held every Thursday until October on the Elon Community Church front lawn.

With most sellers and buyers purchasing fruits, vegetables and organic plants, the atmosphere of a healthier, more sustainable lifestyle was evident. Because of the added hype of the first market opening of the spring, many vendors were excited to see a good showing.

"I like participating in the farmers market because it helps me and other people get away from preservatives," said Mary Tyre, a farmer participating in the farmers market for her second season. "But I like making a lot of money, too."

The family-friendly environment fostered interactivity between sellers and buyers and made for a successful evening for

several vendors.

Monica Nicholson, a farmer in her fifth season with the Elon Farmers Market, brought her young daughter to the event to sell teddy bears.

Nancy Joyner, who assists her husband Clay Smith in operating Redbud Farm, said her favorite part of the afternoon was catching up with familiar faces.

"This is why I love coming," Joyner said as she hugged one of her friends who she had not seen since last year. "Seeing all of these nice people really warms my heart."

Joyner said she did well in her opening day as she sold out her products — most of which were certified organic vegetables and herbs. She said she particularly enjoyed interacting with the college students who came into her tent and started conversing with her. She is hopeful she can continue educating people about the importance of buying healthy local food.

"My main goals are to [promote] eating local fresh produce, which then helps our economy," Joyner said. "Getting to know your farmer through this can go a long way. There is a difference between eating locally-grown food and eating at Food Lion."



JACK HARTMANN | Staff Photographer
John Underwood from Smith Farms sells a variety of flowers each week.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR:



Piemonte Farms | Sells bread, cheese and fresh eggs



Cookie Gurlie | Sells oatmeal bites, strawberry fields and other cookies



Jillie's Jams | Sells pineapple, mango, lemons and jams



Smith Farms | Sells assorted fruits and vegetables and geraniums

CHEAT
SHEET

Magnitude-7.8 earthquake strikes Ecuador



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What happened?

On April 16, a 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck Ecuador's coast, killing hundreds and injuring thousands more. Countless others await aid in more rural areas. The hardest-hit area of the South American nation was the coastal Manabi Province, a principal tourist area.

Some of the latest reports from CNN indicated at least 654 people died. According to Ecuador's Risk Management Office, 155 people remain missing and 12,500 injured. The agency also announced that almost 25,000 people remain in shelters.

The quake has been named one of the deadliest in South America, next to one in 1999 in Columbia that left 1,000 people dead.

The huge magnitude of the initial earthquake caused hundreds of aftershocks of varying magnitudes and scales, which have continued to destroy Ecuador's infrastructure and kill or injure hundreds of people. As the rubble is slowly being moved and cleared, more bodies are being found, causing the death toll to rise.

What is being done?

Ecuador's President Rafael Correa said the country was in a crisis situation with about \$3 billion in damages. Though the reconstruction effort will take years, Correa's administration is temporarily raising taxes to



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People walk among the debris of a collapsed building April 17 after an earthquake hit the northern coastal region of Ecuador. President Correa called a national emergency after more than 230 were killed and more than 1,000 injured in the 7.8-magnitude earthquake.

fund the recovery — a move that has elicited frustration from the wealthier population.

Ecuador deployed 10,000 soldiers and 4,600 police officers to the affected areas, but the country is still struggling to reach citizens in more rural locations. The effects of the aftershocks, landslides and crumbling bridges and roads are making the process harder for emergency workers.

Aid is coming from other

countries, with Cuba sending the most people to help. Europe also sent almost 200 aid workers, primarily from France and Spain.

Though President Barack Obama said he wanted to help, his plan did not include sending any rescuers from the United States. Instead, the most recent plan from the United States Agency for International Development involves coordination with the United Nations to send \$100,000 for "critical supplies."

How can we help?

On Monday, Elon University's El Centro de Espanol hosted a fundraiser and sold snow cones, ice cream and Mexican food to help earthquake victims. Though the fundraiser was Monday, there are still several ways people can offer assistance. Organizations such as UNICEF are providing water-purification materials to the most highly impacted areas, and the Red Cross has mobilized

medical efforts and supplies to those physically and mentally affected.

An Elon for Ecuador crowdfunding campaign has been launched as well. Freshman Lucia Jervis, a Pendulum staff member, is the page's organizer and encourages those who are able to do so to offer assistance to relief efforts. As of Monday afternoon, Elon for Ecuador raised \$3,800 of its \$5,000 goal from a total of 30 donors.

NEWS BRIEFS

Elon announces
Lumen Prize
recipients

Elon University released the names of this year's 15 Lumen Prize recipients on April 22.

The Lumen Prize, the university's most prestigious award for student research, offers a \$15,000 scholarship to support and celebrate academic achievements and research proposals.

Scholars work closely with mentors to complete projects during their final two years on campus. Work often includes coursework, study abroad experiences, on- and off-campus research, internships locally and overseas, program development and creative productions and performances.

The 15 recipients will conduct research across a wide range of subjects, including biochemistry, marketing, international business, public health and more.

Lumen Prize winners were chosen through a two-step process: First, they submitted written applications with background statements and project proposals, a letter of nomination from a faculty mentor and an additional

letter of recommendation. Then, after the semifinalist were chosen from that pool, they completed an interview for the final round.

Father Gerry
Waterman to leave
Elon

Father Gerry Waterman, Catholic campus minister and associate chaplain for Catholic Life, announced Sunday that he will be leaving Elon University at the end of the academic year and will become Catholic Chaplain at Syracuse University.

Waterman has served the Catholic community of Elon and Burlington for 11 years. A farewell is being planned in the coming weeks.

SGA shows support
for new running
trail

SGA recently expressed its support for a group of students who proposed a new two-mile running trail, which will encircle

Danieley Center.

This group of students argued that the current trails Campus Recreation has in place are not safe because they cross busy intersections. They also argued that the trail near South Campus is geographically inconvenient for most runners.

The proposed trail would be placed near residence halls and could also be used by athletic teams. The trail would be emergency vehicle-accessible. The hours would be from dusk to dawn, and the trail would have

color-coordinated paths.

With support from the Elon University Fire Department, Campus Rec, the campus architect and Physical Plant, the group will finalize its initial plans before approaching the university with its idea.

Elon Health Center
goes mobile

For the upcoming school year, Elon University's Student Health

Services Center will be adding a new healthcare system for students. They will be transporting their medical system to an online portal that will allow for quicker and easier healthcare management. All student medical records will be online and directly accessible through a student profile.

Now, only same day appointments can be made. With the new system, students can make appointments online for both the health center and counseling services in minutes.

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 **STAFF EDITORIAL**

In CAA, more opportunities for institutional, athletic growth



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Senior Robert Lindgren (left) and freshman Mario Paccini celebrate a point in their doubles' match April 23 in the CAA semifinals. Elon hosted the CAA Tennis Championships April 21-24.

HOW WE SEE IT

Two years into the conference, it's clear that Elon University's move to the CAA is best for both athletics and the institution as a whole.

Elon University's move to the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA), announced May 2013 but not made official until July 2014, was met with considerable financial weight and legitimate concerns with regard to travel and level of competition.

But about two years in, fresh off the first CAA Championships that Elon hosted, it's clear that the move was right for not just the athletic department but the university as a whole.

Elon's Jimmy Powell Tennis Center hosted the CAA Tennis Championships last weekend, with both the Phoenix men and women falling in tight semifinal matches. Save for rain on Friday — Elon's contingency plan sent the matches to Greensboro and

Winston-Salem — the tournaments went smoothly, proving the university's capability for holding such events.

That'll be tested again May 6-7 when Belk Track hosts the CAA Track and Field Championships. Elon has added extra bleachers and a storage facility in preparation for that meet and other home meets.

Consider the visitors brought to campus for the tennis tournaments. Opponents ranged as far south as Charleston, South Carolina, and as far north as Hempstead, New York. It's a far more diverse group than one that was here for, say, the 2013 Southern Conference (SoCon) tennis championships. Including Elon, five of the SoCon's full-time members then were

from North Carolina, and four more were from South Carolina.

And that's not even as far as the CAA footprint stretches — Northeastern University in Boston doesn't field varsity tennis teams.

It's also a more representative base of Elon's student body. Sending its athletic teams regularly to compete in Boston, Washington, D.C., and Long Island, New York broadens Elon's name recognition in areas that already draw a large portion of students. It only makes sense that the school should be athletically competing in regions of the country where it's also competing for students.

The financial strains that the move brought are no joke. Flying the volleyball team to Boston is far more expensive than busing it to Greensboro or Davidson.

But Elon evidently is investing in athletics to put the school on a similar level as peer institutions College of Wil-

liam & Mary and University of Richmond. Elon's pushing its athletic teams to compete with schools of a higher caliber, and it's raising money to build a larger facility for men's and women's basketball — the Schar Center.

If Elon wants to be on par with other CAA schools — and it's made it clear that it does — then it has to spend some money. President Leo Lambert hasn't been afraid to do that. Considering the expansion of the university as a whole, it only makes sense that athletics takes a step forward, too.

Since joining, Elon's won just one outright CAA title — last year's women's track and field crown. Director of Athletics Dave Blank acknowledged this time last year that it'd take time to adjust to the competition.

The CAA is a better place for athletic and institutional growth than the SoCon. With time, wins and more recognition will come.

Yet another column about the media's portrayal of sexual assault

A few months ago, I published a column criticizing the overwhelming willingness of the media — and society in general — to protect the images of famous men by sweeping charges of sexual violence under the rug. I was prompted by the popular response to quarterback Peyton Manning's final game at Super Bowl 50. Americans praised him for his amazing career and his all-American image, yet his alleged sexual assault case went virtually unmentioned.

It saddens me that I am sitting here months later feeling compelled, again, to write about the exact same thing. But mostly, it

angers me.

Widely respected basketball player Kobe Bryant played his last game with the Los Angeles Lakers April 13. In the weeks surrounding the historic game, the media celebrated the athlete's impressive career and the unique legacy he will leave with the NBA.

His praise has been abundant, and is greatly deserved when looking at what he has done on the court. But I am disappointed — though admittedly not surprised — that the media has glossed over the legacy of the star's 2003 rape case.

In 2003, Bryant was accused of raping a then 19-year-old concierge at a hotel in Colorado. This case had the potential to be another high-profile celebrity case, but the accuser dropped the charges after the emotional stress of the trial.

What's even more frustrating to me is that I am not even a sports fan and even I knew that

Bryant was retiring, yet I had not even heard about this case until a member of The Pendulum's staff forwarded an article written by Lindsay Gibbs of Think Progress about the case.

One of the most prevalent rape myths in cases like this is the idea that the victim is lying about the incident in hopes of either tearing down the celebrity's career or reaching a celebrity status themselves. People so often try to find a motive for the accusation, but Bryant's career is relatively unharmed. He's still on the covers of magazines and Nike is still running ads praising his achievements. The victim was the one hurt through all of this.

That being said, I don't think the media should call Bryant a monster either. Vilifying rapists only perpetuates the popular idea that rape is always aggressive, violent or black and white. Far more often than not,

rape and sexual assault cases lay in a large gray area where the absence of consent is not always obvious. What the media should be doing is simple: Talk about it.

ASSAILANTS ARE SO OFTEN ABLE TO MOVE ON, BUT THEY LEAVE A MARK ON THEIR VICTIM FOREVER.

The real problem here is coverage. When the assault happened in 2003, the media portrayed the rape with a frame of victim blaming and accusations of lying. This story framing only serves to perpetuate such rape myths and consequently makes it impossible for the victim to continue with the case.

Now, 13 years later, the media willfully neglects the importance of talking about this case when talking about Bryant's legacy. It's like it never happened.

For victims of rape, there is no going back to who they were before. There is no living like it never happened. There is only life before, and life after. Assaults are so often able to move on, but they leave a mark on their victim forever, and that problem deserves to be talked about as well, if not more.

At the end of the day, the only thing I can say is that I'm angry. I am so angry that I am writing about this again. Most of all, I am angry because I know that no matter how many columns I write, the media and society at large will still work to protect the good names of assailants.

The victim's life was changed forever. That deserves a headline, too.

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Embrace change, discomfort during final days at Elon

Over my years of chaplaincy I've noticed a trend among seniors. I think that sharing my observations will help you to place yourself in these strenuous days.



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University Chaplain

In the spring of the senior year, and every now and then in the late fall, when you hoped you'd have your best times of all, things tend to fall apart. Relationships — with people you've depended on for years, people you love, someone you've never argued with — suddenly fall apart or become excruciating, limiting, annoying or meaningless.

Behaviors change suddenly. You may decide to become a vegan, to dump your former plans and do something wild, engage in behavior unlike your usual style. What used to be inspiring, worthy, golden, fun may become dull and empty. The world feels strange, you may not recognize yourself in it, and you may feel a stranger to yourself.

While you are feeling strange, others are too. Conversations don't proceed at the usual pattern. Places of comfort now offer only tension. Your feelings, friends, parents and faculty may surprise you — you may surprise yourself.

Your fuse may be very short, your ability to tolerate the usual ambiguity nil. We're all in a transition together and the community

seems strange and difficult all around, especially for seniors among other seniors.

Seniors also have this wonderful habit of putting their education to work in the final semester — on your university. You begin to perceive all the flaws of our system and improve Elon. It feels like your last chance to make a difference around here.

All in all, nothing feels terribly stable, everything is at stake and chaos — internal and external — seems to reign.

You're getting ready to leave, obviously. You're off to a job, marriage, grad school, travel, all those plans that draw you. Some of you don't even want to be here right now, you're so ready to be gone. Some of you don't want to think about leaving at all, and may fantasize about another year near Elon.

What's not so obvious is that you and the whole community are immersed in a kind of anticipatory grief, in a process of letting go of one security in order to be prepared to build and embrace another.

While it is frightening, insecure, sad, happy, wild, awful and wonderful, this moment is a normal and very difficult part of young adult development. Reinhold Neibuhr called this experience "shipwreck" — being empty handed before grasping some new and better reality.

During this time, it may help to know that while it's not fun, this process is normal. You're not crazy. We're all grieving, shifting, journeying and preparing, both separately

and together.

Students also shouldn't shy away from spending moments alone in quiet. When you are alone, and silent, your feelings emerge. You'll eventually have to feel what you feel, why not go ahead and do it now, while you have good support.

Grief can be scary, but it's healthy and normal. Prayer, meditation, quiet can seem threatening, but will give you new hope, and will be especially helpful right now. The prayer and meditation rooms, or isolated corners of the Numen Lumen Pavilion, are available to you. Attend to yourself, and sustain healthy sleep, eating, exercise and leisure patterns. The grief process takes physical energy and our bodies can help us manage them better.

Make what difference you can, knowing that not everything is really under your control. It's a time to be patient, to learn to trust, to exercise faith in the future, in your choices, in yourself and your friends. It's not going to absolutely fall apart, and you don't personally have to hold it all together.

Finally, remember that you are a vital part of this community. You matter to all of us. What you're feeling, thinking, doing, and bearing makes a difference to the rest of us.

We have many reasons to rejoice and you are the most visible of these reasons, the signs of our success and accomplishments. The rest of us take much pride in you. Don't forget, you are the reason Elon exists and will continue to exist.

I hope and pray this helps. I'm happy to talk with you about these matters, in person or by email. Please let me know if I can do anything for you as we journey together.



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Corporations hurt dietary guidelines

Today in the United States, politics run practically every aspect of our lives. The 2015-



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2020 Dietary Guidelines for Americans are no exception. The guidelines, which are updated every five years, are ostensibly determined by scientific evidence that an expert

panel organizes into a number of dietary recommendations for the U.S. public.

Despite this claim, the influence of corporate interests on this round of recommendations is impossible to ignore. And it's clear that the meat industry is the largest corporate offender.

The most glaring flaw in the guidelines is the absence of straightforward advice to eat less red and processed meat — statements that were a critical component of the advisory panel's initial draft. This omission is remarkable because research has shown that the consumption of red and processed meat increases risk for the primary causes of death in the United States, including diseases such as heart disease, certain types of cancer and Type 2 diabetes.

Rather than including a recommendation in line with scientific evidence and public health goals, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the U.S. Department

of Agriculture (USDA) caved to corporate influence by omitting an essential direction that U.S. citizens cut back on red meat intake. What the public received instead is the weakened suggestion that they choose lean meats.

Prior to the release of the new guidelines, the World Health Organization (WHO) issued a report that revealed a link between eating red and processed meats and developing cancer. In their report, researchers classified processed meat as "carcinogenic to humans" and red meat as "probably carcinogenic to humans."

Specifically, they revealed that there is strong evidence that processed meats (e.g., sausage, hot dogs and ham) cause colorectal and stomach cancer and moderate evidence that red meats (e.g., beef, pork and lamb) contribute to colorectal, pancreatic and prostate cancer. Furthermore, WHO found that eating 50 grams of processed meat daily — that's a little more than a single hot dog — increases your risk for these types of cancers by 18 percent.

In light of these findings, it is disquieting that the new Dietary Guidelines fail to recommend that people avoid red and processed meats. Also concerning is that their recommendation to eat "lean meats" includes certain red meats.

For instance, lamb is considered lean meat according to FDA standards, but is also considered a red meat by WHO. Thus, these guidelines can be interpreted as recommending that U.S. citizens choose foods that may in fact cause cancer.

Michael Taylor, administrator

of the Food Safety and Inspection Services (FSIS), recognizes the unjust corporate influence on the new Dietary Guidelines and remarked that the USDA is "thinking of the industry as the customer rather than the consumer, and thinking in terms of efficient inspection rather than protecting public health."

The numbers further support Taylor's point. The meat industry spent nearly \$3.5 million lobbying against the new guidelines. And other experts agree that the strong relationship between USDA and the meat industry amounts to a conflict of interest. Dr. Walter Willett, chair of the Department of Nutrition at Harvard School of Public Health, stated that the meat industry was successful in manipulating the guidelines because "the USDA's primary stakeholders are major food producers and manufacturers."

How is it that the Dietary Guidelines — the so-called "cornerstone of federal nutrition policy" — fail to advise U.S. citizens about the dangers of red and processed meat, for which there exists strong, reliable evidence? How is it that the U.S. government can be persuaded by the meat industry to omit consequential dietary recommendations and put the public's health at risk? It's clear that the government has yielded to industry pressure and failed to protect the U.S. public.

The health of citizens should not come second to politics, money and power. Fight back against this tragedy by leaving meat off your plate and out of your shopping cart. Put your interests first.

Practicing gratitude helps manage stress

Over the past 20 years, social scientists have found that religious beliefs and practices are linked to mental health and ability to function.



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In a study called "Religion and mental health," authors

Prakash B. Behere, Anweshak Das, Richa Yadav and Anirudh P. Behere discovered that religious people had lower

rates of smoking, alcohol consumption and high blood pressure. Suicide rates, and even suicidal ideation, were also lower in religious people.

Many religious traditions have specific guidelines relating to mental health.

For example, the Jewish tradition promotes treatment of emotional and spiritual challenges in conjunction with physical ailments. Buddhism teaches practical knowledge about regulating one's mind in a way that decreases suffering. Christianity encourages its followers to find comfort in God's

love and strength.

But must someone be explicitly religious or spiritual to gain the mental health benefits religion offers? It doesn't seem that way — I know many atheists who are happy and well. I think that the difference might just be gratitude — being grateful for one's life and presence on earth.

I have religious friends who find meaning in their life based on their belief in God, and I have non-religious friends who consider how many conditions of the universe had to line up for them to exist, and they find gratitude through that. While

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religions may offer specific tools for dealing with mental health challenges, tools can also be found in the secular world.

Support from friends, art, meditation

and exercise all help in managing mental health challenges and stress. So take some time out of your day to sit quietly, make some art, go for a walk with a friend or pray — if that's something you do. Take a moment to be grateful for your time on earth, in whatever way resonates with you.

Enough with white men behind lecterns

As I flipped through last week's edition of *The Pendulum*, I was struck by how many photos



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looked similar: a panel of white, male students discussing politics, a page almost entirely filled with white men standing behind lecterns —

speakers that Elon University brought to talk to students.

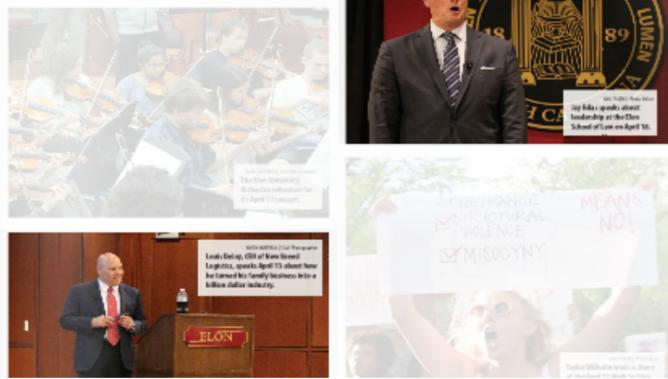
Top photos also included some bald white men in front of an Elon logo. I thought they were the same person until I read the cutlines. There was also a photo of Ted Cruz and Donald Trump.

At our staff meeting that night, a reporter pointed out that our photo variety was lacking, and maybe we could try to shake things up.

How can we shake things up if the only big events to cover at Elon are white, male speakers? There were other stories within that edition, yes, but there was an overwhelming abundance of white males talking behind lecterns.

We covered what was happening at the university that week,

TOP PHOTOS



and that's what was happening. Our photo team did what they could. The university, though, could try a little harder.

I can't even blame the epidemic of Just White Dudes speaking on campus at Elon, though. The problem is fundamentally rooted in our society.

We are a nation that was led for 231 years by Just White Dudes. A nation whose top companies are led by Just White Dudes. Women currently hold 4 percent of CEO positions of Fortune 500 companies. So it's not surprising that our school brings in speakers that mimic the demographics of who is powerful in our country.

It's not just an issue of gender, either, but an issue for all who are not "The Norm" — straight,

white and male. It's about amplifying voices that are not so easily heard in our society.

Our country is diverse. Our student body is diverse. A unique mix of genders, sexualities, races, nationalities and ethnicities attend Elon. So why do only the white men get to see themselves in the speakers who come here? They already get to see themselves on television, in government offices and at the top of big companies. We get it, white men can do anything they put their minds and their money to.

It is fundamentally important that we encourage those who don't fit the bill of the all-American boy success story to chase their dreams. Brown girls, disabled boys, non-binary and trans kids, and everyone in between

deserves to see themselves in the speakers that come to campus.

At the 2012 Oscars, actress Gabourey Sibide, best known for her breakout role in the film "Precious," made a statement that exemplified the issue of representation, specifically within the entertainment industry: "If I get to see myself on screen, then I know that I exist."

There are lawyers, leaders, entrepreneurs, broadcasters and small business owners who exist outside the realm of white male-ness. They may not be as apparent and easy to come by, but that precisely the reasons why the university should seek out those industry professionals that are more representative of our student body, and our nation, as a whole.

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STUDENT DEBATE TAKES CENTER STAGE

College organizations debate the political system

Elon University's student government and other campus groups took part in a debate on the political system at Elon on April 26.

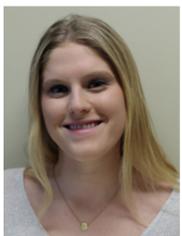
The debate was held in the Student Center and was moderated by a panel of faculty members. The topic was the political system and the role of the student body in it.

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A connection to home doesn't mean we are disconnected

Societal views can be black and white, but a world without gray is a world without balance



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— a world without acceptance. Whether it relates to body image, political views or relationships, there appears to always be something negative for others to

dwell upon and complain about.

The same thing goes for parent-child relationships. Our grandparents were ridiculed for giving their children too much freedom. Our parents are condemned as over-involved "helicopter parents." We, too, are criticized for seeking close peer-like relationships with our parents, with boundaries that are larger than in past generations.

According to Indiana University psychologist Chris Meno, kids today are much more likely to consider their parent to be their best friend. She sees this as dangerous and constricting of our efforts to seek new relationships — "friendships that could over time be a source of lifelong happiness and support."

Anna Almendrala of the Huffington Post questions our sense of independence if we use our parents as resources. Peter Gray, a research professor at Boston College, says that

students don't take risks and directly blames our parents for our fear of failure.

Incoming freshmen are constantly reminded that college takes some time to acclimate to. Schedules, habits and responsibilities are vastly different than those in high school. Even though our parents are not adapting to living in a dorm miles away from home or being surrounded by an overwhelming sea of strangers, they

WHY DOES MAINTAINING A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR PARENTS IMPLY THAT WE ARE NOT SELF-SUFFICIENT YOUNG ADULTS?

are also transitioning.

Still, not all parents adjust at the same rate. Sometimes the tables must turn and children must be the ones to guide their parents. They must be reminded that hovering over us and advocating on our behalf is no longer necessary, appropriate, or in our best long-term interest.

But why does maintaining a close relationship with our parents imply that we are not

self-sufficient young adults?

Having a parent as a best friend is an honor — not a constriction. Meno says she "counsels over-parented students in much the same way [she] addresses addiction," advising students who call their parents a few times a day to strive to limit it to once a day.

This generalization is insulting. Calling parents while walking to our next class or while getting ready to go to dinner with friends is not an addiction, but rather a convenience and a means of staying connected with our lives away from school. Speaking with them doesn't have to interfere with our relationships with our peers, as the conversations can revolve around the times when we are with our friends.

Even if parents are like best friends, we live productive and enriching lives at Elon without them by our side. I find it irrational to minimize our efforts and accomplishments as independent people due to the fact that we stay connected with a little piece of home.

It is fair to analyze behavior, but it is not fair to pass judgment and discourage close, fruitful and mutually beneficial parent-child relationships. While scholars frame our parents as controlling villains and us as weak, doomed children, we must acknowledge the benefits of our closeness. We know that only one person can navigate a helicopter, but why can't mom and dad be passengers every now and then?

Be willing to relax during summer vacation

To college students, it seems that summer is a bit of a paradox. It is labelled as a "vacation," a



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time for students to take an extended break from the busy student life cycle. At the same time, though, summer is often just as fraught with expectations for students as

the academic year.

In summer, students are generally expected to search for opportunities for internships or jobs. Suddenly, spending a vacation de-stressing from the previous semester and preparing for the next is regarded as "unproductive" and "lazy."

To some measure, the argument is valid, the three months that constitute summer vacation provide a sizable amount of free time — free time which might be spent on applying what students have learned over the previous year to their desired career paths. While I commend any student who has been able to find such opportunities, I believe the fact that such activities are becoming accepted as requisite for a "productive" summer sets a dangerous standard for what is considered successful in a student and what is not.

It seems that people often fail to appreciate how much of a chal-

lenge education can be in its own right. College students often have to put themselves under intense amounts of pressure in order to achieve success.

While it may be fair to believe that the extended free time of summer is the prime time for students to be entering the workforce and gaining invaluable work experience, this course of action should be encouraged rather than expected.

Summer vacation should

be spent in any way that adequately prepares a student for their return to school — as such, the idyllic summer experience should not be the same for every student. For students who have their internships and plans all locked up and are just waiting for school to end at this point, congratulations and best of luck. But to the students who are still struggling to figure out what they want to do over the summer, remember that such uncertainties are not particularly bad. Rather, they represent the multitude of opportunities in front of you that you can approach at your own pace.

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FROM THE CASTLE

TO THE OAKS

Music professor shares journey in professional band, teaching abroad

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The Center for the Arts at Elon University is home to the theater, music and dance programs. Ballet studios, practice rooms and the stages are always buzzing with activity and sound.

Yet it is not here Matt Buckmaster, associate professor of music and education, can be found. Though he earned his doctorate in music, he is more than a musician. Instead, he can be found on the second floor of the Global Education Center.

Stepping into the room, visitors see Buckmaster comfortably seated at his desk, a trombone to his right and various pictures on the walls and on the desk. One is attention grabbing in particular — a drawing of famous Disney characters.

Upon noticing it, Buckmaster leans back in his chair, arms folded behind his head, and smiles. Before beginning his career as an educator, Buckmaster was a member of the Main Street Philharmonic Band at Magic Kingdom in Walt Disney World.

A Florida native, Buckmaster was exposed to Disney from a young age. As a trombone player in his high school band, Buckmaster participated in Disney's summer program for musicians.

"I don't think anyone says 'I want to play trombone,'" he said. "I fell into it — I had to do something. It's a little weird, I liked that."

In chatting about shared passions in the arts, he revealed he fell into the black hole of over-practicing.

"It was almost like an addiction," Buckmaster said. "I would neglect other things. I practiced six hours a day."

Buckmaster joked that during high school the trombone was his girlfriend because of the amount of time and energy he spent practicing.

A different magic

Despite the grueling heat of the Florida summers, his experience as a summer player allowed Buckmaster to advance up the ranks to the Philharmonic Band. While the experience provided guests with a magical experience, Buckmaster's behind-the-scenes life was one most guests would never imagine.

"You would see Pluto with his head off smoking a cigarette, Cinderella drunk at the pool," he said. "It ruins the magic."

Buckmaster and his wife also met playing at Disney together. While working for Disney, Buckmaster was also working to pursue a doctorate degree. After much deliberation, he came to realize the "Most Magical Place on

BUCKMASTER ORCHESTRA PARTICIPATION

- WDW
- Busch Gardens Tampa
- Sarasota Opera Orchestra
- Opera Tampa Orchestra
- Imperial Symphony Orchestra
- Classical Musical Festival Orchestra (Austria)



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Buckmaster was a member of the Main Street Philharmonic Band at Magic Kingdom prior to teaching.

Earth" wasn't exactly providing him with a life he was satisfied with, even with special perks such as backstage access in the parks.

"I was living in Tampa and teaching and directing band," he said. "I worked at Disney on the weekends. It wasn't a family schedule."

He is still happy, though, about the professional playing experience the Philharmonic band gave him.

"It was a big part of me growing into the musician I am," he said.

But he realized he would still be "sweating for dollars" if he continued as a band member in Orlando, alluding both to the difficult schedule and central Florida heat.

Back to the beginning

Looking forward to next year, Buckmaster will join Alexis Franzese, assistant professor of sociology, in co-leading a Winter Term program, "The Science of Happiness at Disney."

"In planning the trip," Franzese said, "I had wanted it to count for expression credit."

This past January was the first year the program was offered, and Franzese led the three-week course by herself. The initial course compared Disney World in Orlando, Florida and Disneyland in Anaheim, California.

This upcoming year, the trip will explore factors of happiness at Disney World and at the Vero Beach Hotel in Florida. Bringing Buckmaster on board Franzese is able to offer the course for a both society and expression credits. Buckmaster's first-hand musical experience at Disney World will provide invaluable insight to students, and Franzese feels his general presence will be nothing but positive.

Outside the band room

This is not the first trip Buckmaster will co-lead.

This past January, he led a group of students through Austria on the "Sax and Violins" program. Students completed a capstone course relating to a topic of their choice revolving around music.

But only one student on this year's course was a music major. Despite students' lack of personal connection to music, the experience



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Buckmaster (right) with Cramer Choir Director Dr. Irv Wagner (left) at the International Trombone Festival.

was once in a lifetime for seniors Mac McCann and Fiona Koch.

"He was the 'Dad' of our trip," Koch said of Buckmaster. "He was comforting and had a level head — a chill person who overall made me feel more comfortable."

McCann, a finance major, knew nothing about music and had never met, or heard of, Buckmaster before registering for the class. He wanted to go abroad and complete the COR Requirement before graduation.

Koch, a dance and psychology double major, had also never heard of the professor and decided on the course both for its fulfillment of the requirement and her love for ballet and classical music.

Between skiing in the Alps and visiting historic landmarks, McCann summed up Buckmaster in the same way many of his colleagues and other students view him — respected, humble, intelligent and energetic.

"He was really invested," McCann said. "He's so upbeat. Every breakfast he would stand up and give his two cents [on the day]."

McCann's project for capstone studied how design influences music and acoustics. He did

not know much about the topic before embarking on the trip, but reiterated how helpful Buckmaster was throughout the whole process.

McCann said Buckmaster was one of the most invested teachers he has worked with during his four years at Elon. As both a person and an educator, Buckmaster made McCann's experience unforgettable.

"He's such a family guy," McCann said. "Along the trip he brought this stuffed animal and would put it in front of a castle and send a picture to his kid. He'd whip it out everywhere."

One of McCann and Koch's favorite aspects of Buckmaster's teaching style was his ability to let go of the ropes and let others take the lead when he was not as knowledgeable in a subject.

When the group went to see "Romeo and Juliet," Buckmaster gave Koch an opportunity to lead a lesson to the class.

"He knew he didn't know a lot about it, and let me speak," she said. "He was really open to letting people speak about what they know, which I really appreciated."

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PIEDMONT FARM TOUR SHOWCASES SUSTAINABILITY



HALEY LONGBOTTOM | Design Chief of The Edge
Turtle Creek Farm and Cane Creek Farm were featured in the Saxapahaw cluster of farms during the tour. Both follow ethical and environmental practices.



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SAXAPAHAW — A group of farmers at the Carrboro Farmers Market felt there was a slight disconnect between their customers and their practices. Together, they decided to create an opportunity for the public to tour their farms, and established the Piedmont Farm Tour 21 years ago.

With help from the Carolina Farm Stewardship Association (CFSA) and Weaver Street Market, the tour has grown, to include more participating farms each year.

“Their customers were coming in and wanted to buy from them at the market, and they thought, ‘Wouldn’t it be a good experience for people to come to our farms and see how we grow our food?’” said Leah Joyner, education coordinator for CFSA.

The farms included on the tour have certain criteria to meet, mostly by being able to articulate that their growing practices are sustainable. Many will use cover cropping, limit their amount of input, use horticulture or have animal welfare practices in place.

Farmers involved will also nominate or invite other farms to the tour.

“The growing practices that they use are often really regenerative, and they’re really good for land and good for consumers,” Joyner said. “That’s what we really value as an organization, working with our group of farmers to really show the outstanding work that they do.”

This year’s tour took place 2-6 p.m. April 23-24 and featured 38 farms in the Piedmont area for \$30 a car. Since there are so many tours to choose from, the CFSA recommends going to different clusters to get the most out of the experience.

For example, within the Saxapahaw area it is recommended to visit Turtle Run Farm, Haw River Ranch, Cane Creek Farm and Braeburn Farm.

Joyner also recommends going on tours that suit particular interests.

With a variety of farms, there are many different ways a tour can go. Some are self-guided, where people can roam around the farm and have employees explain the different aspects and answer questions. Others are guided and groups are lead around the farm and shown various growing practices.

Turtle Run Farm, located in Saxapahaw, has been run by Kevin and Kim Meehan since 1996. They have been a part of the tour from the very beginning of the farm’s existence.

“It’s a nice way for people who buy our food to see our process,” Kim Meehan said. “Anyone can come check out and see what we’re doing. It’s a way for people who go to the farmers’ market to see, ‘Hey, I buy this food. This is where it comes from.’”

Kim Meehan leads groups through fields of strawberries, potatoes, carrots and other types seasonal produce that are alternated by planting cover crops in the off-season, such as rye or crimson clover. Though the farm is not certified organic, it follows many sustainable practices.

Turtle Run Farm uses drip irrigation, alternates crops and even creates its own fertilizer. Worms will decompose piles of leaves and compost underneath truck toppers, and Kevin Meehan will ferment a mixture of water and alfalfa that gives off a strong smell and works better than nitrogen-infused artificial fertilizer.

“We till as little as possible and use cover crops as long as possible,” Kim Meehan said. “We don’t spray anything, even organic pesticides. We’re kind of environmentalists, and our kids will eat straight from the garden.”

Though the farm is considered small at eight acres, Kim Meehan said it’s still more than they can keep up with and finding the time to tend it is difficult, especially with children to take care of.

Other farms focused on sustainable animal agriculture, too.

Surrounded by creeks and wooded walking trails are several hundred heritage pigs, goats, sheep, chickens and other domestic animals at Cane Creek Farm. Eliza MacLean owns the farm and believes in raising animals humanely.

“We have Ossabaw Island hogs, which were shipwrecked in the 1600s from the Spanish and they ended up on an island off the coast of Georgia,” said Elizabeth Basnight, a worker on the farm. “Eliza was the first to really commercially breed this kind of pig and that’s what we make all of our prosciutto with, so it’s really authentic.”

The animals and crops are rotated to keep the soil healthy and animals on fresh forage. They are not kept in confinement but are free to graze and roam, which ensures that they are happy and healthy.

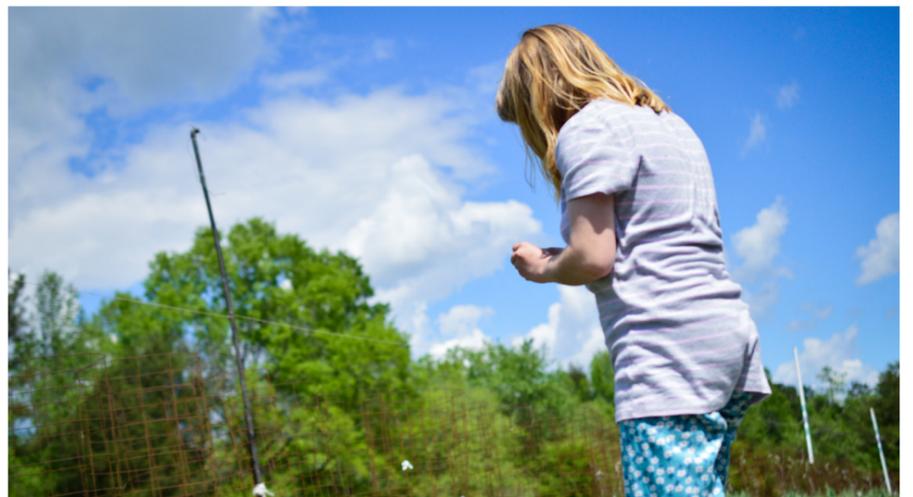
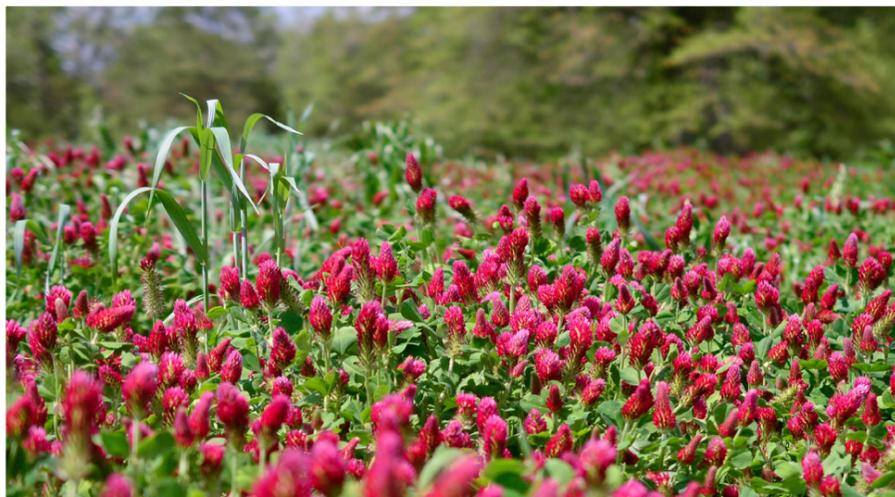
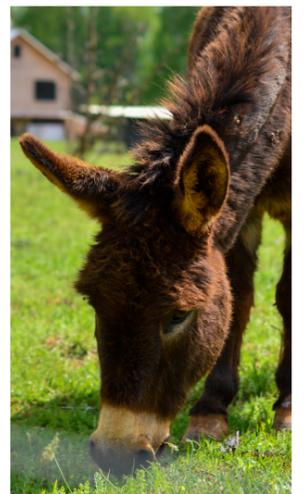
MacLean believes that raising animals humanely produces healthy food with incredible flavor. Additionally, it minimizes the need for medication and antibiotics.

Each pig is smart and has its own personality. Though MacLean loves the pigs, she has no issue having them slaughtered and sold at the Left Bank Butcher.

“I have an end game for everyone, and that means everyone gets a crack at a really nice life and they get to be a pig and they’re happy,” MacLean said. “They leave when they’re getting good and of course if they knew they would choose to live a little longer, but it leaves more for me to give them that same sort of experience.”

Other farm clusters exist near Elon, such as those in Mebane and Chapel Hill, that also follow sustainable practices for customers to learn and buy from.

“We’re excited that so many consumers are interested in coming to see the work that these farmers do and learning about locally produced food,” Joyner said.





MEGAN KOTTKAMP | Staff Photographer
Current Sweet Signatures and alumnae came together to perform at the 15th anniversary concert.

A NIGHT OF 'ACANOSTALGIA'

Sweet Signatures alumnae reunite for 15th anniversary concert

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Maddie Phillips '08 returned to Elon University last weekend not for an alumni event or a speaking engagement, but to celebrate 15 years of Elon's first all-women a cappella group, Sweet Signatures.

"I'm like the old high school quarterback who can't let go of my high school years," she said.

Phillips, who now lives in Charlotte, initially planned for the event to be a small gathering of some Sweet Signatures alumnae, but it amounted in a performance at the group's final concert of the year.

"I talked to the current girls and sent them a long emotional email saying I can't let go

and asked if we could at least call the alumnae and see if they could come back," she said.

Once they got confirmation from multiple alumnae, it became more realistic for them to perform a song together. When women from out of state started making plans to return, 20 of them decided to rent a house in Burlington for the weekend.

The group spans across many classes. Phillips rode from Charlotte with Anna Woodlief '11. Woodlief joined Sweet Signatures during the spring of her freshman year, Phillips' final semester at Elon.

She was president of Sweet Signatures both her junior and senior years and competed at two competitions with the group, including the International Championship of Collegiate A cappella (ICCA). She was also involved in recording the group's fourth album, "Love Affair," and sang at a wedding in Florida for one of the members' former chorus teacher.

After graduating, though, Woodlief's singing career petered out.

"I sing karaoke sometimes," she said. "A

cappella was a very specific kind of group to be a part of and then once you get out of college it's not as easily accessible, so it's definitely a void in my life."

Phillips still attempts to sing regularly, though.

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THEY WERE MY SORORITY.
I WAS SINGING WITH MY
BEST FRIENDS.**

MADDIE PHILLIPS
SWEET SIGNATURES ALUMNA '08

"I sing at a lot of weddings because all of my friends are married and I lead the worship band at my church in Charlotte," she said. "I sing at random gatherings and bars

and things."

Other Sweet Signatures alumnae have stayed true to their a cappella roots: Keegan Gross '13 sings with Empire A cappella, another women-only group Lauren France sings with New York City-based a cappella group VXN and Lindsey Howardton Hastings is involved with the ICCA regional finals, which has kept her connected with the collegiate a cappella community.

Sweet Signatures alumnae returned from states as far west as California and Oregon, and as far north as New York. For the alumnae, the reunion celebrates the history of all-female a cappella at Elon and the singing sisterhood that continues to grow from it. Phillips reminisces on a college experience that was marked not by hours in the library, but by time spent in rehearsals with Sweet Signatures.

"We lived together and we went through lots of hard life things together and happy things together," she said. "They were my family. They were my sorority. I was singing with my best friends."

'Working' transports audience back to the 1960s

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WORKING

When: April 28 through May 2
Where: Black Box in Scott Studios at Roberts Studio Theatre

assistant professor of theater, also have roles in the production.

"Honestly [it is] very difficult for an 18 to 21 year old person to try to be 60 years old. It's just so hard to do," Formato said. "You don't want to go caricature with a show in the Black Box that's right up in your face."

Jack Smith, associate professor of performing arts, is designing both scenery and costumes in this production, which he has been doing for the MT Box, previously the New Musical Project, since its inaugural year.

"[Smith] has just gone over above and beyond the call of duty every single year because he cares so much about the students," Formato said.

Students are also involved with the behind-the-scenes aspects of the production. Freshman Tres McMichael is assistant choreographer and has been helping Formato with the show.

"The show isn't very 'dancy-dancy,' its not like 'A Chorus Line,'" McMichael said. "The one thing about 'Working' that's very cool and unique is that it's about real people. So, you're not going to have people doing five pirouettes or jumping through the air, because that's not what this show is about. The show is about who these people are and why they love what they do and why they do what



HALLI TAUXE | Photo Editor

Hannah Sobieski performs as Sharon in 'Working,' a musical that explores the lives of those in labor jobs.

they do."

Formato said the biggest challenge with a show at this time of the year is finding time to get everything done and getting people to do it because of the finite amount of production students and faculty. But sometimes the challenges stretch beyond scheduling.

"How do you find a connection with a character that you're much younger than, or that you've never had an understanding of the life that they live? How do you find that?" she asked.

Despite the struggle to find this balance, Formato loved watching the actors find a way to connect with each of the characters

and build their background.

"We didn't expect it but everyone in the show has had some sort of journey or breakthrough and has grown from the work that we have been doing," Formato said. "There are some really emotional, touching moments in the show. There are moments that relate to things that are happening right now with the election I think there are characters that everyone will either relate to or recognize as someone they've seen in society or someone that exists in their family."

"Working" will be performed in the Black Box in Scott Studios at Roberts Studio Theatre.

Elon Eats: A pub feel close to the community

Piedmont Ale House offers deals, sports bar atmosphere

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There are few places that Elon University students can go to in Burlington without bumping into a classmate or someone they know while they are out to eat or get a drink, but Piedmont Ale House seems to be off the radar for Elon students.

"We find that only 10 percent of our customers are from Elon," said manager Christopher Allred.

Allred does it all at Piedmont Ale House, which opened in 2007: He is the manager, bartender and beer and wine purchaser, and he takes his spot up front to greet customers and make sure they are comfortable. Allred takes his multiple titles seriously.

He works hard, whether it is to please customers or to decide what type of beer can be a part of his selection of 38 beers on tap.

"We definitely have the largest selection in Burlington and one of the largest in the Triad," he said. "I think the selection is probably the best in the Triad overall. We try to do a wide range in beers with prices, too."

Piedmont Ale House has a small pub vibe, where the large selection of beers and burgers is not surprising. With 12 different burger choices on the menu, all around \$8 each, Allred believes that the food is the main reason

that people come to Piedmont Ale House.

There are also salads, sandwiches, pizzas and chicken wings. The entrees aren't too expensive — most fall under \$10 including sides, such as sweet potato chips — all of the types of foods that are perfect to eat while relaxing and watching a sports game on one of the nine large televisions placed around the restaurant.

"This past basketball season for the tournament was probably some of the busiest weeks we've ever had," Allred said. "It was the combination of the weather turning warmer than usual earlier and Carolina being in it until the end."

The nice weather also allows for the outside seating to be opened up for guests to enjoy sitting on the patio and eating their food. Though putting the parking lot adjacent to the patio may not seem ideal at first, it is a great place to get some fresh air while eating the pub's food.

But football Sundays are not a day to be missed inside of the pub, because of the plentiful food and drink specials that are sure to grab anyone's attention. Pizza, wings and pitchers of beer are all \$5 each and the restaurant fills quickly as people come by to watch over cheap, but tasty food as their favorite teams play.

Almost every night there is a special that people can take advantage of, whether booze or food. On Mondays, all beer on tap is \$2 off. Monday through Thursday, appetizers are half-priced 4-6 p.m.

But getting food at Piedmont



LEA SILVERMAN | Senior Reporter

Piedmont Ale House offers a variety of burgers and a pub-like feel.

Ale House isn't limited to just sitting down and ordering at the table. They are available to host parties or bring food to you.

"We do private parties," Allred said. "We also cater. We have done some catering for charities. We did an event for Alamance County Humane Society."

Beyond just beer, Piedmont Ale House also has an extensive drink list that includes featured wines that Allred chooses himself, along with different types of vodka, rum, whiskey and other drinks.

"The environment was dark, but it gave it a more relaxing feel than other sports bars and the food options catered to everyone's needs," said sophomore Sydney Nelson.



LEA SILVERMAN | Senior Reporter

Patrons can munch on salads while enjoying deals like half priced appetizers from 4-6 p.m. Monday-Thursday while watching the latest sports game.

Piedmont Ale House can compare to a smaller, more personal Buffalo Wild Wings that has a neighborhood feel with most patrons seeming to know each other.

The restaurant is located at 1149-A St. Marks Church Rd. in the Savannah West Shopping Center, right across from Pelican's SnoBalls. It is open every day 11:30 a.m.-midnight.

Researching beyond 'Why We Can't Wait'

Senior examines different civil rights documents in annual essay contest

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With a double major in English and communications, senior Lauryl Fischer finds every chance she can to write. But



Lauryl Fischer

when she decided to enter the 17th annual Philip L. Carret Endowment Thomas Jefferson Essay Contest this spring, she had no idea that she could — and would — win.

"I'm a creative writer, so I took [Professor of English Cassie Kircher's] non-fiction essay class and wrote essays all semester, and in my creative writing classes I also continued to write non-fiction," Fischer said. "I also had a blog when I went abroad that I wrote on. I write very creative pieces still, because that's what I like to do."

With plenty of writing experience, Fischer was up for the essay contest, which was started by Philip L. Carret, an investor and founder of the Pioneer Fund, a global investment firm.

"He both loved Thomas Jefferson and he visited and fell in love with Elon [University], and then the next year he gave Elon money for an essay contest, and we've been doing it ever since," said Kircher, coordina-

tor of the essay contest.

Every year, a panel of faculty members craft an essay prompt revolving around one of the many facets of Jefferson's life. This year the prompt asked students to compare a text from Jefferson with "Why We Can't Wait" by Martin Luther King Jr., the Common Reading required for all freshman students this past fall.

Fischer's essay was titled "The Changing Rhetoric of Revolution: Thomas Jefferson, Martin Luther King Jr., Michael Brown and Black Lives Matter." Instead of solely focus-

THERE'S A SAYING 'PEOPLE REGRET THE THINGS THEY DON'T DO,' SO I HAD A SATURDAY THAT WAS BASICALLY FREE. I WAS INTERESTED IN THE TOPIC. I HAD ALREADY DONE THE READING FOR IT. SO WHY NOT ENTER AT THAT POINT?

LAURYL FISCHER

SENIOR, THOMAS JEFFERSON ESSAY CONTEST WINNER

ing on "Why We Can't Wait," she decided to take a more narrow focus.

"I chose the 'Letter from a Birmingham Jail' and then I took Jefferson's Declaration of Independence, and I compared their rhetoric and talked about how they both approached the topic of revolution, and in light of their revolutions, what we can learn," Fischer said. "Going into our current-day revolution, which I said was the Black Lives Matter movement, [we] used to talk about these things in a more rele-

vant context."

For Fischer, entering this contest seemed like a good opportunity for her to continue her writing. Even if she didn't win, it would still be a creative outlet.

"This year when the contest came up, I knew about [Fischer's] interest in writing and publishing, and I just saw her as a great fit for the contest," Kircher said. "I met her informally and I was just talking to her and it occurred to me that she might want to enter, and she just ran with it."

Knowing only the basics from her

this reading for it. So why not enter at that point? I had no idea what was going to happen. I didn't think I was going to win, but I did win."

Every student who entered the essay contest was invited to a dinner on April 13, where the awards were presented. When Fischer realized her essay had won, she said it was a "crazy" moment.

"When [Kircher] announced the third and second place winners, and when I didn't win those, I was like, 'OK, I didn't win, and it's fine,'" Fischer said. "I was kind of preparing myself for that disappointment, and then she started reading my essay, and I was just honestly shocked."

For winning, Fischer will receive \$1,000 as well as an all-expenses-paid trip to Jefferson's home of Monticello in Charlottesville, Virginia, with a tour based on her interests.

"I think the biggest prize is that Lauryl gets to carry this award with her out into the world," Kircher said. "It gives students confidence to have it — and a line on their resume is probably worth as much as \$1,000 — but I think it's the confidence that they can write something that people pay attention to, something that's archived in the Belk Library."

On top of winning a cash prize, she gained the assurance as a writer to try new things.

"Most of my creative work has always been for myself or for the classroom," Fischer said. "I've never really pursued those opportunities, but now that I'm a senior, those opportunities are becoming more visible to me. I'm more confident because of my classes and because of teachers like Cassie, in my abilities that I can enter those contests — or that I should at least try."

Healthy masculinity group promotes conversation

Students create safe space for emotional talks

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Sophomore Noah Rossen and junior Scott Powell have had countless discussions since they moved in together about the role society expects men to take, and why it is OK if they don't.

"It is taboo for men to talk together, to share their feelings and emotions," Rossen said, "There is no safe place for that in society or at Elon [University]."

The Healthy masculinity group fights the stigmas of qualities usually associated with a man.

To change the discussion, the two created the Healthy Masculinity group, a discussion-based group where male-identifying individuals can share ideas and experiences about encountering the negative influence of masculinity stereotypes in everyday life.

Powell said this group is a place men can come talk about their struggles with masculinity, how they identify with their own masculinity and how they connect to other males.

"A lot of us men feel the pressure to feel strong and powerful," Powell said. "Being male doesn't mean you have to hide your emotions."

Finding an outlet

When the two men started the year as roommates, they found another male willing to have conversations about their feelings. This was liberating socially and emotionally for Rossen.

They wanted to replicate that for the community on a larger scale.

With the help of I Am That Girl, a female support group, Rossen and Powell created their Healthy Masculinity support group in October 2015.

"We had our first meeting — only five people were there, but we had a two-hour-long conversation," Powell said.

During the meeting, the guys got a chance to talk about deeper issues men deal with. After that, Powell said the group took off. Attendance for the meeting varies — sometimes there will be 20 people, other times only eight.

One of the goals the roommates have for the group is making it more of a presence on campus. In hopes in doing this and creating a

relationship with other organizations, the men in the group recently were involved supporting Elon Feminist for Equality, Change and Transformation (EFFECT) during Support Survivor week.

"We're beginning to have a presence on campus," Powell said. "We're still trying to decide whether or not to become an official organization. There are pros and cons to both being an organization and staying independent of organizational structure."

The two men hope to continue to expand the group and have been trying to promote it through social media.

"I actually made a video for Facebook that ended up getting like 1,500 views, which was pretty cool," Powell said. "Noah and I have been posting on Facebook and just getting it out by word of mouth."

Both were surprised by the community of men at Elon that want to participate in this type of discussion.

"That's been one of the most rewarding parts of this whole thing for me," Powell said. "And these guys are a part of everything. They're everywhere. They're in Greek Life. They're in athletics. They're non-affiliated. There are

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SOPHOMORE, FOUNDER OF HEALTHY MASCULINITY GROUP

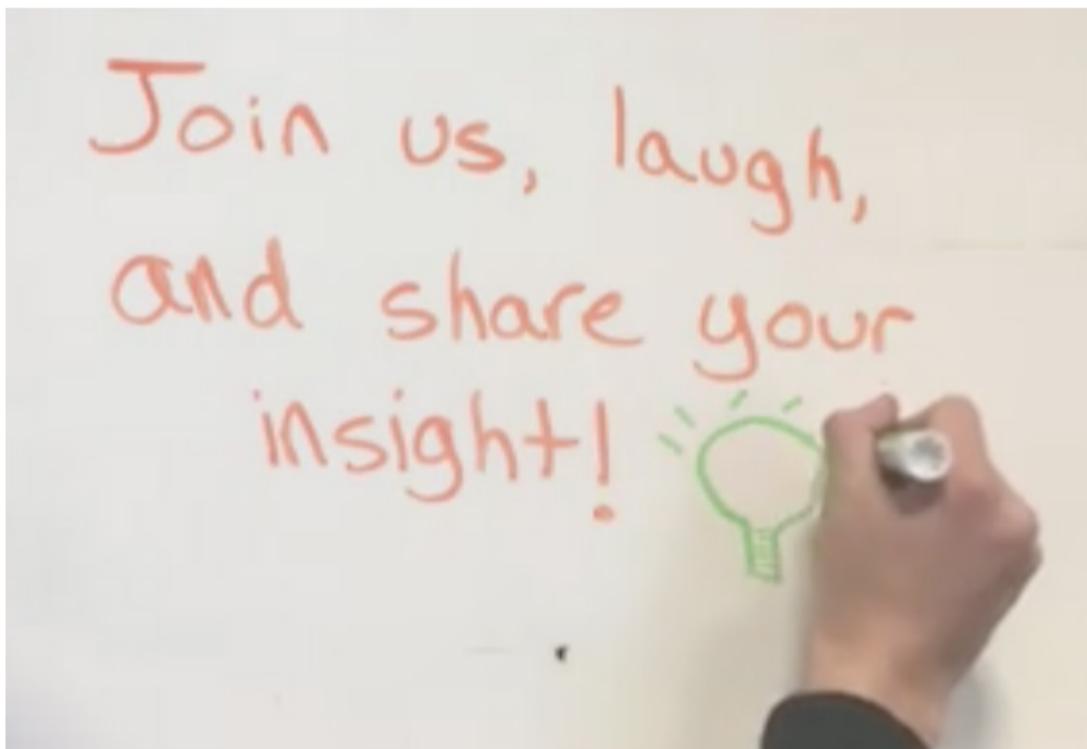
these individual men that are seeking answers to life's deepest questions."

Other ways they are looking into expanding include looking for an adviser on campus and possibly reaching out to Fraternity and Sorority Life leaders.

"These people exist in all walks of life and you don't know who is struggling with masculinity — because it's not talked about — so that's part of the concept of expanding," Rossen said. "Building a community that people are comfortable talking about these things."

Creating the discussion

Rossen said one of the hardest things to do in speaking about masculinity is being one of the first people to bring it up. This is why



SUBMITTED BY SCOTT POWELL

Sophomore Scott Powell created a promotional video explaining the purpose of the healthy masculinity group.

the two men decided they would create a place where no one has to be the first.

"You fear being ostracized from your friends if you have these conversations, so it's liberating in the sense that you have a place to have these discussions safely," he said, "Five months ago, my friends from

Club Soccer wouldn't have known this is something I'm interested in, but now I feel comfortable bringing it up and they've supported me."

The group has tackled conversations about Fraternity and Sorority Life, sexual assault, how to construct a

positive life, what "success" means and male privilege. They make an effort to make sure that the conversations don't bash any one topic or person.

"That's not a productive conversation," Powell said. "Instead of having divisiveness between affiliated and non affiliated, we try to promote empathy between those two people and realize that we're all, at our deepest level, very human."

The conversations can range from having a planned theme to being more open ended. They have tackled conversations as broad as their childhood and where these pressures come from to conversations as meaningful as how they can serve as allies for the LGBTQIA community.

They get away from a group mentality and work to have constructive conversations.

"Groupthink can stop people from standing up for what we think is right," Powell said. "One of the hardest things to do is stand up and say something, so that discussion was pretty powerful because we were allowed to empathize with each other and discuss strategies for speaking up."



SUBMITTED BY SCOTT POWELL

Scott Powell and Noah Rossen began the Healthy Masculinity group to facilitate discussion and share ideas about masculinity.

Including all groups

This group is meant to be inclusive to people of all different sexualities, genders and races. The point is to not create divides, and Powell said if they do hear those types of attitudes in the discussion, they try to challenge it.

"People will come in with opinions that are maybe in contrast to my opinion and we'll have a discussion about that — not to change their opinion but to enlighten them to how others feel and hopefully in the end construct a way to go about our lives in a better way," Rossen said. "A key value of ours as a group is to look within and assess our role in the community."

While the group has a lot in common with different feminist groups, both Powell and Rossen were appalled at the idea of being

called "meninists."

"What I understand about the word 'meninist' and I may be wrong, but from what I've gathered, 'meninist' is kind of opposite of feminism," Rossen said, "These are men's rights activist groups who are combating feminism and who take it as a negative. That's definitely not what we are and that's one of the struggles we've had with coming up with a name."

Rossen wants to leave Elon a better place than when they first got there.

"In one way, I am proud of some of the work I do here, but in another sense, I am also humbled because I know I am just another guy and I could easily be going down another path," Powell said. "I am a human being and I make mistakes and the humility and awareness that I could go down a different path is close to my heart."

HEALTHY MASCULINITY GROUP MEETINGS

What: A discussion on Fraternity and Sorority Life, sexual assault and similar topics with male identifying individuals

When: 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays

Where: Alamance 205

BASEBALL
from cover

everyone talks about McVicar,” Kennedy said. “But if you look at what [Ogren and O’Regan] have done in that stretch, you see what our numbers have done. They’ve gone up since Ogren’s been in the leadoff spot.

“He’s competing his tail off, taking pitches, working counts and going deep in counts. ... [Zammarelli] got going in the two-hole. Those two guys have set the table for us and got us going.”

Zammarelli’s performance at the plate has been of particular note. He went 5-for-6 with a grand slam in Elon’s April 20 victory against the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, and followed that up with a 4-for-5 showing with four RBI and four runs scored against Hofstra University on April 23.

His 19 doubles and 40 RBI lead the Phoenix.

“I’ve been focusing, when I load, to sit on my back leg,” Zammarelli said. “Seeing the ball deep, stuff like that. When I’m not on my A-game, I tend to be jumpy. But I’m seeing the ball well, and I hope it continues.”

It’s only fitting Ogren and Zammarelli earned CAA Rookie of the Week and CAA Player of the Week honors, respectively.

McVicar sports the best batting average on the team at .327, and O’Regan has hit nine home runs.

After a sweep of Towson University April 15-17, Kennedy talked about how the offense still needed improvement to get Elon to where it wanted to be.

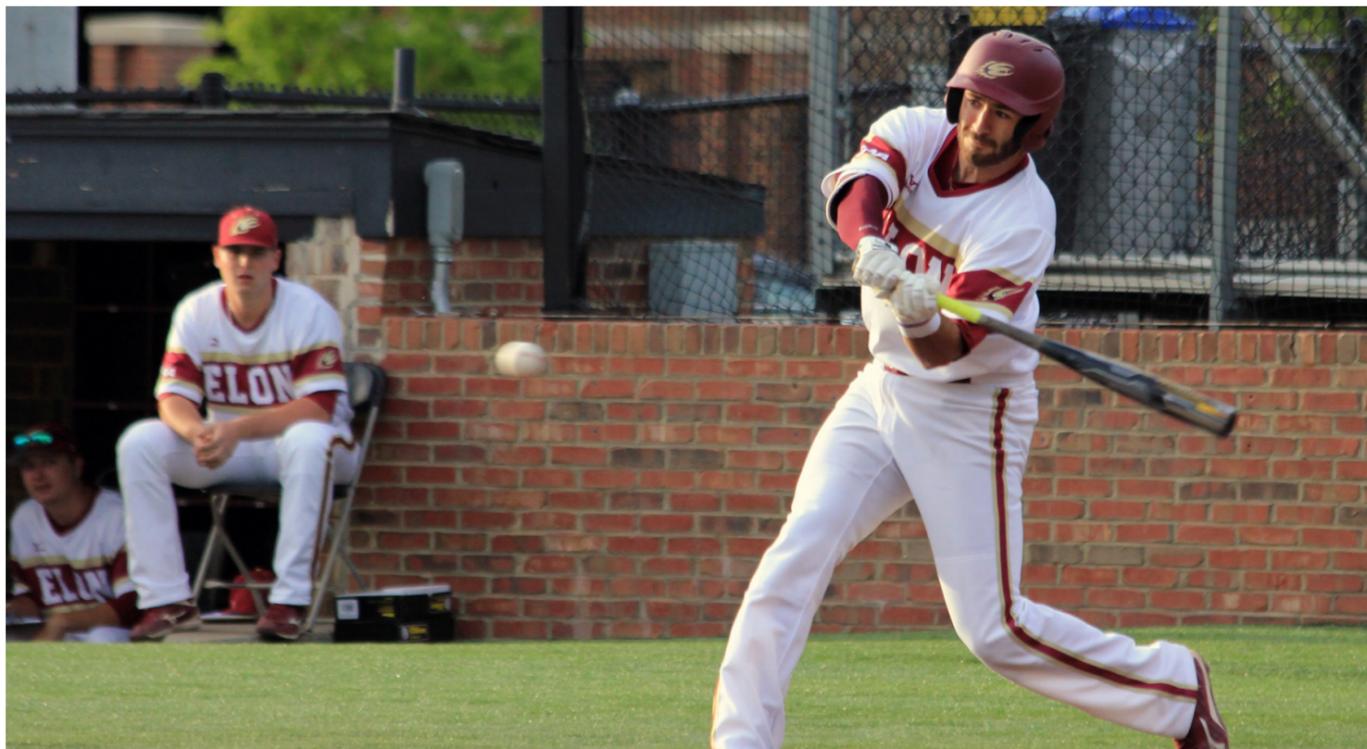
That message has been received loud and clear.

“Everyone’s starting to catch on to knowing what they’re going to get in certain situations,” McVicar said. “Guys are looking for that more. We’re not swinging out of the zone nearly as much as we were at the beginning of the year. We’re starting to get comfortable.”



JACK HARTMANN | Staff Photographer

Freshman infielder Ryne Ogren (22) slides into first base to try and avoid getting picked off April 23. Ogren has reached base consistently from the leadoff spot.



ASHLEY KING | Staff Photographer

Junior outfielder Nick Zammarelli (5) swings at a pitch against Towson University April 15. He’s helped lead Elon to an eight-game conference winning streak.

Tiebreak defeat gives men’s tennis hope for future

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Four hours and 11 minutes after freshman Mario Paccini and Elon University started their Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) semifinal match against the College of Charleston, Paccini found himself defending for the team’s life.

The young, upstart Phoenix had a 3-1 lead over the Cougars as Paccini went to a third-set tiebreak on Court No. 2 against junior Rodrigo Encinas. But after two Elon losses, Paccini needed to win to extend Elon’s season.

Tied at 14-14 and serving, Paccini went too long on a return, giving Encinas the chance to serve for the win — both for the court and for the match. Paccini already staved off a match point once when Encinas served.

But this time, Encinas’ serve proved too much to handle for Paccini, and the ball flew off his racket to the next court, ending the match and the season for Elon.

Afterward, Paccini was exhausted, saying he was cramping for nearly the entire third set. But he said he would always look back fondly on his performance Saturday.

“You never want to remember matches like this, but if I’m

being honest, it was a great match,” Paccini said. “This was my first conference [tournament], so I’ll always remember this.”

Head coach Michael Leonard — who has led the Phoenix for 11 years — was in awe of the moment and the level of play between Paccini and Encinas.

“You don’t see that very often,” Leonard said. “You can probably watch tennis for 20 years, and you won’t see a tiebreak go that long in that situation. I can’t think of a tiebreak where it’s three-all, where a tiebreaker went that long in singles. In a three-all match. Ever.

“And they stepped up. They stepped up. Really, I’m glad our team watched that, because both of those guys played to win. There wasn’t anybody who played scared. When they were down, they played to win. That’s what it’s supposed to be, and I give credit to them. That was a hell of a match.”

Still, the match is a season-ending loss for Elon. But Leonard sees the challenges he threw at the freshmen on the team as character-building.

“We’re really young,” Leonard said. “We put these guys in these situations as freshmen, and that’s tough. We had four freshmen playing singles. They’re going to grow from this, they’re going to learn from this. I’m disappointed for the



JACK HARTMANN | Staff Photographer

Freshman Mario Paccini prepares to return a serve April 23. Paccini lost a 30-point, third-set tiebreaker in singles’ play.

team because they worked so hard for this.”

Leonard admits that the tough defeat is “going to hurt all of us,” but he’s hopeful the team — which was another one of his strong teams at Elon, winning 17 matches on the year — will respond to this

similarly to a team that previously lost at Elon in a conference tournament.

“I’ve been here before,” Leonard said. “In 2013, we lost one tight like this. Then we came back and won the championship the next year. I’m hopeful we can do that again.

These guys can use this as motivation for the following year.”

And there’s no doubt that Paccini — as well as the whole Phoenix team — will be able to quickly remember the 30-point, third-set tiebreak during the next few years.

THE
PHOENIX
FOCUS

WOMEN'S LAX

RESULTS & SCHEDULE



April 22
8-4



April 24
12-5



Away

April 30
12 p.m.



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WOMEN'S TENNIS

RESULTS



April 22
4-1



April 23
1-4



MEN'S TENNIS

RESULTS



April 22
4-0



April 23
3-4



SOFTBALL

RESULTS & SCHEDULE



April 20
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April 23-24
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3 p.m.

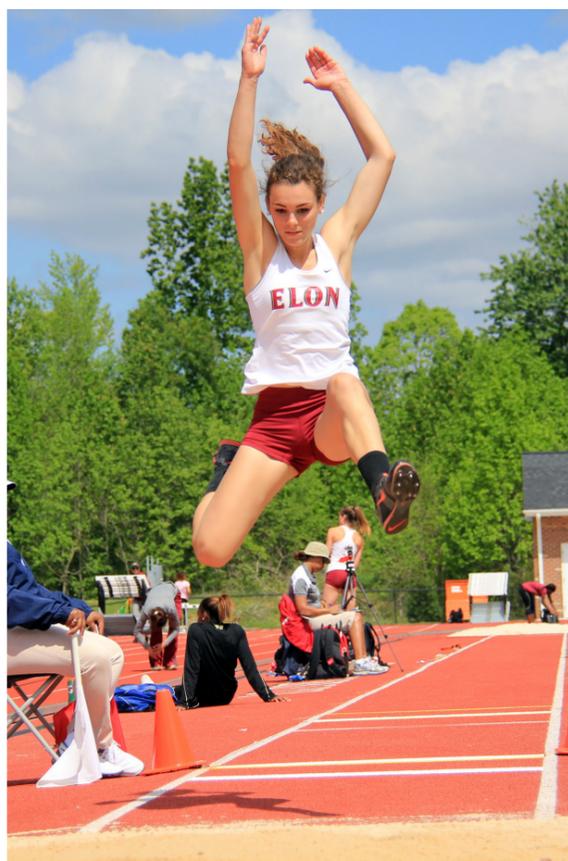


Home

April 30 - May 1
3 games



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BASEBALL

RESULTS & SCHEDULE



April 20
14-8



April 22-24
3 W, 0 L



April 26
Late



Away

April 27
6 p.m.



Away

April 29 - May 1
3 games



SPORTS BRIEFS

Women's lacrosse clinches postseason spot

The Elon University women's lacrosse team secured a spot in the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) Championship tournament last weekend.

The Phoenix went north and won twice on the road, defeating Drexel University 8-4 Friday night and winning at Hofstra 12-5 Sunday afternoon.

It's the second postseason berth in the three-year history of the program, after Elon made the Atlantic Sun Conference tournament in its inaugural year. It will be Elon's first appearance in the CAA Championship, in which the Phoenix will face Towson University in the semifinals at 1 p.m. May 6.

Two women's lacrosse players honored by CAA

Sophomore midfielder Maeve Cowley and junior goalkeeper Rachel Ramirez received Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) honors Monday.

Cowley scored six goals and had one assist over the weekend, highlighted by a four-goal performance against Drexel University Friday night. Cowley has 19 goals and eight assists on the year.

Ramirez made as many saves in each game as she allowed goals, saving four shots against Drexel Friday night and five shots from Hofstra University Sunday afternoon. On the season, she's saved 86 of 272 shots, giving her a .441 save percentage.

Men's golf finishes fourth at CAA Championships

The Elon University men's golf team recovered from a rough first day to take fourth place at the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) Championships last weekend in Southport.

After shooting a 307 on the first day, Elon shot 294 on the second and third days to climb back into fourth. Overall, the Phoenix shot +31.

Senior Jonathan Dilanni finished tied for fifth on the tournament, shooting a one-over-par 217 (79-68-70). The performance earned Dilanni a bid to the All-Tournament team for the conference championship, his first such honor.

Tennis coaches named CAA Coaches of the Year

The Elon University tennis teams saw each of their coaches — men's tennis coach Michael Leonard and women's tennis coach Elizabeth Anderson — receive Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) Coach of the Year honors last week.

In his 12th season, Leonard led a freshmen-laden team to a 17-6 record and received his sixth Coach of the Year award. It was his seventh season with 17 or more wins.

In her 12th season, Anderson's team earned a 14-10 record against strong competition, facing all four North Carolina Atlantic Coast Conference schools. It is her first-career Coach of the Year honor.



ALL AROUND ELON

A photo illustration following Elon athletics during its most jam-packed days

Saturday, April 23 may go down in history as one of the busiest days in the Elon University athletic department — ever.

It started bright and early, with the track and field team's home meet kicking off at 10 a.m. and lasting all day. The meet — just the second home meet in 10 years — is a tune-up for hosting the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) Championships May 6-7.

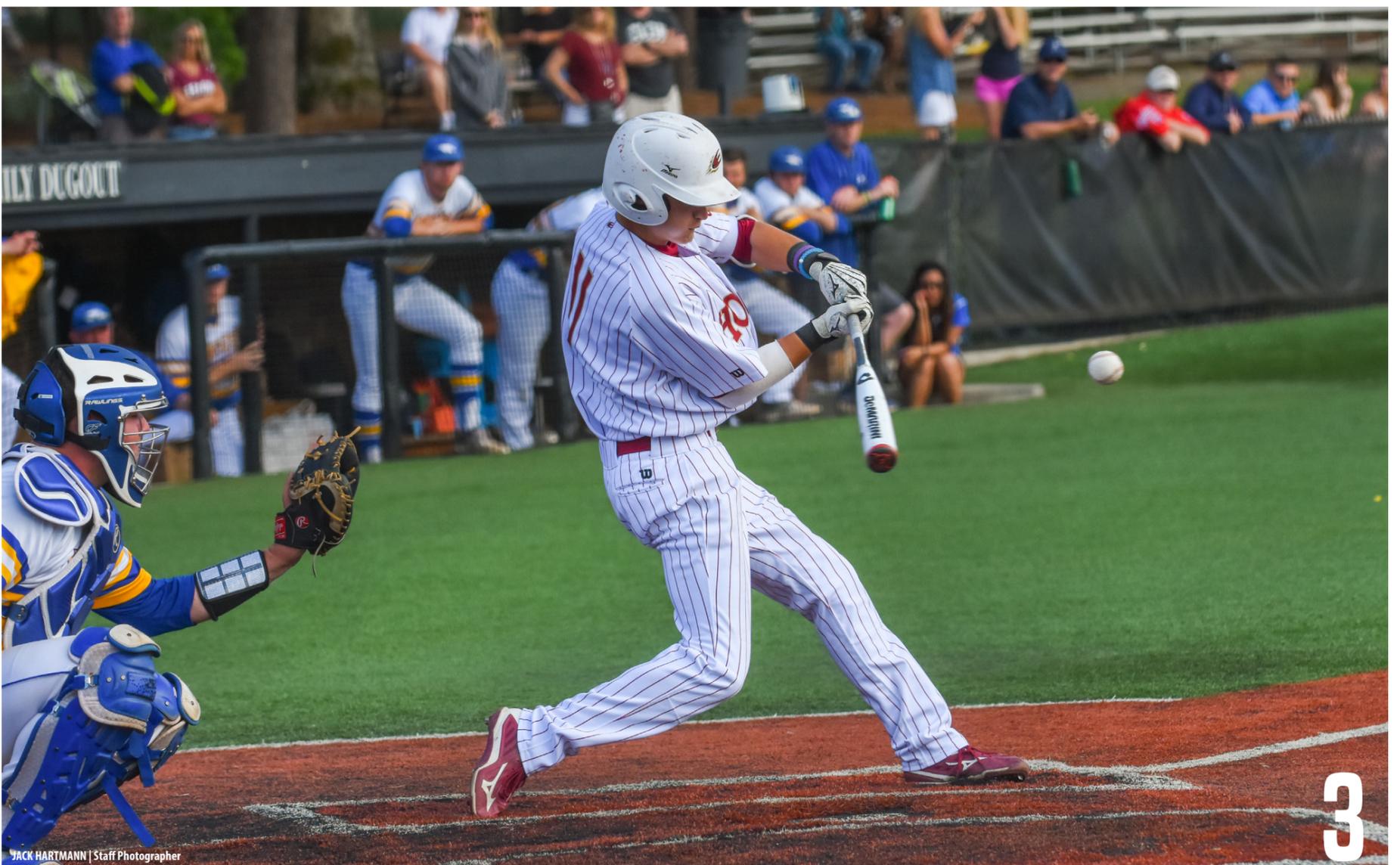
That will make it the second on-campus CAA championships this semester, as the tennis programs hosted the CAA championships last weekend. The men's semifinal matches began at 10 a.m., with the women's semifinal matches following after.

Inclement weather Friday forced the tennis tournament to indoor facilities and

made the baseball team play a doubleheader Saturday, starting at 2 p.m. But the rain gave way to some beautiful sunshine all day at Latham Park, which saw Elon sweep Hofstra University.

To close out the day, the football team culminated its spring practices with its final scrimmage, which started at 6 p.m. With the lights on and the sun setting, the spring game was a defensive affair, with seven interceptions and the Maroon team shutting out White, 23-0.

In total, five Elon teams held events at four different facilities on campus. Our staff photographers — junior Ashley King and freshman Jack Hartmann — were there all day to capture images from all the events.





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1 Freshman Felipe Sarrasague focuses on the ball as he gets ready to return a volley in singles play April 23. Sarrasague lost on Court No. 1 (4-6, 6-4, 2-6) to end his 10-match winning streak in singles.

2 Sophomore Carolyn Hopkins (3) and sophomore Corey Weiss (4) jump into the water during the 3,000-meter steeplechase race. Weiss won the race for Elon, and Hopkins finished second, four seconds behind Weiss.

3 Junior infielder CJ Young (11) swings at a belt-high fastball against Hofstra University April 23. Young went 4-for-7 and knocked in two runs during the doubleheader and Elon won both games, 14-8 and 7-2.

4 The Elon University men's tennis team celebrates junior Chris Humphreys (with racket, left) and junior Petar Tomic (with racket, right) winning their doubles match — and the doubles point for Elon — April 23.

5 Sophomore Erica Braschi serves in her singles match against James Madison University Saturday afternoon. Braschi won her 13th straight singles' match on Court No. 2 (6-2, 6-1), but Elon lost to the Dukes 4-1.

6 Senior linebacker Corey Mitchell (24) runs back a fumble he recovered with a group of teammates ready to block for him. Mitchell and the White team were shut out by the Maroon team 23-0 Saturday night.

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Greg Liggs Jr. leaps high in the air to intercept a pass April 23. The rising sophomore had three interceptions during the spring game.

Liggs' 3 interceptions, spin move make up for inconsistent spring

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After the Elon University football team's spring game ended, rising sophomore quarterback Connor Christiansen smiled a knowing smile when asked about rising sophomore defensive back Greg Liggs Jr.

"Greg Liggs has not made one play all spring until tonight," Christiansen said through laughter.

Standing just five feet away, Liggs' eyes lit up at Christiansen's words, and asked, "Is that on the record?"

The laughter shared between these two after the exchange happened following Liggs' phenomenal spring game, where he picked off rising sophomore quarterback Daniel Thompson three times.

And it comes at the end of an admittedly difficult spring for the Greensboro native and Southeast Guilford High School graduate.

"It's been rough, that's what we're going to say. It's been rough," Liggs said.

Head coach Rich Skrosky agreed with the assessment, saying Liggs' spring was "very up-and-down" and inconsistent.

"In scrimmage situations, he made some critical errors," Skrosky said. "He had some practices where he walked off the practice field and said, 'I don't know if I'm where I want to be.'"

"So it was good to see him come back, and that's a good sign from a young guy, to not get down on himself. The lights are on, and

he stepped up. That's awesome."

The first interception happened early, when Liggs caught the twice-deflected pass and ran it back 30 yards for the first touchdown of the spring game.

Liggs high-stepped for the last 20 yards, using former NFL star Deion Sanders' signature celebration. He used Sanders' nickname when discussing his celebratory strut into the end zone, and hinted at a potential number swap.

"A little something, a little 'Prime Time,'" Liggs said. "I saw grass, and all I was thinking was 'Prime Time.' I've got my little bandana on, and y'all might see 21 coming soon."

The second interception may have been the most impressive, as Liggs leaped high in the air to catch Thompson's pass to rising sophomore wide receiver Tereak McCray. While the long bomb was intercepted, Skrosky thought the play was an example of the defender making a play, and not a poor throw.

"I think on a couple of them, honestly, I think he gave the receiver a good shot," Skrosky said. "Those are 50-50 balls. When it's one-on-one, and it's truly a 50-50 ball, somebody's going to make the play."

Liggs made the play at the Maroon 21-yard line, stayed in bounds and started to return it up the far sideline. He ran straight ahead for 50 yards, then turned in toward the middle of the field.

With offensive players from White surrounding him, Liggs used a vicious spin move to escape the grasp of rising sophomore running back Copeland Spell around the White 25-yard line, and bolted to the end zone on the near sideline. Liggs says he's been practicing the spin move since he was a kid.

"Little league, that's all I used to do," he said. "It's a spin cycle."

Liggs wasn't able to finish the play off with his second pick-six, though, as McCray came all the way back down to field to force him out of bounds at the two-yard line. Liggs' 77-yard return may end up coming back

to haunt the defensive backs just because it wasn't a 79-yard return for a touchdown.

"We might have to do a couple more sprints at practice," he said. "I ran out of gas. Daniel was signaling me to stop, because he has a blue jersey on and I don't think he wanted me to get any contact. I got caught on the two- or three-yard line. But it's all good."

Liggs made another interception in the second quarter and nearly had a fourth, but the ball went through his hands and into the arms of redshirt freshman wide receiver Josh Ramseur. But Ramseur may have been caught expecting Liggs to catch it, as he dropped it in the end zone.

"[It went] right through my hands," Liggs said. "I was scared — I thought Josh might've still come down with the catch. But we pitched a little shutout, so that's a good thing."

The shutout left Liggs and everyone on the maroon team laughing, but it gives him

a major positive to build on at the end of a rocky spring.

"It's a good feeling," Liggs said. "It hasn't been the best spring. It gives me a little confidence to keep moving on. I think it's a good thing to build on."

And the highlight for Liggs won't be any of the three interceptions or the touchdown. He said his personal highlight was the spin move on Spell.

"We had a little argument last scrimmage, because he bust loose a 50-yard run at the end of the scrimmage," Liggs said. "And I told him, 'If I had five more yards, he was getting caught.' He said he was scoring anyway. So now we're one and one."

And Liggs promises that Spell will hear about the play for "a couple of weeks," and that he'll find the spin on video and post it to Vine.

"It might be coming tonight," he said.



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Liggs Jr. high-steps his way to the endzone for a touchdown after his first interception April 23.