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## A STATE ON THE EDGE



ELIZABETH FLORES | Minneapolis Star and MCT Campus

Republican presidential candidate Sen. John McCain and vice presidential candidate Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin are greeted by a welcoming crowd during a rally at the Anoka County/Blaine Airport in Blaine, Minn., Friday, Sept. 19.

## Republicans hold slight lead in Tar Heel state, Democrats find optimism in Elon Poll results

**Olivia Hubert-Allen**  
Editor-in-Chief

According to the latest Elon Poll, 41 percent of North Carolina residents plan to support the Republican Party in the November presidential election compared to the 35 percent who say they'll support the Democratic Party. The findings are important to a state that has been listed as a possible swing state that either presidential candidate stands to win this November.

"It's surprising that it was so close," Hunter Bacot, director of the Elon Poll, said. "This is a red state, and what we expect to see are the Republicans dominating, but those numbers are pretty close."

The six-point spread is within the margin of error, meaning that in certain scenarios the number of citizens voting Democrat and Republican are the same. However, the margin could also be as wide as 12 points.

"We know it's going to be an uphill climb for any Democrat in North Carolina, but Barack Obama is better poised to win North Carolina than any Democrat has been in the last generation," Daniel Shutt, president of

College Democrats, said.

The last time North Carolina selected a democratic presidential candidate was Jimmy Carter in 1976.

"I am not concerned," Nick Ochsner, president of the College Republicans, said. "We still see John McCain with a decent lead. The numbers have been closer during other parts of the year."

Other tight races in the state

include the Senate race between Republican incumbent Sen. Elizabeth Dole and Democratic challenger Kay Hagan. According to Poll results, the two are tied, each receiving 35 percent of the vote.

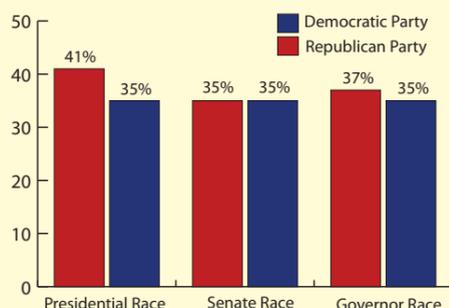
These numbers show movement

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### Republicans holding a narrow lead

The Republican Party is favored across several races in the state, but all numbers are within the margin of error. Such tight spreads between how people indicate they will vote has catapulted North Carolina into "swing state" status.

Which party do you plan to support in the presidential, senatorial and gubernatorial race?



Source: Elon University Poll Sept 2008 Graphic: Olivia Hubert-Allen

## Man sues Elon Law for race discrimination

**Whitney Bossie**  
News Editor

A Greensboro man has accused Elon University's School of Law of racial discrimination. The university has denied the allegation.

Dennis W. DeBerry filed a complaint in federal court in Durham last month, alleging he was denied admission to Elon Law because of his race. In the complaint, DeBerry said he was denied admission twice: once in 2005 and again this year.

DeBerry said he believes the university rejected him based on his "Afrocentric dress and personal style," which he called "nonconservative and nontraditional." He claimed this impacted the administration's decision to deny him admission to what he called a "white conservative school."

The university issued a statement denying DeBerry's claims. The statement read, in part: "The university denies that it engages in any form of discrimination and will vigorously defend itself against this lawsuit."

After DeBerry was rejected the first time, he said he spoke with Associate Dean Alan Woodlief. DeBerry said Woodlief urged him to complete a paralegal program at Guilford Technical Community College before reapplying.

DeBerry said he then completed the GTCC program with a 3.4 GPA and ranked in the top 10 percent of his class, but was denied admission a second time.

DeBerry, who is black, said he saw no black students or faculty members when he visited Elon Law.

DeBerry sued the law school, two law school administrators and the Elon University Board of Trustees. He is seeking at least \$75,000 in damages.

In its statement, the university said it practices a "strong and clear" nondiscrimination policy. The policy reads: "Elon University and its School of Law do not discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, creed, sex, national or ethnic origin, disability, sexual orientation, or veteran's status in the recruitment and admission of students, the recruitment and employment of faculty and staff, or the operation of any of its programs."

DeBerry has also filed discrimination charges against the U.S. Postal Service. He plans to represent himself in both trials.

## Excessive illegal file sharing has students, legislation out of tune

**Andie Diemer**  
News Editor

A panicky wave washed over campus last week when word leaked that the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) had been investigating file sharing at Elon. While the rumors ranged from company officials physically showing up on campus to being able to backtrack downloaded songs from years ago, Chris Fulkerson, assistant vice president for technology, knew one thing was true: Illegal downloading has to stop.

While Fulkerson is normally notified of these types of infractions on a regular basis, the first two weeks of September marked a period of excess use

that merited a severe wake-up call. Fifteen reports of downloading specific songs, which were chosen by the RIAA to trace, were reported by the RIAA to Elon during a three-day period.

"I let out that we had 15 notices and so people are getting nervous," Fulkerson said.

He said the RIAA has never stepped onto campus, nor do they need to. Instead, they simply use the internet to jump on music-sharing sites, such as Limewire, and pick targeted songs to track.

Fulkerson said the first round of high hits may not be aimed as much at students as it was at the administration as a warning to curb the problem before more serious steps are taken.

The school used to keep logs of complaints

for three days, but when the Higher Education Reauthorization Act was passed in August the school became required to keep logs for about two weeks.

"We must comply," he said. "They don't take that well [when we tell them no]. That is part of why the new act went into effect — a lot of schools have been doing that."

Fulkerson said it means several hours of work for him. After the RIAA reports specific IP addresses from computers that are illegally file sharing, Fulkerson's networking people have to go through all the logs and match them up.

"We trace it back to the dorm, to the port, to the wireless connection," he said. "We try to find

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# Pro-Israel and pro-Palestine groups come together in OneVoice movement



DAN RICKERSHAUSER | Photographer

OneVoice coordinators, from left to right: China Sajadian, Yaniv Sasson and Rami Rabayah are Palestinians and Israelis who work to create a two-state resolution.

**Dan Rickershauser**  
Reporter

Thousands of miles away from Elon University, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict rages on. But Friday, Israeli Yaniv Sasson and Palestinian Rami Rabayah sat side by side in Yeager Recital Hall to deliver a hopeful message for the future.

"I am here to empower my country, he is here to empower his people," Sasson said.

Sasson and Rabayah are members of OneVoice, a movement made up of both Palestinians and Israelis calling to end the violence and bring about a two-state resolution.

"We are asking our decision makers, who we elected, to do their job," Rabayah said.

Rabayah, who is from the West Bank city of Jenin, has seen many attempted peace agreements that failed to bring security to his people.

"Since I can remember, I never really felt in a secure place," Rabayah said. This led him to join the OneVoice Movement. Having seen many Palestinians flee or join militias, Rabayah said he decided to take a different path toward change.

"I think reality has brought us to these crossroads we are at today," Sasson said. Sasson, an Israeli Army veteran, came to OneVoice with the same hopes as Rabayah. Both believe that the violence can be brought to an end through cooperation.

"I want security for my people," Sasson said. "Every time you walk into a mall they check your bags. If there is no security at the entrance, something is very wrong. I don't think this should be the norm."

OneVoice focuses on finding

"We could be a model for a lot of conflicts around the world."

— Rami Rabayah

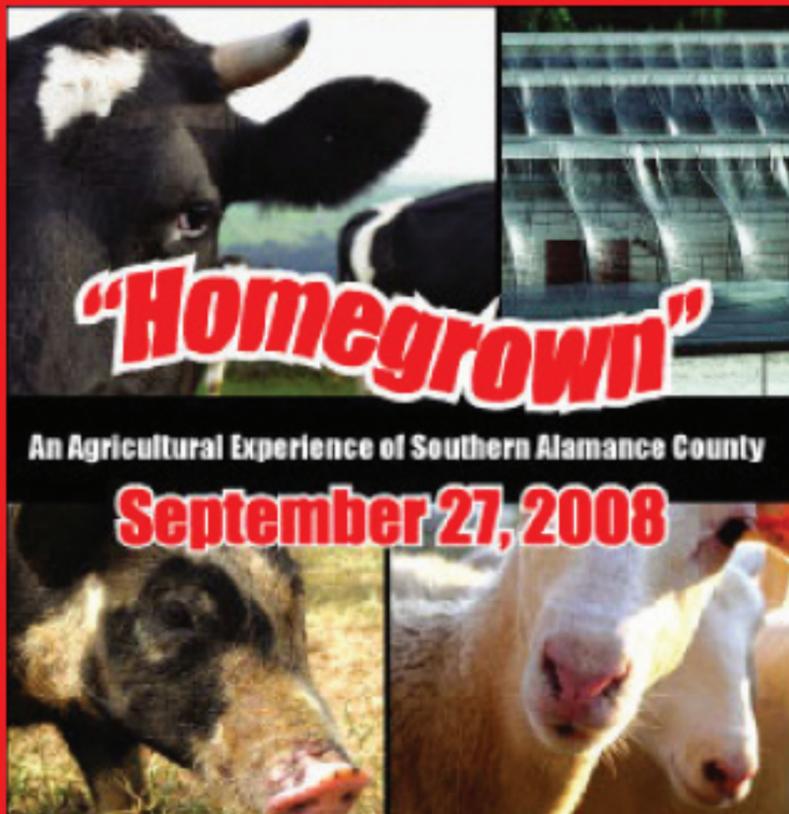
common ground between pro-Israel and pro-Palestine groups and finding a solution that satisfies both. To do this, the organization holds town hall-style meetings with Israelis and Palestinians, travels to college campuses around the world and focuses on the youth of Palestine and Israel.

Rabayah and Sasson believe that OneVoice can help bring about an historic change for an area that has endured nearly 60 years of violence and terror.

"We could be a model for a lot of conflicts around the world," Rabayah said.

OneVoice's visit to Elon was sponsored by Hillel, the Truitt Center for Religious and Spiritual Life and Students for Peace and Justice. A diverse audience of students and professors filled Yeager Recital Hall to hear OneVoice's message.

"I think it's good that we've opened up the forum and gotten the Israeli-Palestinian conflict out there," Susan Esrock, president of Elon University's chapter of Hillel, said. "I hope that this leads to other things."



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## Tight races expected to increase voter turnout

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from the last Elon Poll in April in which Elizabeth Dole held a larger percentage favor.

The gubernatorial race is also tight between Republican Pat McCrory, the mayor of Charlotte and Beverly Perdue, the lieutenant governor. Thirty-seven percent of respondents say they will support the Republican Party for the governor's race and 35 percent indicate their support for the Democratic Party. McCrory's lead is noteworthy because North Carolina has traditionally selected Democratic governors.

"This is the first time that we've seen McCrory take a lead," Oschner said. "Come Nov. 4 and I think we're going to see him perform very well in the polls."

So many close races are expected to bolster voter turnout. And with more people turning out to vote, it may be harder to predict the outcome of any elections because historical patterns will prove irrelevant.

"High voter turnout will stand conventional wisdom on its head," Bacot said.

If you're looking to make a bet on who will take North Carolina this November — flip a coin.



YALONDA M. JAMES | Charlotte Observer and MCT Campus

A long line formed outside the McGlohon Theatre in Charlotte on Thursday, Sept. 18, 2008, where Michelle Obama spoke during a women's economic roundtable that focused on the importance of women's votes.

## Obama says women's vote is crucial

**Kaitlin Busch**  
Copy Editor

GREENSBORO — Michelle Obama, wife of Democratic presidential nominee Sen. Barack Obama, hosted a roundtable discussion with working women in Greensboro Thursday afternoon at the Carolina Theater as part of the campaign's "Women for the Change we Need" week.

Obama, who was introduced by Maya Angelou and Senatorial candidate Kay Hagan, stressed the importance of the upcoming election to the audience. She said Americans need to concentrate on the issues facing them today and promised that, if her husband was elected, he would rebuild the economy around the working class and provide a 95 percent tax cut to working Americans.

She said Sen. Obama wants to invest in the public education system and make college more affordable so "no one would have to turn their back on their dream because they couldn't afford it."

Obama also continued to enforce the concepts of the change her husband plans to make by explaining the current lack of support in the American health care and education systems. Obama stressed just how crucial the women's vote will be in the upcoming election.

"Women are going to make the difference. It was always the case,"

Obama said. "This election is about conversations, in particular women talking to women. We've been talking about our role we have to play in world issues. If there is one thing I know for certain, women need an advocate in the White House now more than ever."

In the middle of her speech, Obama asked the audience, "There is only one candidate, and who is that candidate?"

The audience shouted back in harmony, "Barack Obama!"

She noted the race is tough and that it's going to be a close one.

Obama told the people to register, to go to the polls and to help out others who have never voted before.

Many of the women in the audience loved her speech and believe Obama can change the country, such as Pat Callair, a private non-profit therapist from Greensboro.

"It was inspiring to hear her speak and it was the kind of thing we need to hear," Callair said. "The whole idea that we can finally turn this country around is brilliant."

Obama said she doesn't want to wake up on the morning of Nov. 5 and look at the TV and think, "Man, I thought he was going to win."

"Help us work together, help us make this happen," Obama said. "And then we can look on Nov. 5 and say, 'Look what we've done.'"

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Retired AT&T Wireless chairman to speak at KBC

The Martha and Spencer Love School of Business will host John Zeglis, retired chairman and CEO of AT&T Wireless, as its Legends of Business speaker. Zeglis will speak tonight at 6:30 p.m. in the LaRose Digital Theater. He will also meet with students, faculty and staff and visit business school classes. The Legends of Business program brings individuals who have achieved outstanding success to share their experiences with students and the community.

#### Stephen Zunes to speak about foreign policy

Stephen Zunes, chair of the Middle Eastern Studies program at the University of San Francisco, will speak at Elon tonight about U.S. policy in Iraq. Zunes is the principal editor of "Nonviolent Social Movements" and the author of "Tinderbox: U.S. Middle East Policy and the Roots of Terrorism." He has also been a guest on National Public Radio, Pacifica Radio, PBS, BBC and MSNBC. The event is at 7:30 p.m. in Whitley Auditorium.

#### Parent Coffee winners announced

Winners have been chosen from those who entered their names in a drawing at the New Parent Coffee following New Student Convocation in August. The Parent Programs office will give each winner an Elon University stadium blanket. The winners are: Jill Smialek of London, U.K.; Kathryn Butler of Long Beach, N.Y.; and Vickey Aneser of West Trenton, N.J.

#### Elon plans service trips to aid hurricane victims

Elon is working with the National Break Away Office to coordinate a response to Hurricane Ike. The office asked that volunteer groups wait until after Nov. 1 to plan service trips so that the necessary infrastructure can be prepared. Accordingly, student leaders are planning service trips during Winter Term and spring break. Students interested in coordinating or participating can contact trips@elon.edu. Faculty and staff who are interested in serving as advisors should contact Mary Morrison at mmorrison4@elon.edu.

#### CORRECTIONS:

The following countries were omitted from the Special Projects section last week. Dual citizens at Elon represent: Australia, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, China, Dominican Republic, Egypt, France, Hong Kong, Israel, Jamaica, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Philippines, Slovak Republic, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, Venezuela and the West Indies.

The editorial "University grading scale in need of standardization" cited that Lumen Prize applicants needed a 3.8 GPA to apply. The correct GPA for eligibility is a 3.5.

## Electronic textbooks could come to Elon Law

**Jake Martin**  
Reporter

In an age where technology has changed almost every aspect of everyday life, one might wonder about the future of more traditional relics, such as textbooks. Companies like Amazon and Sony are working to answer this query by creating electronic textbooks and making them increasingly available to customers.

According to the Seattle Post Intelligencer, Amazon.com will meet with Sony Electronics, book publishers and law school representatives from across the country on Sept. 27. Among the attendees will be a representative from Elon University's School of Law. The meeting will center on pushing aside traditional paper textbooks in favor of new electronic versions.

Law schools have taken a particular interest in the subject because of the costly burden typical law textbooks place on students.

The e-books Amazon.com and Sony are developing could be a breakthrough in the way students get their information. Revolutionary "electronic paper" displays a sharp, high-resolution screen that reads like real paper.

Amazon's Kindle is one device that may revolutionize the way students read. It's a handheld device that is lighter and thinner than a typical textbook and is equipped with

wireless technology to allow students to download titles directly from the Kindle Store.

Each Kindle can hold over 200 titles. Currently, more than 127,000 titles are available. The online store also allows readers to download a free sample of the first chapters before they decide to buy. Purchased books are delivered wirelessly in less than a minute.

In addition to the book titles available for download, newspapers and magazines can be auto-delivered wirelessly to the Kindle.

"I think it could be pretty cool to have everything like that all in one place," senior Allen McKinney said. "I read a lot of stuff off the computer anyway, like articles posted on Blackboard or when I'm doing research."

The Kindle costs \$359 on Amazon.com, which is relative to what a college student may spend on books for one semester. The wireless service is free and allows access to the store, e-mail and Wikipedia.org. The absence of paper will contribute largely to cutting costs.

Although the device is pricey, it could save students money in the long run. A better timeline for the possible adoption of this technology by universities may be more apparent after the results of Saturday's meeting between publishers, device makers and school representatives are announced.

## Renting textbooks: an economic and environmental solution

**Jake Martin**  
Reporter

It happens every semester: The campus bookstore fills with students, each one spending several hundred dollars on textbooks. Now some students are breaking from this routine by choosing an alternative method.

Textbook rentals are becoming increasingly popular among college students seeking a more economic method of getting their books. Long-term library Web sites are providing students with what many consider an appealing alternative to the pricy tabs at university bookstores.

Chegg.com is one of many Web sites that is bucking the textbook-buying tradition. This site has distinguished itself from competitors with its devotion to the environment. For every book you rent, sell, buy or donate, the people at Chegg.com plant a tree. To date, more than 50 city blocks of trees

### Textbook rental sites

- Chegg.com
- Bookrenter.com
- Campusbookrentals.com
- Neighborrow.com/campus
- Ourshelves.com

have been planted.

Chegg.com's appeal is both environmentally and economically attractive.

For example, the normal price of an international relations book is listed at \$108.33. On Chegg.com, it was rented for \$29.43 on a semester-long basis.

Although renting textbooks may be an appealing, economical option for some students, others still prefer the

more traditional route.

"I like owning my textbooks," junior Luca Tolan said. "It's just so much more convenient to come here and buy them. Plus, I can sell them at the end of the year and get some money back."

Tolan, who is a business major, says he spends an average of \$500 to \$600 on books every semester. He estimates that each book costs him about \$120. Tolan has always purchased his books at Elon's campus shop.

While renting textbooks from sites like Chegg.com can help students save money, the process does require a little more time. Students must go online, order their textbooks, print out a return slip and mail the books back at the end of the semester.

Although some students are hesitant about renting books, others may find it to be the financial or environmental solution they are looking for.

# Career Center keeps up with campus changes

## Students have more opportunities to make connections and prepare for careers

**Whitney Bossie**  
News Editor

The Elon Career Center has caught on to the wave of change that has swept through Elon in recent years. With new programs, staff members and resources, the center is prepared to offer guidance to students through every stage of their college years.

"We are moving to the next level," Tom Vecchione, executive director of the Career Center, said. "Our goal is to become a premier operation."

The center has taken several steps toward achieving this goal with the implementation of new programs and improvements upon existing ones.

The Elon Job Network gives students the opportunity to find information about internships and jobs with

companies that have an interest in Elon students. New positions are posted daily.

"There are thousands of places to look for jobs," Vecchione said. "Elon Job Network isn't the only place to look, but it's the place where employers with an interest in Elon are."

All students automatically have accounts on the network. In order to use its services, students can activate their accounts at <http://www.elon.edu/careers>.

The Elon Career Network is also an online networking tool, but with a heavier emphasis on establishing connections. The program, which was formerly called Be a Mentor, has been revamped and is in the process of being launched.

Alumni and parents are encouraged to join the network and serve as valuable connections to Elon students.

"One of the best things we could possibly do is give students connections," Vecchione said. "It's all about connections and networking."

The program allows students to network with professionals in their geographical areas of interest. The center has worked to establish connections in major metropolitan areas, where many students are likely to find work after graduation.

"Students today decide where they want to work, and then look for a job in that area," Vecchione said. "That's different from what your grandparents and parents did."

While the Career Center offers many services to upperclassmen, it also has resources for freshmen and sophomores.

"We don't want students to wait," Vecchione said.

The center offers career

testing, assistance with writing resumes and cover letters, advice on the appropriate use of social networking sites such as Facebook and help in finding internships — all of which can be valuable to underclassmen.

Transition courses are offered for students looking for a more in-depth exploration of their future plans. The course titled "Exploring Careers/Majors" is recommended for freshmen and sophomores, while "Securing a Job" targets sophomores, juniors and seniors. Both are half-semester courses offered in both the fall and spring, and are one credit hour each.

"This is a new Career Center," Vecchione said. He added the university looked to successful career centers at other universities to determine what changes needed to be made at Elon.

Some aspects were best left as is.

"One of the things that hasn't changed is that we're customer-service oriented," Vecchione said.

In keeping with this customer-service goal, the center has added satellite offices in the School of Communications and the Love School of Business. Ross Wade's office is located in McEwen and Teresa Walker's office is located in Koury Business Center.

The Career Center's services and resources attract many students. Vecchione said thousands of student appointments are made every year, and hundreds more are completed through e-mail.

"There is not a student here on campus we can't help," he said.

To make an appointment, call 278-6538 or visit Duke 101.

### Advice from the Career Center

**Freshmen:**

- Focus on making good grades.
- Identify majors related to interests, abilities and values.
- Learn more about self with Myers-Briggs Type Indicator, Campbell Interest and Skills Survey and Self-Directed Search.
- Meet with a career counselor to talk about results and career options
- Participate in extracurriculars to enhance skills and values.

**Sophomores:**

- Declare a major.
- Test career options through volunteer work, work shadowing experiences and part-time jobs.
- Register on Elon Job Network for internship/co-op opportunities.
- Increase involvement in extracurriculars and seek leadership roles.

**Juniors:**

- Attend job/career fairs to develop internship and job contacts.
- Research graduate and professional schools.
- Take graduate school entrance exams.
- Meet with career counselor at Career Center to determine career objective.

**Seniors:**

- Polish resume and cover letters.
- Participate in mock interviews.
- Develop job search campaign with career counselor.
- Apply to graduate/professional schools.

ANNA REYNAL | Photographer  
Abby Broughton (left) looks on as Assistant Director of Career Services Debby Wall shows her a Web site. Abby, a sophomore, stopped by the Career Center to get information on internships.

# Environmental forum targets lifestyle changes for sustainable living

**Shelley Russell**  
Special Projects Editor

Environmentalists, curious students and community members gathered in McKinnon Hall Friday afternoon to learn which appliance consumes the most energy, which type of fertilizer to use for home gardens and how to place solar panels on one's roof.

These were just a few of the messages communicated at Elon's "Sustainable Communities" environmental forum. "Living for Tomorrow" was one of several workshops offered at the forum. At this workshop, Katie Jo Icenhower, North Carolina's first EcoBroker, offered tips on being less wasteful during day-to-day activities. Icenhower, a real estate agent, became an EcoBroker by taking an environmental education course on housing issues.

"I chose to attend Icenhower's forum because I thought I could actually take that information and change my lifestyle or implement it," said Jackie Koehn, a junior environmental studies major.

Icenhower spoke energetically about her profession and easy steps

that can be taken to conserve resources. She covered a variety of issues, from how long a shower should last to how to check if a refrigerator is losing cold air through a faulty door seal.

According to Icenhower, cutting down shower time by two minutes could save each person 700 gallons of water each month.

Senior Ashley Poole was one of about 20 students who attended Icenhower's presentation. "I learned about home improvements that could be made to improve the health of people living in the house," Poole said.

Several students took notes as Icenhower explained the ideal time to water a home lawn. A homeowner could save 300 gallons on irrigation water by watering the lawn when it is cooler to avoid evaporation, and placing mulch around trees. Heads turned in the audience as Icenhower said that setting one's lawn mower one inch higher can save 500 to 1500 gallons of water each month.

Mark Danieleley, the agricultural extension director of Alamance County, also discussed the importance of soil care and irrigation,

citing proper pH levels and the quantity of mulch that's necessary for a healthy garden. While many Alamance County residents pile mulch high around tree trunks, Danieleley explained just one to four inches is sufficient. He also mentioned that Elon's use of pine needles around trees and flowerbeds is a sustainable practice.

Additional workshops at the forum targeted sustainable building practices, as well as planning and developing methods for the future.

### Smart ways to conserve:

- Make sure that refrigerators and freezers have good seals.
- Switch out incandescent light bulbs with compact florescent bulbs.
- Cut down shower time by two minutes.
- Set lawn mower blades one inch higher.

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out who it is or the general area of where it came from."

If the RIAA sends a notice they usually ask for names to be turned over, Fulkerson said.

"If we get asked we'll turn them over," he said. "We've been asked and we've said we couldn't identify the person."

While no students have been turned over to the RIAA, Fulkerson said tracking the exact IP address to a specific student could definitely happen. In that case, they would also be handed off to Judicial Affairs.

Fulkerson said he sent an e-mail to a Danieleley Center building to notify them of activity that has been located in their area.

"I'm not going to go any further," he said. "[I'm going to say] it was traced to your building. Stop it."

Logging in with an Elon username and password on campus computers plays a partial role in downloading illegal items, since all users have to register before accessing the Internet now.

If caught, it's \$250,000 per infraction, no matter how many songs they find on your computer.

"What they do is go for the maximum and

then settle. That's the way they have been doing it," Fulkerson said. "And they're quite up front with everybody saying we're going to make an example out of these students, they're the ones that got caught."

Fulkerson said students are taking a chance by breaking the law.

"The recording industry is becoming more aggressive at prosecuting and they're getting better at finding people and they're getting the government on their side by being very sympathetic about their industry. It's the law."

### Some of the songs tracked on campus:

- "Wall To Wall," Chris Brown
- "Just Got Started Lovin' You," James Otto
- "Cyclone [Dirty]," Baby Bash ft. T-Pain
- "Home," Blake Shelton
- "So Small," Carrie Underwood
- "The Good Stuff," Kenny Chesney
- "Teenagers," My Chemical Romance
- "Hypnotized," Pliers ft. Akon
- "Lean Like A Cholo," Down AKA Kilo

# 7,000 scientists, 60 countries, two decades and the 'God-particle'

Scientists try to recreate the Big Bang in \$10 billion experiment

**Stephanie Franz**  
Reporter

On Sept. 10 the Large Hadron Collider, located beneath France and Switzerland, was tested for the first time. This 17-mile-long accelerator will send particles moving 99.99 percent as fast as the speed of light smashing into each other and will hopefully recreate the particles produced right after the Big Bang.

At least 7,000 scientists from 60 countries worked on the project for over two decades.

One of the main goals of the collider is to create the mysterious "Higgs boson" or the "God-particle."

This theoretical particle

is thought to give mass to everything in the universe. Without it, atoms would fall apart and we would not exist. Physicists hope that this particle will result from the collision of fast-moving protons. After the collision of protons, different particles fly off in spiral patterns and physicists can measure the mass of these relatively unknown particles.

Physics professor Anthony Crider said observing the Higgs particle will be one of the most significant scientific discoveries of all time. But he also said the discovery of the unexpected will bring about more fundamental changes.

He compared this to the discovery of the nucleus, which resulted from Ernest Rutherford "throwing" atoms

at a thin sheet of gold foil and noticing some particles bounced back.

This finding was completely unexpected, as scientists generally accepted that atoms were made out of electrons, which would have passed through the foil. The unexpected discovery was one of the most important scientific breakthroughs of all time.

So, have there been any black holes? Not yet, and Crider does not see this happening.

"Those who believed this thought it would happen as soon as the switch was flipped," he said. "And it didn't."

If a black hole is formed, it will merely blink out of existence, he said.

Black holes in space are created when stars collapse on themselves and they are therefore incredibly massive. If a black hole is created when the protons are smashed together, it will only be as massive as the protons, which do not have a lot of mass.

According to the theory of Hawking radiation, a black hole of such a small mass will evaporate because it does not have enough mass to draw anything else into it. It will be impossible for a black hole to form with enough mass to consume the Earth.

"People like conspiracy theories," Crider said. People were sure to latch on to a theory this destructive, despite the fact no credible scientists backed it up.

This collider shows there are always "new frontiers" in the scientific field. A few decades ago, physicists would never have believed that such a machine was possible.

But here it is. "Five years ago, textbooks would tell you Pluto was still a planet," Crider said. "Even the textbooks we use today are inaccurate because new discoveries occur so quickly."

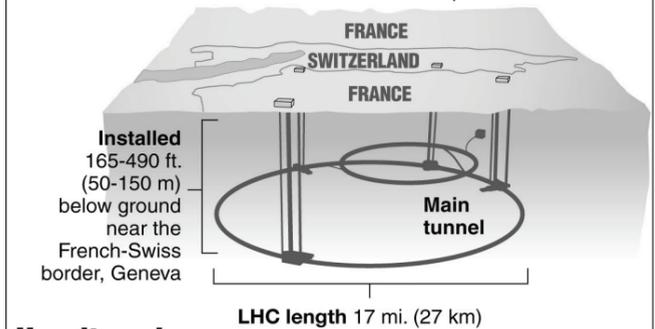
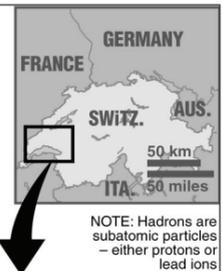
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## Large Hadron Collider

The world's most powerful particle accelerator will create collisions at the highest energy level ever observed.

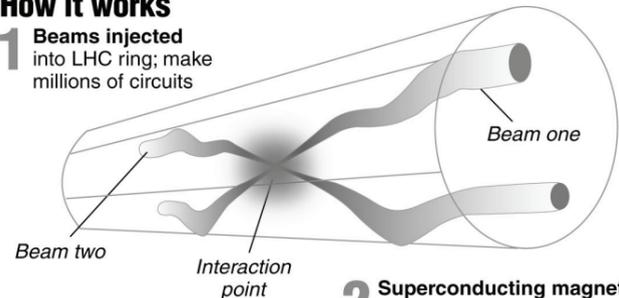
### Purpose

Accelerate two beams of particles in opposite directions at more than 99.9% the speed of light; collision of beams creates shower of new particles for physicists to study



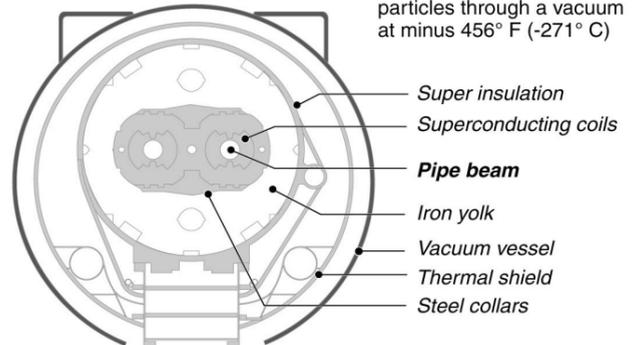
### How it works

**1 Beams injected** into LHC ring; make millions of circuits



**2 Superconducting magnet systems control beams;** 9,300 magnets will guide particles through a vacuum at minus 456° F (-271° C)

#### Tunnel cross section



### 3 Collisions

When bunches of particles cross, there would normally be about 20 collisions among 200 billion particles; the LHC generates up to 600 million collisions per second; beams cross about 30 million times per second

• **At full power,** each beam has about the same energy as a car travelling at 995 mph (1,600 kph)

• **Yearly data generation** 10 million gigabytes, equivalent to a stack of CDs more than 10 miles (16 km) high

• **Scientists involved** 7,000 from more than 85 countries

Source: CERN  
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this could change human lives forever with the creation of new technologies and innovations.

Some items that populations are dependent on today, such as TV and

cell phones, began with experiments such as this one.

"The answers we find will only raise more questions," Crider said. "And those answers will raise more questions."

### Ten other days the world failed to end:

- Oct. 3, 1533: Michael Stifel, an associate of Martin Luther, calculated a mathematical study of the Bible that proved the world was ending and convinced his followers to sell their properties.
- Oct. 22, 1844: American Baptist preacher William Miller thought Daniel 8:14, otherwise known as Oct. 22, 1844, marked the end of the world.
- 1914: Charles Taze Russell, founder of The WatchTower magazine, said Jesus would impose his rule on Earth this year.
- 1969: Charles Manson thought racial tensions would turn into an Apocalyptic race war, after which the "Manson Family," his group of followers, would take over.
- 1980s: U.S. evangelist Hal Lindsey never set a date, but thought the world would end following the expansion of the EU into a 10 country United States of Europe ruled by the Antichrist.
- Sept. 11-13, 1988: Former NASA engineer Edgar Whisenant sold 4.5 million copies of his book, 88 Reasons Why The Rapture Could Be in 1988.
- 1993: More than 100 followers of a Branch Davidian religious sect barricaded themselves into a ranch in Texas to await the end of the world (the FBI faced off with them in a 51-day siege).
- March 1997: The Hale-Bopp comet was thought to signal the end of the Earth by members of the UFO cult Heaven's Gate (38 members committed suicide because of it).
- Jan. 1, 2000: The turn of the millennium was thought to coincide with the Second Coming of Christ, and the Y2K computer bug was expected to collapse computer systems.
- May 2008: 35 members of the True Russian Orthodox Church, a Russian cult, spent six months in a cave in anticipation of the apocalypse.

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# New Facebook design sparks protest from users

**Kriss LeRoy**  
Reporter

College campuses around the country are buzzing about Facebook's new layout. The social networking site has changed things up, to the dismay of many avid users.

Some users have joined groups in protest, including "Please Keep the Old Facebook. The New Version is a Disaster" and "Save the old version of Facebook!" Both groups have thousands of members.

Mark Slee, product manager for the new Facebook, commented on the changes in his Facebook blog: "The new design is different, and we understand that some people will be uncomfortable with the changes. But over time, we think people will appreciate the advantages of the new design and the new features it offers."

Slee said when the Facebook team set out to change the layout, it kept three things in mind: keep the site clean and simple, relevant and easier to control.

Users' profiles were split into tabs in order to create a cleaner, more organized layout. All of the information about a user is in one place, as are all of the pictures and applications. The new wall is a

compilation of information posted about the user, by the user and by others. This way, if you want to find out what your friend has been up to, you only have to look in one place.

Still, not everyone is thrilled with the changes. Many users feel that the old version of Facebook was simpler and easier to use. Members of the protesting groups use the comment wall as a place to defend the old version and bash the new one.

Joseph Tucker of Cleveland, Ohio, an administrator of the Facebook group "Petition Against the New Facebook" (which currently has over 1.4 million members), explains that he would like an option to use either version.

Phillip Dumas of Colorado, also an administrator for the same group, said he believes the new layout strays from the original intent of the site by gearing users more toward applications and away from social networking. He also said the new version is difficult to navigate.

Elon students have joined the uproar. Freshman Sarah Marcus calls it "inconvenient and confusing." Sophomore Emily Miller expressed similar feelings. She joined a group protesting the new Facebook and signed the petition against it.

"I think it's hard to navigate," Miller said. "I can't figure out how to use some of the old

applications. I can't even figure out how to send a bumper sticker!"

Ryan Swanzey, a senior, has a different take on the matter.

"These protests and all the outrage are pretty funny, seeing as the same thing happened when the News Feed was introduced. Everyone said they would boycott Facebook, but they got used to it, kept on being active on Facebook, and many eventually embraced it."

### What's Changed

- Profiles are now broken down into four sections: Wall, Info, Photos and Boxes
- Profile walls are a mixture of comments by others, status updates and other News Feed information
- There is a heavier emphasis on applications, such as bumper stickers, gifts and flair

# A look at the Lumen Scholarship at Elon

## The first 15 Lumen scholars begin working on their projects

Carolyn Vanbrocklin  
Reporter

The first recipients of the Lumen Scholarship were announced last spring and now all 15 students are beginning to work on their projects. The Lumen Scholarship is granted to students to recognize scholarship, academic achievement and the students' potential.

Professor Paul Fromson, the director of the Lumen Scholars Program, said the program is a "judgment of exceptional promise in scholarly pursuits."

In addition, each student receives \$15,000 which can be used to conduct research, travel or help with tuition.

The Lumen scholars work through their junior and senior years under the guidance of a mentor to complete their projects. At the end of their senior year, their research and findings are expected to be published, whether on a blog or in some publication, for the use and benefit of the general public.

Another key trait is that the program is applicable across disciplines.

Junior Margeaux Corby combines communications with health care in her project, and her research is more along the lines of conducting interviews and doing fieldwork research.

The Lumen project "proves that research does not

have to be strictly quantifiable or science-related," Corby said.

During the application process, students must clearly articulate a problem or question they would like to further explore and be able to outline a plan for how it will be solved.

Fromson said this problem must be compelling and must capture interest, especially because the panel that selects the students is composed of teachers from different disciplines.

Students are now in the preliminary stages of their work, Fromson said. Many took an opportunity either this summer or this semester to travel abroad to begin their research. Study abroad opportunities this early are particularly helpful for students looking to answer questions based on an area outside the United States. Australia, Scotland and Africa are a few places students can be found, he said.

Some students, particularly those who are focused on local areas or who are working on projects that need a lab, are working with their faculty mentors here on campus.

Junior Katherine Meyer said the projects are very time consuming, but worth the hard work. There is a lot of research involved, but ultimately students want to pursue a career in the field they're working on, or they want to attend graduate school, so this project is helpful for them to get an edge on the competition.

"I started on my reading list this summer, which is around 20 books, 12 documentaries, numerous articles and Web sites, as well," Meyer said. "I read about four books, watched around five documentaries, wrote literary papers on the books and reflective and analytical papers on the documentaries."

Junior Nichole Rawlings said she is currently taking two semester hours of thesis credits.

"I spend about six hours a week working just on research for my thesis," she said. "In addition, I am creating the illustrations for my book, which are all mini projects on their own."

Similarly, other students have dedicated their summers to their projects and are taking credit hours of classes related to their topics or are participating in outside research and interviews that relate to their projects.

The Lumen Scholarship gives students a chance to conduct specific research in a field they are interested in and provides funds to help travel, and gives students the chance to be published, Fromson said.

"I am so grateful to Paul Fromson, my mentor Dr. Ringelberg and all the members of the Lumen committee for allowing me this opportunity," Rawlings said. "With the help of the Lumen scholarship I have already begun to do things I only dreamed of."

## Meet the Lumen Scholars of the Class of 2010:



### Christopher Staskel

**Major:** Music Theater  
**Studying:** Staskel is exploring the musical workshop process, particularly

"how an original music theater piece is created and developed and revised throughout a period of rehearsal."

**Purpose:** He will collaborate with different people including his mentor, composers and the students who will eventually be involved in his production. "Before the creation of the actual piece can really kick into gear, I'm immersing myself in the research process," he said. "This semester specifically, I'm really concentrating on my course work, which has direct association with the goals of my thesis." He is now researching the craft of writing musical theater plays and conducting interviews with several professionals in the business with expertise in creating and mounting original works.

**End Goal:** Though Staskel intends to have a final presentation of his musical, he is more concerned with "process over product." "I want to come away from this experience knowing more about my own craft and about the workshop process," Staskel said. "It's ultimately risky to mount an original work, and if I can make even the slightest contribution to this realm of musical theatre, perhaps encourage others along a similar path, I will feel like I've done what I've set out to do."



### Nichole Rawlings

**Major:** Art History  
**Studying:** Rawlings is researching three-dimensional perspective in two-dimensional artworks. "Basically, does more realistic perspective change the effectiveness of an image's narrative?" she said. "Think da Vinci's Last Supper versus a folk art painting that lacks realistic three-dimensionality."  
**Purpose:** "[My project will] bring together my

various interests of writing and research, art history and art making," she said. Rawlings also plans to write and illustrate a children's book as part of her Lumen project. She will be studying abroad in the spring in Florence, Italy.  
**End Goal:** Her main goal is to have a thesis based on original research in the field of art history and a fully illustrated children's book.



### Hannah Williams

**Major:** Communications and Business  
**Studying:** Williams plans to uncover the significance of media rhetoric in terrorism coverage.  
**Purpose:** She is conducting rhetorical media analysis and has begun reviewing literary works to identify what has been

done in the field. She is also discovering potential models for conducting her own research. Eventually she hopes to do a comparative media analysis between United States and British media.

**End Goal:** Overall, Williams says she hopes to "challenge the media to evaluate and reassess their coverage of terrorism, and persuade people to be critical consumers of media, especially in regards to such a politically charged issue like terrorism."



### Amelia Helms

**Major:** Biology  
**Studying:** Helms is trying to understand some of the genetics behind tissue regeneration by studying the common earthworm.  
**Purpose:** "Basically, I am trying to see if there are any of these genes in this earthworm and to what extent they are expressed during different time points of the

regenerative process" she said. She has begun her research by searching through databases of genetic sequences of similar organisms and used this data to find the genes in the earthworm.

**End Goal:** "I really want to use this as an educational experience — to learn how to be a better researcher," Helms said. "I plan to go to grad school after Elon and would love to ultimately have a career doing research."



### Amanda Morrissey

**Major:** Political Science  
**Studying:** Morrissey is studying independence and nationalist movements worldwide and the legal environments surrounding them.  
**Purpose:** "I'm looking at what the government's response is to these kinds of movements through individual court cases, laws and statute," she said. Morrissey is focusing on Spain and its reaction to the Basque independence

movement. She is following the Georgia-Russia conflict, which may be applicable to her future research.

**End Goal:** Morrissey is interested in this subject, but is not sure what she wants to do with it yet. "I plan to submit some of my work for publication, as well as use it as a path to learn more about international law in general, which interests me as a career," she said.



### Lauren Taylor

**Major:** Independent Studies  
**Studying:** Taylor wants to enhance her understanding of women's international health today and how countries have implemented plans to deal with women's health issues.

**Purpose:** She has completed a research project about knowledge of HIV and stigma in the U.S. and Costa Rica, interned at a public clinic working with women in Guatemala, attended the International AIDS Conference and planned for her in-depth research in

South Africa with an independent study with her mentor Dr. Fair. She will be preparing for her research in South Africa by interning with a South African trained OB/GYN.

**End Goal:** Her end goal is to be an OB/GYN for women in developing areas and implement sustainable programs for women who are disadvantaged. Taylor also plans on using this experience as a stepping stone for medical school and international post-graduate fellowships.



### Margeaux Corby

**Major:** Biochemistry and Journalism  
**Studying:** Corby is studying health communication methods in isolated and non-native populations, particularly focusing on the Montagnard and Hmong populations in Greensboro and Guilford County.  
**Purpose:** She wants to form better ways to communicate health care to people who are isolated because of their language and culture. While in Mexico, Corby noticed that many diseases the local people suffered from would have been entirely preventable had there been effective communication. She is planning to start locally and hopes

to one day have a global impact.

**End Goal:** Eventually Corby would like to attend medical school, where she can continue to put into practice her research findings. "I'd like to help people on an individual and a global scale," she said. Locally, she wants to develop a working knowledge of the Montagnard and Hmong communities.



**Katherine Meyer**

**Major:** Political Science and Communications  
**Studying:** Her objective is to do research on children's human rights violations, specifically in Africa. "[I want to] do research on human rights in general, and compile all this research

with documentaries I watch, speakers I go to and my work with Invisible Children."  
**Purpose:** "I am specifically focusing my research into African countries and children's human rights violations, but [I] am also reading into the background of several conflicts in African countries," she said. In addition, she is researching local human rights injustices surrounding children in the Burlington and Greensboro areas to compare local data with that from her research in Africa.  
**End Goal:** Meyer hopes to create a lasting awareness product for the Elon community to use for future human rights studies and Invisible Children promotion.



**Amanda Brown**

**Major:** Mathematics  
**Studying:** Modeling of malaria in African regions  
**Purpose:** She has made progress in her project by beginning math modeling. "I sit in a classroom writing down math models all day," she said. Brown plans to travel to South Africa this

winter and Ghana next year. She will look at the population and how malaria spreads, including factors such as the death rate and mosquito distribution. Brown is also planning an awareness activity around Elon for the next semester.  
**End Goal:** She hopes to help people and make a career out of what she is passionate about. In addition, she hopes this project will propel her into graduate school.



**Andrea Dorrow**

**Major:** Economics and Business  
**Studying:** Dorrow is looking at the impact that healthcare has on the economic health of developing nations. She is currently working with a group called CURE International, an organization that builds hospitals in developing nations and offers treatment to patients who would

otherwise be unable to afford treatment.  
**Purpose:** She has already done preliminary research on one CURE hospital in Malawi, Africa, where she plans to return in January. While in Malawi, Dorrow will be collecting primary data on the health and economic outcomes of healthcare provided by the CURE hospital in Malawi, specifically a cost-benefit analysis of disorders like club foot, that prevent individuals from leading productive lives.  
**End goal:** "I am hoping to complete my project with a better understanding of the integral role that healthcare plays in the development of Third World countries as well as an extensive research project that will prepare me for graduate-level work," she said. "I also hope to have the opportunity to publish and present the findings of my research."



**Jonathan Mahlandt**

**Major:** Psychology  
**Studying:** Mahlandt's project centers on conducting research in cognitive psychology. Over the summer he participated in Summer Undergraduate Research Experience where he got a "head start on literature research and note taking," he said. Currently, Mahlandt is in Scotland gathering information from psychological articles.

**Purpose:** His goal is to create and implement experimental methodology exploring the processes and ramifications of implicit learning, a concept that focuses on how people learn and retain abstract, non-verbal knowledge.  
**End Goal:** "I want to produce psychology research that is as credible as it is complex and will contribute positively to the discipline," Mahlandt said.



**Cynthia Goodson**

**Major:** Mathematics  
**Studying:** Goodson is modeling certain aspects of how middle school students formulate arguments using data gathered and represented in a variety of technologically-enhanced ways.  
**Purpose:** As a future math educator, Goodson is interested in how students look at and analyze the data they encounter every day in technology-based society and how they use that data to form opinions about the world around them. Her research experience

will start with exploring recorded video, voice and computer screen capture data collected in research collaboration between educators at the University of Missouri and N.C. State University.  
**End Goal:** Goodson hopes to share her knowledge of middle school statistical reasoning with future teachers at Elon. "Research has shown that the subjects future educators are least prepared to teach are probability and statistics," she said. "In the next two years [I hope] to be able join in the greater conversation of how our school children reason and learn."



**Ryan Bleam**

**Major:** Sociology  
**Studying:** How people understand health and healing by experiencing different cultures and tracing the beliefs tied to their faith.  
**Purpose:** He wants to determine how culture impacts the way health is conceptualized and delivered. The extent of his research so far has been a six-week internship with Synergy Center Wellness of Pipersville, Pa. He is currently studying abroad in Perth, Australia, and is working on a

literature review on the attitudes concerning the use of traditional bush medicine for the treatment of cancer in Aboriginal patients at the Public Health faculty there.  
**End Goal:** "My end goal is to gain some experience in working with different points of view and finding the basic beliefs that connect our diverse cultures, because at the core we are more alike than we are different," Bleam said.



**Katharine Strickland**

**Major:** Sociology  
**Studying:** Strickland's work is centered on the idea of global citizenship. "It is basically trying to determine how to make development aid most effective by understanding the culture in which the aid is being conducted," she said.  
**Purpose:** So far Strickland has been preparing to conduct research, including institutional review boards reports and buying equipment. She has also started taking photos for a photo essay and is attempting to contact possible

interview subjects. She plans to study abroad in Ghana where she will gather materials such as interviews, photo essays and an experience of living in a culture to understand it better.  
**End Goal:** "My end goal is to have research that can affect how people think in relation to development aid," she said. "We are often so eager to help the 'less fortunate' or the 'Third World,' but sadly people often miss the step where they are supposed to think about how to make their good will most beneficial."



**Kristine Silvestri**

**Major:** Public Administration and Political Science  
**Studying:** Silvestri said the objective of her studies is to investigate the theory of "the other." "In laymen's terms, I'm looking at how and why people from different groups are viewed as 'different' than the mainstream of society and what impact that has on the world," she said.

**Purpose:** She is currently studying abroad in Ghana to conduct research on two parts of her topic, which include working with Liberian refugees and their struggle to live in Ghana as well as the relations between majority and minority groups on campuses in Ghana. In addition, she is working on putting together a photo essay for each section of her research, particularly on environmental and sanitation issues.  
**End Goal:** "What I hope to accomplish is a better understanding of race relations and the concept of 'the other,' so when I join the workforce I will be able to create policies that are inclusive to all people and have a better understanding of how to approach particular situations and understand 'others' points of view," Silvestri said. "What I hope to do is take all the knowledge I have learned and share it with as many people as possible through photos and publications."

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# Toobin warns of stakes in Supreme Court

Keegan Calligar  
Reporter

CNN senior legal analyst Jeffery Toobin spoke Monday night at the Elon University School of Law about the Supreme Court and the significance of the upcoming election.

Toobin, who is also a staff writer for The New Yorker, spoke as part of the Joseph M. Bryan Distinguished Leadership Lecture series.

Toobin told the audience the election is coming at a very critical moment in the Supreme Court.

"When you talk about the law, particularly constitutional law, it is no insult to the law to say that much of what is decided in the Supreme Court is heavily influenced by politics and is inherently political in nature," he said.

He said that in order to fully understand the impact this election will have on the Supreme Court, "You need to go back to the late 60s, because the late 60s was the last time the Supreme Court was a unified ideological force."

He explained that during this time period the Supreme Court had a liberal agenda. Even after four justices left the court and Richard Nixon appointed their replacements, the Supreme Court of the 1970s remained liberal.

That was, he said, until Ronald Reagan was elected in 1980.

"[Reagan] and his assistants and associates developed a conservative agenda for the courts that was every bit as significant ... as the liberal agenda that had prevailed in the previous decade," he said. That conservative agenda sought to "Expand executive power, end racial preferences intended to assist African Americans, speed up executions, welcome religion into the public sphere and above all, reverse Roe v. Wade and allow states to ban abortion."

He said the Supreme Court under Chief Justice William Rehnquist ran smoothly, as both conservatives and liberals liked and respected Rehnquist.

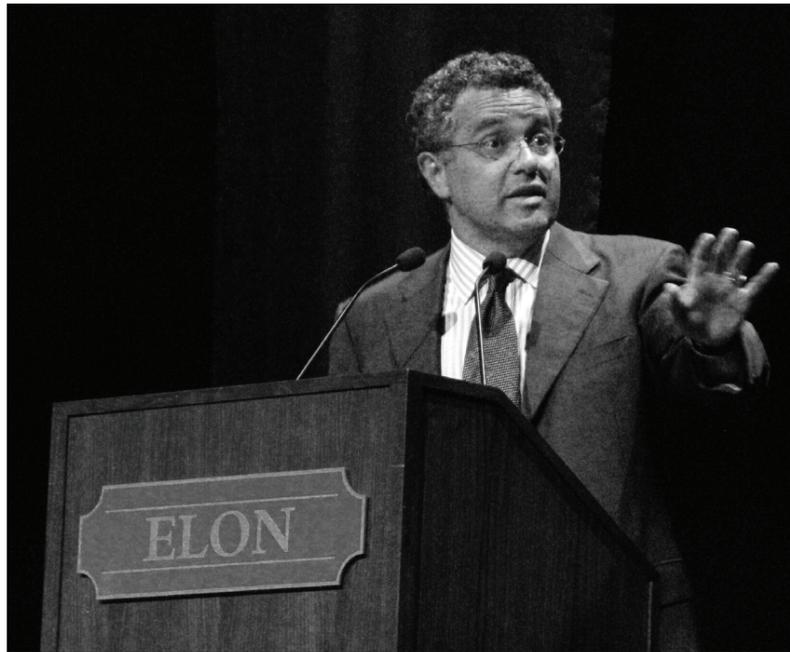
The Court remained conservative until George W. Bush's first term. He said that the dividing point came after the contested 2000 elections.

From 2000 to 2005 the court became significantly more liberal.

"What was it about the court that changed after 2000?" he said. "Justice [Sandra Day] O'Connor. Justice O'Connor changed. She moved to the left, because she saw that George W. Bush, the president that she put in office with her vote in Bush v. Gore, was not the kind of president she thought he was going to be. He was not her kind of Republican. The story of the court from 2000 to 2005 is really the story of Sandra Day O'Connor's alienation from the Bush administration."

Toobin cited O'Connor's dislike for John Ashcroft and dissatisfaction with the War on Terror and the Iraq War as reasons for O'Connor's conscious decision to distance herself from the Bush administration.

Perhaps the most significant reason,



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Toobin praised Justice Sandra Day O'Connor as the push behind the change in the Supreme Court after 2000. O'Connor separated herself from President George W. Bush.

"Now we face the current election. And the stakes could not be greater, because three of the four liberals are likely to leave in the next four or certainly the next eight years."

— Jeffery Toobin

though, was the administration's handling of the high-profile Terri Shiavo case.

Shiavo entered a vegetative state after collapsing in 1990. In 1998, her husband appealed to have her feeding tube removed, starting a years long public battle between himself and her parents and catalyzing a national debate on the right to life.

In 2005, the U.S. government, as well as the government of Florida, passed certain laws in an attempt to prevent the removal of Shiavo's feeding tube.

"The Terry Shiavo case had a big impact on Justice O'Connor," said Toobin. "In part, because if you remember the facts of that case, it was an attempt by the Republican Congress during President Bush to push the federal judiciary around, tell them what to decide and O'Connor feels very strongly about judicial independence and that offended her."

Additionally, the Shiavo case occurred at the same time that O'Connor's husband was succumbing to Alzheimer's, said Toobin.

In July of 2005, O'Connor

announced she would be leaving the Court. Before her successor could be appointed, Rehnquist died and was replaced by John Roberts.

O'Connor was succeeded by Samuel Alito in January 2006.

"Samuel Alito and John Roberts are very different from their predecessors," said Toobin. "They are more conservative. They reflect the president who appointed them and there are now four very conservative justices on the court and four liberal justices on the court, and [Justice] Anthony Kennedy in the middle — usually, but not always, siding with the conservatives."

The reason why this election is so important for the Court, said Toobin, is because many justices are entering old age and there will likely be a significant change in justices during the next president's term.

"Now we face the current election," he said. "And the stakes could not be greater, because three of the four liberals are likely to leave in the next four or certainly the next eight years."

Because the president appoints Supreme Court justices, either Sen. Barack Obama or Sen. John McCain is poised to appoint justices that will change the face and nature of the court for years.

No matter who win the election, it will be fair that the next president appoints new Supreme Court Justices, Toobin said.

"We have this sense that justices should be completely sealed off from the political world," he said. "And that was never the case and that was never intended to be the case. The framers set up a system, which gave the president the power to appoint justices. And they understood that the president was going to appoint justices who were sympathetic to his or her opinion."

## ORGANIZATION BRIEFS

### Elon Volunteers! hiring student leaders

Elon Volunteers! is currently hiring student leaders in several areas, including an EV! treasurer, a public relations coordinator, alternative break trip coordinators and photographers. Interested students should apply by Sept. 26 at 5 p.m. For more information, visit [www.elon.edu/service](http://www.elon.edu/service), call x7250 or stop by the EV! office, located in Moseley 230.

### New student group will hold its first meeting

Student Global AIDS Campaign will hold its first official meeting tonight at 9 p.m. in Moseley 217. The group will discuss upcoming events at the meeting.

### Interest meeting for Christian sorority

Sigma Alpha Omega, a Christian sorority, will hold an interest meeting on Thursday, Sept. 25 at 7 p.m. Interested students can meet the sisters of Sigma Alpha Omega and learn more about the organization. The meeting will be held in Moseley 103.

### SUBlive will host comedian/musician

SUBlive will host comedian/musician Rob Paravonian on Friday, Sept. 26 at 9 p.m. Paravonian has previously appeared on Comedy Central. The event, which will be held in McKinnon, will have free food, drinks and entertainment.

### Composting workshop at Elon Community Garden

The Elon Community Garden will host a workshop on Sunday, Sept. 28. This month's workshop is called "Let it Rot! Learning to Compost." Attendees will learn the basics of composting, including how to start composting in a variety of different living situations. The workshop will begin at 2 p.m.

### Special movie on the lawn for Family Weekend

SUB will show a special Family Weekend movie on the lawn: "Get Smart." The film, which features Steve Carell and Anne Hathaway, will begin at 9 p.m.

### German Club Grillfest

The German Club will hold a Grillfest on Friday, Sept. 26 at 5 p.m. All students are welcome to attend to meet club members and eat German food. The Grillfest will be held at the East Area grill between Smith and Carolina dorms.

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# Campus police zoom through Elon

## New battery-powered T3 Motion Vehicles allow officers to patrol closer to campus buildings

**Keegan Calliger**  
Reporter

Elon University Campus Safety and Police recently added new members to its force: two T3 Motion Vehicles.

Captain Vickie Moehlman of Campus Safety and Police said the vehicles were purchased to allow officers to patrol campus at a closer proximity to students and buildings.

The battery-powered vehicles are much more energy-efficient than traditional patrol vehicles. According to T3 Motion Inc.'s Web site,

the motor gets the equivalent of more than 500 miles per gallon.

The vehicles have three wheels and the rider stands on a platform. They bear some resemblance to the more commonly seen Segway.

The T3 Motion offers a zero-degree turning radius, weighs 300 pounds and can hold up to 450 pounds.

Individual users can set the maximum speed for his vehicle: choices are 5, 8, 10 or 12 mph. Special-order vehicles can reach a maximum of 25 mph.

Elon's T3 Motions were governed to reach a maximum speed of 12 mph, Moehlman said.

Moehlman said Campus Safety and Police, as well as the Town of Elon Police Department first looked into purchasing the vehicles in June. The Town of Elon must wait for budget request approval before purchasing a T3 Motion.

Moehlman said Segways were also considered as an option, but were deemed less safe than the T3 Motions because they have only two wheels.

Moehlman noted several benefits the vehicles offer.

"It puts [security officers] in the situations where they could lock the buildings probably quicker now than they ever could before," she said. "You can actually ride right up to the door. If we have larger buildings, if it has to happen, they can get through a doorway and get inside."

However, Moehlman said officers are still adjusting to the new mode of transportation.

"I think the officers are still trying to get used to them," she said. "It takes a little getting used to. It's a different type of transportation. But I do think the officers have observed a lot more things and it puts them closer to the students where they're not in that patrol car."

Overall, the T3s have been a hit.

"All the officers I've spoken with love them," Moehlman said. "I love riding it. I don't know, it just puts you closer to the campus, you're near the buildings, you're near the dorms."

### T3 Motion Vehicles: The facts

**What they are:** Three-wheeled, battery-powered vehicles

**Why Elon has them:** The vehicles are more energy-efficient than traditional patrol cars, and they allow officers to patrol areas closer to campus buildings

**How many Elon has:** Campus Safety and Police currently has two T3 Motions

Campus Police Officer Darrell Bliesner uses one of the new T3 Motion Vehicles to patrol areas around campus.

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# Editorial

The Pendulum seeks to inspire, entertain and inform the Elon community by providing a voice for students and faculty as well as a forum for the meaningful exchange of ideas.

## 'New Facebook' needs to save some face

Facebook has done it again. First they created the "stalker feed," showing who did what and with whom.

A private breakup? Not with the newsfeed screaming "YOUR NAME is no longer listed as 'In a relationship.'" It might as well be written across people's foreheads.

Then, Facebook developers thought it was a good idea to add 10,000 slow-loading applications to clog up people's pages.

Sure, everyone loves a good bumper sticker, and the "Top Friends" application allows for quick and easy friend-stalking, but really, does the "Stripper Name" application need to be broadcast on everyone's Facebook page? Does the world really need to know how many fake "beers" someone received?

And now this. This tragedy known as the "New" Facebook. Impossible to navigate, error-prone and unable to publicly display the beloved "Bumper Sticker" application on the front page, this new version has prompted many "Anti-New Facebook" groups. Some groups with the most members include "5,000,000 Against the New Facebook," "Petition Against the

New Facebook" and "I Hate the New Facebook."

Other applications are even expressing their frustration by offering "Flair," "Bumper Stickers" or "Free Gifts" denouncing the change. One team of developers even came up with an entire application to re-write the new formatting to make the new layout turn back into the old one.

Students who dreaded the day when their old layout would suddenly switch to the new one could breathe easy — at least for a day or two. Instead of being grateful for creating an alternative for those still unwilling to convert to their new style, Facebook promptly shut-down the application and removed it. All those who had previously rejoiced in the streets at the return of that familiar single-page design were yet again disappointed.

Why Facebook, why? Why fix something that was obviously not broken?

Some speculate that the switch was to get more people talking and produce a "viral effect." The question is: Why did the most popular social networking site for college students feel that it needed to produce a viral change when it already ruled the Web?

It doesn't take much to anger sleep-deprived, homesick, hung-over college students. By changing the Facebook college students know and love, the developers risk losing their users.

Think about how many people have already stopped checking their Facebook accounts or have drastically reduced the number of times they check it per day.

Some claim it is "too confusing" although the most common complaint is that Facebook has become "too creepy." Now other, more anonymous forms of social networking have caught hold, and Elon seems to be one of the front-runners in certain Web sites.

What does Facebook need to do to retain its faithful users? It needs to start listening to them.

Facebook needs to read through the protesting groups' message boards and create the necessary changes that people talk about most. It needs to allow the application that kept the "old Facebook" to let users choose their interface.

Users of new media are all about having choices — Facebook needs to follow suit.

## Professors expect too much time from their students

Class can be terribly painful, but nothing stings more than the knowledge that after suffering through a lecture, hours of out-of-class homework will follow.

More than one professor at Elon will announce to his or her class that for every hour spent in class, they are expected to do four hours of work at home.

The math for that rule is appalling. First, the average Elon student takes four classes, which at the very least are an hour each. For a student with two Monday, Wednesday, Friday classes and two Tuesday, Thursday classes, the necessary four out-of-class hours comes to 56 hours compared to the

14 spent in class.

Many students have jobs on campus where they can work a maximum of 20 hours a week. Most health authorities suggest a minimum of 30 minutes of exercise three times a week.

Elon students are always involved in extra-curricular activities — Greek Life, one of the more than 140 student organizations or intramural, club and varsity sports. These activities can be anywhere from a one-hour to a 20-hour weekly commitment.

The National Sleep Foundation suggests eight hours of sleep per night to receive optimal rest.

Elon students spend at least two hours a day (14

hours a week) eating. That time is lengthened if you are waiting for your meal at Brown & Co.

There are 168 hours per week and rough calculations already have assigned 163 hours, assuming two hours are taken up by extra-curricular activities.

A mere 5 hours a week, translating to roughly less than one hour each day, can be allotted for student freedom and enjoyment.

Is that really the amount of time students are allowed to relax?

According to a 2006 report prepared by the Experiential Education Oversight Committee, which includes Elon professors of all disciplines, the experiential learning requirement was established to "ensure that all students participate in a learning opportunity outside the classroom and learn to reflect insightfully about the interrelationships between their college education and 'real world' situations."

But how can students expect to experience the real world through internships and volunteer experiences when they are tied to a desk studying?

Should students sacrifice their health and deny themselves proper exercise and sleep? Maybe they should just quit their intramural basketball team and skip out on chapter and other events.

The Academic Summit ranked "consider 19 credit hours as a full load" in the top 10 of institutional changes. Similarly, the Alcohol Task Force suggested upping the freshman course load. That would put the rough estimation of hours students spend on activities that are essential to their academic success and well-being in a week more than the number of hours that actually exist in a week.

Are students now supposed to exhibit super human powers along with the 3.5 GPA required to make the Dean's List?

There is no question that students should work hard to achieve excellence in college. They are paying large sums of money for every credit hour and there are an abundance of resources provided by the university that can help students excel.

Elon attendees are especially motivated — as evidenced by the increasing GPA and SAT scores of incoming freshmen.

There is a difference between a healthy commitment to academics and studying behavior that negatively affects lifestyle.

Professors need to evaluate their course loads carefully and make realistic recommendations to facilitate student success.

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## Parent's Weekend Scramble



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# Opinions

ON CAMPUS:

## Juicy Campus takes Elon gossip too far



**Taylor Doe**  
Columnist

Juicy Campus has invaded the Elon campus.

The site allows people to anonymously post gossip while other users can reply to dispel the rumor or add further flames to the fire.

This isn't gossip friends may talk about between classes or on the weekend. This is members of the Elon community verbally assaulting people they barely know.

It seems that Juicy Campus breeds efforts to top other posts and see who can be the most scandalous.

Elon needs to take a second to think about just what this Web site really represents. Although it is almost exclusively Elon students posting on the site, Elon's page is part of a hugely popular Web site that anyone with a computer can look at.

Prospective Elon students? Yeah, they can look at this site.

Professors? They can too, and many of them have already confronted students with the rumors they've seen on this site.

Future employers? Imagine what they would think reading about an Elon graduating senior and their supposed recreational activities. Being named the most selfish in bed doesn't do much to boost your resume.

Posts on this site have ranged from humorous to outlandish to downright immoral. Any sane person who reads this site knows that the vast majority of what is written is not true.

Members of the Greek system have been ripped to shreds with false accusations, athletes have been mocked and students who choose not to participate in Greek life have been dismissed as "Goddamn independents." Is that really what we think of each other?

The question that has to be asked is: Would people ever say these vile things to someone's face? No, because when our names are attached to what we say, usually our conscience kicks in to remind us what we are saying is wrong.

But when you add the cloak of anonymity, suddenly all restraint is gone and every rumor that you've ever heard suddenly seems appropriate to post on the Internet, where literally billions of people can read it.

Juicy Campus has absolutely no value. All it serves to do is perpetuate false rumors, make Elon students look like a bunch of whiny, spoiled brats and most importantly, damage people's reputations.

The next time you go to read about what some freshman girl was supposedly doing at West End last night, think about how you would feel if that was written about you, especially if it wasn't true.

Maybe it is time for Elon students to step back and think about what we're really saying about ourselves with Juicy Campus.

POLITICS:

## Palin needs to answer America's questions



**Amanda Duberman**  
Columnist

Who is Sarah Palin? FOX and ABC viewers seem to have a vague idea, but the larger part of the American electorate is still in the dark.

When Gov. Sarah Palin neglects the press, she substantiates claims of bloggers and radicals, which are often irrelevant at best and insidious at worst.

While the McCain campaign continues to tout her as a fresh face, Palin has been in politics long enough to learn that nothing is inconsequential.

No vote, sound bite or suggestive statement will be forsaken by the 24-hour news cycle. Perhaps the "liberal news media" would have moved on from the unclear and mostly unflattering aspects of Palin's candidacy had she agreed to abrogate some of the claims sooner.

Palin's involvement in the messy Alaska State Trooper investigation, as well as her specific views on creationism and certain library books she finds disagreeable, remain frighteningly ambiguous.

It is 2008 and this is the era of rapid response. People have come to expect nothing less, and Palin should not be spared.

A brief major network Q&A and an interview with a network known for coddling the right does not qualify as honest and open, and Americans are entitled to more.

Palin supporters, on the other hand, have been very vocal about her commitment to moral issues, mirroring appeals made to voters during the 2000 election in which then Gov. George W. Bush promised an administration of "compassionate conservatism."

The media and the candidates cannot live in a world of mutually accepted delusion because that's exactly what got us into this mess in the first

place. In 2003, the government sang the praises of American excellence, which the media corroborated. This garnered practically unanimous support of what is now an exceedingly unpopular war.

And then there's the persistent claim that "the market will fix itself." Evidently not. The economy at the moment seems almost impervious to momentum.

During Palin's 2006 gubernatorial race, the governor said she would fund abstinence-only education programs in schools.

The unplanned pregnancy of her eldest daughter is obviously not Palin's fault. There is no doubt that there are traces of sexism in the coverage of this particular situation, and it is certainly within Palin's rights to be upset by it.

Yet, if abstinence-based sex education was ineffective for an individual raised by Palin for 17 years, how will other women be more receptive? Many Americans would be interested in hearing Palin's response to this, but unfortunately she hasn't given them that luxury.

It doesn't seem to occur to Palin that when she ignores the press, she ignores voters. When she doesn't cooperate with the larger part of American media, she doesn't cooperate with America at large. If Palin has no record of allowing her right-wing ideology to infiltrate domestic policy, why discuss it at all? Sen. Joe Biden is morally opposed to abortion, but he doesn't use this to try and sway conservatives, and seldom brings it up. Conversely, the topic is a favorite among conservative pundits and surrogates.

By highlighting Palin's intrinsically neoconservative nature and confining it to merely that, the campaign confers even greater ambiguity on her prospective White House goals. How can one duly argue that she is a pick suited to lure the Republican right, a "shining star" even, when those who claim to really know her positions are so quick to throw her into the center?

ON CAMPUS:

## Elon students need a better perspective

**Kristine Silvestri**  
Guest Columnist

The class of 2012's common reading, "The Shame of the Nation," makes for great summer reading, not just for first year students, but for anyone interested in the stories of millions of poor and minority children who are caught in a cycle of institutional racism that prevents many from achieving economic, social, political and academic success in the future.

Reading "The Shame of the Nation" can help provide readers with insight into privileges people have, in terms of education, class and/or race, which they might not normally be aware of or appreciate.

It is a great privilege not to have to worry about money, or if the next paycheck will not cover the bills.

Many Elon students grew up lucky, in the upper-middle-class and with many comforts. Only some have experienced what it is like to climb down the socio-economic ladder.

Students who think of themselves as political and social activists might think they "understand" what poor people, minorities or other underprivileged groups go through because they "struggle" too, working summer jobs or on campus.

How naïve to think that upper class troubles compare to those in impoverished nations such as Ghana.

The degrees of pain, stress and struggle are so very different for the poor and underprivileged that most white middle-class people will never really understand their experience.

Although many middle-class or upper-middle-class people do experience "money problems," most are still living in a comfortable situation.

Many Elon students have always had to struggle with a part-time, and in some cases, a full-time job to make ends meet, but even those students who have to work a full-time job and balance school may be better off than a local community member from Burlington who will never have the opportunity to attend college.

Most Elon students are privileged and blessed, although at times they do not see it or feel it. It is human nature to complain about disadvantages and troubles, even exaggerate them to gain pity or consolation from others.

It is hard to realize that even when the chips are down, many still have so many cards to play. That is one of the many powerful messages relayed by Kozol in his book "The Shame of the Nation."

The greater moral is that he uses his book as a venue to make people aware of their extra deck of playing cards.

The book is meant to convince readers to use their advantages towards bettering the lives of all people, no matter what race, gender or economic class they may originate.

Readers don't need to go out and personally devote their lives to changing the world like Kozol does, but as national elections approach, many could think about where they stand in life, what opportunities they have been given and what they might try to do to make a difference.

NATIONAL:

## Video games impede on 'real' social contact for young people



**Kristin Leroy**  
Columnist

A new national survey from the Pew Internet & American Life Project found that 97 percent of young adults play video games, and they play them often. That percentage is more than shocking — it's disgusting.

As part of the consumer, media-frenzied culture, it is expected that technologies will be scooped up quickly.

But the statistic that 97 percent of young adults sit in front of a computer or television screen to play games instead of doing something more productive is simply too high.

The stereotypical video gamer of the past would sit in his or her room alone, in the dark, and twiddle

his or her thumbs on a game controller with glazed eyes that only focus on the tiny pixels moving on a computer or television screen. That image has been upgraded.

Today, gamers can be "social" by chatting with other players online or by speaking through a headset like with Halo 3 on the Xbox 360. There is no need for two people to be physically in the same room to play against each other.

This is similar to the invention of the telephone. No longer did people have to walk over to a friend's house to chat. They could simply pick up the phone. Or the invention of text messaging through cell phones. Many young adults don't spend half as much time talking on their phone as they do texting. It is the same with e-mail.

American society is turning into a cubicle in which people do not have to see each other to

have relationships. The traditional social aspects of American culture are becoming obsolete, diminishing quickly with the invention of new technologies.

Because these technologies enable people to communicate without speech or physical presence, many forget how to talk to each other. Behind a screen they can take the time to figure out what they want to say and not have to physically face the person if what they want to say isn't pleasant.

It is going to be difficult for students who want to deal with people in their future careers to succeed if they do not actually take the time to communicate with others. Quicker is not always better.

Perhaps American society needs to look back to the classic years of socialization in American culture, to save society from the detrimental path it is following.

# ELON Food Swap

With so many food options on campus, it is difficult to choose meals with sensible nutritional value. Here are some foods to switch out for less healthy options. They will keep the calories and carbohydrates down while still providing nourishment and energy.



**Chicken Sandwich**  
410 Calories  
16 grams fat  
27 grams protein

VS.



**Char-grilled Chicken Sandwich**  
270 Calories  
3 grams fat  
28 grams protein



**Bread Sticks**  
418 Calories  
13 grams fat  
59.4 carbohydrates

VS.



**Foccacia Dippers**  
144 Calories  
5.5 grams fat  
16 carbohydrates



**Ham Calzone**  
603 Calories  
19.7 grams fat  
70.6 carbohydrates

VS.



**Vegetarian Pizza**  
297 Calories  
8.5 grams fat  
40.1 carbohydrates



**Bacon, egg and cheese biscuit**  
457.8 Calories  
25 grams fat  
40 carbohydrates

VS.



**Ham, egg and cheese on toast**  
280 Calories  
16 grams fat  
14 carbohydrates



**Cheeseburger**  
446 Calories  
24.8 grams fat  
23.8 carbohydrates

VS.



**Bacon, lettuce and tomato**  
229 Calories  
11.5 grams fat  
26.8 carbohydrates



**Cinnamon Crunch Bagel**  
420 Calories  
8 grams fat  
20 grams sugar  
76 carbohydrates

VS.



**Asiago Cheese Bagel**  
370 Calories  
6 grams fat  
4 grams sugar  
61 carbohydrates



**Peanut Butter Energizer**  
474 Calories  
10 grams fat  
73 carbohydrates  
16 grams protein

VS.



**Peachy Pineapple**  
337 calories  
Fat-free  
73 carbohydrates  
11 grams protein

# Achieve Balance

Stay healthy on campus with these nutrition and fitness tips compiled especially for Elon students, faculty and staff.

## How to

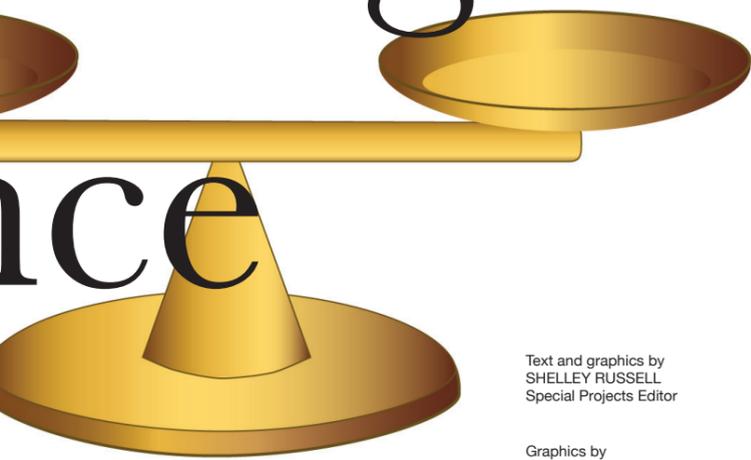
Do the decisions you make every day into a healthy lifestyle

Monday	Tuesday
<p>1. It's Monday and you have an 8 a.m. class. What's for breakfast?</p> <p>a.) You plan ahead, wake up early and eat some fruit or a bowl of cereal.</p> <p>b.) Wake up at 7:50 a.m. and skip breakfast altogether.</p> <p>c.) Eat left-over chocolate cake from your roommate's birthday party last night.</p>	<p>2. On Tuesday you have two classes.</p> <p>a.) Go to bed early and sleep. You have 40 minutes before class are tired.</p> <p>b.) Get up at 7:30 a.m. on Octagon and run late.</p> <p>c.) Wear your clean clothes to class and don't argue between</p>

**Health Nut (23-28 points)**  
You are on the right path to holding off the infamous Freshman 15. But don't be afraid to treat yourself to the occasional cookie or brownie. Too much dietary discipline can cause you to feel unwanted pressure and it could lead to binge eating. In addition, fitness training is good for your body but don't overdo it. Give yourself time to relax.

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## The new food pyramid

**Exercise:** A healthy lifestyle includes 30 minutes of physical activity each day for adults, and 60 minutes of physical activity for children.

The new pyramid, developed by the United States Department of Agriculture in 2005, is more flexible than the original food pyramid from 1992.

This new plan caters to people with a variety of lifestyles and nutrition goals. Suggested servings and the addition of exercise provide a more detailed and useful pyramid for any health-conscious individual.



Grains	Vegetables	Fruits	Milk	Meat/Beans
6 ounces of grains per day, including whole grains.	2.5 cups of vegetables a day. A variety is best.	2 cups of fruit a day.	3 cups of low-fat dairy products each day.	5.5 ounces of un-fried seafood, lean meats and beans.

**Oils:**  
Fats should come mainly from fish, nuts and vegetable oils. Intake of butter, margarine and other solid fats should be kept to a minimum.

For more information about the food pyramid, or to develop a personal plan and daily menu, visit [www.mypyramid.gov](http://www.mypyramid.gov).

## Healthy is your week?

...make at Elon about food and exercise translate ...? Take this quiz to see how you weigh in.

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday/Sunday
<p>1. On your Tuesdays</p> <p>On Tuesdays, you have a two-hour break between classes. Do you...</p> <p>a.) Go home and go to bed. Those one-hour classes are a waste of time!</p> <p>b.) Get a snack from the vending machine. You'll go for a walk after class.</p> <p>c.) Do a 15-minute work-out before your first class and go to the gym after your last class.</p>	<p>3. While studying in your dorm room, you work up an appetite. What do you do?</p> <p>a.) Grab a granola bar to keep you going.</p> <p>b.) Ignore your hungry stomach. You're not supposed to eat anything after 8 p.m. anyway.</p> <p>c.) Call Domino's and order a large pizza and wings for you and your roommate.</p>	<p>4. You run into Acorn Coffee Shop to get some early-morning coffee but you are tempted by the chocolate croissants. You...</p> <p>a.) Get a banana instead. You never eat sweets.</p> <p>b.) Eat one. They go great with a vanilla latte.</p> <p>c.) Get two croissants, one to eat before class, and another for after class.</p>	<p>5. You were thinking about playing racquetball on Friday afternoon but you ran into some friends who asked you to watch a movie with them. You...</p> <p>a.) Accept the offer. The weekend means a three-day break from work and fitness.</p> <p>b.) Tell them you will see them later. You have to get in your daily exercise.</p> <p>c.) Take a rain check. After racquetball, you have to jog and do some weight training.</p>	<p>6. It's admissions' open house weekend so you and your suitemates head to Harden for an all-you-can-eat brunch. What's on your plate?</p> <p>a.) Some veggies and chicken. You'll get dessert as a second helping.</p> <p>b.) Plate? Which one? You have four plates, one from every station.</p> <p>c.) A small salad, dressing on the side.</p>

**Practical Diner (17-22 points)**  
You let yourself indulge in sweets and eat whenever you are hungry, but you also make fitness a priority. Working off calories and maintaining a comfortable diet will lead you to keep up with proper nutrition and exercise long-term.

**Comfortable Consumer (10-16)**  
Oversized portions and sweets are commonplace in your diet. But trimming the size of your portions will cut back on calories and give you more energy. Foods with too many fats and calories will make you feel drowsy because your body is using energy to break down the foods.

**It's time to weigh in...**

1) a. 5 b. 2 c. 2      4) a. 5 b. 3 c. 2  
 2) a. 2 b. 3 c. 5      5) a. 1 b. 4 c. 5  
 3) a. 4 b. 2 c. 1      6) a. 3 b. 2 c. 4

# Style

## The cycle of success

Elon professor participates in 103-mile-long bike race this weekend



Tom Arcaro leaves his office in Holland House during his lunch break to squeeze in an "easy" 25-mile ride to prepare for his upcoming race. Arcaro participates in the Six Gap Century bicycling event this weekend in Georgia.

Laura Smith  
Reporter

This weekend, while most Elon professors will spend their two precious days off relaxing at home or grading papers, sociology professor Dr. Thomas Arcaro will be in the North Georgia Mountains, bicycling for 103 miles.

Arcaro will be participating in the Six Gap Century bicycling event on Sept. 28 in northern Georgia. Beginning at 7:30 a.m. in Dahlonega, Ga., approximately 2,500 riders will bike across 103 miles of rocky terrain and hills up to 3,490 feet tall.

As this year marks the 20th anniversary of the race, Arcaro believes there will be a good turnout of supporters and will make for a huge cycling event.

"In my fantasy world, I don't think it would be impossible for Lance Armstrong to show up," Arcaro joked.

Arcaro began bicycling when he started participating in triathlons in the late 1980s. He started with 5Ks, then 10Ks, and eventually marathons. He loved the exertion so much that he continued to push himself harder. Arcaro even participated in the Boston Marathon and the Ironman competition. Earlier this month, Arcaro participated in the Tour de Moore in Moore County, N.C.

The Tour de Moore was the same distance as the Six Gap Century, but with fewer hills. Arcaro finished the Tour de Moore in five hours and 35 minutes. He predicts the Six Gap will take him closer to seven.

"This is a whole different beast," he said.

During the event, Arcaro will sustain his energy by stopping at stations called SAG stops, where volunteers replenish the riders with food and drinks. Though he plans to keep his energy level high with healthy foods like pretzels and fruit, Arcaro knows how important it is to stop as little as possible to maintain his energy. His strategy is to stay with

a group of other riders.

"Biking is just like a lot of things, it's easier if you're in a pack," he said. "Partially because of the aerodynamic advantage of riding behind someone — even when you're going slower, having someone pace you takes some of the psychological duress off."

"If you happen to be with a good group at the time, then that really determines what you do and what you don't do," he said. "It's actually critical to hook up with people at the same skill level because together you're stronger than you are alone."

For now, Arcaro said he is trying to prepare both physically and mentally as much as he can. He said that he stays healthy for these events by taking multi-vitamins, drinking pomegranate juice and getting to sleep early.

"I've found that once I've got a race on my calendar, I'm a lot more conscientious about what I eat and my sleeping," he said.

More sleep definitely does not mean less work for Arcaro.

"I've been trying as much as possible to do more hill work," he said. "It's more of a science than you think. I've really learned in the last few weeks of doing hill work that it really matters how you pace yourself."

Most of all, he feels very grateful to be able to do what he loves.

"What will keep me going is the gift of being able to do it — it's honoring that gift," he said. "There's a bazillion people in this world that don't have the health that most Americans enjoy, that I enjoy. And I realize every second of the day what a gift it is to be able to do this. The race day is actually a celebration."

Arcaro is planning on participating in triathlons again in the near future as well.

"I've got nothing stopping me. I plan on doing this as long as my body allows," Arcaro said. "When I'm at that starting line, there's no place in the world I'd rather be."

## Students must be aware of risks and rewards of credit cards

Sarah Beth Costello  
Reporter

Life as a college student can be very expensive. On top of tuition, there's room and board, books, school supplies, parking permits — and the list goes on. The high cost of education pressures many students into using a credit card, a convenient little device that can become hazardous if used without caution.

The risks and benefits of a credit card must be thoughtfully debated before anyone, especially a college student, applies for one.

"You really have to be careful with credit cards," Ferris Morrison, spokesperson for Wachovia's corporate headquarters, said.

Many Elon students are members of Wachovia which is convenient for students because an ATM is located on campus and a branch is located nearby on Church Street. Because of Wachovia's proximity to Elon's campus, the bank has had experience

with first-time credit card holders.

When comparing credit card offers, consider the annual percentage rate (APR). Usually, the card with the lowest APR accrues the least interest and is easiest to maintain. Confirm that the APR rate is not just a "teaser" rate that will increase later. Parents are often an experienced resource when it comes to selecting a card.

"Wachovia recommends that parents co-sign when students apply," Morrison said. "Students should also set credit cards to a low limit."

Students with bad credit ratings are less likely to be approved for a credit card, but keeping a low monthly balance and paying in full every month is a good way to build good credit.

But it is easy to fall into debt and ruin a once-good credit score.

It is important to keep records of all expenses by saving all receipts and recording all checks.

Consumers should then compare all records to their bank statements. These steps are simple if done immediately rather than letting the receipts accumulate. Most banks allow customers to check their accounts online to track finances at any time.

Morrison suggested visiting any bank branch for more information about creating a budget. According to Wachovia's Web site, the purpose of a budget is making plans and following through. The Web site also has a student page that gives facts about saving, paying for college and managing money.

Though it can be intimidating at first, students must invest time in learning smart banking practices now before paying steep costs later.

### Risks

Credit Card

- Many companies add interest rates of 15 - 18 percent to unpaid balances.
- Failing to properly dispose of credit card statements or offers increases the risk of identity fraud. Paper shredders are available in the mail center in Moseley.
- Debt adds up very quickly, and can hurt a student's chances of getting loans, other credit cards or apartments later on.

### Rewards

Credit Card

- Start to build a credit history, which makes it easy to borrow money for big purchases later on.
- Credit cards are invaluable when it comes to expensive emergencies that students might not have the cash to pay for immediately.
- Many credit card companies offer incentives for cardholders, like air miles, cash back or charitable gifts.

# Student helps African refugees find new homes

Maria Victoria Langman  
Reporter

Bonnie Harvey knows what it is like to be an outsider living in a foreign country.

After spending two semesters in Africa, Harvey returned to Elon with a mission: to help African refugees find a new life in America.

Harvey, a senior International Studies major, spent Winter Term 2008 in Ghana, and studied abroad in South Africa the following spring.

It was there that she became involved with several organizations dedicated to helping poor South African families.

Harvey saw first-hand the impoverished lifestyles that the families dealt with every day, but was also impressed by their big hearts and acceptance toward her.

The experience affected Harvey so much that upon returning to Elon, the West Virginia native looked for ways to continue to help the African people.

Sophie Adamson, an assistant professor of French, told Harvey about the North Carolina African Services Coalition in Greensboro.

The NCASC is a non-profit organization that helps African refugees build a new life in North Carolina by providing them with assistance in everything from figuring out how to use public transportation to translation services to career services.

"Students at Elon don't realize how many refugees there are in our backyard," Harvey said.

About 10 African families find refuge in North Carolina each year.

To help, contact Bonnie Harvey or visit the NCASC Web site at [www.ASCAfrica.org](http://www.ASCAfrica.org)

She said that each year, about 10 African families come from countries like Senegal and Sudan and need to become acclimated to the American culture.

The program is constantly searching for volunteers.

"Many college students hear about these kinds of things, but think they can't do anything about it," Harvey said. "There's a lot that can be done."

She added that African-American studies majors are especially well-suited for volunteering with this organization, but students from all majors can find a way to help.

In particular, students who speak French are needed to act as translators.

After graduating, Harvey hopes to volunteer with the Peace Corps before attending graduate school.

She hopes that in her remaining time at Elon she will be able to inspire her classmates to make a difference in the lives of those who have already impacted hers.



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While studying abroad in South Africa, Bonnie Harvey volunteered two days a week in the Kayamandi township. She tutored and organized athletic programs for children in the village.

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# Metzger wins 20th consecutive national award

Amanda Kennison  
Reporter

At the ripe age of 25, Jon Metzger, associate professor of music, churned out his first professional compositions. Twenty-four years later, Metzger has racked up a remarkable amount of awards and musical experiences.

With the ability to play all percussion instruments and the piano, Metzger has achieved a goal few musicians ever accomplish: His career in music has spanned decades and shows no sign of slowing down.

Earlier this month, Metzger received his 20th consecutive American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers Plus award. The society offers an annual contest to recognize established writers whose catalogs display exceptional quality. Recipients receive a cash prize and prestigious recognition.

**What is the ASCAP Plus submission process like? What pieces were you honored for by this particular award?**

**JM:** I submitted an application detailing the activity generated by my catalog for the past year. Of note for this past year were my new published compositions, including "Riversong" for solo vibraphone, "Paste and Cut" and "Did You Say We're Done" for jazz quartet and "Magnificat" and "Nunc Dimittis" for choir and jazz trio, several 2007 albums on which I performed, including "Waltzing the Splendor" with Clair Ritter and Dave Holland, "Sing Me Down" with Neena Freelon and John Brown and "Insight at Midnight" with Baron Tymus and Thomas Taylor and numerous 2007 performances, including those at the Percussive Arts Society's International Convention, Colgate University, McDaniel College and Towson University, among others.

**What are your thoughts about winning your 20th consecutive award?**

**JM:** First of all, I didn't realize it had been 20 years until a friend pointed it out to me. I'm really happy for the longevity because it points to the kind of player and composer I always wanted to be. All of my training was geared toward succeeding in the creative process for a long, long time. I had no interest in being a "sometime" or "one-time" kind of player or writer.

**How did you first get interested in music?**

**JM:** I've always been around music. I grew up with it. My mother played piano and violin really well. We played together always. Her father played violin and trumpet and led the town band. From those early beginnings, I was very fortunate that one thing led to another through school programs, youth orchestra, private lessons and other influences. Music became a way of life, constantly perpetuating itself.

**What do you love about music?**

**JM:** Clearly, my love for it stems from the joy of creating sound and experiencing rhythm. The other great things about it, among many others, are the interactions with the other musicians, the other individuals you meet and the places it takes you.

**What has been your most exciting musical experience?**

**JM:** The short answer to this is: Whatever piece I just finished playing. No kidding, I try to bring that kind of thinking to every musical situation. The long answer is: When I was selected by the U.S. State Department to serve as a jazz ambassador and represent our American culture



LINDSAY FENDT | Assistant Photo Editor

The awards panel recognized Metzger for his accomplishments in jazz composition, including "Riversong," performed on the solo vibraphone, pictured above.

abroad. I toured with my quartet in more than 20 foreign countries and performed two concerts at each stop — one for our U.S. ambassador and his or her guests and the other, which was my favorite, for the public. We also participated in a cultural exchange with local musicians at each stop, which I loved. The experience taught me so much on so many levels, including what it means to be an American performing American music.

**Are you planning to apply for the award again? Are you currently working on any new pieces?**

**JM:** Yes, I mark my calendar for it every year. New pieces? Yes, my publisher for music for percussion has asked me

for two more solo vibraphone pieces, which I've started. Now that we're into the semester at Elon, their completion will have to wait until Christmas break.

**Why do you encourage students to pursue their musical passions?**

**JM:** One reason is that the potential of music is without limits. A musician is not "locked in." You can create your own circumstances. Another reason, especially for the college-aged student, is that you've made it this far — now you owe it to yourself to find out how far you can go. All work toward playing music will pay you back in countless ways.

## Acclaimed master printer's work to hang at Elon

Charles Steele's "Serigraphs and Drawings" exhibition, featuring art made with graphite and chalk, will open at Elon Sept. 25.

Mary Bedard  
Reporter

"Serigraphs and Drawings," which presents 35 years of carefully selected work created by master printer and artist Charles Steele, will open Thursday, Sept. 25 in the Isabella Cannon Room at Elon.

As a master printer, Steele has gained both national and international recognition during his career, having worked in Andy Warhol's factory, and Watanbee Studios in New York City and for artists like Sol LeWitt and Robert Mangold.

Serigraphs, graphite and chalk works, serve as the focus of the exhibition. Many of the pieces are screenprints from the years he spent in New York and Michigan.

Children's art, particularly children's art from a special education program in Michigan, is the main influence behind the exhibition.

Michael Fels, gallery director of the exhibition and former mentor to Steele, noted that Steele has worked alongside many of the 20th century artists students now study.

"His prints demonstrate incredible execution, yet appear naïve — almost like outsider art," Fels said.

Likewise, Steele often refers to himself as a surrealist in expressionist clothing.

His former status as a master printer for Watanbee Studios indicates expertise and

accomplishment in fine prints.

Babylon.com defines a master printer as "a printer who has studied and practiced all processes, including serigraphy, lithography, intaglio and relief painting. Advanced techniques must be mastered in each process. Generally, 100 editions must be produced to earn the title."

Steele, having met these requirements, has since specialized in serigraphy.

Serigraphy first became a modern art medium in 1938 when a group of New York artists, associated with the Federal Art Project, experimented with silk-screening.

Although silk has long since been replaced by finely-woven mesh, the technique has become a part of pop art culture.

Serigraphy, also called screen-printing and silk-screening, involves an image or design being superimposed onto a fine mesh screen and special paint being pushed by a squeegee through the screen onto paper beneath.

A stencil in the shape of the design blocks the ink from penetrating the screen in certain areas, leaving the paper beneath the stencil uncolored.

Multiple colors are often used, with each color requiring a separate stencil.

Serigraphy has become popular because of its low cost and its ability to print on various types of media.

Many master printers, such as Charles Steele, use a variety of media to complement their serigraphs.

Steele has recently been diagnosed with dementia, a progressive, non-specific illness which affects many higher cognitive functions, including memory and attention.

He has thus lost many of his abilities to create art, leaving the exhibition as a true accumulation of his life's greatest works.

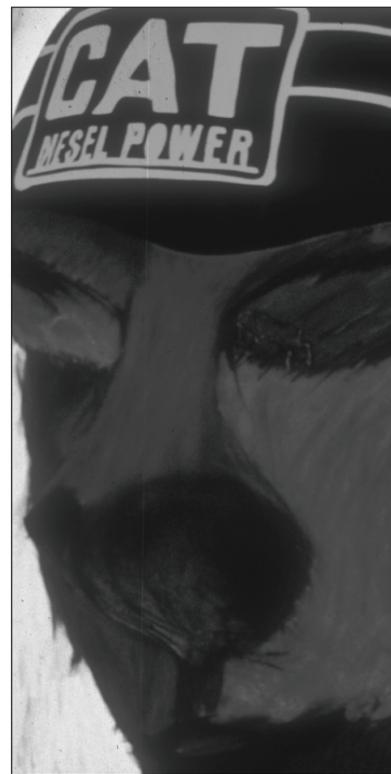


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Steele's "Catman Diesel," 1993, screenprint and chalk.

### IF YOU GO:

**What:** Charles Steele: Serigraphs and Drawings

**When:** Sept. 25 to Feb. 18

**Where:** Isabella Cannon Room

**Admission:** Free

### A&E IN BRIEF

**Nationally renowned humorist to perform during Family Weekend**

Humorist Jeanne Robertson, an award-winning speaker and humorist who appears regularly on XM Radio, will perform during Family Weekend at 4:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26 in McCrary Theatre. The event is free and open to the public. She is a university trustee and is known for using G-rated humor to comment on everyday life. She has written three books and produced five DVDs.

**SUBlive presents Rob Paravonian**

Comedian and musician Rob Paravonian, who can frequently be seen on Comedy Central, will appear courtesy of SUBlive at 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26 in McKinnon Hall. Free food and drinks will be provided. He is best known for his "Pachelbel Rant," in which he makes fun of the use of the "Pachelbel Canon" chord progression in many popular songs. The video of "Pachelbel Rant" has become a YouTube staple.

**Movie on the Lawn: 'Get Smart'**

SUB's Movie on the Lawn this week is "Get Smart," a film update of the 1960s TV show about Maxwell Smart, an intelligent but clumsy analyst at the government organization CONTROL. Chaos ensues when he gets promoted to field agent alongside his less-inept co-worker, Agent 99. The movie will begin at 9 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 27 at Young Commons. Free popcorn will be provided. "Get Smart" stars Steve Carell, Anne Hathaway, Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson and Alan Arkin.

# Twisted, sweet and rip[ped]

Elon's a cappella groups beat box, sing solos, dance and harmonize top tunes

Elise Delmerico  
Reporter

College campuses across the country pride themselves on boasting excellent a cappella groups and, as usual, Elon doesn't fail to deliver.

Maybe you've encountered them performing at Midnight Meals or at the recent opening of Brown & Co.

Perhaps you've noticed their music on YouTube, or even been lucky enough to spot them in person.

But maybe you don't have a clue as to who our very own groups are and what exactly it is they do.

Twisted Measure, Sweet Signatures and Rip\_Chord are the three selective a cappella entities on campus that, using purely vocals, imitate sounds of instruments to accompany their singing performances.

The mission statement of Twisted Measure, the co-ed group, encompasses the spirit of these entertainers who "aim to bring the joy of a cappella to Elon and the surrounding community."

Those who have never experienced an a cappella performance should be prepared for a high-energy event.

The singers harmonize, beat box and perform solos. Dancing and feeling the rhythm of the music they create is all part of the act.

"It's awesome to have a crowd that knows the lyrics and is clapping along," said Alexa Terry, president of the co-ed group Twisted Measure. "We love what we do, and when the audience is engaged, the adrenaline



FILE PHOTO

Twisted Measure, pictured here performing last year at a spring concert in Whitley Auditorium, will perform Oct. 16 in Rhodes Stadium at the Invisible Children walk-a-thon.

rush is indescribable."

Though entertaining a crowd is the main reason these individuals work tirelessly two to three evenings per week, the sense of community that being in an a cappella group provides is like that of a sports team, play cast or Greek organization.

"I love how much fun our guys have together both in and out of

the singing world," Phillip Zakas, president of Rip\_Chord said. "And yet, amidst all the jokes and goofing off, we manage to sound great together!"

For the discerning listener, have no fear. With rock, pop, oldies, R&B and hip-hop, these groups have you covered.

Song selections are as wide-ranging as Michael Buble's

"Everything" performed by the all-female Sweet Signatures, to One Republic and Timbaland's "Apologize" performed by Rip\_Chord.

As the fall semester is well underway, eager listeners have plenty of opportunities to catch their favorite group in action.

On Saturday Sept. 27, as parents and siblings flock to campus for Family Weekend, all three groups will be providing entertainment for picnic-goers and passersby alike.

Also on Oct. 16, Twisted Measure will belt it out in Rhodes Stadium during the Invisible Children walk-a-thon.

Additionally, be on the lookout for Midnight Meals performances throughout October and November to satisfy your late-night hankering for sweets and soulful melodies alike.

The vocal talent of these Sweet, Twisted and Rip[ped] groups is becoming increasingly popular on campus, so make it a point to catch a performance when you're in the mood for a rocking, up-beat time.

Can't stand living without hearing these groups at your convenience? Simply visit [www.elon.edu/sweet signatures or rip\\_chord](http://www.elon.edu/sweet signatures or rip_chord) or [twistedmeasure](http://www.twistedmeasure.com) in order to learn how to order your own CD, find their upcoming events and browse their song repertoire.

And for the YouTube junkies, try searching for an Elon a cappella group to spice up a late night of studying.

## Collage performance will light up Family Weekend

Corinne Ayoub  
Reporter

Another night of entertainment, warmth and love at Elon is happening soon.

The event that sells out every year and has people waiting anxiously in line is back: Collage.

Each year the musical theatre program comes together twice to perform as a whole, once at Collage night during Family Weekend and once at Grand Night at the end of spring semester.

Senior Caroline Casey called Collage an invigorating way to start off the year.

"Most importantly, these showcases display Elon music theatre for what it is: a family," Casey said. "We are each other's core. If there is one characteristic a performer must have in this business, it is passion."

In Collage, the students pick out the songs themselves.

"It's another chance for us to perform and to show kids our talent outside of a musical," senior Chase Brown said. "Any opportunities we get, we always love to perform. Collage is one of my favorite things to do every year."

The performances, Collage and Grand Night, are two of the most anticipated shows of the year because of their incorporation of different styles within the musical theatre art form.

This is a sad and meaningful time for seniors because this is their last year performing in Collage.

"It's really bittersweet for us," Brown said. "It's one of the things I will miss most out of performing arts. It's never anything but amazing."

Two of the songs being performed by seniors only include: "Tom, Dick and Harry" from the musical "Kiss Me Kate" and "Flesh Failure" from the musical "Hair."

It's a sensitive time for senior

### Want to go?

**What:** A musical theater review featuring some of Broadway's most memorable songs

**When:** 7 p.m. and 8:15 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26 and 6 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27

**Where:** Yeager Recital Hall

**Admission:** Tickets are \$10 or free with Elon ID. A limited number of tickets will be available at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26, at the Center for the Arts box office

Steven Baker as well.

"It's surreal a lot of times," Baker said about being a senior. "It hasn't hit me yet."

Baker said that more than anything right now it's about business, trying to get rehearsals together and making the performance as great as it's always been.

"It's always exciting to come back," Baker said. "It's the first thing we do as a department and a good way to start the year."

Collage will be held in Yeager Recital Hall at 7 p.m. and 8:15 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 26 and at 6 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 27.

Tickets are available for \$10 or free with Elon ID. A limited number of tickets will be available at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26.

### MOVIE REVIEW ★★★★★

## Samuel L. Jackson shines in 'Lakeview Terrace'

Adam Constantine  
Reviewer

Tension is the name of the game in "Lakeview Terrace." Chris (Patrick Wilson) and Lisa Mattson (Kerry Washington) have just moved into their first house in an upscale neighborhood in Los Angeles. To them, it seems like the perfect place to start a family and continue their young, married lives together. But not everyone in the neighborhood shares that same sympathy.

Abel Turner (Samuel L. Jackson) has been a hard-working L.A.P.D. officer for 28 years and has done well for himself and his two children. Since his wife passed away three years before, he has been doing what he can to make ends meet and raise his children the way he thinks they should be raised. Key words being the way he thinks they should.

His law enforcement attitude permeates into his home life and affects others around him, especially his new neighbors. His problem has nothing to do with the character of his new cul-de-sac counterparts, but their races. He is very intolerant of the fact that Chris is white and Lisa is black. He dislikes it so much that he will stop at nothing to see to it that they move because of "unfriendly and unwelcome" circumstances.

The uncomfortable tension turns into unbearable hostility as the Mattsons realize that there is no reasoning with Abel Turner. With him, it is his way or whatever it takes to make them see it his way. Since they can't call the police, Chris and Lisa are placed in a situation they never thought they would be in: the wrong side of the law.

While this film won't be the



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greatest movie of the year, the plot was a fresh idea that brought some diversity (no pun intended) to this weekend's box office. One of the interesting things to notice about this film is that people from different backgrounds will have varying opinions about some of the statements made.

Jackson continues to show his acting prowess as he progresses in his career. While many of the one-liners and harsh words create tension, it is the nonverbal reactions among the actors that really sell the emotion. Jackson knows how to react so that the audience can feel whatever emotion may be coursing through his body.

Wilson and Washington play great supporting contrast to the strong-willed and headstrong Jackson. If you are looking for a film that gives you that all-too-familiar feeling that this world is never as perfect as it seems to be, then look up the next showing at Carousel Cinemas at Alamance Crossing.

# Big names scheduled to perform around Elon this fall

## Raleigh

**Lucinda Williams**  
7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 30  
Progress Energy Center Raleigh Memorial  
Tickets \$30-\$35

**The Allman Brothers Band and Phil Lesh and Friends**  
6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3  
Time Warner Cable Music Pavilion  
Tickets \$22-\$54

**The Black Keys**  
9 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5  
Disco Rodeo  
Tickets \$22

**Drive-By Truckers & The Hold Steady "Rock 'n' Roll Means Well Tour"**  
8:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 3  
Lincoln Theater  
Tickets \$23

**Jerry Seinfeld**  
7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14  
Progress Energy Center Raleigh Memorial  
Tickets \$47-\$77

## Greensboro

**Janet Jackson "Rock Witchu Tour" with special guest LL Cool J**  
7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4  
Greensboro Coliseum Complex  
Tickets \$49.75-\$99.75

**Staind with special guests Seether & Papa Roach**  
6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7  
Greensboro Coliseum Complex  
Tickets \$35

**Boys Like Girls**  
7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 8  
Greensboro Coliseum Complex  
Tickets \$27.50

**Aggie SGA Homecoming Concert featuring Young Jeezy, T-Pain, Shawty Lo, Plies and Rick Ross**  
7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11  
Greensboro Coliseum Complex  
Tickets \$34.50

**Nine Inch Nails "Lights in the Sky Tour"**  
7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 3  
Greensboro Coliseum Complex  
Tickets \$25-\$45



Jam band O.A.R. performs in Cary at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26 at the Koka Booth Amphitheatre. O.A.R. performed at Elon in spring 2006. PHOTO COURTESY OF WWW.ORG.S.ODU.EDU

**Larry the Cable Guy**  
8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23  
Greensboro Coliseum Complex  
Tickets \$44.25

## Charlotte

**Mary J. Blige**  
7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27  
Verizon Wireless Amphitheatre  
Tickets \$53.75-\$194.75

**New Kids on the Block**  
8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30  
Time Warner Cable Arena  
Tickets \$35-\$75

**AC/DC**  
7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18  
Time Warner Cable Arena  
Tickets \$91.50

## Durham

**B.B. King**  
7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30  
Durham Performing Arts Center  
Tickets \$38-\$68



Carrie Underwood performs in Winston-Salem at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 24 at Joel Coliseum. PHOTO COURTESY OF WWW.BLOG.PENNLIVE.COM

## Winston-Salem

**Carrie Underwood**  
7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24  
Joel Coliseum  
Tickets \$33.50-\$53.50

## Cary

**O.A.R. "All Sides Tour"**  
7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26  
Koka Booth Amphitheatre  
Tickets \$29.50

## TV REVIEW ★★★

# Fifth season of 'House' off to a good start with premiere

**Suzanne Lassise**  
Reporter

Move over, "Grey's Anatomy," the real doctor is in. Everyone's favorite narcissist Dr. Greg House (Hugh Laurie) returned for the fifth season of "House" on Sept. 16.

In true "House" fashion, the episode begins with the patient of the week hallucinating ants all over her body and being immediately admitted to Princeton Plainsboro. But because of the animosity between Wilson (Robert Sean Leonard) and House from the accidental death of Wilson's girlfriend, it is completely up to the new residents to treat the patient.

As the "bromance" between House and Wilson continues to diminish, the new resident Thirteen (Olivia Wilde) takes the lead in the case. Determined to solve the case herself, Thirteen refuses to ask for House's frighteningly accurate diagnosis.

As the episode builds momentum, Wilson and House finally speak to each other for the first time in weeks when Wilson announces he is leaving Princeton Plainsboro. House reacts to the news the only way he knows how: with skepticism and sarcasm. House

obviously believes that Wilson is merely putting on an act to get attention, but this is not an act. House's irritability continues to grow as Wilson's decision sinks in, and he makes Thirteen his main target to release his frustrations. Annoyed by Thirteen's inability to diagnose the patient, House disclosed her Huntington's Chorea to the entire group while debating the diagnosis for the critically ill patient.

After multiple misdiagnoses, Thirteen finally caves and asks House for his opinion. As always, House concludes that the patient has a rare disease that no one would ever think of and miraculously finds the correct diagnosis. The episode ends with a jaw-dropping conversation between Wilson and House as Wilson packs up his desk and leaves his office.

After a few minutes of bickering about his resignation, the topic changes to the death of Wilson's girlfriend, and House, possibly for the first time in his life, apologizes. Instead of the cliché "kiss and make up," Wilson accepts House's apology but throws his last dagger as he exits: "We aren't friends anymore, House. I'm not sure if we really ever were."



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"House" is without a doubt the best show played on Tuesday nights. Considering its competition includes captivating teen-dramas like "90210," it's practically a no-brainer. What is most interesting about the show is that House is an absolute jerk, yet everyone looks forward to his harsh quips and sarcastic remarks to even the most innocent bystanders.

All of the skepticism this season would not be as successful without

Chase and Cameron taking leading roles can be put to rest. The show continues to be equally captivating without the Australian eye candy.

"House's" dynamic remains the same, and hopefully it will continue to do so. Anyone who has yet to be hooked on "House" should seriously consider watching next week, as it seems to be more susceptible to newer viewers. "House" plays on FOX Tuesdays at 8 p.m.

# Older students bring new zest for learning

Carolyn VanBrocklin  
Reporter

What kind of person does the term "college student" bring to mind?

Probably someone in his or her late teens or early twenties or someone who wants to get out of college as soon as possible.

While there are certainly college students who plan on attending graduate school, how many would come back years later to earn other degrees and continue their education?

Robin Gagne, Charles Basa and Bill Smith are three individuals who value furthering their education.

All three are what you might call "nontraditional" college students: Individuals who already hold degrees and have jobs, but have chosen to return to school to earn other degrees.

Gagne is a former member of the Air National Guard, where she served as a nurse.

She attended Springfield Technical Community College in Springfield, Mass., where she earned degrees in nursing, bio-medical technologies and liberal arts.

This is Gagne's third semester at Elon. She is working on obtaining a degree in history.

"I returned to school after the birth of my daughter and never seemed to stop going nights and days and some weekends," Gagne said.

Gagne said she believes her desire for education was instilled in her by her parents.

Gagne's father was stationed at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland, and the family often took trips into Washington, D.C. to "tour each and every historical monument and museum that the city had to

offer."

"I think that education has always been valued by my parents because they did not have the opportunity to even graduate from high school," she said.

As time has gone on, Gagne notices more and more differences from when she was first a college student, such as the technological advancements that are now a part of everyday use.

She also has to balance work with her home life. Instead of simply sitting down to do homework and then running to a dining hall for a meal, she must also cook dinner and take care of her house.

Bill Smith is a teacher of G.E.D. Spanish and English courses at Alamance Community College.

He already has a theology degree, but decided to come back to college to formalize his Spanish skills by obtaining a degree. He said he has "always been interested in creative writing."

He began taking occasional classes in 1994, but has been taking classes every semester at Elon for the past three years.

Smith places a high value on education because he was the first person from his immediate family to attend college.

Unlike Gagne, Smith said his family never put much emphasis on the importance of a good education.

"I was never pushed to work hard on academics," he said. "It was something inside versus something I was pushed to do."

Smith still teaches at Alamance County College. In addition to planning lessons for his class, he has to do homework for his Elon classes and balance a family life.



LINDSAY FENDT | Assistant Photo Editor  
Charles Basa sits in the front row of his international relations class. Basa, along with Bill Smith and Robin Gagne, is one of Elon's nontraditional students who values education regardless of age.

Smith has a son who graduated from Elon, and a 5-year-old daughter. He said sometimes he finds it difficult to be away from his home and family for so much of the day, but he knows his education is worth the pain.

"It's a lot easier for me to be teaching than it is being a student," Smith said. "But sometimes being a student is more interesting, almost second nature."

Both Gagne and Smith have broken the mold of what it means to be a traditional college student and show their younger peers that sometimes the quest for education is never-ending.



DAVID WELLS | Photo Editor  
Bill Smith listens to his professor in an Arts of Latin America class.

## HOW TO: Use Skype

### 1) Getting started

Purchase a USB microphone and headphones. Download the program at [www.skype.com](http://www.skype.com) and choose a unique screenname.

### 2) Finding contacts

Sign in to the program and click the "Add Contact" button to add the real name, screenname or e-mail address of the person you want to contact. You can also call landline or cell phone numbers.

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Computer-to-computer calls are free. If you want to call a phone, you need to purchase calling minutes. The Skype Web site offers calling packages and "pay as you go" plans. Plug in your microphone and headphones, find your friend's contact name on your buddy list, and click the green phone icon to get connected.

### 4) ... And more!

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### 5) Stay connected

Use Skype to stay in touch with friends abroad or to make local calls without using too many cell phone minutes.

Is there something you've always wanted to know HOW TO do? Let us know! Send your ideas to [pendulum@elon.edu](mailto:pendulum@elon.edu).



## OVERHEARD AT ELON U

"Ever walked in on a conversation and wish you hadn't? Overhear a comment that made you wonder just how rigorous Elon's admission process is? Here's the place to share."

Junior Nick Massa created "Overheard at Elon U," a Facebook group that highlights ridiculous comments made by Elon students.

The group features daily posts and hosts more than 780 members.

Professor: "How many of you have ever propagated before?"

Girl in class: "Oh, every day!"

Professor: "Do you even know what that means?"

-Overheard by Nick Massa

"I need to see you so badly. My weekend has just been wicked miztastic."

-Overheard by Bethany Swanson

"Oh my god, I hate the rain. I look like a freaking refugee right now."

-Overheard by Linda Kurtz

# A conversation with: Bo Williamson and A.J. Harris



Sports Editor Michelle Longo sat down with two football stars, senior Bo Williamson and red-shirted freshman A.J. Harris, to talk about individual accolades, recent team success and Southern Conference play.

**ML:** What does it mean for you to have a game where you set career-highs and play so well as an individual and a team?

**BW:** It means a lot to me. You always want to go out and have one of your best games and it just so happened to be then for me. Most importantly our team played great then too, so it was just really good.

**AJH:** At this point in the season, starting off struggling in the first two games, having that kind of game against Presbyterian was kind of what we needed to prove to ourselves we are Elon University and we are here to play SoCon football.

**ML:** Two weekends ago was the first time both athletes were named SoCon player of the week. What is the atmosphere like surrounding that?



FILE PHOTO  
Senior captain and wide receiver Bo Williamson has set many career-highs during his tenure on the Elon squad.

**BW:** It's a great honor. I mean we only have 12 weeks where you can receive an award and being a senior and being my first time it is very important to me. It is a good accolade for me. We got a win too, and that is most important.

**AJH:** It's a real confidence booster. It shows I have been working hard and people are noticing.

**ML:** What is the difference in your surroundings and atmosphere between playing at home and on the road?

**BW:** When you play at home you have your friends behind you 100 percent. They are going to be cheering and when you are on offense they are going to be kind of quiet and when the other team is on offense the crowd is kind of loud. When we are away, like at Georgia Southern, it's harder for us to hear and communicate with one another.

**AJH:** We definitely have to focus more; it's a new surrounding and sometimes bigger crowds so we need to always be a lot more focused on what we are doing.

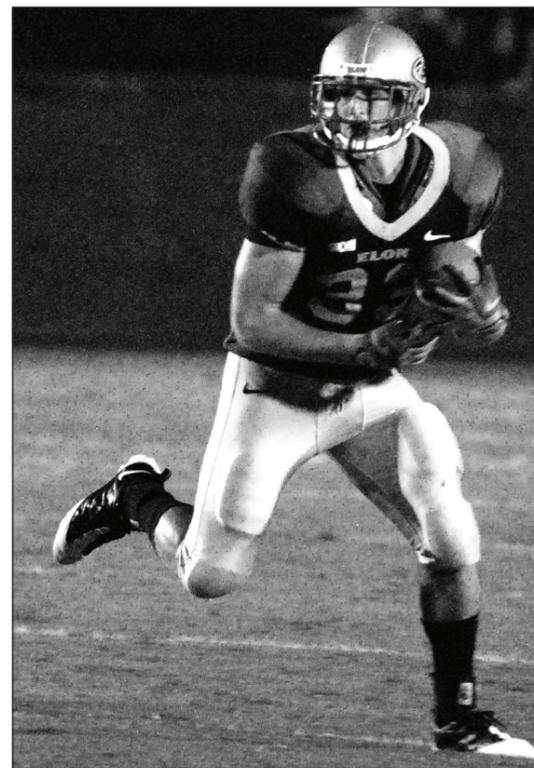
**ML:** It will be Family Weekend here next weekend. What is the significance of that going into the game on Saturday?

**BW:** It means a lot. Everyone's family gets to come back, especially people from Florida and Virginia. Me playing [in my home town], most of the time my family can come anyway, but everyone else's family gets to come out and support them. And it just means a lot to get everyone out here and especially the freshmen's parents to see them play. It's great to get a lot of fan support.

**AJH:** It's a special weekend because everyone is coming out to see us win, as usual, but we really need to put on a show for our fans because usually we have a huge crowd on Family Weekend.

**ML:** You're playing Samford next week and it is their first year in the league. What's it like having the uncertainty of never having played that team before? Does that take away or add anything to your game?

**BW:** It's just another game. [Even though] we don't know about them we still prepare for them the right way. It's just another ballgame for us.



FILE PHOTO  
Red-shirted freshman running back A.J. Harris has popped onto the scene for the injured starter Dontay Taylor and is quickly making his presence known.

**AJH:** We treat them just like any other SoCon team. We respect them and expect them to be tough and play them just like Georgia Southern or Appalachian State.

**ML:** Being red-shirted last season and then to come out and have games where you played so well, what is that like for you?

**AJH:** It definitely took a lot of work. I didn't just come in, I had to battle with the other two running backs, but it is a great feeling to be able to succeed like that.

**ML:** As a senior leader, what are you trying to do to set an example on and off the field for your younger teammates?

**BW:** I just try to make sure everyone does what is right, whether it is on or off the field. Whether I see someone missing class or being late to weights or doing something they are not supposed to be doing, I just try to correct it by being a senior. It is up to the seniors on this team and they [the younger athletes] go as far as we do.

## Phoenix skyrockets to top of polls, highest rank ever

Michelle Longo  
Sports Editor

Last weekend, then-No. 17 Elon stunned then-No. 14 Georgia Southern at its home stadium with a dramatic 22-20 victory.

The Phoenix tallied 509 yards of total offense, 308 passing and 201 on the ground.

Senior kicker Andrew Wilcox drilled a game-winning 34-yard field goal with just six seconds left on the clock to lift the Phoenix to its first win in as many tries against a conference opponent.

Wilcox finished the night a career-high five-for-five in field goal attempts, scoring a season-high 16 points, his highest total since posting a career-high 18 points against Georgia Southern last season. He is currently the SoCon and nation leader with 2.0 field goals made per game. Last year, Wilcox and the then-unranked Phoenix rode a five-for-five performance to defeat Georgia Southern 36-33 in double overtime. Although it did not need the overtimes this season, it was déjà vu for Wilcox and the Phoenix.

Wide receiver Terrell Hudgins had 13 catches for 199 yards — the third-highest amount of his career — and a touchdown, setting the Elon and Southern Conference records for most career receptions. Hudgins has now moved from ninth place to fifth place among all-time SoCon receiving leaders with 2,996 career yards. The game marked the 15th contest in which Hudgins received for at least 100 yards.

For their efforts, Hudgins and Wilcox were honored as SoCon Athletes of the Week. Hudgins was dubbed the SoCon Offensive Player of the Week, while Wilcox was named the SoCon Special Teams Player of the Week.

Quarterback Scott Riddle completed 27 of his 45 passes for 308 yards, a touchdown and two interceptions. The game marked Riddle's 15th game of at least 200 passing yards and his 11th contest of at least 300 yards. He is just one of 11 SoCon players to ever throw 200 or more yards in at least 15 games.

Coming off the explosive win against Georgia Southern, Elon erupted from No. 17 last week to No. 8 this week. It marks Elon's highest ranking ever and first top-10 appearance in The Sports Network Poll.

Marking the program's fifth victory over a top-25 opponent since joining the Football Championship Ranks for the 1999 campaign, Elon now improves to 3-1 overall and 1-0 SoCon. In the FCS Coaches poll Monday afternoon, Elon weighed in at No. 14, up four spots from No. 18 last week. Prior to Monday, the Phoenix had peaked at No. 15 in that poll on Oct. 29, 2007.

Saturday, Elon will host Samford University for the first time at Rhodes Stadium at 1:30 p.m. Samford officially joined the conference earlier this year, coming from the Ohio Valley Conference. The game is during Elon's annual Family Weekend. Be sure to print or buy your tickets early if you want to attend the game.

### Phoenix First

- Elon leads the SoCon and ranks 11th in the FCS in passing offense with 295.8 yards per game
- The Phoenix ranks second in the league and 18th in the country in total offense with 417.5 yards per game.
- It is also second in the conference and 15th in the nation in kickoff returns with 25.2 yards per game
- Elon is second in the league and 29th in the FCS in scoring defense with 20.0 points allowed per game
- It is third in the conference and 19th nationally in punt returns with 14.5 yards per return.
- The Phoenix ranks fourth in the SoCon and 26th in the country in scoring offense with 32.0 points per game.

# Individual performances rock cross country meets

Stephen Lorenzo  
Reporter

Elon's all-time fastest run accolade changed hands this weekend at the Asics/Winthrop Invitational in Rock Hill, S.C.

Freshman William Schefer claimed the coveted award, sprinting to a time of 25 minutes, 41 seconds in an 8K, good enough for a 17th place finish out of a 122-athlete field. The previous record by an Elon athlete was 25:47 seconds. Sophomore Matthew Richardson also grabbed the limelight, finishing right on the heels of his teammate with a 25:43 time. Richardson now holds the second-best time in Elon history.

Amidst all the record breaking, the men's and women's cross country teams took third and fifth place, respectively, this past weekend. Both teams have placed in the top five in each of their meets this season.

The men's team finished third among the 14-team competition for their second top-three finish of the year.

Eric Lewandowski, Clay Sankey, Jason MacCollum and Justin Gianni also sprinted into the top 50 of 122 total competitors.

"This year we're improving tremendously under our new coach," sophomore Taylor Zorski said. "We were told to run as a group this weekend and that's what we did."

Zorski also spoke highly of the team's senior captains Rick Myers, who did not race due to injury, and Lewandowski.

"They're doing a great job leading us," he said. "They make sure that we don't slack off and do our jobs in practice and are great role models."

The men's Southern Conference put together an impressive overall outing, as Elon placed just behind Appalachian State (2) and above SoCon rivals Davidson, UNC Greensboro and Wofford (4, 5 and 10).

The women's fifth-place finish out of 17 teams landed the team its



KATY BURNS | Photographer

Teammates Cait Beeler and Katie White work together to move ahead of a group of runners at the Asics/Winthrop Invitational meet in Rock Hill, S.C. White recorded a top-50 tally, while the team landed a fifth-place finish out of 17 teams.

second top-five finish in two meets so far this season.

Sophomore Emily Fournier finished at the head of the pack for the Phoenix with a seventh-place time of 18:32. Katie White, Catherine Rossi and Melanie Reyer each recorded top-50 tallies in the 159-athlete field.

Like Zorski, Rossi believes the team has progressed this year with coach Engel at the helm.

"We have a really strong freshmen class and are running more as a pack

than we did last year."

This tournament was of particular importance because of the number of SoCon teams involved.

"Our goal is to be in the top-three of the conference at the end of the season," Rossi said. "This weekend we were able to see where we stand so we can better prepare for the conference meet Nov. 1."

In another strong showing for the conference, the women fell just short of Appalachian State (4) and

ahead of fellow SoCon members UNC Greensboro, Wofford and Georgia Southern (9, 14 and 16).

Next up for both teams is the Hagen Stone Classic in Greensboro on Oct. 4. Coming off such success, both teams are eager to get running again.

"We're excited for the next meet because we have practiced there [before] and know the course [well]," said Zorski. "The team should be looking to [achieve] some personal records."

## Cubs, Red Sox could make World Series runs

Joey Accordino and Chris Bunn  
Sports Commentators

### World Series Champions

**Chris:** With the baseball season coming to a close, many teams are booking their tickets for the postseason, while some are just closing up shop and moving on to new things. (I'm looking at you, Yankees.) That being said, it will be tough to beat the Angels and the Cubs this postseason. The Cubs are paced by great pitching and solid hitting, while the Angels are led by the hot bats of Vladimir Guerrero and Mark Teixeira.

**Joey:** Chris, your Cubbies are easily the class of the National League, but not only are the Cubs inferior to the American League's elite, you're putting too much faith in the Angels. The Boston Red Sox are still the most complete team in baseball. The Angels are a team supposedly built on pitching, but Boston has actually allowed fewer runs. Boston has also scored the second most runs in the AL while dealing with a bevy of key injuries.

**Chris:** The Red Sox are good, but keep in mind they were dethroned by a young Tampa Bay Rays team in the AL East. The Angels have dominated their division and are indisputably the best team in the AL. They won't be able to withstand the force of destiny: the Cubs will beat the Angels in six and win their first World Series since 1908.

**Joey:** The Red Sox would not have lost to the Rays if they weren't plagued by injuries. And while the Cubs rack up wins breezing through the weak NL, the Red Sox have clawed their way through a vicious AL East. The Sox may have the worse record, but they have the better



team. They'll prove it in the Fall Classic.

### NL/AL MVPs

**Joey:** The National League MVP race is really wide open this year, but I've got to give it to Jose Reyes of the Mets. When he scores, the Mets win, and that's the definition of valuable. From the AL, I'm going with the guy who has personified Tampa Bay's incredible run, Evan Longoria.

**Chris:** I'm giving the NL MVP award to Philadelphia's Ryan Howard. He leads the NL in homers and RBIs and has been the catalyst for the Phillies all season. The AL MVP should go to Texas' Josh Hamilton. From drug addict to All-Star, has there been a better story than this kid?

**Joey:** Howard isn't a bad pick, but his batting average is atrocious. But Hamilton? Being a nice story isn't enough to get this award. Plus, it's hard to be that valuable to a team below .500.

**Chris:** Well, this will be an October for the ages.

## SPORTS IN BRIEF

### Women's golf takes third place at own tournament

The Phoenix took third in Sunday's Sea Trail Intercollegiate in Sunset Beach, N.C. with a final score of 914.

The team was lead by Tara McFadden (9th) and Danielle Mills (13th). Frederique Bruell placed in a tie for 15th, Kelsey Johnson tied for 17th and Dani Mullis placed in a tie for 27th.

Overall, East Tennessee State finished first in the tournament and Longwood University placed second.

The women travel to Greensboro on Oct. 12 for the UNC-G Starmount Fall Classic.

### Men's golf rebounding finishes in top three

Sophomore Stephen Dressel shot three under par and went home with top medalist honors Sunday at the Sea Trail Intercollegiate. His three-round score was 212.

The team tied with Belmont Abbey College for third place. Murray State University took the win.

Jayson Judy tied for 19th and

Alex Luxenburg finished 22nd. Phil Bartholomew tied for 57th and Mike Fekete placed 87th.

Randall Anderson played as an individual and tied for 32nd.

On Oct. 6, the men will travel to Georgia to participate in the Georgia Southern Invitational.

### Women's volleyball falls in William and Mary Tournament

Phoenix volleyball fell 3-1 to The University of William and Mary in the final match of the Colonial Class in Williamsburg, Va. The loss brings Elon's record to 10-5 for the season.

At the tournament, freshman Caroline Lemke earned 38 kills for an attack percentage of .380 and her second all-tournament nod. She led the team defensively with one solo block and four assisted blocks.

Outstanding freshman Traci Stewart earned a double-double, recording a team-high 11 kills and 12 digs. Mandy Wilson also hit double digits with 10 kills.

The Phoenix face off against High Point University today at 7 p.m. from the Nest.

This week's scores (9/17-9/22)			
TEAM	OPPONENT	RESULT	SCORE
Women's soccer	UMBC	W	3-0
Men's soccer	William and Mary	L	1-2
Football	Georgia Southern	W	22-2
Volleyball	Radford	W	3-1
	Maryland-Eastern Shore	L	0-3
	William and Mary	L	1-3
Men's cross country	Asics/Winthrop Invitational		3/14
Women's cross country	Asics/Winthrop Invitational		5/17
Men's golf	Sea Trial Intercollegiate		T-3/18
Women's golf	Sea Trial Intercollegiate		3/17



ANDREW DODD | Photographer

Senior Katina Boozer dribbles down field past a UMBC defender in Friday's shutout win at Rhodes Stadium.

## Venue change gives fans new perspective

### Phoenix downs UMBC in Rhodes Stadium showdown

**Kelsey Glover**  
Reporter

The Phoenix shut out its opponent in Rhodes Stadium, and no, it was not the football team.

Friday night, it was the women's soccer team's turn to take the grand stage in Rhodes Stadium, and it put on an excellent show for a crowd of more than 450 spectators by defeating the University of Maryland-Baltimore County 2-0.

Not only is the team off to its best overall start in over a decade, with a record of a 4-2-1, this is also its third consecutive shutout and fourth of the year. What made this game different was not only the playing itself but where the team played: Rhodes Stadium. Both players and fans got enthused about the venue change from Rudd Field, which typically happens just once a season. One player even noted that the stadium game draws more fans than regular games.

"The atmosphere is different," Laura Norwind, junior defensive player said. "It's a privilege to play on the field. When I look up in the stands, I can see everyone and hear the echo."

The crowd participated with every close call and power play. The loudest fans, though, were children out with their own recreational teams eager to watch and observe the players they admire.

"[The stadium] is a little bit more exciting," Kerri Speers, senior midfielder said. "I probably get a few more butterflies."

The stadium provided more seating and a better angle to observe the entire game, according to one spectator.

"You can see more of the game," Elon's former football captain and present soccer fan T.J. Clegg said. "I didn't know they could handle the ball like that."

Elon dominated much of the first half by

consistently keeping the ball on its opponents' half of the field and outshooting UMBC nine to one. Finally, with the help of Katina Boozer and Molly Calpin, Susannah Gianakos found the net on one of their many drives with just 51 seconds left in the first period.

In the second half, UMBC fired back four times without any luck, while Elon's three attempts garnered another point, which sealed its lead. Brittany Hallberg etched her first point of the year with just over 12 minutes left in the second period, after coming back from an extensive injury last season.

"Seeing [Hallberg] come back from surgery last year and score was definitely a highlight for me," said Norwind. "She was only in for about five minutes too before she scored."

Not only is the team off to a great start as it faces Southern Conference play this weekend, but overall, the players are working better together. Under the guidance of new head coach, Chris Neal, the players said they mesh well and are excited for what's next.

"We all get along, and we are all enjoying ourselves a lot," Speers said. "We love our coaches — it's just a different experience."

Speers isn't the only one who feels this way.

"I guess we are clicking as a team," added Norwind. "The style of play is different. I'm really looking forward to starting conference games this weekend and [seeing] where we place."

The Phoenix takes on Samford University Friday for only the second SoCon battle of the young season. Samford is new to the conference this year, coming from the Ohio Valley Conference. On Oct. 3, Elon comes home to host College of Charleston for the first home SoCon match. The Phoenix also host The Citadel and Appalachian State later in the week.

## Phoenix falls short against William and Mary

**Parker Brown**  
Reporter

After downing conference foe Wofford 3-1 last week, the Elon men's soccer team looked to carry that momentum into Saturday night's contest against the College of William and Mary Tribe, who came into Rudd Field boasting a 2-0-2 record.

In the first 20 minutes, the Tribe came out like an undefeated team as it built a 2-0 lead and silenced most of the crowd of nearly 600. But, the Phoenix responded.

After the Phoenix earned a free kick near the top of the box, junior midfielder Justin Wyatt layed the ball off to fellow junior Steven Kinney who ripped a shot off the inside of the left post and past the Tribe goalkeeper. Kinney's first goal of the season brought Elon within a goal, 2-1.

Even though the Phoenix was able to dominate possession and create several opportunities to pull even in the second half, it was unable to break the Tribe defense and find the back of the net.

While the Phoenix was unable to get the result it wanted coming off the win in its SoCon opener, falling to 2-4-1 overall, 1-0 SoCon, Head Coach Darren Powell was pleased with how the team responded to adversity.

"We were down 2-0 [but] our guys fought back to put us in position to get something from tonight's game," he said.

The players were able to find optimism for the future in the way they responded.

"I'm disappointed," senior Captain Will Mason said. "[We gave up] two soft goals in the first 20 minutes, but after that we settled down [and played pretty well]."

Now the team looks to carry its level of play from the last 70 minutes into the rest of a difficult nonconference stretch coming up.

Elon travels to Chapel Hill on Sept. 24 to take on No. 7 UNC Tar Heels and then visits UNC Charlotte on Sept. 27 before returning home for the much anticipated matchup with top-ranked, defending national champion Wake Forest on Oct. 1 at Rhodes Stadium.

The players said they are looking forward to leading their team through the tough stretch ahead and put together a full 90 minutes of the kind of soccer they know they are capable of.

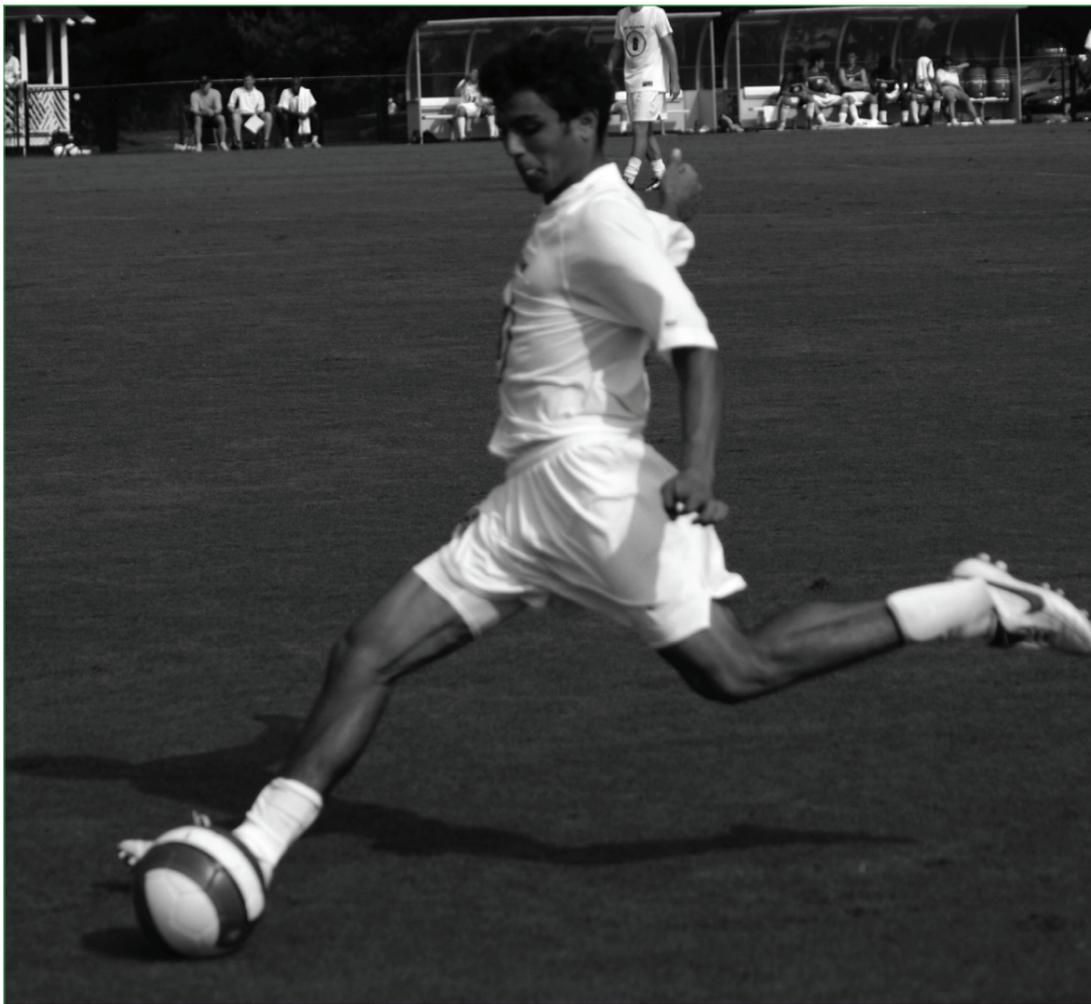
"We fought hard as a team to get back [in the game]," Kinney said.

Kinney, along with Wyatt and Clint Irwin earned preseason honors in early September, being named to the All-Southern Conference team.

Both players and coaches said they hope the tough nonconference schedule, which includes an Oct. 21 date with No.25 Duke in Rhodes Stadium, will help mature and strengthen the team for SoCon play.

SoCon play does not begin again until Oct. 4 when Elon travels to Georgia to take on Georgia Southern University.

The last six out of eight games scheduled



FILE PHOTO

Junior Erfan Imeni has started six of seven games this season for the Phoenix. He has scored two goals on 22 shots and has tallied four points. Imeni has also netted one game-winner of the young season.

for the 2008 slate will be against all SoCon opponents, including Appalachian State University on Oct. 7 and College of Charleston on Oct. 11.

In preseason polls, the Elon Phoenix was picked to finish fourth, behind Furman University, UNC Greensboro and College of Charleston.

On Oct. 28 the Phoenix will visit Furman, the defending SoCon tournament champions. Powell and his squad agree the Paladins may be its toughest opponent, in conference and out. Elon will also be playing the game with a slight hint of revenge.

Furman knocked Elon out of the SoCon tournament in the semifinals of the 2007 tourney, ending Elon's run through the end of the season and the tournament.

### Upcoming Men's Soccer Games

Sept. 24 at UNC Chapel Hill  
 Sept. 27 at Charlotte  
 Oct. 1 vs. Wake Forest  
 Oct. 4 at Georgia Southern  
 Oct. 7 vs. Appalachian State  
 Oct. 11 vs. College of Charleston  
 Oct. 15 at Davidson  
 Oct. 21 vs. Duke  
 Oct. 25 at UNC Greensboro

# Successful memories spur on rugby team

Amber Murphy  
Reporter

Last year, Elon men's rugby boasted an undefeated season and a North Carolina State Championship. This year, it opened the 2008 campaign a little differently.

The Phoenix played its first game Saturday against Coastal Carolina University. The hard-fought battle eventually ended in a season-opening loss for Elon. In the last meeting between the two teams, Elon came out on top, defeating Coastal Carolina by one point in the USA Rugby South Quarter Finals to advance to the Regional Tournament in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

"It was not easy [winning the tournament last season]," said Ross Chernin, president of Elon rugby. "We played some really tough teams and were injury-stricken along the way. There was also internal adversity to overcome, but hard training, drive to win, love for the game and commitment from our team allowed us to get to that point."

Elon defeated Duke University last season to clinch the state title in a Friday night game played on the South Campus fields. More than 400 fans came out to watch what is arguably Elon's best club sport team.

Now, the team is looking forward to the future, but knows it has to keep in mind the mistakes of last season when they struggled with commitment over spring break.

"This year we have a solid set of officers who are completely committed to their positions," captain Mike Boisvert said. "They do a lot of work behind the scenes that allows our season to flow seamlessly."

Although some talented players graduated in May, the captains are confident the freshmen will successfully fill those shoes. In this young season,



Amir Shafiq-Khan, No.12, works down the field with teammates Tanner Larose, left, and Tristan Parker, No.14, in Saturday's rugby game at South Campus Fields.

EMILY GIEGERICH | Photographer

the team will face some imposing opponents including what promises to be their toughest opponent, Division I team UNC Chapel Hill on Nov. 1.

"I'm optimistic, especially after watching the rookies," captain John Lottes said. "I'm looking forward to seeing how our team develops with the new guys as well as seeing how far we make it in the USA Rugby South Tournament."

Despite the season-opening loss to Coastal, Elon's outlook for the season remains positive as there are many more games to play and practices to

endure.

The team practices three times a week, working hard and often staying late. According to Boisvert, each practice is revamped to hone individual skills that help them work as a team on the pitch.

"When it comes to the spring we want as many healthy and experienced bodies to be able to carry us to Nationals. We need to start creating depth now," said Boisvert.

Success always comes with a price. Knowing they can win only pushes the members of the team more.

The term repeat is often thrown around as a morale booster and a reminder to former success.

"I expect nothing less than winning Division III State Championships again and advancing to the National Tournament," Chernin said. "Regional's has been our Achilles heel and this is the year we are going to overcome that and create a national name for Elon rugby."

Men's rugby plays again Friday, Sept. 26 against Guilford on the South Campus Fields.

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Amir Shafiq-Khan sprints down the field in Saturday's game against Coastal Carolina.

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# Sports

## Underneath the maroon and gold

### A look inside the uniform of an Elon football player

**Michelle Longo**  
Sports Editor

Often, fans and critics alike will scrutinize and agonize over football statistics like pass completions or rushing yards. Most look at an athlete and see his jersey, his number and the large invisible target on his chest. But sometimes it's what's underneath the clothing that matters the most.

Football pads, in all their shapes and sizes, protect each and every athlete from the grueling demands of the sport.

Even with all the extra padding, football players are the most susceptible athletes to injury, including serious and recurring injuries like concussions and even spinal cord injuries.

Along with the need for extra pads comes the responsibility of storing — and washing them. Former equipment manager Scott Jean explained the complicated process behind it.

After practices and games, the equipment manager and his staff of two do what they call

a “laundry loop.” In the Phoenix locker room, there are separate bins for the apparel and pads of offensive players and defensive players. Both get washed and dried before they are hung in their respective lockers.

Shoulder pads have the Elon Phoenix symbol with the players numbers' stuck onto them. Cleats simply have numbers written on them in black permanent marker. Helmets also have the respective player's number stitched inside the earhole. The decals seen on the outside of Phoenix helmets are not placed on until the first game of the season.

“We don't want to risk getting them scuffed off before the first game,” Jean said. “They get scuffed so easily as it is.”

On road trips, Jean and his staff have to wait until the laundry loop is done before they can begin their return home.

“We drive separately anyway,” Jean said. “When the laundry is done [after the game] we pack the bags and drive as far as possible.”

#### Football gear fast facts

- Many sources give James Naismith, the inventor of the basketball, credit for inventing the football helmet.
- Helmets first appeared in 1896, when a halfback from Lafayette College began to use straps and ear pieces to protect his face.
- For some time in the NFL, helmets were optional. It was not until the mid-1940s that the NFL finally required helmets for safety reasons.

**David Harrison,  
Offensive lineman**

#### Chin strap

Provides multi-stage impact protection to make sure the chin cup stays where it is supposed to and secures the helmet. It features a shock-absorbing liner that offers comfort and fit to protect one of the most overlooked parts of the body.

#### Helmet

A protective device used primarily in American and Canadian football. The modern hard plastic version was created by Paul Brown. It consists of a hard plastic top with thick padding on the inside, a facemask made of one or more metal bars and a chinstrap used to secure it.

#### Facemask

Primarily protects a player's mouth and nose area during play. The face is often considered the most important body part, the second-most vulnerable part of the body during a football game.

#### Gloves

Come with breathable padding, which provides all-around protection for the knuckles and backhand. The leather palm is padded for extra protection and is designed to keep hands cool and dry.

#### Gear 2000 shoulder pads

The shoulder pads consist of a hard plastic outer shell with shock-absorbing foam padding underneath and are the most intricate pieces of equipment a player wears. The pads fit over the shoulders, the chest and rib area, and are secured with various snaps and buckles. Shoulder pads accomplish two things for a football player: they absorb some of the shock of impact through deformation and they distribute the shock through a larger area so there is less pressure at the point of impact.

#### Compression shirt

The tight fit increases the ability to sense the position, location, orientation and movement of the body and its parts for better performance.

#### Padded shorts

Includes hip and tail pads and thigh pad pockets that conform and stretch with the body for protection and support. The seven-piece set includes two hip, one tail, two thigh and two knee pads.

#### Thigh pads

#### Knee pads

#### Hinged tendon protectors

Used for the management and protection of tendon injuries in which there has been no substantial loss of tendon tissue.

#### Hinged ankle braces

Technology helps restrict excessive rotational and inversion forces that cause most ankle injuries. The brace provides more comfort, agility and freedom to perform.

#### Cleats

The type of shoe designed especially for sports played on grass or dirt. Unlike shoes with spikes for sports such as track and field and baseball, the shoes generally have large studs on the bottom to assist in gripping the surface, preventing sliding and assisting in rapid changes of direction. The stud itself is often called a cleat.