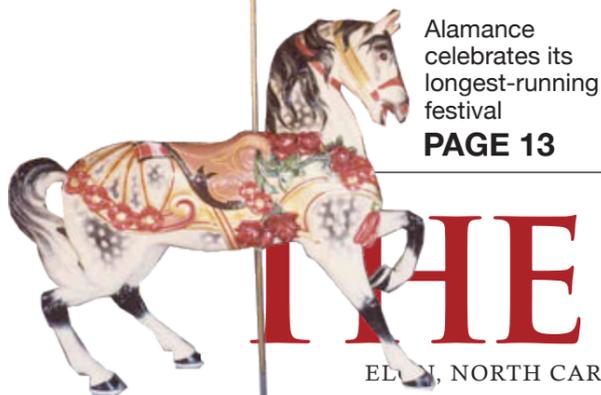


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Last Thursday, about 50 protestors met in downtown Raleigh, N.C. to demonstrate against the North Carolina Community College System's newest approved policy, which will allow the entrance of illegal immigrants into North Carolina community colleges.

## Illegal immigrants allowed in N.C. colleges, protestors object

Laura Smith  
News Editor

On Sept. 17, about 50 concerned North Carolinians waved flags, held up signs and made their voices heard in a protest in downtown Raleigh against the acceptance of illegal immigrants into N.C. community colleges.

"This isn't a great solution for America," said Frank Roche, who is running for Congress in the fourth district of North Carolina. "It's an incentive for more illegal immigrants to come."

The State Board of Community Colleges approved the decision that day with only one member to vote against the matter, according to a press release from the North Carolina Community College System.

"This policy reflects the admissions standards of other states and of the public universities by offering

educational opportunities to those who are willing to work hard to obtain it," said R. Scott Ralls, president of the NCCCS.

Since May 2008, there has been a no-admissions policy for illegal immigrants. Now, with the new policy, illegal immigrants can enroll in any of the 58 community colleges in North Carolina if they have graduated from a U.S. high school.

According to an outside consultant's report, community colleges had 111 illegal immigrants enrolled in the 2007-2008 school year.

Ron Woodard, a Cary resident and the president of Americans for Legal Immigration PAC, was at the protest to show his disapproval of the decision. He also spoke at Elon University several years ago at an immigration debate.

"I'm confused about why, with the

11 percent unemployment rate, we're helping immigrants get education," Woodard said. "We're taking it away from North Carolinians."

He said he is also concerned about how changing the current law will look on behalf of the state.

"We're sending out the message that the rule of law doesn't matter," Woodard said.

With the new policy, illegal immigrants will have to pay the out-of-state tuition rate of \$7,700 per year and cannot apply for financial aid. They also may not displace a North Carolina or U.S. resident from a class or program.

For some, the decision is one of great benefit to the state.

"This is not a policy the Board came to lightly or without contemplation and study, but with Thursday's vote,

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## Financial aid bill hits Senate floor

Jack Dodson  
Senior Reporter

Last Thursday, the House of Representatives passed legislation that hopes to overhaul federal financial aid for students. The bill, penned by Rep. George Miller (D-Calif.), has already spurred politicians to polarize about its effectiveness.

The Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2009 seeks to improve financial aid in the following ways, according to Inside Higher Ed:

- Provide \$40 billion during the course of 10 years, increase the maximum Pell Grant to \$5,500 as well as increase it annually by the rise in the Consumer Price Index.
- "Greatly expand" and tweak the Perkins Loan Program.
- Strengthen early childhood education with the backing of \$8 billion in 10 years.
- Give states and institutions incentive to increase college enrollment by creating a "College Access and Completion Fund" that would provide grants on the basis of innovative strategy for attracting students to postsecondary education.
- Support the modernization and repair of school and college facilities with the help of \$4.1 billion.
- Simplify the federal financial aid form.

"Instead of the loans being made by banks and subsidized by the federal government, the government will be the lender and collect the loans and make money on the interest once students are in repayment," said Patrick Murphy, the director of financial planning at Elon.

While supporters suggest the bill is a landmark, one which a press release on the House's Committee on Education and Labor's Web site said will "make college dramatically more affordable for millions of Americans, at no new cost to taxpayers," there is not a sound chorus of appreciation coming from Washington, D.C.

"Republican leaders derided the legislation as a federal takeover of the student loan industry," the Inside Higher Ed article said.

A news release on the Web site said a Republican senior member of the House Committee on Education and Labor marks a clear split within the committee.

"(The bill) fulfills President Obama's call to abolish the Federal Family Education Loan program and replace it with a system of government-run lending directly from the U.S. Treasury," the release said.

The Christian Science Monitor reported the bill passed 253-171, which was mostly along party lines, sticking with the Congressional trend.

Murphy said the bill's savings are hard to calculate at this point.

"The claim is that there will be savings within the system because the government will not be paying subsidies to the commercial banks," he said. "There is discussion whether the savings will be as much as claimed. We won't know until it actually happens."



Local students walk from class outside their university in Iraq. Elon is hoping to bring Iraqi students to campus next year.

## Elon seeks to admit Iraqi students to campus next fall

Margeaux Corby  
News Editor

University officials are hoping to bring high school and college graduates from the sands of Iraq to the bricks of Elon as early as next fall.

The Iraqi government has committed \$1 billion a year to the Iraq Education Initiative, a scholarship program whose enterprising goals include sending 10,000 Iraqi high school and college graduates to undergraduate and graduate colleges and universities around the globe.

"Iraq is trying to rebuild (its) own higher education system," said Woody Pelton, Elon's dean of international programs. "They're missing one thing: the people."

Pelton, who is also the director of the Isabella Cannon Center, said the large numbers of Iraqi educators who have

fled the warring country have left their university system in shambles.

Initiative leaders are counting on these young students to return to their respective provinces ready to teach others with their new degrees.

"Don't offer them employment," said Zuhair A.G. Humadi, executive director of the Iraq Education Initiative, at a recent NAFSA conference, which is an organization that promotes international education. "Please, we want them back."

Pelton said the most unique and encouraging aspect of this program is the initiative's desire to ensure scholarships are allocated fairly across all regions, religions and genders.

"This is not just a scholarship going to the sons and daughters of the wealthy

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# Password change brings more security to Elon

Laura Smith  
News Editor

Elon University students may have complained about having to change their e-mail passwords last week, but it's all for security's sake said Chris Fulkerson, assistant vice president for technology.

"The Internet is getting pretty dangerous out there, Fulkerson said. "Cyberterrorists, hackers — we're constantly finding that at Elon."

Fulkerson has seen the steps Elon has taken to ensure Internet safety since the late 1980s when the university first got an e-mail system. Elon was one of the first schools in the country to get an e-mail system, with a program called Pine. After Pine came ExecMail, then Microsoft Outlook, which the university uses today.

Outlook was installed in 2000, the last time a change in password was required, Fulkerson said.

"We've always said you should change your password

every 90 days," Fulkerson said. "That's good standard practice, (but) very few people do that."

The requirement for a password change came out of an external audit of Elon's security. The last external audit was performed about six or seven years ago, Fulkerson said.

"We hired an outside company to look at our entire security system," Fulkerson said. "We're pretty secure, but you always want to check and you want somebody from the outside to do it every so often."

The company, Wirehead Security, attempted to break into different systems at Elon such as Blackboard, and access Datatel information and e-mail.

The results were impressive. "Basically, they said we're very good," Fulkerson said. "Our network is wonderful. They couldn't break into our network. They said there isn't another school they've worked with that was as secure as we were."

But Wirehead did advise a password change for good measure.

This is partially in response to the phishing e-mails the Elon community has been receiving during the past few months, instructing readers to confirm their e-mail and password.

"Every time that happens, (hackers) have a password into the system," Fulkerson said. "Recently, we found a case where a student's account was compromised. (They) went into their Web site and got some dangerous code, so everyone who hit that Web site got a Trojan which did damage to their computers. So it was time to change passwords."

While the audit found some "back doors open" because of manufacturing Fulkerson said, these systems were tightened. Another small glitch found was that error messages were giving too much information, such as private information about the server. This was also fixed.

Elon also performs an internal audit every year in which employees from the Elon Information Technology center attempt to break into the

systems.

Paul Harrod, internal audit director, runs this procedure.

"We have an annual plan we come up with based on risk," Harrod said. "It is reviewed by management and also the audit committee. What I try to make sure is that, on some type of regular basis, internally we try to break into the system."

He said he also feels as though getting an outside source to perform an audit as well keeps the university safer.

"That is really important because we can try to limit any exposures to our data," Harrod said. "It's a good thing to do. We want to keep the data protected and that's really the best way to do it."

According to Fulkerson, new students, faculty and staff will be given a password upon their arrival to Elon, but will be forced to change it once a year now.

Elon employees working with programs dealing with Datatel numbers, such as the registrar's office, human

resources and finances, will be required to change their passwords every 90 days.

"That's one standard control," Harrod said. "Passwords, as they get older, they age and there's more chance of them getting out over time."

Fulkerson said he advises not responding to any e-mail asking for usernames and passwords.

"We knew that forcing a change in passwords would be difficult," Fulkerson said. "But 90 percent of the problems that came up were because (students) didn't read the (phishing) e-mail or misread the e-mail."

There will be another external audit in a few years to test e-mail and system security again.

"I think people should feel good about the security at Elon," Fulkerson said. "We have a very secure system and where we get caught in breaches is always because of somebody's lack of attention to safety."



JUSTINE SCHULERUD | Staff Photographer

Courtney Kennedy, a 2005 Elon alumnae, focuses her teaching methods to encourage students' success in both life and school.

## Elon graduate named Teacher of the Year

Caitlin O'Donnell  
Reporter

Courtney Kennedy, an Elon University 2005 graduate, was named the 2009-2010 Teacher of the Year for the Alamance-Burlington School System.

A kindergarten teacher at North Graham Elementary School, Kennedy has had a passion for education ever since a mission trip to Brazil in 1999 where she taught reading and music to impoverished children. Having grown up in the Washington D.C. area, Kennedy understands the challenges underprivileged children both locally and around the world encounter.

"I wanted to be an agent of change and equip the students with the skills, knowledge and power that they require in order to be successful both in school and life," Kennedy said.

As a sophomore, she was accepted into Elon's education department, eventually graduating with a Bachelor's degree in elementary education. After her student teaching semester at North Graham, she was offered and accepted a full-time teaching position there.

During her time at Elon, Kennedy said one experience particularly shaped her current teaching style. After having repeatedly failed a phonics-based assessment, she learned what it felt like to be a struggling reader and can now truly empathize with her students.

"I am more willing to reteach, explain the information in a different way and offer multiple opportunities for success," Kennedy said.

As a result of this continued commitment to her students, Kennedy has been blessed with numerous successes in her classroom.

Firmly convinced that three delayed and nonverbal children were capable of learning and succeeding, she transformed her classroom into a learning community, where all students could contribute and grow. At the end of the year, the students left the class able

to communicate and read.

Ray Crompton, one of Kennedy's mentors at Elon, said he is not surprised Kennedy has been recognized as an exceptional teacher.

"She has a heart for a broad diversity of people and had an uncanny ability to enter into anyone else's world, no matter how busy she was," Crompton said. "She has an enormous ability to lead, but does so with humility and graciousness."

As an ambassador for the teaching profession, Kennedy said she hopes to promote her ideas about culturally-relevant curriculum for students as well as classrooms that celebrate similarities, while also respecting diversity.

Her greatest concern for today's students regards the unequal funding for public schools.

"Public education must be equally and equitably funded in order to give all students, regardless of socioeconomic status, the opportunity to achieve and become productive, successful and well-equipped citizens," she said.

For those studying education, Kennedy recommends taking advantage of all opportunities available as an Elon student, including visiting a variety of schools, and interacting with children, whether it's by volunteering as a lunch buddy or tutoring a student.

Currently, Kennedy is a graduate student at the University of North Carolina. She is working towards earning a master's degree in K-12 literacy with a reading specialist certification. Hoping to continue as a classroom teacher, Kennedy has considered working overseas in areas such as Kenya or Guatemala.

Glenda Crawford, an Elon education professor, remembers Kennedy as a thoughtful and articulate student.

"It's no surprise that after only four years of practice she has been selected as Teacher of the Year," she said. " (Kennedy) is most deserving and we are extremely proud of her as an Elon graduate."

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Workers from Duke Energy Carolinas fix a power line near Elon. Duke Energy has submitted a proposal to implement a rate increase for North Carolinians.

JUSTINE SCHULERUD | Staff Photographer

## Local residents may see jump in energy bills

Anna Johnson  
Senior Reporter

North Carolina residents who get their electricity from Duke Energy Carolinas may soon see an increase in their rates — approximately 12.6 percent higher.

Earlier this year, Duke Energy Carolinas sent the proposed rate increase to the North Carolina Utilities Commission.

If accepted, the average North Carolina resident could see an increase of \$11 a month, or \$132 a year, in their electric bill, according to a press release from Duke Energy.

Non-residential and non-industrial customers would see an increase rate of 9.78 percent, industrial customers' bills would go up approximately 15.25 percent and outdoor lighting rates would increase by more than 16 percent.

Dan Anderson, assistant vice president and director of University Relations, said there is no way to tell what impact this could have for students and their tuition.

"It would not impact this year's energy cost," Anderson said. "All fuel costs are part of the university's budget. They predict and expect the annual increases for the upcoming year."

Anderson said while energy costs may go up, natural gas or other expenses could go down.

"It is a pretty complex question," Anderson said. "It would be impossible to know what the effect would be towards student tuition. There are thousands of factors."

Elon currently pays \$3,571 per day for electricity. This means on average, every undergraduate student pays 72 cents per day for electricity.

For Duke Energy Carolinas, the change would mean an increase of \$496 million in annual revenue, which Duke Energy Carolinas said is needed to maintain the desired level of service with increased environmental protection.

"We filed the increase to recover expenses we have incurred over a period of time to help become more efficient, reliable and cleaner," said Jason Walls, a Duke Energy Carolinas media spokesperson.

Walls said the increase would help Duke Energy Carolinas become a leader in emission

control.

Brett Carter, president of Duke Energy Carolinas, said in a press release, "We recognize that this is a challenging time to ask customers to pay more for electricity, so we didn't make the decision lightly."

Walls said in the past year Duke Energy Carolinas has frozen most salary wages and set a cost reduction target of \$100 million. He also said there were programs available for families to take advantage of to help reduce the cost.

"We certainly recognize we are in the middle of the worst recession right now and folks are not only struggling to pay the bills, but to provide for their families," Walls said. "We have efficiency programs to help manage costs and this is the first time rates have been increased since 1991. We hope customers recognize the benefits of the programs and take advantage of them."

Elaine Durr, Elon University's sustainability coordinator, said regardless if prices go up or down, conservation should be a priority issue.

"Thinking about conservation is always important," Durr said. "If the price goes up then it might provide a bigger incentive for people to conserve in their homes or here at the university."

James McLawhorn, director of the electric division of the public staff of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, said the electric division was in the process of reviewing Duke Energy Carolinas' request.

"We just don't review the increase," McLawhorn said. "We look at total operations, expenses levels, different factors. We look at everything and we'll make our final recommendation to the North Carolina Utilities Commission."

The North Carolina Utilities Commission has been holding public hearings throughout the summer, allowing customers to express their opinions. The final hearing will be in Raleigh.

McLawhorn said he expects the North Carolina Utilities Commission to make a decision sometime in early December.

If the proposed rate is accepted, more than 1.8 million customers in North Carolina will see an increase. The proposed increase would begin no earlier than Jan. 1, 2010.

## Increased enrollment keeps hopes high for education majors

Rebecca Smith  
Senior Reporter

At the end of last week 22,403 students sat in their assigned seats and started school in the Alamance-Burlington School System. While each student felt like someone else following a monotonous routine, they were each an important part of a positive statistic for education.

Each student is even more important this year because of increased enrollment, since these statistics affect the amount of money the school system receives from the state.

This year, the statistics could also factor in discussions about school construction needs.

"I definitely think that enrollment is increasing in school systems across the state just because people are moving to North Carolina because our state college system is so good," junior education major Sam Jennings said. "This makes me hopeful for the future, but also weary because this could mean increased class sizes and not necessarily hiring new teachers."

The school year started off with an enrollment of 21,811 students. The state had projected the school system would begin the school year with 22,384 students. After Sept. 11, the enrollment exceeded the original projection with 22,403 students.

Between the first and the 13th day of school, there has been a noticeable increase in the number of students, but the enrollment has since stabilized.

"We do not really know why so many students start school later in the year," said Jenny Faulkner, director of community relations for the Alamance-Burlington school systems. "It happens every year. Maybe people are just now coming back from summer vacation."

As of Sept. 11 there were 6,770 high school students, 66 more than the state had projected at that level. The system had 5,131 middle school students, 25 less than the state had projected and 10,466 elementary school students, 58 students less than the state had thought.

"The only way it would cause us to hire new teachers was if we went significantly above the earlier projection, and we have not reached that point," Faulkner said. "It would take about 100 additional students beyond the original prediction for us to hire someone for another teaching position. We do not

think that will happen this year."

While the higher enrollment does not mean more jobs, this was good news for people who already have teaching positions.

"We don't have to worry about losing any current teaching positions," Superintendent Randy Bridges told the Alamance-Burlington Board of Education members.

"Elon prepares teachers very well for the job market," Jennings said. "They give us the understanding that the times are tough and that it may be difficult. However, this is also why they are revamping our School of Education to make sure that our degrees are of great worth."

The numbers are still lower than last year's numbers. After the first month of the 2008-2009 school year, the Alamance-Burlington school system had a total of 22,534 students, including 6,762 high school students, 5,148 middle school students and 10,591 elementary school students.

"This year and most likely next year are the toughest times for employment most of us have ever seen," David Cooper, dean of the School of Education said. "School districts have been forced to cut positions and to leave vacant positions unfilled for now because of severe financial constraints faced by the state and local governments. However, there have been and will continue to be openings for licensed teachers if they are willing to look hard."

No one knows if this increase in enrollment is the beginning of a new trend, but this increase in enrollment does seem to be a good sign for Elon students.

"As a student graduating in May, I obviously wish the job market for teachers was better at this point," senior education major Laura Funk said. "However, I am hopeful that it will be better by the time next summer comes around."

For the last several years approximately 50-60 of Elon's graduating class of teachers have found employment in North Carolina. About a third of those graduates have found employment in the Alamance-Burlington School System.

"There will always be jobs for good teachers, and Elon prepares good teachers," said Judith Howard director of the Master of Education Program. "In a typical year, North Carolina hires about 10,000 new teachers, but the state's college and universities only prepare about a third of this number. So the market forces are usually in favor of the teacher."

## Local newspaper not feeling effects of parent bankruptcy

Samantha King  
Assistant News Editor

During the past year, dozens of news publications have been forced to close their doors and forever leave behind an industry the public has depended on for hundreds of years. For most papers, the prospect of bankruptcy sends shivers through the staff. This is not the case for Burlington's own Times-News.

Freedom Communications, Inc., the news conglomerate that owns the Burlington Times-News, recently filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy because of its \$770 million debt. But Bob Emers, public relations official for Freedom Communications, said this is not as horrific as it may seem.

Chapter 11 bankruptcy is simply the restructuring of funds and the consolidation of debt. Freedom's massive debt stemmed from a long-standing family feud about the assets within the company.

"Just like any other industry, people wanted to cash in when times were good," Emers said. "When the economy tanked, there wasn't enough funds to support the company."

Under the Chapter 11 bankruptcy restructuring, banks will pay portions of the debt for shares in the company.

"This is going to be a relatively short bankruptcy period," Emers said. "No jobs will be lost, nothing will be sold. It will be

business as usual."

Since The Times-News is a local paper, much of the news focuses on local events, such as local football scores and community happenings.

This is a great way to stay connected within the community, Times-News Publisher Paul Mauney said.

"We have a strong, friendly readership base, and a lot of loyal readers," Mauney said.

Despite a majority of the publications in the nation struggling to stay afloat in times of technological change, Mauney reports higher readership than ever before.

The online edition also features breaking news and is updated often.

"We have a strong, friendly readership base and a lot of loyal readers," Mauney said.

In the past few years Mauney has seen a huge increase in online readership. The Times-News just launched a partnership with Yahoo, which Mauney said he hopes will encourage an even bigger following and continue garnering online readership.

"I don't care what medium people are using, as long as they're reading our content," Mauney said.

Mauney attributes much of the paper's success to his staff's willingness to be dynamic with the changing times.

"We have a great staff who have been hard at work since the 90s," Mauney said. "We have a future. It's just changing."

# Female alcoholism remains hidden but widespread problem

Alexa Milan  
Managing Editor

New York mother Diane Schuler gained national attention this summer when she crashed her car into an SUV because she had high levels of alcohol and marijuana in her system.

The accident killed Schuler, her daughter, her three nieces and three men in the SUV.

"If (Schuler) had been a man or a father, I think the reaction may have been a little different," said Lauren Martin, coordinator for substance education at Elon.

But according to a USA Today report, one-third of the estimated 17.6 million Americans with alcoholism or alcohol dependency are women.

The report mentions the general public may be surprised by these figures because alcoholism in women is often ignored more than alcoholism in men.

But Mat Gendle, associate professor of psychology, said from a biological perspective, this statistic doesn't surprise him.

"The basic neurochemistry and neurophysiology that underlies addiction is fundamentally the same in both men and women," Gendle said.

Martin said she thinks the statistic may seem shocking to some people because of social expectations. She said she thinks women are often

stereotyped or expected to act a certain way, citing Schuler's case as an example.

Gendle said he agrees social expectations contribute to people's perceptions of women and alcohol, particularly in terms of sexual encounters.

"For example, if a man in a college environment drinks to excess and then is sexually promiscuous as a consequence of that, he's often labeled as funny or cool or he's a stud," Gendle said. "Whereas if a woman does that, more often than not she's labeled as a slut."

Martin said it's difficult to say whether the statistics among college-age women with alcohol dependency are similar to the national statistics because it is much harder to measure alcoholism in a college setting.

"The problem with college students is sometimes a lot of their drinking mimics what looks like alcoholism, but it's not considered alcoholism because it's typically seen as a temporary thing," Martin said. "The problem is about a third of those students don't drop those high-risk drinking behaviors."

Martin said typically more outgoing, thrill-seeking students will continue to engage in high-risk drinking practices after college, but she thinks women more often turn to alcohol to cope with other problems.

Significant events in

women's personal lives like divorce, death or infertility can drive them to drink. The stress of balancing work, family and other responsibilities or the onset of mental illnesses like depression and anxiety can also be factors, Martin said.

"I think there are a lot of different things that contribute to (women) turning to alcohol or other drugs to deal with it, to medicate themselves with that, to become numb to whatever it is they're feeling," Martin said.

According to Martin, women's bodies don't process alcohol as quickly as men's. So if a man and a woman weigh the same and consume the same amount of alcohol, the woman will be more intoxicated.

These physiological differences between men and women can contribute to female alcoholism.

"I think about (alcoholism) in terms of a disease model in that there's something physiologically that's gone awry," Gendle said. "So the compulsive need that alcoholics have to drink a lot is really based in a physiological alteration in the same way lots of other diseases are."

When undergoing treatment, Gendle said alcoholics need to address both the medical issues that arise from alcohol dependency and the behavioral issues at

the root of the problem.

"In the short term, they need to go through some sort of medically supervised detox because trying to quit cold turkey if you're an alcoholic is extremely dangerous," Gendle said. "There are all sorts of physiological side effects that in some circumstances can be deadly."

Martin said while some long-term treatment centers are improving in terms of addressing problems specific to female alcoholics, there are still some issues that need to be rectified for women to receive the most effective care.

Many treatment centers are not set up for people who have children, Martin said, so if women are single mothers and the treatment facility has no day care, they may choose not to seek treatment in favor of staying home with their children.

Gendle said another challenge is the idea that alcoholics are weak, immoral or bad people. He said while alcoholics should not be completely absolved because it is still their choice to seek treatment, it is important to realize alcoholism is a medical condition with a physiological basis.

"I think there needs to be a lot of education and ownership (about female alcoholism)," Martin said. "You need to educate yourself on what you can actually handle."



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A USA Today report said one-third of the estimated 17.6 million Americans with alcohol dependency are women.

## WOMEN AND HEALTH

How drinking impacts women

New studies on alcohol consumption show drinking affects women's bodies differently than men's.

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DAVID WELLS | Photo Editor

## IRAZU COFFEE TAKES OVER THE ZONE

After much anticipation, Elon's new coffee shop, Irazu, opened Monday and offered students a free 12 oz. latte of his or her choice — regular, vanilla or mocha.

Irazu is located in Moseley Center in what used to be The Zone. Hot drinks include lattes, espresso, hot chocolate, tea and more. Cold drinks include iced lattes, smoothies, creme soda and mochaccinos.

The shop also serves food, including muffins, crackers and pastries.

Irazu also strives to provide a comfortable atmosphere for students with lounge chairs and Macintosh computers.

# Physicians encourage increased physical health awareness across campus

Keegan Calligar  
Senior Reporter

Wash your hands and keep your room clean.

Growing up, many Elon students were routinely told this by their parents, but the advice will go a long way to help prevent illness, university physician Jim Hawkins said.

"Dorm rooms and bathrooms and showers should be cleaned appropriately," Hawkins said. "I know people don't bring their mother with them to clean house — it's just too bad they don't because mother would probably do a better job."

Hawkins said in most cases, a good detergent and water should be enough to clean dirty surfaces. If left unclean, mildew and mold can develop, potentially causing sickness.

Last week, a study released in the Proceedings of the National Academies of Science found a large amount of mycobacteria in showerheads in nine major cities. Strands of the bacteria can cause lung cancer, but most healthy people do not need to worry about that, Hawkins said.

"Most healthy people I'm really not sure would see a big problem with those things," he said. "Those bacteria kinds of things are around a lot of places, but if you already have the flu, or you already have a virus of some kind, then certainly you're at a higher risk for getting a secondary complication, getting sicker by being around those kind of things."

Hawkins also said Elon's Health Center has had a big rise in visits in the last two weeks. Typically, about 50 students visit the Health Center per day during this time of year, Hawkins

said. He estimated during Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of last week, about 80 to 85 students came to the center each day.

While some of those students visited with flu-like symptoms, the number of students with general respiratory issues has jumped, Hawkins said.

"We've also had a pretty good number of (mononucleosis) cases," he said. "We've had several monos and streps. And we're seeing, because of the general respiratory infections that are around campus, some of the secondary complications a little bit more, such as bronchitis, sinusitis and infected throats that go along with that."

Senior Andrew Cushman developed a cold about a week ago.

"I just had a sore throat for two days, and then after that for like two days my nose got stuffed up a lot," Cushman said, adding that "a couple" of his friends were sick as well. "I've been washing my hands more since I know people have been getting sick," he said.

In addition to washing their hands and maintaining a clean environment, Hawkins recommends for students to get enough rest and exercise to prevent illness.

"College students in general don't get enough sleep," Hawkins said. "They don't eat properly. They don't usually get a good amount of exercise."

Hawkins encourages students to examine their lifestyle.

"Get a good six to eight hours of sleep every night, eat a fairly well-rounded diet, exercise a little bit [and] try to stay away from sick people," Hawkins said. "The main thing is pay attention to how you feel."

# Professors test new grading system, students play major role

Jack Dodson  
Senior Reporter

Elon and Duke Universities professors have been gaining some notoriety in the beginning weeks of school because of a new grading system. The idea is if students do the work, they get an A, if they do most of it, a B and so on.

The practice is called contract grading and has been used for decades.

A recent News & Observer article talked to Duke English professor Cathy Davidson about the system.

In Davison's class, two students will lead the class and there will be no papers or major assignments unless the students want them.

"What's interesting to me is when you turn the grades over to the students, you allow them to determine what's good and what's bad," said Alan Russell, associate professor of mathematics.

He said there is a purpose behind having a Ph.D. — it gives deeper perspective into the quality of student work.

"(Students) would turn it more into a matter of taste than into a matter of what's really going on," Russell said.

Russell also employs a grading technique that is atypical of the traditional teacher-student relationship. He allows students to see their tentative grade just before

the end of the semester and appeal for what they think is a more appropriate one.

He calls this his "grade gripe" session, since it eliminates the "gripe" from getting a blind grade after classes have ended and grades have closed.

Lee Bush, associate professor of communications, said she also employs some tactics like this. In her creative thinking and problem solving class, the goal is to "take risks, to step outside of (a student's) comfort zone," which is embodied in a contract between the student and professor regarding the work of the semester.

"(The students) have to work hard to make an 'A', but they're given some freedom about which path they want to take," Bush said.

Bush also allowed her communications in a global age class to decide the rubric and the content of the final project on an individual basis, allowing the students to "take an active role in their own assessment."

While these practices don't give the same power to students as Davidson's class at Duke, Bush and Russell emphasize the importance of students having a role in the grading process.

Regardless, Bush said she does not feel her class would benefit from a system like Davidson's.

"Overall, if you can create a culture in which the students are using it as a learning experience, then I think it can work," she said, though neither Elon nor Bush's classroom is necessarily part of that culture.



Elon math professor Alan Russell talks to a group of math students in his class. Russell implements a "grade gripe," in which students can voice which grade they feel they deserve.

Russell said, as a professor who is always willing to try new things in the classroom, he wouldn't have the courage to try Davidson's method.

"I would try to teach the students what's meaningful by laying out a rubric that would show what is appropriate for each grade, which would take up too much time," Russell said.

Russell also said it would be complicated with the types of students that are in the class.

"For some students, you can see they're hard graders," he said. "They might be harder than I am. Then you get the students who don't want to give anybody a bad grade ever ... In a perfect world, those will balance each other out."



While Harvard University dropped hot breakfasts from undergraduate dorms, the Colonnades continues to serve eggs and grits every morning. Auxiliary Services said any cutbacks shouldn't affect students' dining experience.

## Nationwide budget cuts in institutional services will not transfer to Elon's campus

Camille DeMere  
Multimedia Editor

Harvard University undergraduates won't be waking up to hot breakfasts in their dorms on weekdays anymore. The grass at SUNY-Canton will go a little longer between trims. Classes in less popular languages like Arabic, Russian and German are disappearing at Idaho State University.

Earlier this month, TIME magazine reported many universities are slashing services to make ends meet because of huge drops in endowment funds this year. But according to Elon officials, creative cuts like these are not needed at the university to make budget.

Officials said that's because Elon isn't as dependent on endowment funds as many other larger schools.

"Elon's strength has always been in its planning," said Vickie Somers, director of Auxiliary Services.

Somers, whose departments include print, dining and mail services, said the 2 percent budget cut implemented before the start of the June 1 fiscal year allowed room for a continuing economic downturn.

No additional cuts have been made in her department, but Somers said she's always looking for ways to save.

"We're very conscious of things behind the scenes," she said. "But we try not to cut any services to the students."

Physical Plant has also been cutting back, but students aren't in danger of reduced trash pickup services like University of Colorado students, director Robert Buchholz said.

"A lot of our savings also have to do with sustainability," he said.

Fixtures like motion-sensing lights in classrooms and hallways encourage more mindful electricity usage, which leads to more sustainable practices and smaller bills.

A digital, Web-based system monitors energy

usage in buildings across campus to make sure buildings are only climate-controlled when in use. If a building shows heating or cooling activity where there shouldn't be, changes can be made from the computer.

Technology might be a way for Auxiliary Services to save on bills as well. Somers said new devices are being researched for use in the mailroom to cut down on the hours needed to sort everything that comes in.

"That's where we've seen our biggest jump," she said. "More people are sending and receiving packages."

Another jump Somers has noticed is in the number of students applying for on-campus jobs.

Athletics also present a difficult situation when it comes to tightening spending.

"We have to save in ways that do not take away opportunities from students," director of athletics Dave Blank said.

Travel expenses have been impacted most, from the NCAA level down to each individual campus. The guidelines for NCAA reimbursements have been extended so teams are riding buses to distant schools, and are less likely to fly to games.

Blank said the Southern Conference was one of the first to come out with definitive guidelines created to deal with budget cuts and difficulties universities face. The conference approved a one-year policy that reduces the number of athletes that will see conference play.

"We weren't happy doing it," he said. "We hope that we can revisit the cost-saving measures and restore situations as soon as possible."

Elon has even had to accommodate other universities' budget cuts. A team slated to play the Phoenix in women's basketball called to remove itself from the schedule because travel to Elon would be too hard on its budget.

"We just have to work smarter," Somers said. "Everyone is working harder with less."

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# Intended healthcare bill denies illegal immigrants coverage

Sarah Costello  
Reporter

The White House has taken a firmer stance on health care coverage of illegal immigrants following Congressman Joe Wilson's objection of "You lie!" during a joint session of Congress on Sept. 9, after President Barack Obama said the proposed health care bill would not cover illegal immigrants.

While Wilson's comments elicited controversy and debate between both sides of the political aisle, his statement encouraged excessive media coverage and renewed study of the bill by Democrats and Republicans alike.

After Obama's speech, "The Obama Plan" was posted on [www.whitehouse.gov](http://www.whitehouse.gov), explaining what the proposed bill will cover, who it will cover and how it will cover Americans.

The current debacle concerning the bill revolves around the only available public bill, H.R. 3200, which did not offer a definite explanation of illegal immigrants and health insurance coverage.

The Obama administration said the president was referring to his proposal during his prime time speech and not H.R. 3200, but the renewed legislation has not been sent to Capitol Hill, adding to the controversy and confusion.

Democrats have directed opposing factors to the current legislation they claim will not allow illegal immigrants to access federal subsidies that low-income American citizens will qualify for, which would enable them to purchase health insurance.

On Sept. 11, White House press secretary Robert Gibbs presented stricter policies regarding health care coverage for illegal immigrants.

"Illegal immigrants would not be allowed to access the exchange that is set up," Gibbs said.

Under the current health care

system, illegal immigrants can purchase private insurance but are not allowed to access government-funded care. Under the new bill, illegal immigrants will not be given the option to purchase private insurance, a move that has many left-winged Democrats and Latino coalitions in an uproar.

Thousands of Latinos and blacks gathered Sept. 9 in San Antonio to push for government-run health care. The League of United Latin American Citizens, the largest Latino civil rights organization in the United States, met to support Obama and his proposed public option.

Many Republicans argue illegal immigrants should not have health care coverage because of violation of set laws that forbid immigrants from entering the United States without proper documentation. Others are not as stringent, and argue illegal immigrants are entitled to health care if given amnesty.

"If amnesty is approved through the amnesty bill, then people who are current illegal (immigrants) will be legal and will be covered by the bill," said George Padgett, a professor of media law and ethics at Elon. "Personally, I stand on the side of being understanding and concerned about my fellow human beings regardless of who they are."

Others view the health care coverage as a matter of principle and argue that people living in the United States illegally are not entitled to health care and should not be given the benefits paid for by the government or taxes.

"I think Congress has a duty to uphold the laws of this country, which clearly prohibit illegal immigration," said junior Nick Ochsner, executive director of College Republicans. "We're going to see an even bigger drain on the health care system if we extend health coverage to illegal immigrants."

# National healthcare proposals will not help nonprofits

Molly McGowan  
Reporter

Multiple proposals for a new healthcare bill are circulating in Congress, and while they could offer help to millions of uninsured Americans, nonprofit organizations feel they have been overlooked.

As America's fourth-largest employer, nonprofits often operate similarly to small businesses, but have not been given equal consideration in the healthcare proposals for the tax credits small businesses receive. According to some proposals, small businesses that provide their employees with health coverage would receive a tax credit from the government.

But since nonprofits do not pay taxes, they would not be eligible to receive said government money, even though they offer health coverage to their paid employees. In North Carolina alone, this could mean even more employees living without health care, increasing from 834,000 last year.

Rans Triplett, executive director of the Piedmont Carolina chapter of the Red Cross, said he understands that since his organization does not pay taxes, it cannot expect a tax credit, but fears for nonprofits in such an unstable economy.

"I understand the philosophy behind the bill," Triplett said. "But the risk is, if the economy keeps going the way it's going, nonprofits are at great risk of having to cut employees, and not be able to help the people who need us most."

Since nonprofits are funded mostly by outside donations, many executive directors like Triplett and Ron Osborne of Residential Treatment Services of

Alamance, Inc. are worried, especially when they have paid employees who rely on the provided health insurance. RTSA has provided substance abuse and mental health services, including 24-hour programs, a Non-Hospital Medical Detoxification Unit and group homes to more than 7,000 people since 1971.

This year, RTSA employs 32 paid staff members, 19 of whom are full-time and qualify for health and dental insurance. Even though RTSA pays for 75 percent of its full-time employees' insurance, it is still expensive.

"Our health insurance is so costly that approximately half of our full-time employees choose to be on their spouse's plan, because it's cheaper than with the agency," Osborne said.

Would government funding help? Yes, Osborne said, but the healthcare proposals that do factor in nonprofits wouldn't help anyway because of the tax issue, or would require his organization to take the easy way out, which he said he is not going to do.

For example, there are a few proposals that factor in penalties for organizations who have a certain number of employees on payroll and who pay less than a minimum percentage of health insurance.

In RTSA's case, it would actually be cheaper to pay the penalties instead of the health insurance, but Osborne said he would never do that to his employees. So RTSA, the Red Cross and other nonprofits are left to foot the heavy bill of their employees' health care because of a monetary credit they may never be eligible to receive.

"Yes, there are credits," Osborne said. "But what kind of credits? We don't pay taxes, so if the credit comes in tax credits, they're really not helping the nonprofits anyway."

## IRAQ from PAGE 1

# Elon community decides to embrace possibility of Iraqi students on campus next fall

or sons and daughters of the politically connected," he said. "Scholarships are allocated to different parts of the country based on population."

Pelton said this will allow a more equitable spread of students from big cities versus rural areas, as well as include students from all three major religious sects — Kurds, Shiites and Sunni.

The program will also permit the enrollment of women.

The initiative hosted an educational fair, the first seen since Baghdad was founded in the 8th century, in January to unveil the program to more than 20 college and university representatives. Elon, represented by Pelton, was one of the more than two dozen in attendance.

Since his time at the program's inauguration, Pelton has been leading efforts to bring some of these highly talented young Iraq minds to the bubble.

The university's lack of an intensive English language program puts them behind other university contenders but Pelton has begun talks with INTERLINK Language Center in Greensboro. The program offers intensive English language training, which could be utilized by students who may not have the necessary English proficiency to begin classes right away.

According to Humadi, the U.S. Embassy agreed last fall to accept student-visa applications for the program and the Iraq government is also working with the British Council to create in-country English-language preparation courses before students leave Iraq.

The Saudi Cultural Mission administers a similar program for students in Saudi Arabia and Pelton said he thinks Elon will soon be in a position to receive Saudi students in the near future as well.

While Pelton acknowledges there may be individuals uncomfortable with the idea of welcoming students from a country still warring with the U.S., he said it shouldn't keep the university from doing the right thing.

"It's all the more reason we need to bring them here," Pelton said. "Those who equate being from Iraq with being a bad person or being less of a person need to meet an Iraqi."

## Obama on health care

Highlights of President Barack Obama's speech to a joint session of Congress on his plan for health care overhaul:

### For people with insurance



- Would not have to change plans or doctors
- Insurance companies can't deny coverage because of pre-existing condition; cut coverage due to serious illness; place arbitrary cap on coverage for a year or lifetime
- Limit on charges for out-of-pocket expenses
- Routine check-ups, preventive care must be covered at no extra charge

### For the uninsured



- Insurance exchange for individuals, small businesses to shop for health insurance at competitive prices
- Tax credits for individuals, small businesses that can't afford insurance exchange
- Catastrophic insurance for those without coverage until new plan takes effect

### In general

Basic insurance	Paying for plan	Public option	Reforming malpractice laws	Total cost
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individuals required to carry it; businesses must offer it or help cover cost of their workers; includes hardship waiver</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Find savings within existing health care system; insurance companies would pay fees for their most expensive policies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only for uninsured; available in insurance exchange; must be self-sufficient, not-for-profit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use Bush plan of demonstration projects in individual states to test new proposals</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$900 billion over 10 years</li> </ul>

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# Embassy spokesman calls students to study American presence in Afghanistan



**M. Ashraf Haidari spoke to Elon students and faculty Sept. 16. Haidari kicked off the semester's series of talks and events surrounding Afghanistan at Elon.**

**Jack Dodson**  
Senior Reporter

M. Ashraf Haidari posed an initial question to the audience sitting before him: "What is the United States' mission in Afghanistan?"

The political counselor, acting defense attaché and spokesman of the Embassy of Afghanistan in Washington, D.C. went on to say the country remains unstable despite the fall of the Taliban eight years ago, in a speech Haidari gave at Elon Sept. 16. Throughout his speech, Haidari stressed the importance of

diplomatic and militaristic support from nations like the United States.

To kick off the start of the semester's series of talks and events regarding Afghanistan, Elon welcomed Haidari to campus.

There was a 3:30 p.m. Q-and-A session held specifically for university students, faculty and staff in which Haidari discussed the history of Afghanistan before Sept. 11, 2001, and the dramatic effects on the country since then. At 7 p.m., he delivered a speech open to the public, which expanded on his ideas discussed earlier in the day.

Haidari lived in Afghanistan until he was in his early twenties, when he was forced to flee the country with his family and take refuge abroad, according to his biography on the embassy's Web site. He has received numerous awards for his work with the embassy and is frequently writing editorials in various publications, including the Washington Post, the New York Times and the International Herald Tribune.

Haidari said he was brought to Elon by the only Afghan student currently enrolled, who he met at a program in Washington, D.C. called the Initiative to Educate Afghan Women. The student then provided his contact information to Dr. Rudy Zarzar, professor of political science, and Dr. Beth Warner, professor of human services, who oversaw his visit to Elon.

"I had a thought-provoking dialogue with a number of students this afternoon to discuss international peace-building efforts in Afghanistan," Haidari said before a crowded Whitley Auditorium. "And I met with President Lambert, whom I would like to thank for this prestigious university's significant contribution of educating promising Afghans to help

rebuild our country. Indeed, there can be no greater contribution to any nation than helping educate tomorrow's leaders."

In a follow-up interview with The Pendulum, Haidari praised the study abroad program at Elon and the university's value of globalized thinking. "We, at the end of the day — as global citizens — must care for each other," Haidari said.

"I think the students at Elon University must care about your country's presence in Afghanistan," he said, "which in turn means safety from future acts of terrorism and violence in the world."

This idea goes both ways, he pointed out, saying Afghans perceive international forces as "liberators" in the country. He followed this by outlining some major challenges of the war in Afghanistan.

First, he noted, is the country is one of the "least-developed and most destroyed countries in the world." He cited the state institutions, an expanding population and widespread poverty as factors in this.

One of his strongest arguments throughout the discussion was the role of the international community.

"The way the international community has so far operated in Afghanistan has unfortunately had the unintended consequence of weakening our new state," Haidari said.

Haidari said he believed the resilience of the Afghan people, their hope and embracing of democracy and their partnership with the United States will see the war through to the end.

Next month's Fall Convocation speaker is Khaled Hosseini, the author of the common reading book for 2009, "A Thousand Splendid Suns," which deals with the events in Afghanistan in recent decades.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Graduate school workshops

An informational workshop will be held from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. today in McCoy Commons 212.

Subjects discussed will include deciding to go, choosing a school that best fits and how to apply.

### Blood drive seeking volunteers

A blood drive will be held on Sept. 30 and volunteers are still needed to recruit at Moseley tables from Sept. 22 - 29. Shifts are from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 12 - 2 p.m.

Volunteers are also needed for the day of the drive in the canteen from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. and from 5:30 - 7 p.m.

E-mail [blooddrive@elon.edu](mailto:blooddrive@elon.edu) if interested.

### Student forum on Strategic Plan tonight

All students are invited to attend a forum on Elon's next strategic plan at 3:30 p.m. today in Koury Business Center 101.

### Peace Corps session

There will be an information session on the Peace Corps held at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 29 in Mooney 111 to learn more about the program.

### Senior yearbook photos

Yearbook photos will be taken from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Sept. 28 in the Hearth Lounge.

## N.C. conservative rally with hopes to bring back influence

**Jake Martin**  
Reporter

In an attempt to bring the party back together, nearly 200 North Carolina conservatives met this week for the 2009 Conservative Leadership Conference at the John W. Pope Civitas Institute in Raleigh. The annual conference has particular importance this year as Republicans lost the presidency and much of the House and Senate in the past election.

"It's bad and it can't get worse," said Francis De Luca, executive director of the Civitas Institute, the nonprofit conservative group based in Raleigh. "Conservatives are optimistic it will get better."

Not only has the party lost influence on a national level, the state has also made an apparent shift in its political loyalties. North Carolina, which has traditionally voted Republican, went Democratic in last year's election, and also went Democratic in voting Bev Perdue for governor.

"The left is not made up of friends and allies, the left is made up of competing parasites," Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform, said at the podium. "We're winning, and we're going to win."

In addition to local elections, the focus is now put on the 2010 mid-term elections as debate heats up around health care and bipartisanship seems to be less and less of a possibility. Between Republican Rep. Joe Wilson shouting, "You lie," to the president during his address on Sept. 9, and the recent 9/12 Project march on Washington, the division is becoming more pronounced.

"I think it is going to be hard for the Republican Party to make a come back after the Bush presidency," said junior Zack Salvati. "However, they do seem to be turning more toward moderation and with a better rationale."

The conference featured a variety of high-profile conservative speakers, and issued forums and opportunities for participants to receive training on grassroots campaigning techniques. The conference was headlined by former Miss California Carrie Prejean, Wall Street Journal columnist John Fund and terrorism expert Robert Spencer.

"It's a chance to interact with other conservatives, to refresh, to hear what the latest ideals are," said De Luca. "Conservatives are energized. They see a change in the wind. This is a chance for them to get out and share that with other people."

## N.C. COLLEGES from PAGE 1

### Controversial proposal spawns protest led by N.C. residents

North Carolina is a step closer to having a consistent admissions policy for undocumented immigrants among its public higher education institutions," said Hilda Pinniz-Ragland, Board chair. "Once the administrative rules process is completed, our community colleges will be able to cease the back-and-forth of the last eight years, and these students, who are striving for a better future, will have access to a seamless educational pathway from K-12 and beyond."

For those who protested the decision, the matter was one of great concern and, despite the rain last Thursday, the picketers stood their ground on the issue.

Pam Patterson of Raleigh came with her family to argue against the new rule.

"I feel like we're going to pay a lot more for so-called benefits of having these illegals," she said. "It's about preserving this county. It's part of the reason we're going bankrupt. We have to give them benefits and educate their children."

While Patterson respects the motives of illegal immigrants, she hasn't been able to bring herself to agree with the policy, she said.

"As good-hearted as you are, you can't let in everyone," she said. "A system that ignores the laws it passes has a very bad future. If people don't respect the law, we're in trouble."

William Gheen of Raleigh organized the protest because the public was not allowed to voice its opinion, he said.

"Sixty to 80 percent of North Carolinians oppose what they're trying to do," he said. "We either had to organize something like this or walk away."

The policy must go through the administrative rules process, which usually takes six to 12 months.

N.C. legislature will still have the opportunity to reject the rule or override it with its own law in May when it reconvenes. Until then, the current law of not allowing undocumented immigrants into community colleges will remain.

## CORRECTION ...

The Sept. 16 article "Majors with Money" incorrectly said Ross Wade, assistant director of Career Services, as "It should be about improving the skills you already have, not about learning new ones."

What Wade meant is that it is more beneficial to build on existing strengths than to worry about fixing all of one's weaknesses.



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## EXTENDED BRIEFS:

## Celebrate First Amendment, free speech with the School of Communications on Tuesday

The School of Communications will celebrate the First Amendment next Tuesday in conjunction with the Liberty Tree Campus Initiative in hopes of spreading awareness about the First Amendment and the right to free speech.

The initiative commemorates the elm tree near Boston Commons where, in 1665, the country's first patriots spoke of the need for a new nation founded on liberty.

"This event gives students and faculty the opportunity to exercise all the First Amendment rights on one particular day," said Jessica Gisclair, associate professor of communications. "We hope to highlight issues and controversies so that people will realize what great potential these rights have in our everyday lives."

Students from across campus are encouraged to submit a 29-second PSA to Brooke Barnett, associate professor of communications, that celebrates the rights guaranteed by the First Amendment: religious liberty, speech, press, assembly and petition.

The day will begin with College Coffee hosted by the School of Communications with an emphasis on campus media and the First

Amendment.

Students are encouraged to continue expressing their rights with several activities located on Moseley West Lawn from 10:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. An open mic will be featured at the Stand Up and Speak Zone, as well as a banned-book reading including works prohibited by school system administrators across the nation.

Following morning classes, there will be a panel discussion at 2 p.m. in Whitley Auditorium concerning the challenges and legalities of free speech law in the 21st century. Speakers will include Kenn Paulson from the Newseum, Sonya Galza from the Elon Law School, Katy Parker of the American Civil Liberties Union, Madison Taylor of Burlington Times-News and others.

The panel hopes to bring issues related to the First Amendment into perspective through discussion of precedents and personal experiences.

"People need to realize the First Amendment's importance as a part of democracy, but not all speech is free," Gisclair said. "We have the opportunity to express, but there are responsibilities attached to our messages."

The day will conclude with a 90-minute film screening

### WIN \$250 WITH A PSA ON FREE SPEECH

Submit a 29-second PSA to communications professor Brooke Barnett by 5 p.m. Friday to 2850 campus box that highlights First Amendment rights for a chance to win. DVD or mini DV formats accepted. Winners will be announced at private luncheon next Tuesday.

of "Adventures in Illegal Art," a documentary by Mark Hosler that focuses on the conventional ideas of fair use, copyright and freedom of speech within the media. Hosler is a founding member of Negativland, a 1970s experimental band that is comparable to today's Girl Talk and DJ Milkman.

Part of the festivities is a private luncheon honoring two local champions of free speech. The winner of the best First Amendment PSA will be announced at that time.

The Initiative grants \$5,000 to universities to cover such costs as funding speakers and promotions, as well as a "liberty tree." The tree is a Liberty Elm and will be planted at 4 p.m. on Tuesday behind Irazu Coffee, formerly The Zone.

## Campus coordinators encourage low-risk fun with Discover N.C.

Keegan Calligar  
Senior Reporter

Many Elon students may best know the Presidential Task Force on Alcohol for its recommendations on drinking penalties. But some may be unaware that, because of this task force, a program was developed to provide students with fun, low-risk weekend activities.

That program, Discover N.C., is now in its second year and offers students opportunities to discover attractions across the state.

"It's an alternative to high-risk behaviors, so if our trip is leaving, say, first thing in the morning, hopefully this will limit (students') amount of high-risk activity the night before," said Janis Baughman, director of student activities. "Also, (it) gives them just a chance to get out of Burlington and Elon and see a different part of North Carolina if they're not from here."

The program offers students discounted tickets to sporting events, museums and zoos, as well as transportation and, on some trips, a meal. Discover N.C. generally hosts one excursion per month and offered a trip to the Asheboro Zoo last weekend.

Because of high demand, "for the (zoo) trip, we actually had to turn students away because we didn't have enough transportation," Baughman said.

She added that in addition to trips to the zoo, sporting events, such as Carolina Panthers games, are generally the program's most successful trips.

Discover N.C. has also partnered with Broadway Series South, which features Broadway Shows in Raleigh. Because of the partnership, Elon students can purchase tickets at a discounted price.

"Last year we went to 'Stomp' — it sold out," Baughman said. "We're doing 'Cirque Dreams,' which is the Cirque du Soleil Christmas spectacular in December."

Other upcoming events include trips to visiting a "Fear Farm" on Halloween and a Panthers game in November.

The events are generally open to 30 students and are led by two student leaders and attended by one faculty or staff member, Baughman said.

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thank President Lambert  
for his visit to the  
Senate last week.

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# Editorial

## Extinguishing the Phoenix

### Elon athletics practices contradictory logo policies

A few weeks ago, The Pendulum ran an editorial praising the administration on sculpting a new master plan that will guide the institution for the next 10 years. Imagine Elon is centered on eight priorities, one of which is to “advance Phoenix athletics.”

But the current system Elon has in place regarding club sports is not only a blow to students participating in each club sport, but also a slowing of the speed at which Elon’s athletic recognition can increase.

As of now, each club sport has to undergo an extremely rigorous process through Campus Recreation and athletics to be approved to use the Elon Phoenix logo on any of their club apparel, gear or promotional pieces.

This means that while the varsity-level athletes performing on the behalf of Elon have the pride of sporting the Phoenix at any time, fellow students who may have been unable to make the cut, devote the necessary time or be as competitive as the varsity level have to don the Fighting Christian. The latter mascot was ousted when the Phoenix was officially adopted as Elon’s new mascot in 2000.

Chris Myers, the director of Campus Recreation who oversees club sports, said because club sports are not associated with Elon’s athletics they are not supposed to use the Phoenix logo.

Whenever a shirt, jersey or flyer comes across his desk to be approved, he cannot permit anything with a Phoenix on it to go through. Though those are the rules Myers has to follow, he said he wishes there was a little more lenience for clubs sports given

Elon’s small community.

Last year, Myers said there were more than 850 students, almost 20 percent of Elon’s student body, participating in club sports alone. At a time when Elon is trying to get noticed, letting the Phoenix logo out into the open is something that would benefit the university, especially since most teams travel.

According to the draft of the Imagine Elon Master Plan, “The role of intercollegiate athletics is not to be underestimated in planning for Elon’s future. A successful athletics program contributes to a sense of community and institutional pride, is of great interest to students and alumni and contributed greatly to national visibility.”

At a university where most students cannot sing a line of the fight song, it seems backward to not let those who want to represent their school through any form of athletics be branded by Elon’s logo. It makes sense, considering they are already paying for said athletics and have chosen to be a Phoenix, not a Fighting Christian.

While there is no fee to actually obtain the logo for a club sports team, it is something that Myers said is “strongly discouraged” by athletics. For some club teams, such as baseball, there is a varsity and a club team. Having the same logo for each team may be confusing, but many other schools, such as UNC, are somehow able to manage.

Not only does UNC permit their students to use the logo, but the ram’s head was pasted on the club baseball team’s caps and congratulations poster when they won the national championship in 2007, which is something Elon’s men’s club lacrosse team

did only last year.

The second reason Myers said club sports are typically denied the ability to use the Phoenix logo is that if there is ever some type of issue while on the road, perhaps involving alcohol, the police or something else, what the students are wearing at that time may lead to confusion as to if they’re actually representing Elon’s varsity team.

But if the athletics department is worried about the logo being confused, it’s baffling why they even allow the word “Elon” to be printed, since Elon and Phoenix are normally synonymous.

What Elon is striving for in the next 10 years is to make Elon athletes — whether club or varsity — nationally recognized.

This is an understandable goal to propel the Elon name, and as the draft of the master plan said, “Imagine Elon seeks to develop an athletics program that is both a model of academic integrity and successful in winning conference championships.”

While this specific statement pertains to varsity athletics, should club sports participants not be encouraged to perform well academically and attempt to win conferences championships as well?

And if so, should they not be given the same support and respect as their varsity-level peers?

In a transitional period where the administration is looking to move to Elon to place trust in the young adults they are crafting and allow them to have responsibility for their own actions, while also allowing them the decency to be recognized and contribute to the legacy to which they already belong.

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## Letter to the Editor: Troubles with the tram

To the Editor,

The recent change to the tram schedule leaves some students stranded and left without a convenient way to campus. The new schedule and drop-off spots seem very simple and well intentioned, but Elon forgot to think about the students who live in off-campus apartments on the west side of campus who cannot get a parking pass.

If you live in College Station Apartments, you are seriously left out. There is currently no tram that comes to College Station. Students can just walk down the road to West End Apartments and ride the tram from there, but it’s not very convenient.

But there is another problem. This tram only drops students off at the Center for the Arts. Some would say it’s a central location, but what if you have classes in the Koury Business Center or McMichael? You then have to walk 10 more minutes to class.

This problem seems to have a simple solution — allow students in College Station to get a parking pass. But that’s not allowed. Students in College Station are not even permitted to get a parking pass behind the business center, where there are always spots available. On any given day, that parking lot is at best half full.

Not only would Elon profit from the \$160 charge per student, but they would also use parking spaces that used to be fields for sports and recreation.

What’s even more bizarre about this issue is students who reside the same distance away from campus, if not closer, on the east side of campus do not have this problem.

Students in Oak Hill, for example, are allowed a parking pass behind the business center and can catch a tram that stops at McMichael, a much better location for many students.

It seems unfair and very inconsiderate. Students are being left without a way to class, and Elon seems to be fine with that.

Thomas Barr  
Elon, North Carolina

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#### ILLUSTRATING THE ISSUES:



# Opinions

## The media's trustbusters

### Partisanship, scandal run perception aground



**Marlena Chertock**  
Guest Columnist

The Pew Research Center has found the public's trust in the accuracy of news stories to be at a 20 year low.

But in an age when more students are going into the field of journalism and communications, according to an article by the Washington Post, and with new methods to deliver information, why should there be such lack of trust?

"Our survey shows that the public views of the accuracy of news stories — not overall trust in the press — is at a two decade low," said Carroll Doherty, associate director of the Pew research center. "The proportion saying that news stories are often inaccurate has been below 40 percent for quite some time and now stands below 30 percent."

David Copeland, associate professor of communications, said he is not surprised by the findings.

"The media has become the scapegoat for everything," Copeland said.

This runs counter to the journalistic ideals of truth, accuracy, impartiality and reliability. The core journalistic ethics are to remain objective, give all sides a fair presentation and report only the truth.

But obviously, not everybody agrees with this. Changes in the past two decades have acted as catalysts for this loss of trust in the press.

"In the 24-hour news cycle, the rush to be the first one to get the information, the story out, (journalists) don't always verify information," Copeland said.

Doherty echoes this.

"As we note in the report, more Democrats now question the accuracy of news stories, which factored into some of the decline between 2007 and 2009," Doherty said. "Moreover, there is considerable public frustration with the press' performance — and this is seen in declining views of accuracy and other measures."

Journalists Jayson Blair and Stephen Glass'

fabrications of portions of stories also contributed to this frustration.

Additionally, the media is increasingly driven by entertainment.

"Even in 9/11 reporting, (there was) the need for a logo for news, for a music theme, to package as entertainment. (This makes people) start to question if it's true or not," Copeland said.

When everything is shown in an entertaining way, the result is a media that is not as accurate as it would like to be. This focus on entertainment value instead of quality journalism, in turn, affects the public's trust.

"There is greater polarization in news audiences — especially for cable news outlets — and as our report shows, there are sizable partisan divisions in favorable opinions of cable news outlets," Doherty said. "There also is more scrutiny generally of press performance — some of this probably has been positive in that it cast light on errors ... but some of the criticism clearly is rooted in partisanship."

Copeland said there used to be a collective voice. "Years ago, 50 to 75 million people watched the nightly news," Copeland said. "Twenty-five million watch it today. (America) used to get news collectively, when we get news fragmented, it helps us to perceive that there's error and bias in what we're receiving."

But there is a light at the end of the tunnel.

"The public's dim view of press performance has not caused more people to turn away from the news entirely," Doherty said.

Audiences instead access a variety of news sources, not just one.

This is an important change, and instead of merely accepting the bias, the public must research, and reflect to find the most trustworthy media sources on ethical merits.

There is still hope the media can regain the public's trust, despite Copeland's reticence to look to the future with optimism.

For the media, admitting mistakes is the first step. The next is persisting with dignity and the journalist's code of ethics, and hoping that the public catches on.

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Same Obama, different time.

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## ACORN's gone nuts



**Ryan Maass**  
Columnist

Community organizations and labor unions are usually created with the purest of intentions — making sure disadvantaged people have fair job opportunities, food on the table and a connection with the rest of their communities.

The Association for Community Organizations for Reform Now is America's largest so-called "grassroots" organization fronting such a purpose. But as it stands now, its efforts may never again see the light of day.

Shortly before the 2008 general election, ACORN faced numerous charges dealing with election fraud. Because its members needed to meet quotas for registering lower-class citizens to vote, employees registered false identities — including the names of deceased citizens and other bogus personas like Mickey Mouse. Today, it joins other labor unions, such as the Service Employees International Union, in "shaping the agenda," as President Barack Obama proclaimed during his campaign.

Obviously, this is a problem. Community organizations are largely corrupt, mirroring the government that funds them. The stimulus package allocated \$4.19 billion for "neighborhood stabilization activities," for which ACORN would be able to compete.

Wade Rathke, who founded ACORN and currently runs its international counterpart, Community Organizations International, admitted he covered up his brother's theft of more than \$948,000 from ACORN between 1999 and 2000. With taxpayer money on the line, how can ACORN assuage worries that the funds will be ill-spent?

More recently, videos have begun surfacing capturing the members of ACORN negotiating with a supposed prostitute and a pimp looking for a house to start their "business." The latest video even shows an ACORN worker giving tips for prostitution, and also mentions killing her husband, a claim later refuted by police.

ACORN claims the videos are doctored, but it has also fired four employees as a result of this and another video has since become available to the public. Obviously, those at the helm of ACORN are fully aware of their own corruption.

America does not need community organizations helping to "shape the agenda." As a former community organizer himself, Obama appears deep-rooted within the culture of community organization, and it is no surprise that he is so welcoming of ACORN and Service Employees International Union having a powerful position in the country.

Having corrupt organizations that manipulate and mislead the disadvantaged and the polls undermines the credibility of the federal government. If Obama does not reject ACORN's influence, then America can expect the same level of corruption in the White House — certainly not the promise of hope and change that won him the election.

Supporters of ACORN's involvement in Washington forget what it truly means to be a public servant — working to serve the interests of their constituencies. The good news is that larger numbers of politicians are starting to understand this. Last week, the House voted to cut all "direct funding" for the organization. Hopefully, this vote will set a precedent for the future of government involvement in community organizations.

While the prospect of giving aid to those in need is never a bad principle at its core, the implementation of such ambitions must never be traded for selfish gain — especially when supported by the government.

Getting rid of ACORN's influence will help to reestablish credibility in the government, but continuing to hand them authority is an insult to the

## The vitality of democratic debate



**Neel Arora**  
Columnist

American democracy could not be in a better condition. The amount of criticism and dissent that has emerged from the various legislations, brought forth in Congress and guided by the executive branch has set the stage for greater bipartisan debate in the arenas of American politics.

And this comes despite the sizeable majority held by the Democratic Party in both houses of Congress, along with its control of the White House.

The situation could have easily had a detrimental monopolistic impact on Washington's decision-making system.

But the intense critique about every bill allows for scrutiny that serves the country as a whole, not just the party's ballot box and approval rating. It has allowed both sides an opportunity to contribute more constructive ideas and different perspectives into the various debates.

It also demonstrates the freedom, power and depth of American democracy, something few nations in the world can brag about.

The outrageous conservative disapproval of various Democratic policies has not spurned them with the stigmas that can sometimes be aligned with disloyalty, treason and anti-Americanism.

But what makes this case incredible is President Obama's inspirational inauguration, compounded by the media's portrayal of Republican cynicism. Their tactics of opposing every bill has been tackled with grace by the Obama administration and for the most part has not been dismissed with reflecting contempt.

Instead, it has been taken in stride and those Republicans that have contributed constructively under the looming shadow of a few bad apples have had their ideas written into the bills.

The health care debate, which possesses a number of these unique dynamics, is one issue that has

captured the limelight.

Obama has adopted his 2008 presidential race opponent John McCain's proposal, which will help cover Americans with pre-existing conditions and protect them against devastating expenses.

Obama also vowed in a congressional address about health care on Sept. 9 to explore ideas such as those made by Sen. Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, which suggests the public option should be available only in those markets where affordable health care policies are not offered.

But Obama's plan continues to be slammed, while he is attacked on a personal level. The contention of whether he is a socialist is just ludicrous and the idea of death panels is propaganda on a whole new level.

This is a unique moment in history. Comments such as those made in Congress have gone relatively unpunished, despite their extremity. South Carolina Rep. Joe Wilson's disrespectful comments during Obama's address on health Sept. 9 are something reminiscent of the third world. Calling the president a liar at a Congressional address is disgraceful to Wilson, his party and the country.

During the Cold War, anything remotely close to opposing the majority's consensus was equated to treason and betrayal. The McCarthy communist witch hunts and even the opposition during the Iraq War's infamy epitomizes everything that was wrong with the system.

Now, when the system is finally working cohesively, the political body needs to act with maturity, emotions need to be kept at bay and the interest of the nation should be held in high regard. That is what these elected officials swear to uphold.

Such snide remarks like those made by Wilson have no space in this arena. But that doesn't mean consensus is something that always needs to be achieved.

As politics textbooks put it, constructive compromise, where individuals with different perceptions contribute until a policy is crafted that is acceptable to all sides concerned, can produce legislation that addresses wider interests.

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# BURLINGTON'S FAVORITE FESTIVAL

## Burlington celebrates the 22nd annual Burlington Carousel Festival

Hannah Williams  
Senior Reporter

Laughter, music and the scent of fried foods were in the air as thousands gathered at Burlington City Park to celebrate the town's Dentzel Menagerie Carousel at the 22nd Annual Burlington Carousel Festival Sept. 19-20.

"The longest-running and largest festival in Alamance County, it was begun to raise money to maintain the restoration of the Dentzel Menagerie Carousel," said David Wright of Burlington Recreation and Parks.

Burlington's carousel is one of only 14 Dentzel Menagerie Carousels remaining intact in the world. The city purchased the carousel from Forest Park Amusement Park in Genoa, Ohio in 1948 and restored it from 1981 to 1985.

"Dentzels are the Mercedes of carousels," Wright said. "Menagerie means it has more than just horses."

Each of the 46 animals on the three-row carousel is unique. The horses have real horse-hair tails and all the animals, including everything from ostriches to tigers, have realistic glass eyes.

Wright, who has manned the information booth at the festival for the past 12 years, said his favorite part is "seeing such a cross section of people come out — families, teenagers, the elderly."

Scarlett Simmons of Greensboro joined her daughter-in-law and grandchildren, ages 3 and 1, for their annual festival visit. The first thing on their itinerary was to ride the carousel.

"It's my first time out and so far it's been very nice," Simmons said. "We'll definitely be back next year."

Simmons' grandson was excited to see the John Deere exhibit set up in the children's area among blowup activities, a firehouse safety demonstration and a climbing wall. Balloon animals abounded and there was face paint galore.

Ed Moore of Sandy Feat in Raleigh constructed a sand sculpture on-site featuring replicas of a carousel giraffe and monkey that are riding an elephant through a swamp. The sculpture used nearly 16 tons of sand.

"People are amazed we're able to pile the sand this high and that it stays while we carve," Moore said. "We use construction sand

that has a little North Carolina clay in it so it holds together better (than beach sand). It's the same sand masons use."

It took Moore and his fellow sand sculptor one day to pack the wet sand densely into boxes and two days to carve their intricate masterpiece from the top down.

An architect by trade, Moore started sculpting sand on the beach and has now turned it into a "fun business hobby."

"Sand is everywhere," said Moore, who's constructed a sand sculpture at the Burlington Carousel Festival nearly every year for the last decade, as well as many others throughout the United States and Canada.

Which is his favorite?

"The next one," Moore said.

A mix of local and national musical performers also took the stage and drew crowds at the festival, which featured beach and top-40 music on Saturday and bluegrass and country on Sunday.

"Wherever there's music, that's where we are," said Madeline Webster of Burlington who, along with Betty Thomas of Graham, was representing the Black Creek Line Dancers and the Alamance County Line Dancers as active audience participants at the festival.

Webster and Thomas two-stepped, shuffled and Charlestoned on the lawn in front of the main stage. Attendees at every festival of its 22-year history, they said they come for the performers.

"The Magnificents were our favorites yesterday, and the Castaways, who played before them, were good too," Thomas said. "We're expecting the National Country Recording Artist they've lined up for tonight to be great."

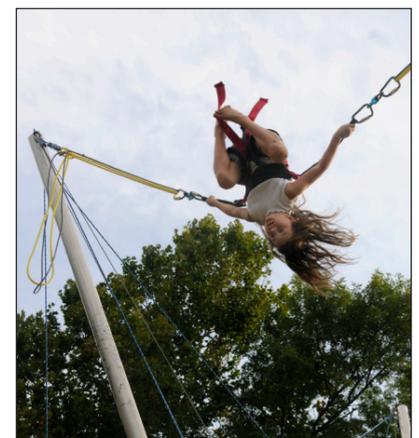
Jonathan Singleton and The Grove took the main stage Sunday evening.

"As you can see, we're an older crowd, but somebody's got to start it or nobody will get up and dance," Thomas said.

Other festival attractions included food vendors selling hot dogs, kettle corn, funnel cakes and fresh-squeezed lemonade and local artisans selling handcrafted jewelry, word carvings and decorative glass.

The young and the young at heart savored the last weekend of summer in the sunshine at City Park.

"I hope this festival continues to be a highlight in the area continuing for many years to come," Wright said. "Y'all come back next year, you hear?"



Burlington residents flocked to Burlington City Park for the annual Carousel Festival last weekend. Festival goers enjoyed carnival food, crafts and entertainment.

## A TOWN TREASURE: Burlington's carousel



LINDSAY FENDT | Staff Photographer

A unique edition to the Burlington City Park, the Dentzel Menagerie Carousel brings a touch of old-time fun to the area.

Lisa Wolff, Burlington's superintendent of recreation programs, said more than 10,000 people ride the carousel each year.

"It's a historic treasure for the Burlington community. It's exciting to see the joy that it brings to the faces of everyone who rides it," Wolff said.

The carousel, built by the Dentzel Carousel Company in Philadelphia from various other carousel parts dating from 1906 to 1914, was purchased by the city of Burlington in 1948 and relocated to City Park from its previous location in the Forest Park Amusement Park in Genoa, Ohio.

The Dentzel carvers are renowned for their realistic carving and attention to detail, but when the city bought the carousel, it was decorated in a red, white and blue, Mickey-Mouse style.

When the city restored the carousel from 1981 to 1985, it aimed to get as close to the original design as possible.

The carousel circles in tune to an organ that plays a variety of carousel tunes in the middle of the amusement area of the 76-acre Burlington City Park, providing laughter and smiles for 75 cents a ride.

While Burlington City Park is open year-round, its amusement rides are only open seasonally. Call ahead to verify hours with the Burlington Recreation and Parks Department at (336) 222-5030.

From March to June and September to Halloween, rides are open weekends only, Saturday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday 1 to 7 p.m. From June to late August, rides are open Tuesday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday 1 to 7 p.m.

Dentzel Menagerie Carousel is located on S. Church Street (Hwy. 70) in Burlington (336)222-5030.

# 'Rubber ducky, you're the one'

## Rubber Duck Dash raises funds to feed underprivileged elderly

Melissa Kansky  
Reporter

Seven thousand yellow rubber ducks floated across the Alamance County Community YMCA pool during the seventh annual Rubber Duck Dash for the Cash Sept. 20. The Rubber Duck Dash raises money for the Alamance County Meals on Wheels program.

Four hundred elderly citizens rely on Meals on Wheels in order to eat and receive the proper nutrition. Anne Baker, executive director of Alamance County Meals on Wheels, said the program expects to serve 100,000 meals in one year in Alamance County alone.

While the majority of the money from the event purchases food for these individuals, the participants have a chance to earn some glory as well. The winning duck receives a cash prize of \$2,500. Close-following ducks, 12 randomly selected ducks and the last duck the volunteers scoop out of the pool also receive various cash prizes.

"Participants buy chances, or adopt a duck for \$5," Baker said. "Basically, when you buy a duck for \$5, you are buying a meal for a person."

Lee Isley planned the event with Baker. As the duck chairman, Isley said he believes his most important responsibility is to motivate.

"(It is) probably the best thing to motivate our board into selling ducks," Isley said.

His efforts proved successful. Even during the struggling economy, this year's Rubber Duck Dash earned more money than any previous race. Baker has not counted the money yet, but knows the event raised at least \$30,000.

Isley credits Baker, the staff and all of the board members for the event's success.

Twenty to 25 volunteers assisted in the event as well. Some volunteers emptied the buckets of ducks into the pool while others hosed the ducks, pushing them toward the finish line.

Volunteer Resi Forrest poured one bucket of ducks into the YMCA pool. She said she believes her job was easy. She "just dump(ed) and let them go," Forrest said jokingly.

Although the actual race lasted a mere 10 minutes, the beginning process did not come about as quickly.

Baker has "been talking about ducks for about 10 years," she said.

Before the first Duck Dash seven years ago, Baker



Volunteers dump 7,000 rubber ducks into the Alamance County Community YMCA pool. One duck was worth a \$2,500 cash prize.



A volunteer wades through the pool to pick 12 prize-winning rubber ducks.



Each duck was sold to a participant for \$5. This buys one meal for the Meals on Wheels program.

had been discussing the possibility of a Rubber Duck Race for three years.

After three years of talk, the duck team took action.

"Once we did it, we stuck by and it has been a wonderful event for us and a wonderful event for the community ever since," Baker said.

Even though the event aims to help the elderly, the presence of children showed the race engages all ages. Phillip Brown and Kent Byrd, two young Boy Scouts, held the responsibility of fishing the rubber ducks out

of the pool once the race had ended.

Brown did not adopt any ducks, but thought his job was "pretty cool and pretty fun."

Byrd purchased three chances.

"I sponsored three of them, but I really have no idea out of the 7,000 which ones are mine," she said.

After the first few ducks crossed the finished line, the Rubber Duck Dash for the Cash staff fed the number written on the duck into the computer in order to find the winning participant. Names of the winners had not been released as of press time.

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Before receiving the grant that allowed her to travel to Malawi, Drea Dorrow, center, spent much of her previous research on the economics of healthcare in developing countries.

# Lumen Scholar researches healthcare in Malawi

Alex Trice  
Multimedia Editor

When senior Business Fellow Drea Dorrow applied for the prestigious Lumen Prize her sophomore year, she knew exactly what she wanted to do: She wanted to start a project that would combine the admiration and respect she had for nonprofit organization CURE International with the knowledge she had gained in her years at Elon as an economics major.

"A lot of my previous research in economics has dealt with developing countries and looking at specific factors that lead to successful development in a country, including health care, education, infrastructure and positive political environment," Dorrow said. "So after doing a lot of economic research for class on those indicators, I was able to use a case study at CURE International hospital to demonstrate that health care and education really do improve the quality of life for individuals in developing countries."

CURE International, which was founded by a man from Dorrow's church, is a nonprofit organization that offers free orthopedic care and surgery to thousands of children living in developing countries. Many of the children that receive treatment from CURE International have club feet, a condition in which children are born with feet turned inward, making the ordinary task of walking extremely difficult, or in some cases, impossible.

Dorrow had already spent time working for CURE throughout high school, where she was in charge of public relations and fundraising for the organization, and again after her sophomore year in college, when she worked for the organization as an intern. The idea of working alongside it again, this time for a Lumen project, was a natural choice for her.

Dorrow said when she submitted an application of her project idea to the Lumen committee, she was not sure she would receive the scholarship grant of \$15,000. Additionally, Dorrow discovered she enjoyed the application process because it helped her gain a clearer understanding of what she wants to do in the future.

"After completing the application the

“One of the hard things that I learned is that there really is no easy answer or simple solution to solving the world's poverty problems.”

- Drea Dorrow  
SENIOR LUMEN SCHOLAR

project and the idea of studying health care in developing countries was something I wanted to pursue, regardless of whether I received the Lumen Prize," Dorrow said.

In April 2008, Dorrow learned she had been selected as one of 15 recipients of the Lumen Scholarship. The grant money was enough to send Dorrow to Malawi the following January, where CURE International had one of its most successful hospitals.

"I figured it would be a really good place for me to do my research," Dorrow said.

During her time in Malawi, Dorrow focused her research specifically on the effect health care had in the improvement of average household incomes. She administered a survey that looked into the economic development of the environment.

While there, Dorrow said she found the overall experience to be life-changing, not only because she was surrounded by an entirely foreign culture, but because she got to observe first-hand the extreme poverty evident in the lives around her.

"One of the hard things that I learned is that there really is no easy answer or simple solution to solving the world's poverty problems," Dorrow said. "But it's little steps, like providing health care that allows a kid to walk to school, that makes the difference."

Dorrow said she hopes to return to Malawi this Winter Term to do further research she will use as part of her senior thesis project, and as a way to give CURE International valuable information that will help it receive larger grants in the future.

During her time abroad, senior Drea Dorrow had the opportunity to meet many of the children her work aided. CURE International, which Dorrow works for, provides free orthopedic care.



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# C.K. WILLIAMS

Award-winning poet visits Elon as part of the Baird Pulitzer Prize Lecture Series

Rebecca Wetherbee  
Copy Editor

Award-winning American poet C.K. Williams did a reading in McCrary Tuesday night, which was sponsored by the Baird Pulitzer Prize Lecture Series. Kevin Boyle, the English department chair, selected Williams because he is a poet Boyle loves, but whom he thought students would love as well.



C.K. Williams  
Pulitzer Prize Winner, Poet

"He's passionate and politicized and musically captivating," Boyle said. "He's not hermetic — he's clear. He does justice to the complexities of being alive."

Donations from the Baird family have allowed many Pulitzer Prize winners to speak at Elon, from historians to journalists, but this is the first year a poet or fiction writer has participated. Williams won a Pulitzer in 2000 for his book of poems, "Repair."

His books of poetry have won numerous other awards, including the National Book Award for "The Singing," and the National Book Critics Circle Award for "Flesh and Blood."

Williams is also a recipient of an American Academy of Arts and Letters Award, a Guggenheim Fellowship, the Lila-Wallace Reader's Digest Award and a Pushcart Prize. In 2006, Williams released a 682-page collection of poetry, titled "Collected Poetry," that spans nearly 40 years of work with more than 400 poems, many that are about childhood and nature, some that are about politics and some that describe, with great honesty, the final days of his late wife.

In addition to his books of poetry, Williams wrote a children's book titled "How the Nobble Was Finally Found," a book of criticism titled "Poetry and Consciousness" and a memoir titled "Misgivings: My Mother, My Father, Myself."

It was perhaps his father's love of Greek myths, revealed in "Misgivings," that inspired Williams to undertake several works of translation including pieces by Euripides and Sophocles.

Williams' work has been taught routinely in the Introduction to creative writing classes at Elon for many years, as well as intermediate poetry and creative writing senior seminar. Currently, Williams works in the creative writing department at Princeton University in New Jersey.

One vast segment of tree, the very topmost, bows ceremoniously against a breath of breeze, patient, sagacious, apparently possessing the wisdom such a union of space, light, and matter should.

Just beneath, though grazed by the same barely perceptible zephyr, a knot of leaves quakes hectically, as though trying to convince that more pacific presence above of its anxieties, its dire forebodings.

- C.K. Williams  
"Tree," from Repair

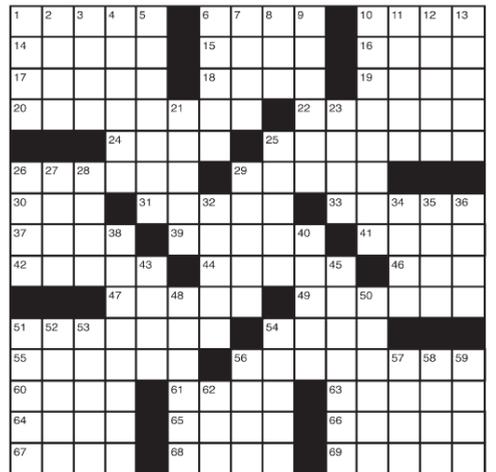
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- 6 Surgery memento
- 10 Drama opener
- 14 Card game rules expert
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- 16 Smutty material
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- 18 \_\_\_ Premiering
- 19 Land map
- 20 Cherish
- 22 Vehement speech
- 24 Countertop material
- 25 Changer
- 26 Man of the cloth
- 29 Long-eared critters
- 30 Employ
- 31 Everybody's button
- 33 Twilled fabric
- 37 Dishonest one
- 39 Peddles
- 41 Word with evil or wrong
- 42 Appeared shocked
- 44 Fit for Elizabeth II
- 46 Part of many Dutch names
- 47 Blow one's own horn
- 49 Serpents
- 51 Disgust
- 54 Terrier of film
- 55 Gladdens
- 56 Cookie slips
- 60 Comedian Sahl
- 61 Part of Q.E.D.
- 63 Piano piece
- 64 Building projection
- 65 Acapulco parlor
- 66 Controls
- 67 Deficiency
- 68 Barking animal
- 69 Mantilla wearers, often: abbr.

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- 2 Frost
- 3 Brontë heroine
- 4 Ice cream treats
- 5 Stress
- 6 Tie, e.g.
- 7 Sheep shelter
- 8 Small quantity?
- 9 Enthusiastic fan
- 10 Notified
- 11 Beverages
- 12 Switch
- 13 Prefix for act or change
- 21 Parts of arms
- 23 Burl
- 25 Pregame event
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- 27 Home for over half of mankind
- 28 Authentic
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# WHO'S GOT THE BEST BEATS

## IN TOWN

### Elon's musicians go head-to-head in a battle of the bands at Lighthouse Tavern

Lindsay Fendt  
Staff Photographer

**RIGHT:** Senior Ryan Swanzey performed a solo using recording equipment to loop different guitar parts.

**BELOW:** The crowd began to build during D-Town Funk Down's set.



Two members of The Major, junior Jacob Danieleley, left, and junior Sam Lewis, tune up before their performance. The Major features keyboards, acoustic guitar, bass, drums and the saxophone.



Senior Kevin Johnson of The Major played a guest performance during D-Town Funk Down's set.



**ABOVE:** Senior Ryan Swanzey sings to the packed bar during his set.

**LEFT:** High school seniors from Durham, N.C., Pierce Gullely (left) and Ryan Rosemond of D-Town Funk Down perform one of their original songs in the first set of the evening.

## MOVIE REVIEW



# Damon soars comically in Soderbergh's 'The Informant!'

Jeff Weaver  
Reviewer

Steven Soderbergh and Matt Damon have collaborated on three previous movies: "Ocean's 11," "Ocean's 12" and "Ocean's 13." With their new film "The Informant!," Soderbergh directs Damon in a triumphant comedy based on a true story, adapted from a book of the same name by Kurt Eichenwald.

Much like the "Ocean's" movies, there is a distinct, stylized look to the movie with a great soundtrack that complements the overall feel. The quality of the film even looks like a movie made in the '80s or early '90s.

Damon ("The Departed," "Good Will Hunting") stars as Mark Whitacre, a young executive of Archer Daniels Midland (a company involved in the supply of corn and corn-based products to America) in the early '90s. Everything is going perfectly. Whitacre has a loving family, a big house, a high-paying job and no worries, until he gets caught up in a blackmailing scheme involving a Japanese company.

The FBI is called in to investigate the scandal. This is when Whitacre's life begins to unravel. After telling multiple lies to the FBI agents that are questioning him, he is forced to cooperate with them and be an informant for the FBI in ADM. This is where the story follows Whitacre in his attempt to bring down the high executives of ADM while still thinking he has a future at the company.

As the pathetic Whitacre, Damon gives a fantastic performance. He is



Matt Damon, above, and Steven Soderbergh achieve another comedic hit with their latest collaboration, "The Informant!"

a believable moron that gets caught up with the FBI and international price-fixing. Damon's character shines with the many voiceovers that are Whitacre's internal thoughts. Most of these thoughts have no relevance to what is occurring in the movie, which is precisely the reason they are undeniably hysterical.

The funniest moments of the film occur during these voiceovers, which will have audiences laughing out loud (especially one in particular about polar bears and their style of hunting).

Not only do the voiceovers provide the funny moments, but the interactions between Whitacre, the FBI agents and his attorneys are

extremely well done. Every other character in the film serves to contrast the absurdity of Whitacre's character, and every normal, or at least seemingly so, person Whitacre meets emphasizes just how outrageous he is. Everyone he encounters comically struggles trying to communicate with him.

There is nothing else that can be said about this movie other than it is funny. "The Informant!" is sure to entertain and is easily one of the best comedies of the year. It is easy to understand why there is an exclamation point in the title, because after seeing the film, all one wants to do is shout to others to see this film.

## A look at New York Fashion Week:

# UNEXPECTED DYES, SIGNATURE FLORALS

Alex Johnston  
Reporter

The city that never sleeps was alive and well last week during Mercedes Benz Fashion Week. From the famous tents at Bryant Park to urban warehouses, top fashion designers showcased clothing from their spring 2010 ready-to-wear collections.

Renowned American designer Ralph Lauren showed Sept. 17 at Skylight Studios, an 18,000-square-foot space in West SoHo. Across the unblemished white background, models sprang forth from the pages of our nation's history with a collection inspired by the crisp neatness and classic beauty of the 1930s.

Models sported newsboy-style denim hats and tailored suit-inspired jean jackets paired with dainty blouses and t-strap sandals. Distressed, oversized "boyfriend" style jeans made an appearance, cuffed and paired with crisp spring blazers and brown leather belts.

Tiny floral prints in soft powdered blue and pink took on classic shirtdresses and flowing sundresses. Navy pinstripe created sharp vintage menswear-inspired three-piece suiting complete with contrasting but complementing ties and button-down shirts. The color of the day was a vibrant, cool blue carrying from long evening dresses to silky workman shirts and pants.

Young duo Jack McCollough and Lazaro Hernandez, the designers behind label Proenza Schouler, took a vastly different look at spring fashion in their dark, sporty, cool collection that showcased Sept. 16.

Rich, royal jewel tones mixed energetically together with black to create a mature tie-dye effect on playful

short dresses and skirts. Razorback super-short minidresses fringed with black feathers were paired with strappy peep-toed mini boots.

The collection was filled with neon colors and acid-wash patterns paralleling a not-so-distant '80s past. Paired with edgy, black cropped leather jackets and basic tees, athletic-inspired tapered pants offset the number of dresses to give the line a well-rounded presentation.

"Project Runway" season five winner Christian Siriano opened his third season in the tents with oversized but still chic straw beach hats worn with tailored tan pencil skirts and soft blouses. He followed with structural wave-like bubble skirts crafted from stiff silk in tans and multi-shade speckled blues. One notable piece was a floor-length light rose to deep wine tiered strapless gown that enveloped the model in ruffles.

Like Proenza Schouler, Siriano used tie-dyed fabric in brown and gold hues to add dimension to his garments and give them a regal yet somewhat tribal feeling.

Manhattan-raised Zac Posen brought new life to his clothes when he streamlined his collection with sleek satin shirtdresses in vibrant colors and prints. Flirty party dresses featured bold cutouts and unexpected twists like bright turquoise, full-feathered sleeves and neon green mouth appliques. Posen featured a number of garments in a vivid apple green shade with accompanying sheer green stockings.

Another playful aspect of the line was a handful of see-through rain slickers with '60s mod prints peeking from underneath. Floral prints made yet another appearance at this show, this time in flowy, satin ruched bust lines and shoulder pads.



Designer Zac Posen debuted his new collection at Fashion Week, which includes mostly vibrant colors and bold cutouts.

Even at the end of an economic downturn, New York designers made a strong showing at this year's spring shows. Trends that came out on top this year included neon brights in playful shapes and styles, flirty mini florals for day and evening and the continued use of menswear-inspired detailing in blouses, jackets and pants.

Spring is still a few months away, but planning early will help to discover the best trends for any individual's style and budget.

## Students hit the stage at Midnight Meals karaoke

Brittany Washington  
Reporter

The Sept. 17 edition of Midnight Meals brought many students who were ready and willing to take the stage.

Hosted by Zeta Phi Beta and Phi Beta Sigma, Midnight Meals moved to the Fireside Lounge for some energetic karaoke. Many stepped up to the microphone and put on a show for an anxious audience.

"I have been to Midnight Meals before, but nothing like this," freshman Gabby Bell said.

Juniors Nneka Enurah and Tavianna Williams were some of the first groups to sing. They sang "Foolish" by Ashanti and added some choreography to their performance.

Just before the food for the evening arrived, sophomore Shakinah Simeona, a member of Zeta Phi Beta performed "Say My Name" by Destiny's Child, with her sorority sisters as backup.

The pizza was gone in a matter of minutes, but more arrived later to satisfy the hungry crowd. People danced in line while waiting for pizza as fellow students continued to supply the tunes.

First-time Midnight Meals attendee freshman Nicole Brutel had the crowd doing the electric slide to her performance of the Deniece Williams cover "Let's Hear it for the Boy."

Freshman Courtland Dooley and senior Wayne Nock were the first guys to step up to the microphone that evening. They sang Usher's "U Remind Me." Bell and junior Ryan Elliot followed suit, singing Christina Aguilera's "Come on Over" and N'Sync's "Gone," respectively.

There were some unique performances during the course of the evening. The karaoke machine was cut off and some students were brave enough to sing a cappella. Juniors Tavianna Williams and Jay Celine sang "Exclusive" by Day26 and freshman Jeffrey Williams sang "5 Steps to Heaven" by Dru Hill.

No microphone was needed to sing along. The entire crowd joined in on some numbers, including KC and Jojo's "All My Life" and "Killing Me Softly" by the Fugees.

This was the third annual Zeta Phi Beta and Phi Beta Sigma-sponsored Midnight Meals karaoke. They continue to host the event, because they consider it a success every year. Students are able to take advantage of an alcohol-free atmosphere, and karaoke provides an opportunity to relieve the stress of classes.

"I had fun," freshman Raven Manigault said. "It was very uplifting."

Students will have chance to enjoy upcoming entertainment provided by Zeta Phi Beta and Phi Beta Sigma. In November, the groups will take over Midnight Meals once again, this time with a game night edition.

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#### LIGHTHOUSE SHOWS COMING UP

Friday will include performers My Name is John Michael, Shine River, Red Collar and the Topsy Bacchanals.

The show starts at 9:30 p.m. There will be a \$3 cover charge for those 21 and older and \$5 for those younger than 21.

## UNLIKELY PAIRS

Dating someone of another faith proves challenging, rewarding for Elon couples

Gabriela Szewcow  
Reporter

Some say the two topics to avoid at dinner are politics and religion. The same goes for relationships at Elon.

There are a number of students on campus that practice different religions than their significant others. A number of interfaith couples didn't wish to share experiences in *The Pendulum*.

One of the couples that is willing to share their story is freshmen Rachel Southmayd and David Campbell. Both students are from southern Delaware and have been together for 18 months. Campbell practices Judaism, while Southmayd was raised a Christian.

"I was baptized, went to Bible camp, did all of that," Southmayd said. "But religion does not play a huge role in our household. Faith has never been a main focus in our family."

Campbell considers himself a conservative Jew.

"On a scale of one to 10, I'd say I'm about a six in terms of being devout," Campbell said.

He doesn't attend synagogue as often as he wishes he could, simply because he does not live near one. Southmayd said she would attend synagogue with Campbell, if that option were more feasible.

Their religious differences have not negatively affected Campbell and Southmayd's relationship. Their parents are supportive as well.

"My parents are fine with me dating someone of a different religion," Southmayd said. "They trust my judgment."

Campbell's family thinks differently.

"My mom always wanted me to find a nice Jewish girl," Campbell said. "But that's never been a prerequisite for me."

Freshman Joy DeBolt and her boyfriend Ben Cox, both from Pittsburgh, Penn., are also dealing with their religious differences. They are both Christians, though DeBolt is Presbyterian and Cox is Catholic.

"I think it is beneficial to date someone of the same faith because we share similar morals, and when we face difficult situations we know that we can support and pray for each other," DeBolt said of their faiths' similarities.

Religious differences have not affected their relationship negatively, but the couple has struggled with understanding and accepting the variations between their religions.

"Catholics believe that only they can be saved," DeBolt said. "One thing I find a little difficult to understand is that if I went to church with (my boyfriend), I would not be able to partake in much of the service, but if he came to my church he would be welcomed and encouraged to take part in all aspects of worship. But that isn't something he controls. It is the Catholic Church itself."

Religion plays a different role in DeBolt's life than it does in Cox's, but they both agree it has not changed the way they feel about each other.

"I think that, for me, religion influences the decisions I make on a daily basis, but for him, religion is more about the practices and traditions and less about placing religion into his everyday life and choices," DeBolt said.

There are many obstacles to face when it comes to dating. For these two couples, religion has been one they have dealt with easily. They'll just have to be careful not to bring it up at the dinner table.

## LATE NIGHT FAME

Senior takes a shot at TV acting in Fallon's intern competition

Carolyn VanBrocklin  
Reporter

When Joanna Bateman first met Jimmy Fallon, she never thought she'd have the chance to be an intern on "Late Night," his NBC evening talk show.

The senior acting major met Fallon the summer after her freshman year in New York when she and a friend went to see him on "The View." The second time Bateman met Fallon, she and the friend had gone to see him in a stand-up routine at The Ohio State University.

After the show, she went to the stage door and the two chatted. She told him she was an actor, and she "told him I was a believer in positive thinking" and that she would be on his show one day. He was impressed with her ambition and signed her notebook as a token for her to show him if she did make it onto his program.

Then one Thursday in August before school started, Bateman was watching "Late Night with Jimmy Fallon" and heard about the Late Night intern contest. Applicants had to submit a video by midnight the next day discussing why they wanted to be the late-night intern.

Bateman knew she was comfortable being in front of the camera. Her dream was to be a comedic "girl-next-door" type of actress or "Saturday Night Live" girl.

That night, Bateman said, her mind was racing and she couldn't sleep. The next morning she left Ohio for Elon to



Senior Joanna Bateman, left, has met Jimmy Fallon twice. She recently entered a competition to be an intern on Fallon's talk show, "Late Night."

create her video submission.

On the way, she called communications professor Jay McMerty to ask for help in creating the video. At 2 p.m. she reached Elon and immediately started working on her submission. It was simple because of the time constraints. Bateman decided to do a split-screen of herself as a professional introducing herself as a college student in the TV studio.

A few weeks went by, and Bateman had forgotten about the contest. Then she received an e-mail from the show informing her they wanted to use a clip of her entry on the air.

That night, Fallon mentioned the contest submissions and showed six of them, one of which was Bateman's.

"That's my dream, to be on TV," Bateman said. "I was freaking out." "If I did win, I'd be so into it."

She has many ideas for what she'd like to do as the "Late Night" intern and many connections at Elon to make her vision happen.

"I would just love to get that job, but I will be OK if I don't," she said.

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I would just love to get that job, but I will be OK if I don't.

- Joanna Bateman  
SENIOR ACTING MAJOR

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The contest winner was selected Sept. 18, but unfortunately, Bateman was not chosen. Jason Sheedy from The Savannah College of Art and Design in Savannah, Ga. was announced as the winner.

"After seeing that the first task that [Fallon] gave the intern was to run and get the studio audience all donuts, I was thankful that I didn't have to do that," said Bateman. "I still can see myself on the show one day, but as a guest not an intern anymore. Sitting beside his desk, it'll make for a good story to tell."

### HOW TO:

## Break poor study habits

Eva Hill  
Reporter

*Good study habits are essential for having a successful college career, and many students find themselves lacking in this area of expertise.*

*The Pendulum asked the tutoring center for a few of the most common poor study habits and tips on how to fix them before the situation becomes uncontrollable.*

#### Study groups

Working in groups is a great way to approach a challenging assignment or prepare for a difficult test. But sometimes the study session serves as a social catch-up filled with nonchalant conversations about upcoming events and personal chit-chat.

"Club Belk" (also known as Belk Library) is a breeding ground for small talk and friendly reunions. Students sometimes venture from their dorms with the intention of studying in a distraction-free environment and return having completed little or no work.

#### How to fix it

"The best study habit is to know yourself," computer science tutor Steven Norris said.

He said he believes this statement is key when picking a time and place to study. Students who get distracted when studying with a group should study in their dorm rooms and then meet up with friends for a review session.

#### Multi-tasking

Students often find themselves caught up in the numerous activities available online. Whether students chat with a friend from back home or watch YouTube videos, the possibilities of the Internet are endless, and so are the distractions.

When students decide to do homework while "signed-in" to sites like Facebook and Twitter, they are setting themselves up to be unfocused on their assignments.

Watching television while studying is also a popular alternative to silent surroundings. Some read during commercials so they don't miss their favorite shows.

#### How to fix it

Steven Greenberg, a biology teaching assistant, describes multi-tasking as an ineffective way to complete assignments.

"If you are using the Internet for a specific assignment, your act is justifiable," Greenberg said. "But when you are using the Internet for entertainment purposes, you will only be distracted and your work will be put off."

#### Procrastination

With multiple assignments, sports and clubs, the average student is constantly busy.

Junior engineering major Pierre Cieniewicz often finds himself cramming before his tests.

"I try not to, but I usually end up procrastinating," Cieniewicz said. "I

try to study between my job and club meetings, but it always gets put off until the last minute."

Many students struggle to find enough time during the day to get everything done. They resort to staying up until late hours of the night just to complete an assignment that is due the following morning.

#### How to fix it

"If you have a study schedule written down, you will be more likely to stick with it and be productive," Norris said.

Designating a certain time period during the day to study will make it more likely to complete the task successfully, he said.

#### Attendance

Students often find that skipping classes will give them extra time to sleep or complete other assignments of higher priority. But when students miss a class, they are falling behind on information that may end up on a test.

By attending classes, students are also given resources for the test. Skipping classes can result in a loss of vital information and study guides.

#### How to fix it

Greenberg said showing up to classes is vital to success in a course.

"When you miss a lecture class, you run the risk of missing information that is not covered in the book," Greenberg said.

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# Muddy start, fresh beginning

## Women's club soccer team holds first tournament of season

Sam Parker  
Reporter

Complete with grassy cleats, mud-splattered shorts and sweaty ponytails, the women's club soccer team kicked off its 2009 season with a double header Sept. 20.

Duke and Wake Forest Universities traveled to Elon for the tri-game event, putting the Phoenix to work early by experimenting on the home field as the clock continued to tick.

That afternoon, the women played their first opponent in a defensive battle against Duke. Duke went ahead at the end of the game with a 3-0 victory, but the women did not hang their heads.

In its second game, Elon lost to Wake Forest 3-1. The goal was scored by junior Maggie Duszlak.

"It was a sweet shot from just outside the 18 (yard line)," senior co-captain Kirby Sypek said. "It was good to get to see a lot of people play today. Next weekend we hope to improve when we play Davidson."

This season, the team is comprised of 40 members, the majority of which are freshmen and sophomores.

With this primarily new make-up, junior co-captain Madeleine Mejean said team unification is a major accomplishment the team is shooting for.

"With only 14 returners this year, we're trying to obtain some team bonding," Mejean said. "We want to revamp the team, transform our previous lackadaisical years into seasons of energy and commitment."

Mejean expressed her concerns for the increased lack of interest among upperclassmen that has clouded the soccer team for the past few years.

"We're pushing to get the freshmen involved: (I) want to encourage the underclassmen to continue playing after this season," Mejean said. "The trend with us lies in the upperclassmen that tend to dwindle out with age, so we are trying to put an end to that."

The main focus of any season is to win, be victorious and create successful chemistry on the field, the captain said.

"With two or three practices a week, it is up to a player to show us her commitment level," Mejean



PHOTO SUBMITTED  
The Elon women's club soccer team completed its first tournament of the season last weekend. The team lost its first game against Duke University 3-0. In the second game, the women lost 3-1, with junior Maggie Duszlak scoring the only goal of the game for the team. The team will play in a tournament later in the fall at Virginia Tech.

said. "The more things we see you participating in, the better your chances are of starting or gaining increased playing time. But this, just like all sports, is a game and playing time is also based on skill because we are looking to win."

With only nine games and one tournament on the schedule this season, the goals of the squad must be

accomplished quickly. Sypek said her main focus is to make this soccer team known outside of the campus at Elon.

"We are competing in a tournament at Virginia Tech this fall, we'll be playing some bigger universities, and my target is to get our name out there, to make ourselves known," Sypek said.

### ELON SPORTS THIS WEEK

Sept. 16 - 21

#### Wednesday

Men's soccer @ Wake Forest | 7 p.m.

#### Friday

Women's soccer vs. Wofford | 7 p.m.

Men's and women's golf (Sea Trails Intercollegiate) | all day

#### Saturday

Football vs. Georgia Southern | 1:30 p.m.

Men's soccer vs. Georgia Southern | 1:30 p.m.

Men and women's golf (Sea Trails Intercollegiate) | all day

Volleyball @ Chattanooga | 2 p.m.

#### Sunday

Women's Soccer vs. Furman | 2 p.m.

Men and Women's Golf (Sea Trails Intercollegiate) | all day

Volleyball @ Samford | 3 p.m.

#### Tuesday

Men's soccer @ Duke | 7 p.m.

Women's soccer @ Virginia Military Institute - 4 p.m.



## ONE ON ONE

### Rookies under center in the NFL

Christian Binder and Adam Lawson  
Sports Commentators

*Which rookie quarterback in the NFL is better - Matthew Stafford or Mark Sanchez?*

#### CHRISTIAN

Both of these guys look like they have bright futures in the NFL. Matt Stafford is better equipped for the foreseeable future with Calvin Johnson at wide receiver and budding running back Kevin Smith.

Mark Sanchez, though, is looking great right out of the gate. He was 18-31 for 272 yards in week one, with a touchdown and an interception in his debut against the Houston Texans. His composure in third-down situations was even more impressive.

The Jets as a team were 10-18 on third-down in week one, largely because Sanchez completed tough passes in the clutch. Sanchez already looks like he's got the chops of a seasoned veteran.

#### ADAM

In terms of future success, there is no way I see Stafford being able to win in Detroit. I don't

know if Peyton Manning could win there, but Stafford is better than Sanchez.

Obviously, Detroit knew something when they drafted him ahead of Sanchez, and I don't see Calvin Johnson or Kevin Smith when making this argument. In my mind, when I evaluate a quarterback, I look for three things — a strong arm, ability to read defenses and pocket presence.

Matt Stafford has the potential to be almost as good as Matt Moore. Sanchez I don't see being much more successful in this league than Oakland Raiders' quarterback Jamarcus Russell.

#### CHRISTIAN

Well I'm not so sure that saying Stafford has "the potential to be almost as good as Matt Moore" is a compliment since Moore is a third-stringer for the Panthers.

The Panthers signed A.J. Feeley as insurance for Jake Delhomme. You're probably right that Stafford

doesn't have a chance to win in Detroit, though. That team is years away from being competitive.

All Sanchez has done since he was drafted was play hard and prove that he's the quarterback of the future for the Jets. By your definition of a good quarterback, Mark Sanchez is prototypical. He's got the strong arm, ability to read defenses and pocket presence.

#### ADAM

He also played the Texans, who manage to underachieve every year. My love of Moore aside, I like Stafford. I think he has the most potential of any Southeastern quarterback in a long time.

He won't achieve that in Detroit, but he won't be there long. He'll sign with somebody else after his contract ends.

I guarantee you in seven years Stafford will be a top-5 quarterback in the league and Sanchez might be out of the league.

### ATHLETIC RESULTS

Sept. 16 - 21

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SEPT. 16	ELON 3
ELON 2	EAST TENNESSEE
CLEMSON 0	STATE 0

WOMEN'S SOCCER	SEPT. 20
SEPT. 18	ELON 2
ELON 2	JACKSONVILLE
UNC ASHEVILLE 1	STATE 1

VOLLEYBALL	SEPT. 19
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# Roommates connect on field to boost women's soccer record

Felicia Maffucci  
Reporter

The Phoenix women's soccer team started strong this season with a 4-2-1 record. Elon traveled to UNC Asheville and Jacksonville State last weekend for its final games before beginning Southern Conference play against Wofford College on Friday.

The team pulled out a 2-1 victory last Friday at UNC Asheville after abandoning its traditional style of play to adapt to hours of pouring rain and multiple injuries.

Not only did the team have to approach the game differently because of these circumstances, but head coach Chris Neal noted that Asheville "had very weird tactics."

"The team did very well and adjusted accordingly," Neal said.

Freshman defender and forward Shannon Foley said she was excited by Friday's win.

"We were down by one and came back in the second half with a penalty kick to tie it up," Foley said.

The rookie scored the game-winning goal off a corner kick from her freshman roommate and defender Elizabeth Palmer.

"The ball dropped in front of the goal, and it was an easy shot," Foley said.

Foley's goal secured the Phoenix's third win this season. The Phoenix scored another win

Sunday against Jacksonville State in similar fashion.

Off another corner kick from Palmer, Foley put the ball past the goalie and into the net for Elon's first goal of the game. She then went on to score a goal in overtime to clinch another 2-1 victory.

While every game is important for the Phoenix, it is about to enter Southern Conference play and reach a new level of importance.

The team's first conference game is against Wofford Friday.

Neal said the team is going to spend the week getting ready to "manage the pressure" that its upcoming opponents are going to bring, and work on "attacking out of it."

"The girls will battle and give the team their best effort," Neal said. "There will not be a lot of time and space to look up to find options."

Wofford visits Elon for a 7 p.m. SoCon matchup.

Last year Wofford was very athletic and put a lot of defensive pressure on the ball, but the team still fought for the win, Neal said.

As far as the first conference game goes, the main focus is to "start off with a win" Foley said.

After Friday's game against Wofford, the team will play another home game Sunday at 2 p.m. against Furman and then travel to Lexington, Va. to take on the Virginia Military Institute at 4 p.m. Tuesday.



FILE PHOTO  
Junior forward Brittany Hallberg fights for a ball against an N.C. State defender earlier this season. The Phoenix will prepare to take Wofford Friday night.

# Men's soccer looks to improve record against Wake Forest tonight



FILE PHOTO  
Elon senior midfielder Daniel Street looks to pass a University of North Carolina Charlotte senior defender Nathan Mathers. The Phoenix prepare to play Wake Forest tonight in Winston-Salem.

Jack Rodenfels  
Reporter

The men's soccer team rewrote the record books on its way to a 3-0 win last Saturday against the Buccaneers of East Tennessee State University. With the win, the Phoenix tied a school record with its fourth straight shutout.

Elon started slowly, with only seven shots on goal in the first half, and went into the half scoreless. The Phoenix came out strong in the second half, putting 14 shots on net and netting three goals in the span of 13 minutes, propelling it to its third straight victory.

"Overall, I was impressed with the whole squad's performance in the second

half," head coach Darren Powell said. "We played with much more emotion and much more urgency than the first half."

To start the Elon rally, senior Justin Wyatt scored the first goal of the game in the 66th minute. The goal was Wyatt's first of the season, putting him in second place in Elon history with 27 career goals.

Elon senior defender Clint Collins noted the importance of the East Tennessee State game, Elon's first road win of the season.

"We accomplished something we've had trouble with recently," Collins said. "Although we didn't score in the first half, we didn't get frustrated, but rather came out in the second half determined to win."

The Phoenix battles the Wake Forest Demon Deacons tonight.

In 2007, Elon visited Wake Forest and tied the Demon Deacons 1-1. Wake Forest went on to win the national championship that season.

Last season, the Phoenix battled the Demon Deacons at Rhodes Stadium. Wake Forest was the No. 1 team in the nation, at the time fresh off its national championship run. The Deacons played like the national champions they are and defeated the Phoenix 3-0.

Elon comes into the game 3-2-1, while Wake Forest, the second-ranked team in the nation, brings a 3-1-1 record to the field tonight.

The Elon athletes look forward to the opportunity to play Wake Forest each year.

"We like to put a little asterisk next to the Wake Forest game," Collins said. "They are a team with a ton of history and a ton of success at this level. You have to respect their tradition and excellence."

That doesn't mean the Phoenix is going to come into Wednesday's contest intimidated, Collins said.

"It's important to find a balance between respecting their players and knowing on any day we can play with any team in the country," Collins said.

The Demon Deacons have had 12 NCAA tournament appearances, along with three Final Four appearances and one National Championship appearance. In addition, the Demon Deacons have sent 10 former players to compete in the MLS.

Elon is building off success as well, as the Phoenix looks to defend its 2008 SoCon Championship. The Wake Forest game will be a great indicator of how Elon measures up against some of the best talent in the nation, Powell said.

"(The Wake Forest game) is no different in preparation from any other game," Powell said. "It's a wonderful opportunity against one of the best programs in the nation. If we can execute our game plan, who knows what will happen."

The Phoenix will try to execute its gameplan at 7 p.m. tonight at Wake Forest in Winston-Salem, N.C.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Men's cross country finishes second in Winthrop Invitational

The Elon men's cross country finished second in the Winthrop Invitational last Saturday. Davidson College finished the race in first place, two points ahead of Elon.

Junior Justin Gianni finished the race seventh overall with a time of 25:47.85, which was his personal best and sixth-best in Elon history.

Sophomore Will Schefer finished eighth overall with a time of 25:53.59 and junior Matt Richardson finished with a time of 26:00.77. These times were eighth and 10th best all time records, respectively.

Elon's next meet is Oct. 3 at the Louisville Classic in Louisville, Ky.

### Third place finish for women's cross country at Winthrop Invitational

Junior Emily Fournier finished in third place at the Winthrop Invitational last Saturday. Overall, the Phoenix finished in third place as well.

University of South Carolina won the meet, while Davidson College finished second overall in the meet.

Fournier completed the race with a time of 18:39.96, which is ninth all time in the history of the program.

Senior Caitlin Beeler finished sixth overall with a time of 18:49.38. Sophomore Allyson Costa ran a time of 19:03.22, for 14th place overall.

Elon's next meet is Oct. 3 at the Louisville Classic in Louisville, Ky.

### New coaches added to softball staff

The Elon softball team announced the hiring of new coaches Kathy Boccock and Jessica Kohut this month.

Boccock was a private softball coach in Greensboro and was also a volunteer assistant at Elon for one year as well.

Kohut was a graduate assistant coach at the University of New Haven last year. Prior to that she was an assistant coach at Drew University.

### Judy ties for title at first golf tournament

Elon senior Jayson Judy tied for the lead in the Springhill Suites Intercollegiate last week. Judy posted a score of 207 during the three day golf tournament.

Overall, the Phoenix finished the tournament tied for fifth place.

Elon junior Stephen Dressell finished the tournament tied for 30th with a score of 217.

Elon's next tournament will be the Sea Trails Intercollegiate tournament, which is held Sept. 25 - 27.

The Phoenix will host this tournament in Sunset Beach, N.C.

# McFadden starts team in right direction for fall season

**Sam Calvert**  
Assistant Sports Editor

Last Saturday, the Elon women's golf team began its fall season with an entry in the 11th Annual Great Smokies Intercollegiate hosted by Western Carolina University. This is the first of four tournaments for the Phoenix this fall, the next being Elon's own Sea Trails Intercollegiate.

Because of heavy rain, day two of the tournament was canceled and scoring had to be entirely based on Saturday's play.

With a combined team score of 286, Elon captured a portion of the tournament title. The Phoenix shared the title with fellow Southern Conference member and tournament host Western Carolina.

"I think it's a really good way to start off the season," junior Tara McFadden said. "We now know we have the capability to do well and shoot low scores, and that boosts confidence."

McFadden put up a strong showing individually as well. She posted a first round score of 69 and was named low medalist along with three other competitors.

Senior Kelsey Johnson and freshman Diana Davis shot even par-72 to tie for ninth place, and sophomore Lauren Lebak recorded a 73 to tie for 13. With a round of 75, freshman Shannon Prunty finished tied for 30th place.

Johnson and Davis both received all-tournament honors.

"Every tournament we play, obviously we play to win," head coach Chris Dockrill said. "Being a young team, my expectations weren't as high as they normally would be, but our kids played well. It was a good victory for them."

Of the 10 players on the team, two are freshmen and five are sophomores.

Only one is a senior.

The two freshmen played at the top of their game and were able to play in the upper levels in this tournament, Dockrill said.

"They really came in ready to play," she said.

It was not just the freshmen that came in ready to play, though. Dockrill and McFadden both said the returning players continued to train even after the end of the spring season last year.

"We all worked really hard this summer improving our game, and I think that played into (our success)," Dockrill said.

McFadden also said the team's confidence in its ability to win was a factor in its tournament success.

This confidence is something the team is hoping to gain throughout the fall season through practices and tournaments, Dockrill said. To do this, he said the team needs to pinpoint where each player needs improvement and focus on that.

Another important function of the fall season is to fill in the gaps left from the graduated players, specifically Danielle Mills.

Mills was named SoCon women's golfer of the week twice in her senior year, captured two individual titles in tournaments, finished second in the SoCon Championship and was named to the 2009 SoCon All-Conference team.

"When you lose a player of that caliber, it's always pretty tough, but that's a cycle," Dockrill said. "The whole goal is to get your players up to that level."

Dockrill pointed to Mills' ups and downs in the beginning of her collegiate career and how it took time for her to develop into the player that she was in her senior year. He said he believes this is the path he sees his younger players taking.



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Elon junior Tara McFadden shot a score of 69 and was one of four individuals tied for the tournament victory. As a team the Phoenix shot 286 for a share of the tournament title.

"We can't focus on the loss," McFadden said. "We have to deal with what we have. We are all trying to step up to fill that spot."

But the main benefit of the fall season is to prepare the team for the upcoming spring season. Good improvements and playing time gives the team a solid basis to use going into the spring and then into the SoCon Championship.

"Everything we do is gearing up for the conference championship," Dockrill said.

The team will play in three more tournaments in the next two months to conclude the fall season. Friday the Phoenix will host its own Sea Trail Intercollegiate at Sunset Beach, N.C.

"We are aiming to shoot low rounds and see how low we can be," McFadden said.

## Rain or shine, tennis still on top

**RIGHT:** Elon junior Chase Helpingstine and his doubles partner sophomore Eric Turner finished tied for the doubles championship of the Elon Invitational last Friday and Saturday.

**BOTTOM:** The Elon women's tennis team finished its first fall tournament, the Elon Invitational, last Friday and Saturday. Sophomore Elisa Simonetti finished the tournament as the individual champion. Senior Anna Milian earned second place in the tournament, winning two of her three individual matches.



**Justine Schulerud**  
Staff Photographer

Despite dreary weather, Elon's men's and women's tennis teams showed good spirits at the Annual Elon Invitational. The tournament took place Friday and Saturday at the Jimmy Powell Tennis Center. The teams hosted Longwood, Campbell and UNC Wilmington.

Scoring for the tournament is based on each player's singles or doubles ranking. Players get points based on whether they win, but no points for a loss.

### MEN'S TENNIS

The men's team started strong Friday evening, winning seven of its eight singles matches and three of its four doubles matches.

Elon freshman Carlos Arboleda started the tournament with a win and was awarded a total of six points. Following him was teammate Eric Turner, a sophomore transfer who earned six points as well.

Phoenix junior Cody Stauffer-MacDowell, freshman Thomas Darling, sophomore Alex Crockford, junior Alberto Rojas and senior Clark Howell all recorded wins for the day.

"This is a very good opportunity for all of us," Arboleda said. "We are all playing every position and playing with different guys. It's a good variety."

Saturday, the Phoenix went 5-for-7 in its doubles matches and 7-for-12 in its singles.

Junior Chase Helpingstine and Turner went 2-0 to tie as doubles champions with Presbyterian's Matt Martin and Andrew Brigham. Stauffer-MacDowell and Tommy Darling went undefeated in individuals for the weekend.

"We have won or been in every match," head coach Michael Leonard said. "There

has not been a situation where we feel we haven't been able to compete. It's great to see the new guys on the team compete. We have a good chance to play different players together."

The men will travel next to Chapel Hill to compete in the ITA Regional tournament Oct. 16 - 20.

### WOMEN'S TENNIS

The women's team experienced success in its season opener as well. Sophomore Elisa Simonetti finished the weekend with 21 points and was named the individual champion of the tournament. Following her was senior Anna Milian, who earned 16 points, winning two of her three individual matches.

Senior Laura Graybill and sophomore Sally Wilkey both went 2-1 in singles play as well.

"I think we played very, very well this weekend for it being our first tournament," senior Paige Kensrue said. "We have only been practicing for two to three weeks now. We put in the best effort and have some very good prospects for the upcoming spring season."

On Friday, the women's team won one of its three doubles matches, and two of its six singles matches. The team won nine of its 12 singles matches and three of its six doubles matches on Saturday to complete the tournament.

"It was nice to play some matches with different opponents and using different potential combinations," head coach Elizabeth Anderson said. "With four players injured, we had some other players really step up. We are going to have a lot of players that are going to be competing for the six spots."

The women will be competing next at the Hokie Invitational at Virginia Tech Oct. 2-4.



FILE PHOTO

# Elon falls to Wake, looks toward Georgia Southern



**ABOVE:** Elon junior linebacker Brandon Wiggins reaches to tackle Wake Forest junior running back Josh Adams in last Saturday's game. **LEFT BELOW:** Wake Forest senior quarterback Riley Skinner passed for 289 yards, a career high, to lead Wake Forest to a 35-7 victory. **RIGHT BELOW:** Senior wide receiver Terrell Hudgins leaps up for the Phoenix's only touchdown against Wake Forest last Saturday.

DAVID WELLS | Photo Editor

**Sam Calvert**  
Assistant Sports Editor

Saturday, in front of a crowd of 31,454, the Elon football team charged out onto the field at Wake Forest University ready to play under the lights of BB&T Stadium in Winston-Salem.

Wake Forest defeated Elon 35-7 in only the Phoenix's second showing against a Football Bowl Subdivision opponent in the team's history.

Elon, 2-1 for the season, will take on Georgia Southern at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at home in a Family Weekend matchup.

Last Saturday, Wake Forest finished the game with a total of 426 offensive yards, with senior quarterback Riley Skinner passing for 289 yards and three touchdowns.

Elon's junior quarterback Scott Riddle completed 24 of 43 passes for 195 yards and one touchdown leading the team to 263 offensive yards.

"Things didn't work out the way we wanted it to," Riddle said. "We had opportunities and just didn't take advantage of them like we should have."

Riddle's one touchdown pass came with just 7:38 left in the fourth quarter, when he completed a 13-yard pass to senior wide receiver Terrell Hudgins. Hudgins had 13 catches for 113 yards in the game.

Wake Forest's offensive game plan revolved largely around the "run-it-first" mind-set, Elon head coach Pete Lembo said.

The Demon Deacons finished the game with 132 rushing yards, and more than 10 different players carried the ball. Elon rushed for 68 yards, led by sophomore running back Jamal Shuman with 54 rushing yards.

"The competition was as good as we'll see all year," Lembo said.

With the end of the Wake Forest game came the conclusion of non-conference play for the Phoenix. Saturday, Elon will play its first Southern Conference opponent, Georgia Southern.

The team is looking to learn from the three games it has played already this season, Lembo said.

"Even though Saturday's game was a loss, there's still a great deal to be built upon," Lembo said. "(The Georgia Southern game) is different because it's a conference game."

## The Elon-Georgia Southern rivalry

Elon and Georgia Southern have played each other only nine times in the history of their football programs. The Eagles lead the series 7-2, although the Phoenix has won the past two meetings.

Only Appalachian State University has ever proved victorious against Georgia Southern for three consecutive years, which was in the 1990s.

"(The Wake Forest game) is already out of our system and we're going to Georgia Southern," Riddle said. "If somebody asked me if I'd rather beat Wake or Georgia Southern, I'd say Georgia Southern because they are in our conference. If we start off 1-0 in the conference, that would be big for us."

Last year with 10.2 seconds left in the game, Elon's then-senior Andrew Wilcox kicked a 34-yard field goal to win the game 22-20.

Elon recorded 509 yards of total offense, while Georgia Southern posted 339 total offensive yards.

"Hopefully this will be the third year (we beat Georgia Southern)," senior defensive lineman Eric Ludwig said. "There is some animosity between our

teams right now."

Last year at Georgia Southern, Riddle threw for 308 yards, completing 27 of 45 passes and a touchdown, compared to Eagles' quarterback then-sophomore Antonio Henton, who completed 20 of 40 passes for 232 and a touchdown. Both quarterbacks threw two interceptions.

Georgia Southern is now playing two new quarterbacks, starting sophomore Lee Chapple and backup junior Kyle Collins.

Elon's then-sophomore running back Brandon Newsome led Elon in rushing in the game against Georgia Southern last year, with 24 carries for 148 yards, but Newsome has been bothered by injuries in the first few games of the 2009 season.

"Georgia Southern is pretty strict in what they do," Ludwig said. "We just have to be one step ahead of them and roll with the punches. Hopefully, after the fourth quarter is over, we'll feel pretty good about it."

In the game this year, Elon is looking at "big, stout guys" up front and linebackers similar to the ones at Elon, Lembo said.

"Georgia Southern's defense is among the best in the conference," Lembo said. "Their defensive line is just part of the challenge."

The Eagles have already played a conference game this season against Western Carolina on Saturday.

Georgia Southern won 27-3 with 461 yards of offense, while only allowing 194 yards to the Western Carolina offense. The Catamounts recorded -12 yards rushing.

"The SoCon is such a competitive league because everyone is pretty much the same," Ludwig said. "The first game is always the most exciting. It's going to be a fun game."

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## TOP FIVE THINGS TO LOOK FOR AT THE ELON VS. GEORGIA SOUTHERN GAME

Elon will play its first conference game of the season on Saturday against Georgia Southern. Last season, the Phoenix defeated Georgia Southern 22-20, with a total of five field goals in the game. Andrew Wilcox kicked a field goal with 10.2 seconds remaining in the game for the win.

Elon is one of four SoCon teams with an overall record of 2-1.

Appalachian State University is the only team to defeat Georgia Southern in three consecutive seasons, in the mid-1990s. Elon has defeated Georgia Southern in two straight seasons.

Last season against Georgia Southern, senior wide receiver Terrell Hudgins had 199 receiving yards on 13 catches. Last Saturday against Wake Forest, Hudgins had 13 catches for 113 receiving yards.

Junior defensive lineman Brandon Ward left Saturday's game with a knee injury. His status is unknown for Saturday's game. Ward has nine tackles for a total of 18 yards lost.

## BY THE NUMBERS

**1** more offensive play for Elon than Wake Forest

**1:52** more minutes of possession time for Wake Forest than Elon

**6** total penalties in the game

**8** broken-up passes from junior quarterback Scott Riddle

**35** yards returned after an interception by senior defensive back Cameron McGlenn

**76** yards Elon drove down the field to score its only touchdown of the game

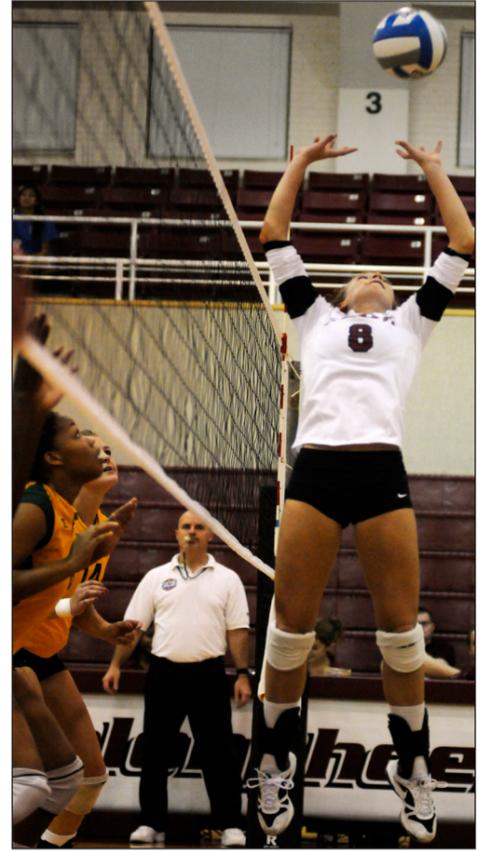
**80** -yard pass Wake Forest quarterback Riley Skinner threw for a touchdown — the longest touchdown pass in BB&T Stadium history

**113** receiving yards for senior wide receiver Terrell Hudgins on 13 catches.

**426** total offensive yards for Wake Forest

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LEFT: Junior middle blocker Sarah Schermerhorn, right, spikes the ball over the net as senior setter Emily Regan looks on during the Phoenix Invitational. CENTER: Junior outside hitter Lauren Copenhagen, left, and Schermerhorn look to defend a hit by Norfolk State University last Friday in the tournament. Elon defeated both Norfolk State and Navy. RIGHT: Regan sets the ball against Norfolk State University, who it defeated three games to zero last Friday night. The Phoenix play Chattanooga on Saturday.

## Phoenix suffers first loss, looks to rebound for start of SoCon play

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The Elon women's volleyball team carried over its recent successful record through the Phoenix Classic Tournament last weekend with two wins and one loss. The Phoenix is now 12-1 overall on the season.

Elon defeated Norfolk State in three straight games Friday night, but lost its first match of the year to Georgia State on Saturday afternoon, two games to three. Saturday night, Elon defeated Navy in three games to round out the tournament.

The Phoenix begin Southern Conference play at 2 p.m. Saturday against Chattanooga.

Head coach Mary Tendler said she was happy to see her team bounce back so easily from the loss to Georgia State during the weekend and its focus through the match against Navy.

"I think we came out really strong this weekend," Tendler said. "And it was great to see a lot of different players step it up. We have a very balanced team and I liked how there was leading from all different areas of the court."

Junior Sarah Schermerhorn was awarded all-tournament honors with 26 kills during the classic, along with senior Jessica Barrow, who had 22 tournament kills.

Although it experienced its first loss of the season Saturday, the Phoenix plans to learn from its mistakes and use it to its advantage in matches to come, including the beginning of the SoCon season Saturday.

"We already know how to win and lose now," senior setter Emily Regan said. "We know that we can be beat, but as long as we try our best, together we can be unstoppable."

Regan has played for the Phoenix for four years. She said compared to past teams she has played on, this year's team is unique, with a lot of depth and a big bench.

"We all want to play and win, and everyone has the same goal," Regan

said. "It's great because everyone plays well and I have confidence in all of the hitters, so I am able to set anyone."

The Phoenix certainly relies upon its depth this year with six of 15 players being freshmen. Ali Deatsch and Melissa Zidar are two of them, and both have seen a lot of playing time in the back row as defensive specialists.

The front row freshmen have not seen as much playing time, but Tendler said they all seem equally comfortable on the court.

Having such a talented team of starters and bench players helps the Phoenix prepare for matches as it can have intense and competitive scrimmages during practice.

"The freshmen have come in and really shown us what they can do," Regan said. "They are constantly pushing us, and we have a lot of good six on six play during practice that helps us get ready for games."

All of Elon's practicing and games so far this season should benefit the team throughout SoCon play, which is quickly approaching.

"We have seen a little bit of everything so far that we can relate or compare to teams we are going to face in conference," Tendler said. "We played the conference champion of 2008 and an NCAA team too, both of whom we can relate to SoCon teams."

Overall, Tendler said she is happy about her team's performance and competition level so far this year.

"This group is determined and they really want to win matches, which is a great attitude to have," Tendler said.

The Phoenix has a lot of momentum and positive things going its way with a winning record so far, but still plans on focusing on some weaker parts of its game to prepare for big matches in the near future.

"We are always working on serving and passing as the first contact is the most important part of the game, along with blocking technique and setup," Tendler said.

Against teams with tough defensive systems, Tendler said the team must

have patience and focus on not making errors.

The Phoenix must play up its strengths and minimize weaknesses to defeat their opponents.

Elon is part of a six team division, with 16 total matches during the season. Conference play is competitive as only the top-2 teams in each conference make it to playoffs each year.

"Every conference match will be a battle," Tendler said.

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Junior outside hitter Lauren Copenhagen, left, looks to get the ball past Norfolk State defenders last Friday night. Copenhagen had eight kills against Navy last Saturday.