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Controversial 'Kony 2012' films elicit visible response from student activists

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An Invisible Children representative who lived through the experience hiding from the Lord's Resistance Army, a rebel group concentrated in central Africa, as depicted in the "Kony 2012" films, addressed a crowd at Elon University April 23.

As a 5-year-old in northern Uganda, Agnes Aromorach slept alone in the jungle each night, using the brush and the darkness to conceal herself from the LRA led by Joseph Kony.

"It was so cold, I had no shelter and I was so scared of the darkness and the animals and just everything," said Aromorach, who now works as a traveling volunteer, or roadie, for Invisible Children. "People lived in total fear of being abducted by the rebel army, of losing their loved ones every single day that passed by."

Invisible Children is an organization dedicated to education about child soldiers in Uganda. In the wake of the organization's viral video "Kony 2012," five roadies with the organization raised awareness of the "Stop Kony" campaign Monday night at Elon University. Through the first-hand testimony of Aromorach and the screening of "Kony 2012 Part II - Beyond Famous," the team condemned Kony for kidnapping thousands of African children from their villages and forcing them to assume military roles in the LRA. They urged students to join the fight against him by appealing to political leaders and spreading information.

Since its online release March 5, "Kony 2012" has been viewed more than 100 million times worldwide. The video incited both activism and criticism, creating a controversy that now surrounds Invisible Children and the cause for which it fights.

While "Kony 2012" moved many to action at the individual and national levels, some argue that the film exaggerates Kony's influence within the region and misrepresents the plight of the Africans affected by the violence of the LRA.

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A group of students take part in the national 'Cover the Night' campaign, sponsored by Invisible Children, by creating posters to raise awareness about Kony April 20.

'The Station' provokes concern from town

Katherine Blunt
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Elon students have infringed upon her space for years. She has found a sorority-branded flip-flop in her yard and a pair of Victoria's Secret underwear in her tree. But only when the university itself crept into her backyard did Jo Grimley get truly upset.

"My husband and I are going to try living here for one year after (The Station at Mill Point) opens, but we're already making plans to move," said Grimley, a former Alderwoman who lives on South Williamson Avenue. "We love this house. My granddad built it himself in 1904. Our children want us to keep it, but we're not sure if we can do that."

The Station at Mill Point, Elon University's new residential neighborhood that will house 324 junior and senior students, is being developed on what was once Firehouse Field, located across from the Town of Elon Fire Department between South Williamson Avenue and Johnson Street. The 14 apartment-style complexes that have been under construction since last summer are scheduled to open August 2012, and an additional 10 complexes will be added by August 2013.

"I'm for (the development) because the university needs it, and I support the notion of contiguity (in a student environment)," said Jo's husband Gene Grimley, a chemistry professor at Elon. "But if there was the opportunity to keep it green, they should have done that."

Although Firehouse Field is Elon University property, it wasn't always reserved for university use. In 2008, the university offered the land to the Town of Elon as a site for a public library, free of cost. The Town of Elon Board of Aldermen considered the offer, but ultimately chose to build the library at Beth Schmidt Park on Cook Road.

"There were a lot of people in town that wanted to build the library at the park," said Mayor Jerry Tolley. "There's a denser population over there in that part of town, and when you build it over there, a lot of people in Guilford County can use it. Libraries like to serve as many people as they can."

A 3-2 vote by the Board of Aldermen left Firehouse Field vacant, and the university capitalized on an opportunity to build new student housing. The Board of Aldermen approved the construction of The Station in March 2011, after which a public hearing was held to discuss traffic and parking concerns surrounding the development.

As requested during the hearing, parking at The Station will be located to the far west of the complexes near Johnson Street, and a turn lane will be added at the intersection of South Williamson Avenue and Ball Park Road. The North Carolina Department of Transportation is considering the addition of a traffic light as well.

But residents located just outside The Station's perimeter still harbor reservations about the development across the street. Rose Ann McLellend,

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Pride Week expresses unity within diverse organization



Elon sophomore Ethan Glassman (left) and senior Raafe Purnsley, a member of Spectrum, participate in the National Day of Silence and Pride Parade April 20.

Melissa Kansky
News Editor

Pride Week signifies the unity and confidence within the LGBTQ community, but for sophomore Kevin Moore, the celebratory week at Elon University is a symbol of comfort.

Moore, president of Spectrum, said he was in the closet until the events throughout Pride Week revealed a group dedicated to acceptance and support.

Pride Week signifies unity, said Raafe Purnsley, a member of Spectrum. The rainbow flag, a symbol of the LGBTQ movement, represents the aim of the week and symbolizes different colors coming together.

"It started as a sign of unity to show the community this is what we are, this is what we want to be, let us be this," Purnsley said. "We're not aggressive. We're not foreign. We're not evil."

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Breaking the Boundary



Spectrum concludes their Day of Silence with a Pride Parade throughout campus April 20.

Pride Week events aim to defeat social stigma of queer community

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Spectrum observed Pride Week April 16 - 21 so the celebration coincided with the observance of the National Day of Silence.

"You're silent for those who cannot be true or honest for who they are," Purnsley said.

In consideration of the diversity within the organization, inclusivity and equality drive all the events, Purnsley said.

Other events included the screening of a film, "Gen Silent," which chronicles the struggles of queer individuals who feel a need to hide their identity when they go to an assisted living home, an open-mic night, a pride parade and a drag show.

The Queer Zoo, part of the series of events Spectrum organized for Pride Week, was designed to combat the social stigma that defines queers as "other." Although, according to Purnsley, not everyone is comfortable forcibly making people view them as different, the event communicates queer cannot not be identified visually.

"It speaks to the fact that we're not 'other,' so why is there a need to section us off," Purnsley said.

The series of events was built around the controversy surrounding Amendment

One, a piece of legislation that, if passed, would ban legal recognition of all unmarried couples and would define marriage as an exclusively heterosexual union.

"The drag show is called Race to the Finish and is dedicated to bringing people together to show that we can unite together differing opinions and still have it toward a common goal of equality and voting this amendment down," Moore said.

Moore said Spectrum welcomes dissenting opinions to show various perspectives and achieve equality.

Pride Week provides a forum to invite different ideologies and create an environment appropriate for different events, Purnsley said.

"Elon can be a very flat place — flat energy, flat culturally — there's just a general mentality, and Pride Week shakes it up," he said. "We give Elon a dose of nuance and energy, and Elon has been very good to us."

The week developed in memoriam of the Stonewall Rebellion in 1969, during which gay and lesbian patrons resisted the police that raided Stonewall Inn, a gay club in New York.

Decoding the flag



Each color in the flag has a unique significance and represents diverse groups joining together.

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Kony campaign inspires critical response

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In response to those arguments, Invisible Children released the second Kony video to explain in more detail the LRA and its migration from Uganda to Democratic Republic of Sudan, the Central African Republic and South Sudan.

"Critics say the film manipulates facts and oversimplifies a complex issue, but it's only meant to be an introduction to a really complex topic," said Laura Weldy, a member of the Invisible Children team.

But it was the controversial nature of the campaign that drew some students to the "Kony 2012 - Part II" screening.

"There's been a lot of hype about (the videos) and I wanted to do anything I could to get more information," said sophomore Paige Vansbury. "It makes sense that people would question Invisible Children, but it's hard to vilify an organization that does so much good."

Sophomore Sally Van Denver said she has fully supported Invisible Children since high school, but wanted to know more about the debate regarding the organization's motives.

"I came to see if they would address (the controversy)," she said.

Although the Invisible Children roadies didn't directly address any arguments made against the films, Weldy acknowledged criticism inevitably develops from such a widespread movement.

"Not everyone embraces things like someone else might," she said. "Invisible Children has really done a lot of good things, but sometimes people fail to see everything. People are getting involved because of this awareness, and we are turning the world into a global community."

While the Invisible Children representatives did not directly comment on the controversy, Lauren Berk, secretary of the Invisible Children club at Elon, said the members of the club often respond directly to students' questions regarding the "Stop Kony" campaign.

"We have addressed the criticisms in a number of ways," she said. "We share the (response) page on the Invisible Children website, and we have very open discussions about the motives of Invisible Children."

The club also held a panel discussion and an information table at College Coffee last week in the effort to invoke conversation about the organization and the issues it faces. It also participated in the nationwide "Cover the



The "White Man's Burden" panel discussion addresses issues intertwined in the organization and mission it supports.



Popularity of the "Stop Kony" documentary ignited debate about the credibility of Invisible Children and its motives.

Night" event inspired by "Kony 2012 - Part II" April 20. That night, the club invited students to make posters and door hangers to spread awareness.

"The response (to our efforts)

has been overwhelmingly positive," Berk said. "But in no way do we shy away from the criticisms because the answers are there. We know the motives and we know the details."



An Invisible Children representative discusses the Kony II documentary with students at Elon.

SGA, Spectrum partner to denounce Amendment One

Katherine Blunt
Senior Reporter

The critical date is edging closer, and the buzz surrounding the controversy is growing louder every day.

Elon University's Student Government Association partnered with Lauren Clapp, advocacy and education chair of Spectrum, last week to draft a resolution expressing SGA's opposition to Amendment One, an issue in the upcoming North Carolina primary election May 8. If passed, the proposed amendment to the state constitution would define marriage as an exclusively heterosexual union and prohibit the legal rights and recognition of all unmarried couples.

The SGA resolution recognizes the

portion of the Elon student body that Amendment One would effectively alienate, and its clauses clearly align with the values Elon students are expected to uphold, according to Darien Flowers, SGA executive president.

"(Amendment One) is not compliant with the (Elon University) policy on discrimination, which specifically references sex, orientation and gender identity," he said. "If it does pass, Amendment One would disenfranchise a portion of our constituents and part of the greater Elon community."

With the goal of fostering a more inclusive campus environment, Flowers helped Clapp format Spectrum's standpoint on the amendment, according to the SGA legislative template.

"We are very happy that an organization approached us about an issue that was important to them so they could make a statement," he said. "This (resolution) really shines a light on the fact that organizations can generate legislation themselves and know that their elected representatives are going to discuss it."

Clapp said the resolution has been in the works since the start of the semester, but the SGA election process and the mid-semester turnover of the Senate and Executive Board delayed its progress.

"It's probably a good thing that this (resolution) didn't get (drafted) earlier in the semester because it's really relevant now," she said. "Early voting just started, and now students can see that the SGA

is taking a stance against (Amendment One)."

The SGA Senate will vote on the resolution April 26, but until that time, the document will reside on SGA Executive Vice President Connor O'Donnell's desk. Students and faculty are invited to inspect it and discuss it with SGA.

"This (resolution) will generate thoughtful discussion, as it should," Flowers said. "We want to engineer a climate where healthy discourse can happen."

So far, the feedback on the resolution has been overwhelmingly positive, Clapp said.

"I'm pretty positive that it will pass," she said. "Everyone in Spectrum is really excited."

Annual celebration reveals discordance between faculty, student expectations

Melissa Kansky
News Editor

The spring tradition, CELEBRATE! week, is comprised of events honoring Elon University students' achievements in academics, but many students recognize the week by one day less of class.

"I do definitely think it is underappreciated," said senior Brenna Lakeson.

During her freshman year, Lakeson spent the day of Student Undergraduate Research Forum (SURF) at the zoo, but said her experience as an orientation leader helped her better grasp the value of the event.

"I think a lot of students see it as a day off instead of a day to attend the seminars, and I do wish people took more of an advantage of it to learn and support others," she said.

Provost Steven House designed CELEBRATE! week, which occurs this year April 22-28, while serving as the Dean of Elon College 12 years ago to mark exemplary achievements in scholarship and service.

"I think it is significant in that we can come together as a community and really appreciate some of the great work that students and faculty are doing together," said Paul Miller, director of undergraduate research and coordinator of SURF Day, a prominent component of the week.

Nevertheless, aside from awareness of the presentations during SURF Day, students express a shallow understanding of the week.

"I really don't know very much

about CELEBRATE! week, I'm afraid," said sophomore Sam Davis.

Although Davis attended student presentations last year and described SURF Day as a good opportunity to learn from student research, he said he wished he knew more about the remainder of the week that is important to the institution.

Senior Alexandra Garced identified a lack of publicity as a hindrance to student participation. She said she is unaware who is presents and where the event occurs. Furthermore, transfer students sophomore Lear Haninovich and junior Tina Tozzi said they were uninformed about the designated day until a week prior to the event when they learned students had no class SURF Day. Nevertheless, Tozzi said she was still unaware of what took place during the day off from class.

"Maybe I haven't been paying attention or maybe it hasn't been expressed to me," Tozzi said.

While information concerning the week of events is available on E-net, Garced said she thinks students are not typically inclined to go to the website for campus information. Lack of knowledge regarding the event deters students from participating, according to sophomore Alexa Zapicchi, who spent last SURF Day at the beach.

"It wasn't really publicized that much to me," she said. "I didn't have an interest in it because I didn't know what it was."

Informing students of specific presentations relevant to their field of study would better motivate

students to attend, Zapicchi said. Supporting friends who are presenting also encourages students to attend sessions throughout the day, according to senior Kelly McNamara, a SURF Day presenter this year.

Her experience observing others present encouraged her to share her research, she said.

"I think it's really important to celebrate what work people have been doing," she said.

Attending presentations reveals academic possibilities for all students, according to Miller. Motivating others to present supports a consistent exchange of ideas, he said.

"There are a lot of interesting presentations, novel ideas and significant findings," he said. "And it's significant for all involved and opens your eyes to what is possible for you. Even if you're not a presenter it doesn't mean you won't be next year." April Post, senior lecturer in Spanish, also promotes the week as an indication of academic possibilities.

"It's disappointing for me when I don't see students participating because it shows that they're not supporting their fellow classmates and they're missing out on the opportunity to see what working with a faculty mentor can be like," Post said. "If they don't know what that experience is like, they'll be less likely to do it themselves in the future."

Post said SURF Day enables her to find research relevant to her course to explain the connections between studies in and out of the classroom.

While junior David Kerman said he recognizes the importance of

celebrating academic enrichment, talk of CELEBRATE! week and SURF Day is usually absent from student conversation.

"I think there definitely is a disconnect (between the perceived value of the week), because to administration and faculty it is this great thing, but I don't know if they really realize that, other than the students that are participating in it, not that many people go to see stuff," Zapicchi said.

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Organization speaks out to remind campus of autism

Natalie Allison
Managing Editor

Most people, at some point in their lifetimes, will encounter someone with autism, be it a family member or acquaintance. Such is the idea behind Elon University's Autism Speaks organization, a group of students who intend to raise awareness of autism on campus and in the local community and use their resources to help families and individuals facing autism.

"A big goal of our organization is volunteering and helping those kids in the community who we can impact," said junior Britt Mills, co-president of Autism Speaks. "Another part of it is really spreading awareness on campus, because a lot of people still don't know much about autism. People have these ideas of what it is that might not be completely correct."

These misconceptions about autism were among the topics the organization has sought to address throughout the month of April, national Autism Awareness Month. Through events such as lighting the dome of Lindner blue, the color associated with autism, hosting a movie screening of "The Horse Boy" and selling T-shirts and shorts at an April 15 "Faceoff for Autism" lacrosse game, the club is working to attract the attention of students, faculty and staff at Elon.

April 25, the organization is sponsoring a panel discussion with three professionals who work with people with autism, including a music

“**Fifty percent of kids with autism never get a friend. They're often isolated, depending on how far up and down the spectrum they are.**”

—Kevin O'Mara
ADVISER, AUTISM SPEAKS AT ELON

therapist, psychiatrist and behavioral intervention psychologist.

Kevin O'Mara, professor of management and adviser to Elon's Autism Speaks, said one of the organization's goals in having the panel is to inform students of career options related to their fields that involve working with people who have autism.

Mills, who became interested in helping people who have autism after being a camp counselor five years ago to a camper with autism, is a psychology major and plans to conduct autism research or work in a clinical therapy setting.

"I had no idea what (autism) was," Mills said. "As I started to work with (the camper), I became aware of how much he was capable of. A lot of people judge you based on that title."

Junior Melissa Provost, co-president of the organization, said her boyfriend, a triplet, has two brothers with autism. Her commitment to the

cause has grown from her personal connection to autism.

"They can do so much, too," Provost said. "People have this stigma that they think people with autism can't do things. A lot of it is getting past that, but as a result, there are not a lot of resources and outlets for them."

O'Mara, whose son has a form of autism, came up with the idea for an autism organization on campus after seeing a need for Elon students to be working with special needs students in the Alamance-Burlington School System.

"The idea was that our school systems are overrun with kids who have issues and teachers are stressed," O'Mara said. "I thought, 'Wouldn't it be so nice for teachers in the school system to have the opportunity to grab students from Elon who could help out in the classroom on a consistent basis — a group they can count on?'"

In the process of working with ABSS to establish a program, O'Mara said the organization hopes to start sending Elon students to local classrooms in the fall, specifically to work with special needs children.

Since the Autism Speaks chapter began at Elon last year, O'Mara said he has found several other faculty members in similar situations to his, learning how to find the best resources for their children with autism.

The organization is currently planning an event for October that would allow local parents of children

with autism to meet with one another and professionals to talk about helpful resources for autism. After years of searching for and trying out programs for his own son, O'Mara said he hopes people who have learned from experience can share that knowledge with other families.

"Fifty percent of kids with autism never get a friend," O'Mara said. "They're often isolated, depending on how far up and down the spectrum they are. I thought it might be nice for them and their families to have these resources and a college kid to show up in their class to help them."

Attend the panel discussion on careers related to autism

When

4:15-5:30 p.m., Wed. April 25

Where

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Who

- *Angie Hong*, music therapist
- *Gladys Williams*, psychiatrist, director of clinical psychology at UNC School of Medicine
- *Kathryn Dove*, psychologist, director of the Meredith Autism Program

Town residents worry problems accompany completion new housing

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who has lived on Ball Park Road since 1980, said she fears the constant clanking of construction work will only be replaced by a cacophony of student activity.

"I've had no issues with students' conduct in the past, but I have real concerns about The Station being built," she said. "I know they're going to have a pool, which is probably going to draw big crowds. I don't know what to expect, but I might move out if it's

really loud."

Mary Marshall, another resident of Ball Park Road, also said she anticipates an increase in noise, as well as traffic.

"Ideally, we would have liked the field to be left green," she said. "People thought it was a nice atmosphere, but now it's a huge problem. We would have preferred them to make it a library, if anything."

The decision to build The Station on a field once used by students and town residents alike grew from a desire to bring more upperclassmen closer to campus, according to Smith Jackson, vice president and dean of student life. Its proximity to the three-story Elon Town Center encourages students to frequent the downtown shops and restaurants, he said.

"We believe that the addition of (The Station) will be very positive for the town's economy," said Jackson, who said he has not received or heard any complaints from residents about the new development.

Rather than contacting the university, though, some residents have voiced their opinion to the Board of Aldermen. Tolley said several residents have expressed surprise at both the expanse of the development and its proximity to the road.

"A lot of people see The Station at Mill Point and say, 'Wow, that's a little more than I thought it was going to be,'" he said. "I talked to a guy the other day who told me he didn't think it made the best use of the property."

Jackson said he intends to provide students with information to prevent problems from arising between the students and local residents.

"We are certainly sensitive to the town's opinion. We've been aware that anytime you (convert) a green space, people are going to be concerned," Jackson said.

Steps are being taken to increase student awareness of expected codes of conduct, he said. A committee is being established to examine the relationship between campus life and town life, and an information session on town ordinances will be held for students living at The Station.

"We don't want the community to feel that we're not a part of it," Jackson said. "We realize that students have different lifestyles (than town residents). They tend to stay up later. They tend to be gregarious at this stage of life. But we want our students



FILE PHOTO BY AL DRAGO
Completion of The Station at Mill Point concerns town residents who are anxious about the new neighbors.

to be good neighbors."

Although efforts to establish lines of communication between town residents and the university are currently underway, the university took no preemptive measures to gather local residents' opinions of The Station, Jackson said.

But the residents of the town have shared their thoughts freely. Some of the most candid comments circulate outside the realm of the university and Board of Aldermen. During a recent trip to the post office, one of Jo Grimley's neighbors approached her and confided that the new development was "one of the ugliest she'd seen."

"And I had to agree with (my neighbor)," Grimley said. "The buildings are so big and so close together. It's so 'un-Elon.' Traditionally, everything has been built out of brick."

Aesthetics aside, Marshall said she fears the presence of The Station has devalued her home and those around it. She and her husband have thought seriously about relocating, she said.

"I've lived here for 28 years," she said. "But I cleaned out my attic this weekend, just in case we decide it's time to go."

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Earth Week events aim for lasting impact on student lifestyles

Adriana Miano
Senior Reporter

The Office of Sustainability's series of Earth Week events made practicing an eco-friendly lifestyle accessible by narrowing the focus of the global movement to Elon students specifically. Those involved in organizing the week's events said they hoped students would be motivated to use their knowledge about sustainable living to engage in environmentally-friendly practices, said sophomore Lily Siegal, an Office of Sustainability intern.

"People are becoming more and more educated about (sustainability), and now a lot of us know what we can do, and what we should be doing," Siegal said. "We wanted to focus more on what kind of commitments we can actually make in order to help the environment."

Many of the week's events, which took place April 17-20, emphasized the ways that reusing resources can help to reduce waste.

The Giving Tree event April 18 encouraged students to donate and receive second-hand items. The following day, Colin Beavan, an author and self-proclaimed environmentalist, spoke to students about his own efforts



GLORIA SO | Staff Photographer
Elon Dining Services offered an assortment of local food in Colonnades Dining Hall April 18.

to live more sustainably.

Representatives for the Office of Sustainability said they hoped students would be influenced to live more sustainably, not just through these events, but also by following examples set by one another.

"One of the most powerful aspects of individual actions is their ability to influence others, creating an even larger impact," said Elaine Durr, director of Sustainability.

Being on a small college campus can make it easier to reduce one's impact because it is easy to walk or ride a bike to class, Siegal said. But college life presents some challenges to sustainable living.

"Everybody at Elon seems to be so busy and constantly moving from one extracurricular to the next, so sometimes they don't stop to think about (their impact on the environment)," Siegal said.

Eating grab-and-go food as opposed to cooking or eating in dining halls with compost bins is one way in which students often generate waste, she said.

"I think that most students would definitely choose to live more sustainably if they felt the urgency of doing so," said junior Millie Rosen, who attended the sustainable College Coffee April 17.

Although students know they are supposed to conserve resources, college life can make doing so especially difficult, Rosen said.

"Because you move almost every year to a new housing arrangement, and your schedule is always changing, you don't end up having a very stable way of living," Rosen said. "You tend to just keep buying new things, rather than reusing the stuff you already have for your dorm or for classes."



GLORIA SO | Staff Photographer
Sophomores Lily Siegel (left) and Barona DiNapoli celebrate Earth Day by coordinating the Giving Tree drive April 18, which encouraged Elon community members to bring unwanted clothing to an exchange.

It is likely that holding Earth Week events won't make a large impact on students, because there are still convenience issues that make students less likely to change their ways of living, Rosen said.

"It's not anybody's fault, but I don't think (members of) society make big changes unless they feel a sense of urgency," she said.

But Durr remains optimistic that the events sponsored by the Office of Sustainability will motivate students to make lasting changes in the ways they live.

These changes can also help individuals save money and improve their health and well-being, Durr said.

"We hope that the positive actions individuals take to reduce their impact will continue throughout the year," Durr said. "We should celebrate Earth Day every day."

MORE ONLINE

Students recycled about 150 tons of trash during the Landfill on the Lawn event outside Moseley.

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KRISTEN OLSEN | Senior Reporter

Multiple organizations find values rooted in Holocaust remembrance

Mary Kate Brogan
Senior Reporter

The reading of the names of Holocaust victims revealed a connection to the past, according to Phil Smith, associate chaplain and director of Religious Life at Elon University. While students, faculty and staff read the names aloud outside Moseley April 19 during the internationally recognized day for Holocaust Remembrance, many others walked past and continued with their normal business. Some of the students who did notice only stopped and listened to the names for a minute or two.

For Smith, the scene recalled past behavior of the majority that ignored what was happening around them. Other community members found a connection between the reading of the names and the future.

"In Jewish tradition, there's a power that comes with names," said Nancy Luberoff, Hillel campus director. "Keeping these names alive is a very powerful and symbolic way of keeping their memories alive, especially because for many of the victims of the Holocaust, their family line ended with them, and so their names are not being continued."

The reading of the names was part of a series of events Elon Hillel organized in honor of Holocaust Remembrance Week, which took place April 15-22. The week began at College Coffee, where members of the organization distributed ribbons commemorating the different groups persecuted during the Holocaust. Events



MERISSA BLITZ | Staff Photographer
Geoffrey Claussen, assistant professor of religion, read names of Holocaust victims April 19.

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Nancy Luberoff

HILLEL CAMPUS DIRECTOR

in memoriam of the Holocaust also included a speech from a Holocaust survivor, a film, "The Last Survivor," which chronicles the stories of four survivors from four different genocides and a dinner discussion with Yoram Lubling, a professor of philosophy and child of two Holocaust survivors.

"This is not meant to be a week of horror and tragedy," Luberoff said. "It's meant to be a week of remembering and hope for the future. You have to understand what happened in order to prevent it from happening again."

Yet members of the Jewish community are not the only ones intent on remembering. While Hillel organized the events, numerous organizations on campus identify with other groups that experienced persecution during the Holocaust. Several members of SPECTRUM participated in the reading of the names that honored the victims of the historic tragedy.

Understanding the historic event involves recognizing connections between one's self and those involved in the Holocaust, including both the victim and the aggressor, according to Kirstin Ringelberg, coordinator of the LGBTQ office and co-adviser of SPECTRUM.

"I think it's important for all of us at Elon to recognize the way that our own identities intersect with those that were involved (in the) Holocaust, both from the (side of the) aggressor) and from the victim side," Ringelberg said. "I think that more thinking about the Holocaust not as a Jewish experience but as a human experience that we've all taken part in in some way would be an important shift that we could make as a campus community, to think more about the intersections of our identities

and how they're always in some way connected to events like those."

Though Ringelberg acknowledges a connection between the LGBTQ community and the Holocaust, the remembrance week coincided with Pride Week, which celebrates the LGBTQ movement, preventing the two organizations from working as closely as they could have, she said.

Senior Jess McDonald, former president of SPECTRUM, said she hopes Hillel and SPECTRUM will collaborate better next year to support each other during their respective commemorative and celebrative weeks.

The director of the Multicultural Center, Leon Williams, also recognizes a connection between the Multicultural Center and the week of remembrance. Williams said that though members of the center did not participate in Holocaust Remembrance Week in a deliberate way this year, the office will focus on religious diversity during the 2012-2013 academic year. Remembering the Holocaust is important because the experiences of African Americans who were enslaved and Jewish people during the Holocaust are similar, he said. The cultures of Jewish people and African Americans on the whole have both been strongly affected by these experiences.

Freshman Maia Szulik, who founded a Holocaust awareness fund when she was 13 years old, sponsored the showing of "The Last Survivor."

Szulik said she started the fund to tell the stories of those involved with and affected by the Holocaust. Though some people may believe remembering the Holocaust is a duty, Szulik said she feels it's something she wants to do instead of something she has to do. She said the responsibility of preserving the memory of the Holocaust belongs not just to her, but to everyone.

"We all need to learn the stories and make sure that history doesn't repeat itself," she said.

MORE ONLINE

As part of Holocaust remembrance week, survivor Marlene Appley spoke about fleeing the Nazi regime.

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Weekly Wrap-Up

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Watson-Odyssey Scholars organize ball to enhance literacy

Melissa Kansky
News Editor

Watson-Odyssey scholars organized a Masquerade Ball fundraiser April 21 in McKinnon Hall to raise money for Kids Read, Inc, a non-profit organization established by junior Brenna Humphries, an Odyssey scholar. Kids Read provides books to inner city hospitals and libraries. The Watson-Odyssey scholars raised \$370 for the organization.

Zana Milak, an Odyssey scholar, developed the ball as her Legacy project and worked with a committee to plan the event.

Although the ball supported the scholars' recognition of needs in the community, Kristin Greene, Watson Scholar and interim assistant director for the Multicultural Center, said she most enjoyed the opportunity for those in the program to intermingle with the rest of the Elon community.

"It was one of the first things I've seen us do that had a large representation of our scholars and a large representation of non-scholars," she said. "I thought that was one of the coolest things."

Watson and Odyssey Scholarships is as an umbrella term for numerous scholarships designed to serve a population not historically recognized



Watson-Odyssey scholars organized a Masquerade ball to raise money for Kids Reads, Inc.

PHOTO SUBMITTED BY DANIEL MCLAUGHLIN

at Elon, said Leon Williams, director of the Multicultural Center. The addition of The Elon Commitment scholars last year, who are also classified as Watson scholars, represents the most recent expansion of the program.

Although the program focuses on those from low-income families who are first-generation college students, the scholarship is commonly misconstrued as an honor reserved for racial and ethnic minorities, according to Williams. Nevertheless, the group of recipients exhibits a great amount of racial diversity, he said.

MORE ONLINE

More about the Watson-Odyssey program online

<http://pend.lu/scholars>

MELISSA KANSKY | News Editor

No Impact Man emphasizes personal integrity, means of protecting the environment

Ethan Smith
Senior Reporter

Colin Beavan identifies himself primarily as a father, but is best known as No Impact Man, who in 2006 pledged to reduce his impact on the environment.

Despite his knowledge about minimizing one's carbon footprint, Beavan's speech addressed how each individual can contribute to the world at Elon University April 19. The first step is realizing students all have much more in common than we think,

said Beavan, the author of "Saving The World, Being Yourself."

"The few electrical impulses we have in our brain that form our opinions shouldn't create such a large divide between us," said Beavan, who lived the entirety of 2006 without toilet paper.

Currently, the majority of people are more concerned with shoving the blame elsewhere, rather than realizing humans all scared of the same stuff and they can work together to fix it, Beavan said.

"We always argue about the Big Bang or if we were created by a God, but at the

heart of it we're all just failing to realize that we're deeply insecure about the vastness of the universe," Beavan said.

The key to beginning the process of working together is to take care of ourselves and realize who we are, he said.

"If we return to ourselves and do the things that we really care about, chances are they aren't going to be environmentally degrading things," Beavan said.

Living sustainably is difficult, but it's also a lot easier than one might think, he said. People are causing more grief by attempting to gain non-sustainable resources than if they were using sustainable ones.

"Instead of blasting apart mountaintops for coal and poisoning the groundwater all around the mountain, we could be researching and creating windmills and solar power, and creating jobs at the same time," Beavan said.

Freshman Josh Kaufmann, who attended the talk for a cultural event credit in his Global Experience class, said the speech exceeded his expectations.

"I ended up writing more about the things he said about being an individual than what he's accomplished," Kaufmann said.

Kaufmann also said he enjoyed the message.

"It's about taking your own values to heart and acting on them," he said.



Colin Beavan, best known as No Impact Man, pledged to reduce his impact on the environment in 2006. He discussed ways students can contribute to preserving the world April 19.

MOLLY CAREY | Staff Photographer

<p>April 25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take Back the Night: 6 p.m., Academic Pavilion • "What if you could create a startup?" 4 p.m., LaRose Digital Theater • Early voting shuttles available 	<p>April 26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team Hero Presentation by Jim Stanek: 7 p.m., Lindner 208 • Camerata and Chorale Masterworks Concert: 7:30 p.m., McCrary Theatre • Early voting shuttles available 	<p>April 27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baseball Block Party: 6 p.m., Latham Park • Fellows Cannon Cup: 3 p.m., Harden Club House and Fields • Early voting shuttles available 	<p>April 28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early voting shuttles available • "Splash-N-Dash" Car Wash: Back of Advance Auto Parks, next to Wendy's on South Church Street
<p>April 29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BFA Senior Thesis Exhibition, opening reception: 1 p.m., Arts West Gallery • Early voting shuttles available 	<p>April 30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early voting shuttles available 	<p>May 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comedy Central on Campus: 8 p.m., McKinnon Hall • Early voting shuttles available 	<p>May 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cannon Celebration: 6 p.m., Oaks 212 • Early voting shuttles available

NEWS BRIEFS

2 allegedly assaulted at Fat Frogg

A 25-year-old Haw River man and a 25-year-old Graham man were hospitalized after an alleged assault at the Fat Frogg on Timberline Station Road early April 21. Elon police arrived at Alamance Regional Medical Center around 4 a.m. to speak to the alleged victims.

The men told authorities they were struck with an unknown object after getting into an argument inside the bar. Both sustained facial injuries and were released from the hospital after treatment.

The incident is under police investigation, pending interviews with witnesses.

SPECTRUM provides early voting shuttles

SPECTRUM is organizing regular shuttles from Elon University to Graham Public Library April 23-May 5 so students may vote early in the North Carolina primaries. The bus will leave from Boney Fountain outside Moseley. For a list of times visit <http://pend.lu/2r>.

All Elon students are eligible to vote in North Carolina so long as they are United States citizens. People who have already registered to vote need to bring identification. Those who have not yet registered need to bring identification and proof of residency.

Elon professor publishes book about humans' influence on Earth

Jeffrey Coker, director of general studies and associate professor of biology, published a book titled "Reinventing Life," which discusses how humans' decisions influence how the Earth develops. His book questions how technology will determine human evolution and behavior and if, and to what extent, genetic enhancement should be limited.

Coker created the course "Reinventing Life," which earned him the title of Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning Scholar. He arrived at Elon University in 2004 and teaches The Global Experience, as well as science courses.

Elon accounting professor awarded outstanding educator of the year

Art Cassill, professor of accounting at Elon University, received the award for Outstanding Educator of the Year by the North Carolina Association of Certified Public Accountants.

Through a nomination process, the committee of members in the NCACPA chooses a person who has made an impact in advising and teaching, among other contributions to the field of accounting.

"It is a bit overwhelming in a good way," said Cassill in regards to receiving the award.

Elon names 2012 Lumen Scholars

Elon announced the names of 15 rising juniors awarded the 2012 Lumen Prize, which includes a \$15,000 scholarship to support their research proposals. Scholars work closely with their respective mentors to complete their projects.

The prize echoes Elon's historic motto "Numen Lumen," which means "spiritual light" in Latin. A list of Lumen recipients can be found at <http://pend.lu/2n>.

Law students develop partnership to provide tax counseling for elderly

Elon University School of Law developed relationships with the AARP Foundation, allowing 16 students to provide a free tax service to the elderly through the IRS Tax Counseling for the Elderly program. An additional nine students volunteered with the program through other avenues.

The interaction enabled law students to demonstrate their leadership in the community and apply academic courses to real situations, according to Austin Morris, a member of the Class of 2012.

International

Costa Rica grapples with inept drug laws

Wesley Rose
International Reporter

The world's first international effort to make drugs illegal began more than 100 years ago. Great Britain had recently fought with China to secure opium trading.

Many other attempts with inherent consequences followed. The idea of a drug free world has become a staple of irresponsible political dogma.

In Latin America, the consequences of this mission are very real throughout El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Colombia, Mexico and even Costa Rica, where drug violence is much less common. In this region, the push for legalization seems stronger than ever.

Drug war headlines associated with Latin America are not hard to find in the United States, and the laws have hardly reduced crime and proliferation. Recent U.N. valuations show drug profits near \$320 billion per year. Laws also make the drug market much riskier for buyers.

Aside from problems at home, the developing world is facing greater consequences.

Mexico, one of Latin America's most stable democracies, is steeped in gang violence, which has led to declining foreign investment. According to Strategic Forecasting, Inc., estimated deaths related to recent drug wars amounted to 2,275 in 2007, increasing to substantially more than 11,000 in 2010.

In Latin American nations, drug prohibition is making United States efforts insubstantial. Drug prices are mostly set according to how dangerous it is to distribute rather than to produce the product, thereby making cartels all the richer with increasing American involvement in prohibiting illegal drugs.

It is dangerous to distribute them to the United States, so those who do



Mexican police patrol neighborhoods that are suspected of drug and gang-related activity.

so successfully earn a large amount of money in a short amount of time, according to American authorities.

Guatemalan president Otto Perez Molina recently suggested Feb. 10 legalizing drugs during his speech at the Seminar on Security and Migration in Central America and Mexico.

After decades of judicial and military confrontations with cartels, "criminal networks have been strengthened and governments have lost territorial authority," he said.

The main route to the American market is paved through Costa Rica. Pressure is rising to launch Central America into a war against drugs.

Antonio Moreda, a salesman at Colgate in San Jose, said he finds fault with this policy.

"Drug laws have led to more violence, money laundering, arms trafficking, corruption with judges, policemen and government institutions," Moreda said.

The goal to end violence and corruption has been defeated by anti-drug efforts. The difficult question of how to change this system is being debated seriously in Costa Rica.

Officials argue the criteria for drug policy should change. Along with government price setting of drugs, authorities are focusing on public health.

The Institute on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence is promoting interagency coordination with the Social Security Fund to provide programs that treat citizens affected by drug use in Costa Rica.

As a small country, Costa Rica has few options to change its policy on its own or that of large countries with regard to drugs.

The government is seeking to gain the support of other democratic countries in Latin America on a crusade to change the repressive global policies on drugs.

Costa Rican officials have said they want to send the United States authorities a message: Instead of criminalizing those involved in the drug business, governments must attack the problem through intensively regulated partial legalization and effective health services for risks associated with drug use.

International photo contest heats up competition

Katie Moran
International Editor

The Isabella Canon International Centre (ICIC) is hosting an international photo contest through which student pictures from semesters abroad will be displayed and voted on through Facebook. Voting began April 23 and will end April 27. The entire Elon University community is encouraged to vote.

"The international photo contest is a fun opportunity for Elon students to showcase both their international activities and their artistic skills by submitting favorite photos from their international experiences," said International Programs Adviser Bill

Burress.

Students were given the opportunity to submit photos until April 20 in three categories: Seeing, which includes landscapes and beautiful scenery; Experiencing, which includes students actively doing things to benefit or learn from the country; and Engaging, which includes students interacting with the locals and culture. There is a separate category for faculty to submit photos as well.

The photos will be judged on the ICIC's Facebook page. The submitted photos will be placed in albums, and the Elon community can vote simply by liking their favorite photos.

"We want images that capture the

beauty of our world and Elon students interacting with it and its people," Burress said.

The winners and winning photos will be announced at College Coffee May 1. The photographer with the most overall votes will receive the grand prize, which is a traveler's backpack provided by CIEE (Council on International Educational Exchange), one of the International Centre's study abroad partners, Burress said. Runners-up will also be selected for additional prizes.

The ICIC encourages anyone to approach them with questions or concerns about the contest. They can be found on the first floor of Carlton or at <http://www.facebook.com/elonabroad>.

INTERNATIONAL BRIEFS

Guantanamo Bay prisoners transferred to El Salvador

The United States transferred two Chinese prisoners from Guantanamo Bay to El Salvador after holding them for a decade with no charges.

China urged other countries not to accept the two men into their nations, but the El Salvadoran government agreed to let them settle down there in their own homes.

The men's attorney said they are happy in their new home in El Salvador.

The Pentagon announced that with the departure of these two men, the Guantanamo prison population is now 169.

Israel honors Holocaust victims

Israelis celebrated Yom Hashoa, or Holocaust Remembrance Day, April 19 throughout the country. The Israeli government honored the 198,000 survivors still living in Israel as well as the thousands living around the globe with memorial speeches and services.

Many Holocaust survivors live in poverty in Israel, even though in 2007, the government passed a \$260 million multi-year plan to assist Holocaust survivors. But various organizations around the country insist it was far too little to help everyone and more actions need to be taken by the government.

Brazilian slum sets bus on fire

Residents of a slum in Rio de Janeiro set a bus on fire that blocked a highway tunnel for approximately 90 minutes April 18. No one was harmed, but the driver suffered minor injuries. Five other buses were stopped because of the blaze, but were allowed to continue after a short while.

The small uprising started after a bullet accidentally grazed a 10-year-old girl. Armed officials were patrolling the slums looking for drug-related crimes and shot at an 18-year-old man. The girl was caught in the middle of the confrontation, and a stray bullet grazed her stomach. She was taken to the hospital and was sent home after being treated.

Mexican volcano spews rocks

Popocatepetl Volcano, located just outside of Mexico City, shot fiery rock fragments half a mile into the air April 19, raising concern for another eruption. Mexico City suffered its most violent eruption in 1,200 years in Dec., 2000.

The 17,886-foot volcano continued to spew ash and water vapor all day, forcing residents of Mexico City to remain indoors as much as possible. Authorities said the activity of Popocatepetl is increasing, and people should be on alert.

Suspected terrorists arrested

British police force arrested three men at Heathrow Airport April 19 for "possessing articles and documents with intent to use them for terrorist purposes overseas," authorities said. The men are currently residents of Birmingham, England and were arrested upon arrival off a flight from Oman, a small Arab nation.

The men, aged 33-39, were detained under Section 57 of the British Terrorism Act which states that anyone with "reasonable suspicion" of terrorist activities or connections with terrorist activities can be held and interrogated for a certain amount of time.

Correspondents' Corner

LONDON — When people travel abroad, they often want to try local cuisines. While England is known for

certain dishes, including fish and chips and shepherd's pie, the London area also has an assortment of ethnic options. In addition to foreign foods, McDonald's golden arches can be spotted on practically every street corner.

There are other chains in the city, including Domino's, KFC and even Krispy Kreme. This doughnut establishment, founded in North Carolina, is a warm reminder of home. If only London had Cookout, I would never need to return. Needless to say, one can eat a variety of foods while in London, both native and ethnic.



LEIGH ILER

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN — We are in Japan, our last port of the semester, and we are squeezing every experience and moment out of it.



REBECCA CUMMINGS

Right now is also peak cherry blossom season, and people have traveled from all over the country and other Asian nations to see them here in Yokohama. The temples are beautiful, and so

is the way of life. People are very contemplative and quiet. If we stop for a second to take in the surrounding sounds, we don't hear anything except nature. The people are so gentle and respectful of the peace. It's difficult to be with American study abroad students because we are so loud all the time.

SAN JOSE — Costa Rica is a nation with an old democratic tradition and no standing army for the past six



WESLEY ROSE

decades. Internal stability has prevailed over much of the past 175 years. National characteristics of success and safety seem to give the people I see a kind of pride for their uniqueness. As a byproduct, the massive cultural transplant of poor Nicaraguans immigrating to Costa Rica embroils this national passion, but also a stern hostility toward what is labeled an invasion. I have begun to notice a type of racism lesser known in the United States, one of culture rather than color. I expected many unknowns, but racism was not on my list.

Editorial

Amendment One endangers rights of all North Carolina residents

Whether you are gay or straight, male or female, married or unmarried, Amendment One threatens your rights. It threatens your neighbors' rights. It threatens your children's rights.

We oppose Amendment One, a poorly-worded attempt by the state to regulate marriage, because it is discriminatory toward all North Carolina residents. It jeopardizes the rights of citizens involved in relationships outside the bill's institutionalized definition of marriage.

In case you are unfamiliar with the bill, Amendment One seeks to define marriage between one man and one woman as "the only domestic legal union that shall be valid or recognized in the state." If this amendment passes, our state constitution will become a document of injustice.

While the proponents of Amendment One mistakenly attempt to colorize the debate as a moral issue of protecting traditional values regarding marriage, discussing same-sex marriage in the same breath as Amendment One is irrelevant and demonstrates that many voters lack knowledge on what they're voting for.

If you believe voting for Amendment One will be a decisive victory against the legalization of same-sex marriage, then you're putting your eggs in the wrong basket. Same-sex marriage is already illegal in North Carolina and will remain no what the outcome on May 8.

But regardless of your feelings about same-sex marriage, you should still vote against Amendment One.

The sobering reality is that

Amendment One threatens the rights of heterosexual couples and their children as well as harming gay and lesbian couples. By limiting its definition of a legally recognized marital agreement to solely a man and woman, the state is effectively threatening the rights and privileges of all its residents, regardless of their orientation.

Eligibility for certain legal arrangements, such as health care coverage, child custody rights and protection from domestic abuse, is often determined by a person's marital status. Additional legal disputes over domestic violence, hospital visitation, medical care and death benefits could result.

Equality North Carolina has stated that businesses and service providers will struggle to retain LGBTQ employees if their health care policies cannot guarantee equal benefits for them and their families under Amendment One provisions.

Amendment One would also curtail pre-existing rights for those in domestic partnerships and civil unions, as well as single parents. There are more than 220,000 unmarried couples living in North Carolina, according to Protect NC Families. Of those unmarried couples, more than 89,500 of them have children.

If Amendment One passes, according to Protect NC Families, those children could lose their health care and prescription drug coverage, putting their health at risk. If Amendment One passes, existing child custody and visitation rights that are designed to protect children from abusive parents could be overturned, potentially

exposing those children to physical harm.

Amendment One is also discriminatory because of its failure to adhere to the state's responsibilities under the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. The clause reads, "No state shall deny any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of laws." Amendment One would not offer equal protection to same-gender couples.

This semester, you've read about the Vote Against movement garnering support in protest of Amendment One. President Leo Lambert and Smith Jackson, vice president and dean of Student Life, showed their opposition toward Amendment One during a Spectrum candlelight vigil in the fall.

On Monday, Jackson sent an email offering information to students regarding voter registration and transportation to the polls. Several other members of Elon's administration have also spoken against Amendment One, encouraging students to do the same.

Kirstin Ringelberg, coordinator of Elon's LGBTQ office, said Elon students need to vote against Amendment One because she believes the issues it raises are already concerning to many students.

"Elon students are typically pretty sensitive, empathetic people who recognize that other human beings, no matter how different they might be, deserve equal treatment under the law," she said. "You don't have to agree with someone's religion, racial or ethnic identity or political view, to recognize that



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY CLAIRE ESPARROS | Photo Editor

The Vote Against movement has gained support from many Elon students.

they should have the same legal rights you do."

Ringelberg said she hopes Elon students realize that while defeating this discriminatory amendment is an important step, they recognize that injustice continues to exist, and a person's biggest mistake is a failure to act when injustice is forced upon them.

Living in a democracy may be a right afforded to us, but it is also a privilege, one that must be earned by living up to the responsibilities our nation's laws hold to us.

Let us not stand by and allow

injustice to be perpetrated on our neighbors and co-workers, on our friends or our families.

So when you put down your copy of The Pendulum, consider your responsibilities as an Elon student. Consider your responsibilities as an informed citizen.

But most of all, consider your responsibilities to yourself. Do you want to look back and regret having not voted against such a discriminatory bill?

Vote against Amendment One, and you will be able to look back having landed on the right side of history.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Everywhere you look on Elon's campus, you see it — Vote Against Amendment One. For months, students have been receiving emails telling them to register to vote, so that on May 8 their voice will be heard. In the dining halls, you can't sit at a table without seeing Vote Against.

We are told, if passed, Amendment One will hurt families, children and may cause countless other problems. Therefore, it is our duty and responsibility to vote against this amendment. Has anyone done the research to see if Amendment One will cause the horrors described or do we just believe everything we read?

On April 20, Ross Wade, assistant director of career services in the School of Communications, sent out an

email explaining how students could register to vote and included a link that told students why they should vote against Amendment One. The claims made by this video come largely from a statement from Maxine Eichner, a professor at the University of North Carolina School of Law. Her beliefs are the ones being propagated by the media and many at our university. But the media and our campus have ignored the counterclaims made by three professors from the Campbell University School of Law. These professors refute the claims of Eichner and find she is not justified in her concerns. If Eichner is wrong, then people like Wade, who are spreading her unjustified concerns, should be held accountable for misleading the

students of Elon.

Eichner believes Amendment One is going to hurt people of North Carolina because of the words "domestic legal union." She believes this language is too vague and leaves many unmarried couples at risk of losing benefits. The professors from Campbell would disagree. They argue that the amendment would "allow legal benefits and protections for unmarried opposite sex or same sex couples, so long as those couples are not treated as having a legal status resembling marriage." Therefore, everything would remain the same. Couples would still be protected, current child custody rights would remain the same and they would still receive health insurance benefits. The professors

argue the amendment only applies to "unions," but not "relationships." Ultimately, the problem with Eichner's conclusion was her failure to "give the term "union" its proper effect in limiting the amendment's reach."

Why are we choosing to ignore the work of Campbell's professor? Why do we as students continue to believe everything we hear? Isn't it time we look at both sides of the argument? If the three professors from Campbell are right, then the intellectually honest action would be to admit we were wrong and vote for Amendment One on May 8.

Austin Faur
Class of 2015

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Opinions

Popular hype surrounding 4/20 only smoke and mirrors

There is not much to say in favor of “celebrating” 4/20 anymore. Pop culture’s glorification of this criminalized “holiday” is extraordinarily irresponsible. Hailing 4/20 as some sort of stoner holiday only reinforces negative stereotypes of our youth culture’s supposed obsession with weed. Furthermore, it stands to negatively impact the potential for marijuana to be legalized in the future as a legitimate medicinal tool.



Chase Pitman
Guest Columnist

And while it is not my business to tell readers how to treat their bodies, I feel compelled to express my view. I don’t care if you choose to smoke marijuana on April 20. I don’t care if you choose to smoke marijuana on any other day of the year. But to openly break the law on a day just for the sake of celebrating criminal behavior, well that is just foolish.

If there is any day on which police throughout the country would be on constant lookout for marijuana, it would be the 20th of April. Ask any student who has been arrested for marijuana use or sale, and they will agree: A drug charge is one thing you want to leave college without.

The celebration of 4/20 only serves to damage the attempts of citizens



Despite the reputation of April 20 as America’s stoner holiday, advocates of marijuana legalization argue that participating in the false holiday reinforces negative stereotypes about marijuana users and discredits the legitimacy of marijuana having practical medicinal purposes.

to legalize marijuana for medicinal purposes, as it continually perpetuates the seedy, underground manner in which it is consumed.

With the recent increase in publicity over marijuana being used as a prescribed drug and the subsequent reports of prescription abuse, the logical conclusion of any 4/20 observer is that all marijuana supporters are “pot heads” just looking to get high.

In reality, the arguments for legalizing marijuana for medical purposes are many. But, by bringing a negative shadow upon the topic of marijuana through excessive and

publicized usage centered on one specific day, Elon students, as well as all other celebrators, distort the image of what could be a promising medical treatment.

Interestingly enough, the choice of April 20 as the patron holiday for all things THC is completely arbitrary and holds no significance. There have long been rumors that the number relates in some way to police codes for reporting incidents of marijuana use, but the truth is not nearly as exciting.

According to a Huffington Post article by Ryan Grim, the origin of the mystical number dates back to 1971.

It was on April 20, 1971 that a group of high school friends nicknamed the “waldos” (given for their reported habit of hanging out next to a wall) ventured into the Point Reyes, Calif. forest to find a “lost” patch of marijuana hidden within. However, the legend remains unclear whether they ever found this “lost” weed.

So if you feel the need to smoke those funky cigarettes, remember there is nothing special about doing it just because it’s April 20. Consider the message you’re sending before you spend another day wasting away in Marijuanaville.

Obesity problem linked to over-indulgent cultural norms

Nearly 34 percent of Americans are affected with something that is slowly killing them. If this was a disease spreading like wildfire, the country would be throwing all of its weight behind finding a cure.

Fortunately, or unfortunately depending on the view, this is a problem that we cause and cure on our own: obesity.

It is a stretch to claim this is a problem that can be easily ignored. Simply walking down the street, it is evident America has a problem.

Celebrities, television stations and even the First Lady have tried to reverse the

growing trend.

Michelle Obama has tried to take this problem into her own hands, firmly trying to decrease obesity in America from where it is starting by focusing on the children.

Her program, called “Let’s Move!”, has a goal of “solving the challenge of childhood obesity within a generation so

that children born today will reach adulthood at a healthy weight.”

The Let’s Move! program has had some success in promoting healthy eating habits, especially in school cafeterias and in exercise, but it is no way going to have a noticeable impact on obesity anytime soon.

The problem with obesity is

that you are battling a culture of over-indulgence, found in a country that has become reliant on the fastest, most efficient ways to eat, travel and entertain.

The South is where the heart of the problem lies, with six of the 10 highest obesity rating states in the United States (North Carolina weighs in at number 14.) While many things could be pointed at for the South’s rising obesity levels, what it comes down to is the culture of the area.

Growing up in the South, I realize how important a home-cooked meal with your loved ones is, and while this is no different from most cultures, the problem is what is being served.

Paula Deen is the picture of buttery and sugary extravagance for southern food, and while many claim this is an exaggeration, and rightly so, there is still some truth behind her gluttonous southern cooking.

Unfortunately, not much can be done about changing what is served where, but what could be done for programs aiming to reverse obesity trends is focusing on portion size.

It is no secret that many restaurants in the U.S. serve an overwhelming amount of food (I’m looking at you Cheesecake Factory).

The problem is not going to change anytime soon, though. People know the dangers of obesity, but will continue to eat too much without exercising, creating a norm.

I believe Americans are going to need to be scared into eating healthy, similar to sex education programs many students are forced to endure every year of school.

There is no single factor for America to point its finger as to why we have this obesity problem. Until Americans commit to make an effort to stop obesity, they should not be stretching themselves too thin.



Jonathan Black
Columnist



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Eating habits in American society have created a culture of over-indulgence.

Sexual violence awareness campaigns should be more prevalent on college campuses

One in four college women has been raped or been the victim of attempted rape during the course of her college career. But on university campuses across the country, eye rolls and complaining accompany sexual violence awareness workshops. The student response to university efforts is alarming, and the need for change is unquestionable.



Rebecca Wickel
Columnist

If we want students to be global citizens, we need to encourage them to actually care about worldwide issues — especially those that truly hit home. I’ve heard the mantra “think globally,

act locally” at Elon University, and this is a great opportunity to put that concept into action. Students should be taking the time to become educated about sexual health, not because it’s mandatory, but because it’s important.

If someone in the U.S. experiences sexual assault every two minutes, why are related campus programs and initiatives not a larger part of campus life at Elon?

Students must be aware of campus-wide programming, including SPARKS! and the Sexual Assault and Gender Issues Council. April was sexual assault awareness month, but I’d hardly know it if it weren’t for tables at Moseley. So why aren’t events well-attended?

Elon’s problem is not a lack of opportunity to learn about sexual assault. The Office of Student Development has a violence prevention

mission that offers definitions, resources, coping strategies and guidelines. The problem is impassivity on campus.

If you want to care, the information is available, as are ways to get involved and demonstrate a stance on important issues. If you don’t, it’s easy to get away with ignorance. For those that believe apathy is permissible because college students no longer need sex education advice, listen up. According to publicintegrity.org, in the year 2000, 48.8 percent of college women who were victims of attacks did not consider what happened to them to be rape. If she didn’t know, there’s a good chance her attacker didn’t either.

If a woman doesn’t know what is and is not rape, she is at a greater risk for putting herself in a dangerous situation. It is the university’s

responsibility to guarantee that the men and women of Elon know about sexual assault and health, so if the current means of education aren’t working, it is their job to find an alternative that truly resonates with life at Elon.

But the university can’t do it all. Students must desire to end sexual violence and be willing to spend time learning about it and the means of prevention. I may be raising a whole other issue when I declare rampant apathy on Elon’s campus is keeping its “engaged learners” from being anything but compliant. It’s going to take more than an hour during orientation and a few links on a webpage to make more Elon students care about sexual violence.

Shame on us for being so disinterested. Shame on the university if nothing is done about it.

Style



Senior Natalie Butler admires her pottery purchase from Jars Pots, made by senior art major J.R. Riegel. Other local craftsmen attended the market as well, selling birdhouses, baked goods and more.



T-5 Farms, a local sustainable family farm that raises chicken, cattle and various vegetables, sold their fresh produce, eggs and meats to kick off the first Elon Community Church Farmers Market of the season.

Friendly farmers bring local goods to Elon for fifth year

Kassandra Cloos
Copy Editor

Elon Community Church's farmers market has been growing as slowly and steadily as the vegetables it has been selling for the past five years. Kicking off this year on April 19, Earth Day, the small, empty patch of grass at the ECC quickly came to life with the hustle and bustle of Elon University students, faculty and staff and local community members sampling jams and cheeses, examining hand-made pottery and birdhouses and learning a little bit more about where their food comes from.

Since its small start in 2008, the farmers market has grown substantially. Even the length of its season has been extended to accommodate the countless members of the university community who only got to experience the market for a few weeks at the beginning and end of each school year, according to Sandra Sarlinga, an ECC member who created the market with her husband and has been coordinating it ever since.

Sarlinga and her husband, Fabian Lujan, are vendors at the market as well. Lujan bakes artisan breads and pastries, and he and Sarlinga also sell farm-fresh eggs.

ECC's list of vendors continues to get longer, but since the church is environmentally and community-minded, there are a few rules in place to keep it a local operation. Redbud Farm, the only certified organic vendor, is the closest at about 12 miles away, but even those with the longest distance to go are within a 30-mile drive.

"We love the farmers market," Sarlinga said. "With the farmers market, we intend to be as local as possible. All the farmers grow what they bring, and most of them, if they're not certified organic, they do go as natural as they can. We are small, but it's a nice town feeling and we like it."

Nancy Joyner, who owns Redbud Farm with her husband Clay Smith, sells her produce at other venues as well, and said interacting with her customers at weekly markets is the best part of farming.

"My favorite part is probably just sharing with people about food," she said. "It so unites us all. Teaching

people what they can do with Swiss chard or growing their own plants, or what a person can cook if they're in a dorm room or just have a microwave, or just a way to get connected again and know where your food is coming from, is the fun part of the market."

Senior Amber Mathis volunteered at Redbud Farm on behalf of Campus Kitchen last year, and said she has always enjoyed going to the farmers market for its community feel. Bigger farmers markets often feel like big businesses, she said, and she likes knowing about the roots of her food.

"I think that's what people like about farmers markets," she said. "They get to know where their food comes from, and you can really do that in a small market like this."

The goal is to keep the market food-oriented, but Sarlinga said she values the diversity that other types of vendors can bring to it as well. This year, Elon senior J.R. Riegel brought a slew of colorful pottery to sell at a stand he calls "Jars Pots."

Riegel is an art major concentrating in ceramics, and while some of the pieces were made for class, he said he was most proud of a collection of cups he made from start to finish — including digging up the clay from his own backyard near the Blue Ridge Mountains in Virginia.

"I think it's a good venue to sell at," Riegel said. "I thought of doing a sale based in Arts West, in the studio, or in Moseley, and I just feel like this is a great place for people to sell hand-made things."

Riegel said Jars Pots was far more successful than he had hoped, and people were going up to his table to buy things even before the market officially opened at 3:30 that afternoon.

Even though most anything from plants to meat and honey to birdhouses can be found at the ECC Farmer's Market, Sarlinga said the most important rule is that vendors are not allowed to resell anything. It helps keep the focus on eating local, a trend Sarlinga said she thinks is really important, especially since her own family makes its living from selling at farmers markets.

"Over here, you are creating a relationship," she said.

The Elon Community Church Farmer's Market is every Thursday from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Some things you can find at the Farmer's Market:

Fruits, vegetables, bread, jam, eggs, jewelry, art, goat cheese, honey, handmade crafts, meat, flowers, vegetable plants, live music and the farmers who grow the food you eat.

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See a video of the opening day of the Farmer's Market.

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Elon university students find joy, growth in serving others

Rebecca Wickel
Features Editor

It's all about self-empowerment, according to Elon University senior Alexis Janes.

Janes is completing her practicum at the Women's Resource Center (WRC) in Burlington, an organization that gives women in Alamance County the support they need to become self-sufficient.

The WRC is hosting its 15th annual herb festival April 26-28 to raise money for its programming and initiatives. For Janes, working on the project has been a professional eye-opener.

"I might not take the traditional route of human services, but it's been really good experience seeing how a nonprofit works," she said. "I'm in the more event-planning side of it, marketing, and I really got involved with the members to raise money."

The money from the herb festival event funds most of the WRC's annual activities, according to intern and senior Jessica Gibian. The staff is hoping to raise \$30,000 in three days, with help from generous members and festival attendees.

For many of the women coming to the WRC for help, life has only recently forced them into dire straits. According to Janes, the center serves displaced homemakers, the underemployed and the unemployed. Most of the time, clients have recently experienced divorce or job loss.

"We do job counseling, help them write their resumes, practice interviews and develop networking skills," Janes said. "We provide them with gas cards to help them, we find appropriate housing and daycare. So much goes into finding a job that you don't ever think about."

The WRC also serves as a

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-Alexis Janes
SENIOR

liaison between clients and other organizations such as the Burlington Housing Authority.

For Gibian, working with the WRC has shaped her career plans.

"This past summer, I started thinking about taking (the human services route)," she said. "Since I'm part time, my parents suggested I take some of the time I'm not in class to do an internship that will bolster my resume, but also give me experience and narrow down what I want. I started at WRC and I loved it immediately."

Both Janes and Gibian said they believe in the purpose of the organization and feel they're benefiting from the experience.

But they're not the only ones receiving value from the WRC.

"I really love seeing women come in and say, 'I need this money to get recertified,' and then two weeks later they're on their way to income," Gibian said. "I love seeing their mission carried out. I really believe in it so much because it really can continue itself. Teach a man to fish, and he'll have fish forever."

By witnessing the importance of social services and assistance, Gibian has a greater appreciation for what she has.

"I know I've been really lucky to



Senior Alexis Janes has been spending the semester at the Women's Resource Center in Burlington, where she has worked to market and publicize the 15th annual herb festival.

have avoided all of the pitfalls that lead to that, but not everyone is born lucky," she said. "To see someone who maybe had a rough childhood, or in the past few years things just haven't been going well, be on their own and be ready to be on their own is a cool thing."

For both students, bringing the WRC to a younger generation has been a top priority.

"We're really trying to get people involved in our social media because our member group is mainly the older generation," Janes said. "My goal is really to get people involved that are younger, people that have just graduated college, because I learned so much."

Not only has it inspired Janes

to connect with more youthful members, the experience at the WRC has changed her view of the female gender.

"Now I see that women can work, they can volunteer, they can have families, they can be members of an organization," she said. "They can do anything."

Finalizing plans for the herb festival and knowing it can change the lives of the clients at the WRC has been of great importance to Janes.

"This is how we can afford to give these women a gas card, or give them counseling and legal help for free," she said. "The best part has been seeing the herb festival all come together, and seeing what all that money is going to do."

Rockin' in Raleigh: Junior performs at Ben Folds concert

Dan Quackenbush
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When the name Ben Folds comes to mind, a variety of impressions and ideas usually arise. Some recall the flamboyant showman they've seen onstage, conducting his audience in three-part harmony sing-alongs. Others recall his understandable yet complex a capella commentary from his role as a judge on NBC's "The Sing-Off." Others distinguish him for building his career by being the antithesis of a rock star.

But according to Elon junior Rachel Jones, Ben Folds' multi-sided, musically-driven behavior isn't exclusive to the stage, but remains constant even when the spotlight is turned off.

Jones had the opportunity to meet and sing with the spectacled music guru during spring break, singing as one of the two sopranos of the octet Fold's Choir for two concert dates at the Progress Energy Center Meymandi Concert Hall in Raleigh.

Jones said she was chosen for the opportunity to sing with Ben Folds unexpectedly.

"I was originally asked in January

by one of the chorale directors to cover one of the sopranos that dropped out," Jones said. "Actually, the director who asked me has helped with some arrangements for Ben Folds' choir, so it was cool that they had worked together before."

Jones said the choir was not privy to much downtime with Folds before to the show, but his relaxed demeanor and passion for music was a constant presence during rehearsal and sound check. Despite Folds' reported quiet and reserved manner during rehearsal, Jones noted each night he brought all the intensity and unpredictability that has come to be associated with a Ben Folds concert.

"He's an excellent performer, but he's not full of himself," Jones said. "He was very easy to work with and very interactive with the audience."

Despite the theme of regular irregularity that reportedly accompanies any Folds concert, Jones recalled that the show was, overall, by the book. But there were more than a few of Folds' greatest hits moments during the course of the concert. For instance, during Folds' popularized audience-friendly anthem, "Not the Same," Folds transformed the entire

audience into his choristers, as each audience member was asked to sing one part of a three-part harmony during the song's chorus.

Jones recalled one instance during the show in which Folds sang one of his signature impromptu songs, (entitled "The Lonely Douchebag") to satirize the antics of a rowdy audience member. The theme of improvisation on stage was palpable throughout the entire concert, according to Jones.

"More than half of our set was comprised of songs that he previously made up while on stage," Jones said.

After the show ended, Jones was finally able to meet with the former frontman of the Ben Folds Five, who was able to offer her some practical advice for her current career as a music major and beyond.

"(Folds) told me to focus more on the music than its marketability. Don't write crappy music just so you can sell it," Jones said. "One of my favorite anecdotes of his was him saying how he wakes up in the morning with songs in his head, most of which he claims are horrible. But a few of them he will work at, and they'll eventually end up on stage."

Jones said her favorite part of the



Junior Rachel Jones sang in Ben Folds' octet for two nights in Raleigh during spring break.

experience was the chance to work with the group that she sang with, and was grateful for the contacts that she made that she can use in the future.

Whether students think of Folds as a goofball or musical genius, Jones now has a new image to hold on to.

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LEFT: Senior Josh Bonney performs for his second consecutive year at Rock the Lawn. RIGHT: David von Mering of acoustic-reggae duo Aer performs after dark for Elon students.

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Student musicians get moment in spotlight during free outdoor concert

Stephanie Butzer
Senior Reporter

Last year, senior Josh Bonney participated in the Student Union Board's first-ever Rock the Lawn event. He said he enjoyed it so much, he had to do it again.

Bonney got his chance Friday night, when Rock the Lawn returned for another year of performances in the Colonnades Quad.

SUB provided the free concert, during which three student artists performed before headlining act Aer. Bonney, along with the newly formed Undercover Pizza Cops and sophomore Lizzy Bassen, earned coveted spots in the lineup after performing at SUB's Battle of the Bands earlier this semester.

Sophomore James Davies and freshman Dylan Brock were among the four judges of Battle of the Bands who

chose Aer's opening acts.

Davies said it is important to have student musical performances on campus.

"It creates a community feel with Elon, which obviously we're big on," Davies said. "Just everyone can go to a concert for free, get some free food, that's always important. They can also have an alternative way to have fun instead of going out and drinking, so that's really important."

With the addition of sophomore electric guitarist Cody Fox and sophomore drummer Rhett Richards, sophomore Nick Agrawal and senior Ben Rungsrithong created the band Undercover Pizza Cops. Agrawal and Rungsrithong secured a performance slot during Battle of the Bands, which allowed them to play '90s songs to a growing crowd in the Colonnades Quad.

Bassen also aimed for a mellow playlist, performing smooth rock songs by Michael Buble and Adele during her time on stage.

The student performers provided a lengthy warm-up for Aer, which fuses reggae, hip-hop and acoustic music. Through a lucky connection, SUB was able to have Aer come to Elon for a discounted price after Davies and Brock spent most of the semester hoping to bring the group to campus.

Aer has toured several colleges in the past. They have earned the No. 1 spot on iTunes' hip-hop charts, and they have been featured on DirtyMexicanLemonade.com, now DML.fm, a popular music website. Davies said Aer's musical style is a mixture of various artists.

"They're almost like Slightly Stoopid meets a Mac Miller-type feel," Davies said. Sophomore Kirsten Haugsted said she

was happy to attend a concert the entire Elon community could enjoy.

"A lot of the time, they have things in the performing arts center, but I feel like even though they're open to everyone on campus, a lot of people still don't go see the performances," Haugsted said. "So seeing them perform out in a public area, outside even, really helps promote them."

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Breathing fresh air into classic literature

'Pride and Prejudice' amuses, entertains modern audience

Ashley Fahey
Copy Chief

The stage had transformed into 1813 Hertfordshire, complete with bonneted women, lilting English dialects and male servants donning high heels. It was as though a scene had been lifted straight out of Jane Austen's most famous novel. But in reality, Elon University's Department of Performing Arts had constructed a theatrical interpretation of Austen's "Pride and Prejudice," performed April 19-22 in McCrary Theatre.

From the dialects to the props, the production harkened well to the novel's narrative. The cast and crew insisted on being absolutely accurate on character posture, costume design and Austen's intent when she first wrote the novel almost 200 years ago. But Elon's production of "Pride and Prejudice" didn't strike as a mere copycat of the novel. It was able to become something incredible of its own.

For one, the wit and comedy found in Austen's novel was highlighted and emphasized more than most would gather from reading her text. Although one of the strengths of "Pride and Prejudice" is its humor, the actors in Elon's production truly embraced their characters and brought out an exaggeration not vividly seen when reading the book.

But in characters such as Mrs. Bennet, played by junior Claire Manship, or Mr. Collins, played by junior Carl St. Goar, the show was humorous all the way through. Manship's accurate portrayal of the often ridiculous, smothering and overwhelming Mrs. Bennet kept audiences entertained, even when she was not the forefront of the attention. Her exaggerated laughs and shouts for her husband or daughters were

everything the notorious Mrs. Bennet should be and highlighted exactly what Austen intended in her creation of Mrs. Bennet: satirizing women who thought of nothing but marrying daughters off quickly and into good names and fortunes.

St. Goar's interpretation of Mr. Collins was spot on as well. In adaptations over time, Mr. Collins' character has been treated in many different ways. He has been played as nervous, stammering and awkward, but he has also been characterized as serious and emotionless. But St. Goar breathed new life into Mr. Collins by making him quirky in a subdued, almost intractable manner. In fact, if the audience wasn't watching St. Goar's facial expressions and body language, it might have been missed. But the subtlety brought to the role made it all the more humorous and engaging, and also underscored Mr. Collins' upright, pompous manner perfectly.

Of course, the lead characters of Elizabeth Bennet and Mr. Darcy, played by senior Stephanie Lloyd and junior Logan T. Sutton, were well-played and brought a new appreciation for the timeless characters. Lloyd's Elizabeth was engaging and charming yet always prudent, whereas Sutton's portrayal of Darcy was aloof and solemn but eventually won over the audience. The cheers that came from the audience during the final proposal scene were a testament to how Lloyd and Sutton connected to their respective characters and made them the relatable individuals so many have loved for generations.

The set was minimalist and changed very subtly throughout the play. But the choice to remain minimalist suited Elon's production perfectly and emphasized, rather than took away from, the dialogue and actors. The costume design was superb



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Junior Logan T. Sutton (left) and senior Stephanie Lloyd share a kiss as Mr. Darcy and Elizabeth.

and took audiences back to early 1800s England, from the fashionable headwear donned to the traveling cloaks worn.

Elon's production of "Pride and Prejudice" was a delight for all ages and genders. While staying true to Austen's text, it also became something unique from both the novel and previous adaptations of "Pride and Prejudice." It was an evening at the theater Mr. Bingley himself would have declared "top of the hill."

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Campus organizations use documentaries to shine light on crises

Holocaust documentary gives voice to genocide survivors

Stephanie Butzer
Senior Reporter

Holocaust Remembrance Week at Elon University consists of a series of events that commemorate the Holocaust in order to remember its victims. Hillel and Amnesty International co-sponsored a screening of "The Last Survivor," a feature-length documentary shown April 18 as part of the week's events.

The award-winning documentary follows the lives of four people as they describe what it was like to live through four different genocides: Rwanda, Darfur, the Congo and the Holocaust.

The documentary focused on four survivors, one from each tragedy. Each individual had a story of survival that highlighted the importance for populations worldwide of understanding what is happening in other countries. It also gave those survivors a voice, unlike so many others before them, according to junior Rachel Stanley, co-president of Hillel.

"I love this film because it shows the humanity of these four amazing survivors while reminding the viewer that we can never forget the horrors of genocide and that genocide will continue to occur if we do," Stanley said.

Stanley saw "The Last Survivor" at a conference on genocide in the fall, and she said she felt it was important to bring the film to Elon's campus.

"The people featured in the film have such amazing true stories," Stanley said. "I wanted the Elon community to be able to hear them."

Elon has many organizations that are interested in the Holocaust, African studies and migration issues, but Stanley said it is important to host even more events around campus to increase

awareness of worldwide issues.

The documentary was filmed in four different countries — Rwanda, Darfur, Germany and the Congo. Some of the survivors have not reconnected with any family members or know whether they're even alive. The producers followed these people as they embarked on different milestones, such as living in their first apartment or traveling to high schools to share their experiences.

During the film, Heidi Fried, a survivor of the Holocaust, said God sees all human beings as small creatures, crossing borders and constantly moving. She said she doesn't understand why other cultures don't embrace one another, considering how often they intersect.

Also during the film, audiences meet a woman named Jacqueline lived through Rwanda's genocide. She spoke to the United Nations about her experience. She had seen her neighbors — who had been friendly to her family since she was a child — butcher and throw the remains of her relatives into a river. She said she strives to make these deaths, among the millions of others, known to the world.

According to Stanley, "The Last Survivor" aims to use its four subjects as leaders in a movement against genocide. By revealing their struggles and loss, it humanizes them not only as survivors, but as people. Through the film, Stanley said she hopes Elon students were exposed to crises occurring around the world, as well as how people can work collectively to combat similar issues that continue today.

"It is up to us — to every single person — to bear witness to what happens, to hear these stories," Stanley said.

'Kony 2012: Part II' answers critics, loses points for style

Lindsay Kimble
Senior Reporter

For a film that has wrought so much controversy, Invisible Children's "Kony 2012" documentary has a lot of heart. Exploring Joseph Kony, head of the Lord's Resistance Army, a Ugandan guerrilla group, and one of the world's worst living war criminals, "Kony 2012" aims to "make Kony famous" and is fairly confident it can do so.

The film, which became the most viral video in Internet history after debuting in March, has sparked criticism and complaints. Media brought to light the expenditures of Invisible Children, the nonprofit organization crusading against Kony. Others complained the activists involved barely skimmed the surface of the issue in the short documentary.

To answer the media buzz and numerous critiques, Invisible Children released "Kony 2012: Part II — Beyond Famous." This second documentary, which has been making headlines itself, was shown by Invisible Children roadies Monday night in Elon University's LaRose Digital Theatre.

Much like its predecessor, "Part II" leaves quite the impact. Pairing beautiful video footage with terrific graphics, the video seeks to answer questions left by "Kony 2012." But what it lacks is the emotional pull of the original documentary.

Opening with clips ripped straight from newscasts, it is clear from the start of "Part II" that its aim is to address criticism, while providing a more in-depth look at the LRA, Kony's militant group that turns children into soldiers.

But the documentary, while touching and well-executed, does not seem to have the same viral impact as its predecessor. Shorter and slightly more in-depth than the simplified original, the glamorized

storytelling of the first film is still there — but muted.

The question is, then, is the film made this way to adhere to critics' complaints?

"In our day and age, you have to simplify everything for people to get involved," said junior Leah Randall, who attended the screening. "If you were to just say, 'There are kids that have guns and are killing people,' people get it, but if you get more in-depth in this kind of format, people lose interest and don't care."

An intriguing difference between the two Kony films is the presence — or absence — of Invisible Children co-founder Jason Russell, who narrated the first film and was present throughout most of it.

The second film is not narrated by Russell, and he is only mentioned once. This likely stems from his arrest and hospitalization a few weeks after the original documentary became an Internet sensation. Russell was seen walking the streets of San Diego naked, yelling and slapping the pavement. While Invisible Children said Russell is in rehabilitation, his return to the organization is still several months away, as evidenced by his absence from the documentary.

"I think it's cool that they didn't ignore the negative things," Randall said. "They aren't hiding it like some organizations would."

Freshman Lauren Berk, who serves as secretary of Elon's Invisible Children chapter, said she sees "Part II" as the perfect way to reach out to critics.

"I really encourage people who are critical of Invisible Children to watch 'Kony 2012: Part II' and Invisible Children's other films," Berk said.

Berk said she feels the video and its viral predecessor help speak for a generation that "cares about something bigger" than itself.

Coach hopes 'down year' inspires men's golf for 2013

Adam Lawson
Assistant Sports Editor

Senior Tanner Norton can't reminisce about the moment without showing emotion.

He vividly remembers his journey up to the 18th green, his last green, in the final round of the Southern Conference Tournament. As he thinks about it, a tear comes to his eye.

"It was really tough," the fifth-year senior said. "On the last hole, I started crying. Everybody was there for me. It's over. It's sad, but now I guess the real world begins."



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Senior Tanner Norton finished tied for fourth in the 2012 Southern Conference Championship.

It was the end of a dream tournament for Norton. He shot a 3-over-par 219 for the three rounds. He finished tied for fourth, his best finish of the year.

Now Norton's team must adjust to life without a student-athlete who has been present the last five years. But the return of another mainstay may ease the transition.

Head coach Bill Morningstar said he'll return for his 41st season next year, trying to correct the ills of a team that finished near the bottom of almost every tournament in 2011-2012.

"It was a down year," Morningstar said. "My expression is that we played like yo-yos. One kid's up and one kid's down, then the other one would get a good score in, the other one would go up. It seemed like that was the trend the whole year."

It should come as no surprise that a man who has made a career of one-year contracts isn't thinking long-term.

"Right now, we always talk about one year at a time," Morningstar said. "I'm thinking I'll probably go one more year."

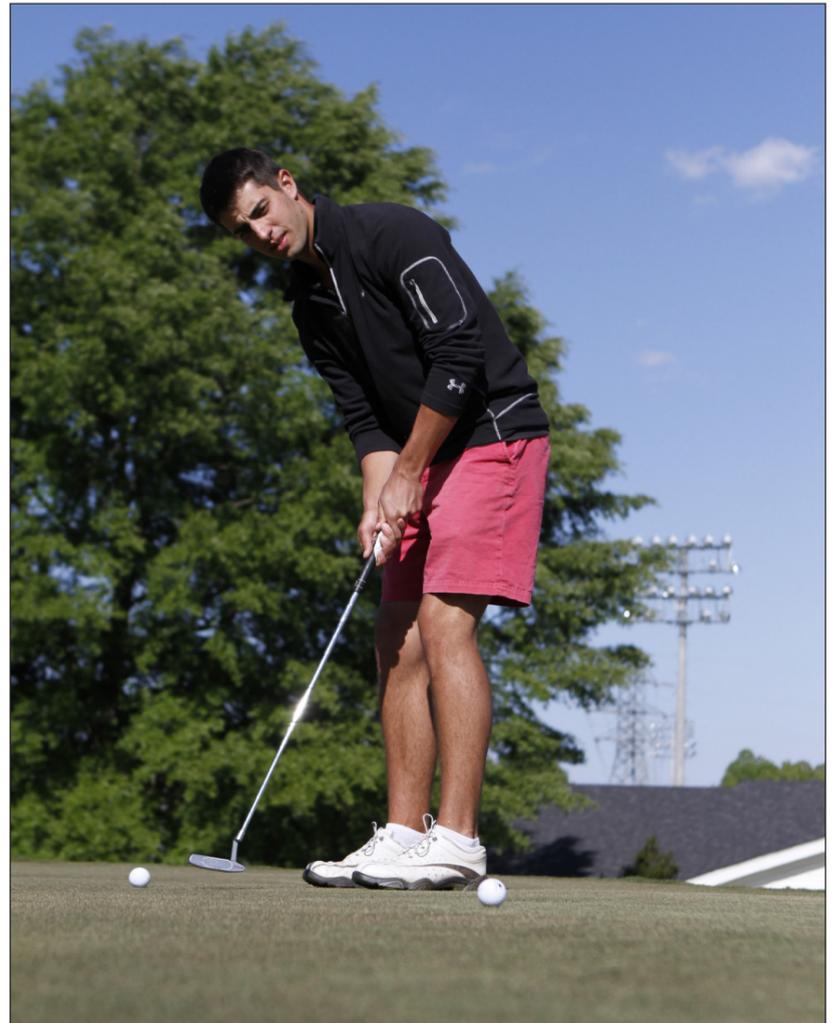
The SoCon Tournament represented a glimmer of hope for a team that lacked much throughout the season. The Phoenix shot a 297 in the first round. This positioned Elon in the middle of the pack but within a mere seven shots of the lead. But a second round 309 eliminated any hopes the team had of winning a conference tournament.

By the time things were over, Elon finished in eighth place in the 11-team field.

"I thought we could have played better in the conference," said sophomore Jack Adkins. "I think we had a good enough team to make a good run at it."

Norton is the only Phoenix that won't return for the 2012-2013 season. The team will have no seniors on next year's team, meaning that while it's possible nobody leaves after next season, there is certainly work to be done over the summer.

The disappointment left by a bad



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Elon redshirt freshman Blayze DiPasquale averaged 76.9 strokes per round in 26 rounds in 2012.

finish in Charleston, S.C., is fresh, but Adkins said his expectations are not affected by it.

"Hopefully, we can all get a little bit better and put some numbers together

and really make a run at winning the Southern Conference and being a good team," Adkins said.

If they can do that, emotions will be present for a different reason next year.

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Elon Phoenix Weekly



Schedule proving tough for Elon baseball

Adam Lawson
Assistant Sports Editor

On paper, the Elon University baseball team's trip to Wofford College in Spartanburg, S.C., was everything the Phoenix could have wanted.

It was a three-game opportunity for Elon to correct its ills against the team at the bottom of the Southern Conference standings.

But games aren't played on paper. The Phoenix was humbled by the Terriers, who took two out of three in Spartanburg and all but eliminated Elon's hopes at an at-large bid into the NCAA Tournament.

"Unless we get on a roll and win 10-15 games, (getting into the NCAA Tournament without winning the SoCon Tournament) is going to be a tall tale for us," said coach Mike Kennedy. "That's not what we're shooting for now. What we're shooting for now is to finish as high in this conference as we can."

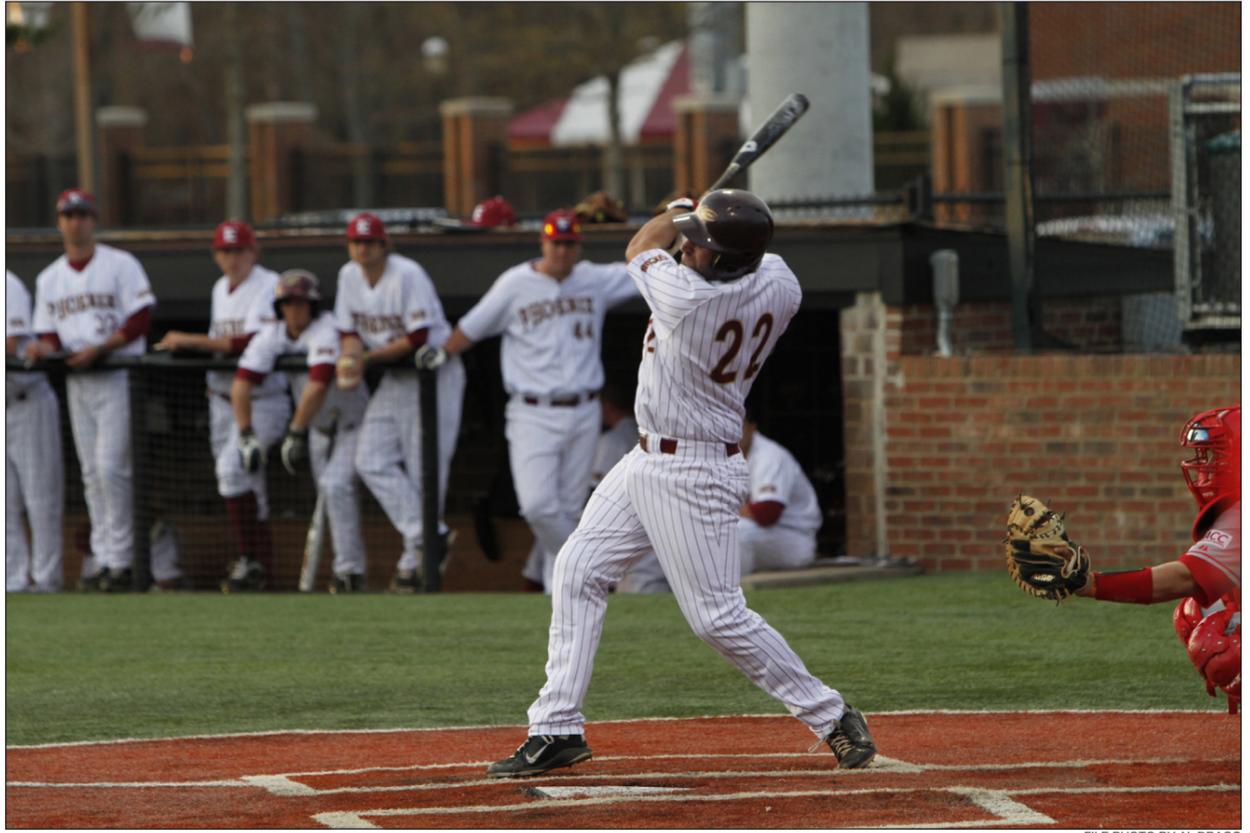
If it wasn't for a solid performance from staff ace Kyle Webb, the Phoenix may have left Wofford without a victory. The junior right-hander struck out seven in six shutout innings of the first game of Saturday's doubleheader. The Jacksonville, Fla., native has allowed just one run in 21 innings over his last three SoCon starts.

His formula for success: Don't walk hitters and get ahead early in counts.

"I'm really trying to throw strikes, get ahead of guys," Webb said. "There's no real special ingredient to it."

Once again, the Phoenix has been gifted with a schedule that seems favorable on paper. Elon (23-19, 13-8 SoCon) goes on the road for a midweek game against UNC Wilmington April 25, then returns home for a three-game set against UNC Greensboro. The Spartans are just 6-12 in SoCon play, a game ahead of Wofford.

Recent history shows this means relatively little. But the Phoenix can take solace in knowing that the remainder of



Sophomore first baseman Ryan Kinsella is second on the Phoenix with five HR and tied for second in RBIs with 28. The Phoenix holds a 23-19 overall record so far this year.

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its conference schedule will take place at home.

"I think our guys now can't take anybody lightly," Kennedy said. "I hope that's not what we've done. I think more than anything, our schedule's just been tough on us. We've been on the road so much and our conference didn't do us any favors in the way they scheduled us this year. But now we get the chance to look forward to being home for nine straight."

Still at the forefront of baseball conversation around Latham Park is the health of junior centerfielder Niko Fraser. Fraser has struggled with the bat this season and is hitting just .246, but has stolen 10 bases this season, tied for tops on the team.

Fraser has missed 11 games since sustaining a concussion April 6, his fifth documented concussion since high school. He had aimed for a return in time for the Wofford series, but Kennedy said

Fraser "wasn't close at all" to being ready by the time the series came around. Kennedy is holding out hope that Fraser will be able to return by April 27, if not Wednesday against UNC Wilmington.

"(Fraser's) a pivotal part of our offense, and he hasn't been in there, so it's been hard to work around it," Webb said. "Having him back would be a definite help."

And right now, the Phoenix needs all the help it can get.



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Senior Ashley Jobe (above) scored all three tries for Elon's women's rugby team in their 21-0 victory against Guilford College April 21 in the annual prom dress game. The women also won their game against UNC Wilmington 5-0. The team developed this purely just-for-fun tradition repeated every year. This year, it began on April 20 with a team run through campus in their thrifty prom dresses to build their excitement for the game that followed. Check online at elompok.com for a full photo gallery from the event.



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Phoenix junior infielder Ali Ford is hitting .222 with one RBI in 17 games this year for Elon softball.



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As a guard, Ford averaged 14.5 points per game in the 2011-2012 season, tops on the Phoenix.

Hardwood hoopster takes talents to softball diamond

Dual-sport athlete shows her passion for multitasking on basketball court, softball field

Andrew Wilson
Senior Reporter

What started as a bit of a joke in early fall turned into reality. On campus, junior Ali Ford is best known for being the star point guard on Elon's women's basketball team. But as of this year, she is also a member of the Phoenix softball team.

In October, Elon's softball program held tryouts to anyone interested in joining the team. Ford, who had played softball all four years of high school, decided to seek the approval of women's basketball coach Charlotte Smith to try out for the team.

"One day I was in the gym shooting, and Coach Smith was rebounding for me," Ford said. "I kind of asked her jokingly, but she didn't miss a beat. She was just like 'Softball? Yeah, why not? Do what you want.' I was standing there trying to have a serious conversation with her, but she just kept throwing the ball."

Smith was not joking.

"You only live life once. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, and I wanted her to be able to experience that," Smith said.

After putting Ford through a few "basic things" such as hitting, fielding and running the bases, head softball coach Kathy Bocock sat down with her staff and decided Ford would be a good addition to the team, making her the first dual-sport athlete at Elon since Scott Riddle was the starting quarterback for the football team as well as a third baseman and a catcher for the baseball team in 2010.

"She's a natural athlete," Bocock said. "We put her through hitting and fielding. She has a good arm and she's fast so everything about her is a total package as far as an athlete."

Players on the softball team enjoy Ford's presence as a teammate.

"We love her," said senior shortstop Danielle Lafferty. "She's just energetic and crazy at times, and sometimes (when) she says things, you're like, 'Where did that come from?' She's just great for our team dynamic."

For Ford, being a dual-sport athlete isn't as much of a challenge as some might think. In fact, it's something she said she's always wanted to do, but just hasn't worked out in college until now.

"Growing up, I always played as many things as I could at one time," Ford said. "So when I got here, it was completely different. I was focused on basketball

100 percent and I had never done that before. I've always done this, so it's like a feeling of getting back to what I had always done."

While being a dual-sport athlete sounds like it would take hours upon hours out of a day to focus on sports, the NCAA only allows student-athletes 20 hours of practice for all sports, which limits the amount of activity she can have with basketball.

"The deal with Coach Smith was that after basketball season, I was expected to become a full-time softball player," Ford said. "They're not holding me accountable for anything."

Since softball practices generally run from 2-6 p.m. daily, there is not a lot of time left over for Ford to be a basketball player and still follow the NCAA's 20-hour rule. Ford attends basketball weight lifting at 6 a.m. Fridays, saying, "If I can make it, I'm going to do it."

Since Ford only attends one basketball workout a week, one of her biggest fears was that the team would start to resent her for not being at all of the postseason workouts, but that hasn't been the case at all.

"Every time I see them, they ask me how softball is going and they always show up to games with signs," Ford said. "The first couple weeks, I didn't even see the field, but running between innings and throwing, they'd be holding their signs and yelling my name, so the past couple of weeks when I've been playing, even two or three of the guys from the men's team have come out and my softball teammates are like 'This is great!'"

It's clear Ford has the support from both of the programs players, but it also helps to have two supportive coaches who know what it's like to juggle two sports. Smith participated in basketball and track and field at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Smith is one of only two players in UNC history to have her number retired. Bocock might not have played two sports, but she coached both softball and baseball at Averett University before arriving at Elon.

Ford started slowly, but has worked her way into the starting lineup as the team's second baseman. She had her first career RBI against North Carolina State University in a 7-1 victory April 19.

"Ali's the type of kid who doesn't like to sit around when a season's over," Bocock said. "She's the type of kid that's very talented and has a great work ethic, so this has come very easy to her."



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Softball senior shortstop Danielle Lafferty said Ford (pictured) is "great for our team dynamic."

If you asked Ford's partner in crime in the middle of the diamond, shortstop Lafferty, and her roommate and junior Kelsey Evans, who is a forward on the women's basketball team at Elon, they both wonder how she does it.

"I sit at home and I'm like 'I don't know how you do it,'" Evans says. "I think it takes a particular kind of person to

do something like (being a dual-sport athlete). Ali is the perfect person to do this. She has the perfect personality."

Lafferty said she wishes she could do the same.

"I congratulate her," she said. "I always thought about joining the basketball team, but there's no way. The time it would take, it's just crazy."