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Chaos at opening of Tanger Outlets

Blues, jazz and soul artist Justin Johnson performed jams at a stand and sold his holiday CD at the Mebane Tanger Outlets Grand Opening. An estimated 150,000 people flocked to

the outlets throughout its opening weekend. The 78-store 317,000-square foot center opened Friday, leaving cars lined up on I-40 waiting to get off the exit. The crowds were so large that police had to reroute

vehicles to the next exit. The stores include brand names like Brooks Brothers, Gap, J. Crew and Nike. The Mebane outlet is the 33rd outlet of Tanger Factory Outlet Centers Inc., based in Greensboro.

Elon seeks to build on engaged learning

Becca Tynes
Senior Reporter

Unique and innovative teaching methods are not uncommon to students and professors at Elon University. Students can be found recording television newscasts in studios located in the School of Communications, studying in the cadaver lab or interning in various offices around the university.

"It's all about the academic experience," said Provost Steven House. "We want to make sure that our students have the best academic experience inside and outside of the classroom to ensure a successful life after Elon."

Connie Book, associate provost for academic affairs, said academics are clearly at the heart of the university's mission. According to House, the Elon Commitment strives to engage students' minds and inspire them to act as leaders and global citizens. The third component of The Elon Commitment, "Attaining the highest levels of achievement across our academic programs," focuses on the vitality of academics.

"Improving academic excellence is really the centerpiece of what we're trying to accomplish," Book said.

House said although Elon has already established a strong general studies program, the goal is to find ways for further improvement. Faculty and staff members involved in The Elon Commitment are also striving to improve upon Elon's engaged learning program, he said.

"We want people to come to Elon to learn from our faculty how to engage students inside and outside of the classroom," House said. "We believe we are a national model for engaged learning, and we want to create an engaged

learning center now."

Book agrees with House and said Elon faculty members have the ability to teach other faculty members around the country how to engage their students, too.

"Elon has become very well known for our engaged learning concepts, and we believe we have the capacity to launch a center where faculty from all over the world can come and learn the best practices in engaging students to learn," Book said.

Scott Windham, associate professor of foreign languages, said he likes the idea of Elon faculty members teaching other professors around the country about engaged learning.

"Elon is not claiming that we are the only university engaging students," Windham said. "We are claiming that we have a method that works well."

According to Windham, engaged learning gives students a reason to care about what they're studying and shows them why there needs to be higher standards.

"Through engaged learning, you show students what they'll be able to do with what they're learning," Windham said.

Megan Isaac, associate professor of English, said that in order to further improve engaged learning during the course of the next 10 years, faculty and staff must change the campus atmosphere in order to stress engaged learning as the norm.

"Lectures must occupy a different space in academic culture," Isaac said. "I don't think lecture will go away completely, but by being encouraged to do engaged learning, we are being encouraged to experiment with methods that may be different. Engaged learning does encourage risk taking."

Over the course of the

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In second reported on-campus rape, no arrest made

Anna Johnson
Managing Editor

Campus Safety and Police have not made an arrest in the second reported rape of a student by an acquaintance on Elon's campus this semester.

A 21-year-old female student reported the incident to Campus Safety and Police at 5:39 a.m. Oct. 14. According to a Campus Safety and Police incident report, the alleged rape took place

earlier in the morning between 2 - 4:50 a.m.

There is a suspect, but Campus Safety and Police is waiting on the Alamance County District Attorney's Office to press charges, said Chuck Gantos, director of Campus Safety and Police.

Alcohol is believed to have been a factor, and the victim knew the suspect before the incident, according to the incident report.

The location of the incident is listed

as 1001 Elon Commons Drive, the Oaks Apartments. The incident took place at the victim's home and several personal belongings were taken as evidence, including a comb, comforter, bed sheet and blanket.

This report comes a full month after Campus Safety and Police received its first report of second-degree rape.

The first alleged rape took place sometime between 1 - 2:15 a.m. Sept. 12 in Smith Residence Hall, according to an

incident report.

Nicholas Pacella, a former Elon University freshman, was arrested and charged with one count of second-degree rape and sexual assault on Sept. 17 in conjunction with the Sept. 12 incident.

Pacella's trial is scheduled for Dec. 12.

According to the Campus Safety and Police website, the last forcible sex act occurred in 2007.



Bringing the light years to life:

Exhibit displays images of the universe through the eyes of a NASA telescope

Caitlin O'Donnell
News Editor

Elon University is one step closer to infinity and beyond with the addition of the "From Earth to the Universe" traveling NASA exhibit currently on display in the Academic Village.

First introduced at College Coffee Nov. 2, the exhibit contains 30 images of the universe taken by the Hubble, Chandra and Spitzer telescopes. Each image also includes a caption explaining the science of the image.

According to the exhibit's website, the images display some of the most dramatic views of the universe.

"The images represent the incredible variety of astronomical objects that are known to exist — planets, comets, stars, nebulae, galaxies and the clusters in which they congregate," the website reads.

Dan Evans, assistant professor of physics, said bringing the exhibit to Elon took a lot of time and effort but was well worth it.

One of his colleagues came up with the original idea and Evans said he has been working with the exhibit for about two and a half years.

"I spent the past decade working for one of NASA's Great Observatories and we call this the Chandra X-ray observatory," he said.

According to NASA's website, the X-ray is used to detect sources of X-rays billions of light years away.

"Chandra's improved sensitivity is making possible more detailed studies of black holes, supernovas and dark matter," the website reads. "Chandra will increase our understanding of the origin, evolution and destiny of our universe."

According to Evans, the X-ray takes some of the most beautiful images of the universe available.

"A colleague came up with an outreach project showcasing the universe," he said.

Since its inception in 2008, the exhibit has been on display in Washington, D.C., Moscow, Iran and

more than 50 other countries.

Evans said the exhibit is particularly meaningful to a campus such as Elon's, which puts emphasis on the significance of engaged learning — visitors to the exhibit see real images, rather than reading descriptions in a text book.

"One of the things I've wanted to do is not to have this as a static exhibit, but have as many people with it as possible," Evans said.

This includes his Introduction to Astronomy class and elementary school students who toured the exhibit Monday morning. Evans said he has also received positive comments from Elon faculty.

But Evan's connection with the Chandra Observatory isn't over quite yet.

As a black hole astrophysicist, he is also conducting research looking at the role black holes play in the universe.

"It turns out to be a very important one," he said. "(Black holes) are incredibly crucial to the formation and evolution of the universe as we know it. I'm also using black holes to test Einstein's theory of relativity."

The "From Earth to the Universe" exhibit, dubbed by Evans as "From Elon to the Universe," will be on display until next week.



Boards display pictures of the solar system, galaxy and universe outside of Lindner Hall and around the Academic Pavilion. Topics include the very distant — black holes — and the very near by — Earth. BRIAN ALLENBY | Staff Photographer

Categories of objects on display

- Solar system: includes planets, asteroids and comets
- Nebulas: vast clouds of gas and dust between stars
- Galaxies: system of stars, gas, dust and dark matter bound together by gravity
- Stars: glowing balls of gas held together by their own gravity
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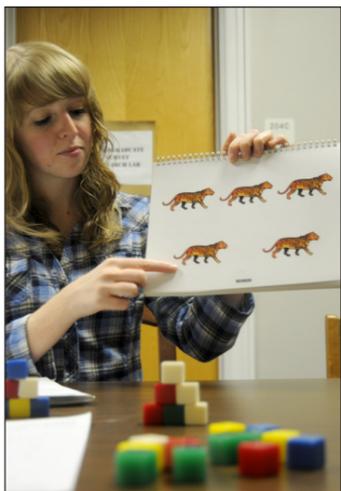
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Senior Lauren Finn conducts pre-tests with all of her subjects before they engage in cooking with their parents. The tests are designed to measure a child's intellectual ability before they begin cooking. Research like this supports the idea that Elon is a national research-based university, but it also has elements of being a more regional liberal arts institution. HEATHER CASSANO | Staff Photographer

Deciding whether to be 'regional' or 'national'

Elon caught between being liberal arts school and national research institution

Rachel Southmayd
Senior Reporter

Less than 10 years ago, Elon College changed its name to Elon University, forever changing the way the nation defines the institution. Since then, it has increased in student body size, acreage, program quantity and prestige. As changes continue, Elon is again being faced with a decision: what to call itself.

Institutions of higher learning are classified in a number of ways, but one of the most recognizable is the category assigned to the school by the "U.S. News and World Report," a magazine that produces rankings of schools each year.

"You have to take rankings with a grain of salt," said Provost Steven House, noting that he appreciates Elon's high status on these lists.

Currently, Elon falls under the "Regional University"

category, meaning it has a wide variety of undergraduate programs, some master's programs and few doctoral programs, according to the "U.S. News and World Report" website. Elon is ranked against other schools in the "Southern" region and holds the No. 2 spot, with Rollins College in Florida being No. 1.

But what about the other categories? Could Elon venture to make the switch to a "National University" or even a "National Liberal Arts College?"

House said although he would like the "National" title, he thinks Elon is right where it is now, and Paul Miller, head of undergraduate research, and Janet Warman, agree that Elon has found its "niche" among other universities in the "Regional" slot.

To become a "National University," an institution must have a wide range of undergraduate, master's

and doctoral programs and must produce a significant amount of research. Harvard University currently tops that list.

Warman said that she thinks switching to a more research-focused model would be harmful to the student-faculty dynamic that currently exists, which she said allows for a large amount of involvement and integration.

"I think faculty would focus on their individual research," she said.

A "National Liberal Arts College" requires that a school give at least half its degrees in the liberal arts fields, and this category is led by Williams College.

According to the 2009-2010 Fact Book, last spring, Elon gave out a total of 1,447 degrees, both undergraduate and graduate. Of these, around 670 were in the liberal arts undergraduate programs, less than half of all degrees given.

The 2010 Registrar's Report indicates that of Elon's current graduate and undergraduate students with declared majors, only about 45 percent had an area of study within the College of Arts and Sciences, although every Elon undergraduate student receives a liberal-arts-based education.

Miller said the liberal arts base and research can mix well, and is not only limited to traditional sciences like biology and chemistry.

"Not only do they border one another, they can integrate in really meaningful ways," he said.

He also said the support for research in all fields allows faculty to be involved in lifelong learning, and it makes the Elon experience about active engagement for both students and faculty.

"The more you're engaged in these things, the better you get at them, and the more you're able to connect them

to other parts of your life," he said.

House said student engagement, among other elements of the Elon experience, is garnering attention both regionally and nationally.

"The legacy that we're building is through what our students are doing and what our faculty is doing," he said.

He said Elon falls in a unique class of seven universities around the nation that have the highest level of accreditation for each of their professional schools.

Columbia University, American University and Marquette University are among the others on this list.

"We're trying to explore who we want to be associated with," he said, noting that Elon often uses Villanova University, the College of William and Mary, Trinity College, and several other schools as benchmarks for future improvement.

The Elon Commitment hopes to develop engaged learning

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next 10 years, House said Elon faculty and staff members want some of the school's key programs to have national stature.

"We want our business school ranked in the top-50 and our law school in the top-100," House said.

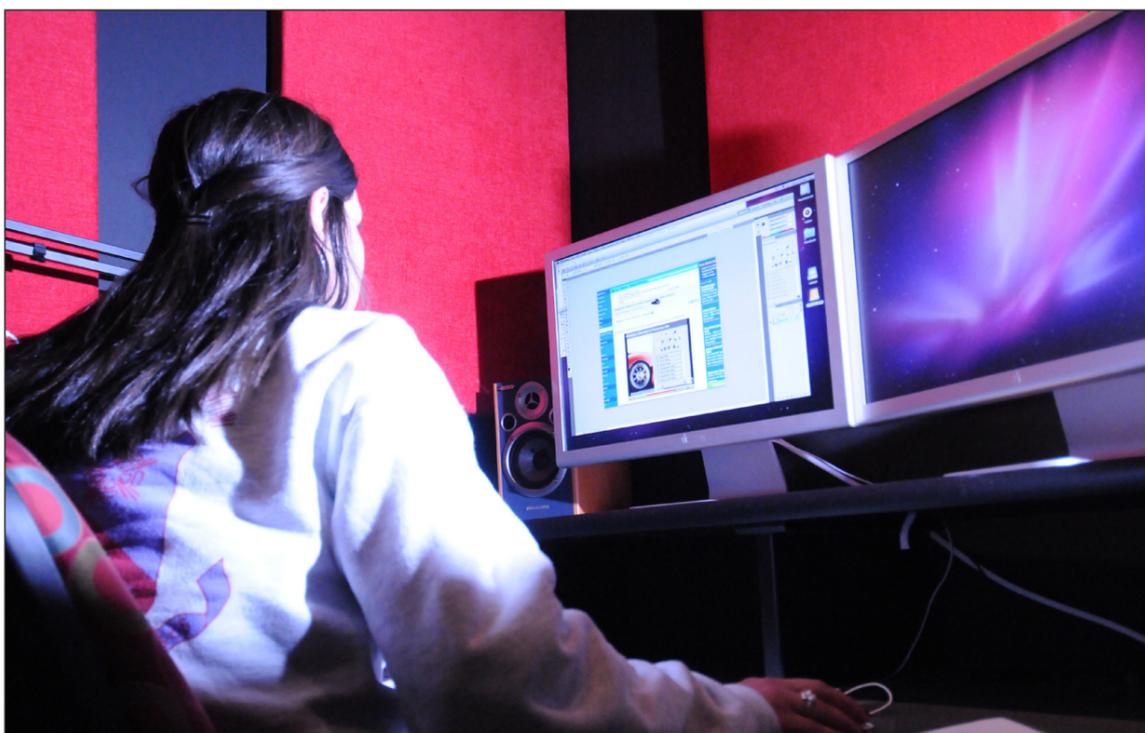
According to House, the university also hopes to obtain graduate students with prestigious academic fellowships, including a Rhodes scholar.

"We haven't done our job well if the intellectual and academic rigor of the students' experience does not lead to a graduate

life of excellence," Book said.

Windham said at Elon, there's a culture where experimentation and innovation is encouraged. In order to further improve engaged learning, faculty and staff must experiment, he said.

"We are committed to helping every student achieve academic excellence as best they can," House said. "Our goal is to get all students to stretch themselves academically more than they think possible in order for them to be inspired leaders and global citizens."



Sophomore Sarah Dehoff works on a project for her digital media convergence class in Photoshop in the editing suites in the basement of McEwen. The McEwen editing suites come equipped with video and photo editing equipment for students to use. MOLLY CAREY | Staff Photographer

Bookstore, Career Center begin preparations for upcoming transitions to new locations

Sam Parker
Senior Reporter

As the beginning of construction for the new 24,000 square foot building on the corner of Williamson and W. College avenues approaches, Elon University's campus bookstore and career center are preparing for their moves.

As the campus bookstore moves onto Williamson, and the career center transitions into the bookstore's spot, both services are looking forward to the additional space that will be provided through these new locations.

Tom Vecchione, executive director of Career Services, said the Career Center's current location in Duke was never designed or intended to house the purpose of its services. He said the Career Center's current facility has limited its growth because of the small square footage.

"We have no dedicated interview rooms, and we have run out of space for staff offices as we continue to grow," Vecchione said. "Many career offices now also have at least one large size presentation room as well."

Vecchione said floor plans that will make the new location a premier resource are being drawn up by the Career Center and will be discussed with university planners soon. He said the center is looking at layouts of other institutions' career centers in order to draw conclusions of what works best for other universities.

"We are researching Elon's peer and aspirant institutions' career centers in terms of square footage, unique features, number of staff offices, number of interview spaces and

presentation rooms and the technologies they have in the space," Vecchione said.

By transitioning into Moseley, Vecchione said the Career Center plans to use the additional space by creating multiple technologically-advanced interview rooms capable of two-way communication for internship, job and graduate school interviews.

Vecchione said he hopes the Career Center's accessibility, because of its new location, will help it to enhance its relationship with the admissions office as well as attract more students, alumni and employers to its services.

"The location in the student center is exactly where we would like to be, in the hub of student activity," Vecchione said. "It's the perfect location — a great many campus career offices are located within their respective student and campus centers."

Vickie Somers, director of Auxiliary Services, said the bookstore is also looking forward to its additional square footage and plans to use it by adding more space for both textbooks and merchandise. "Space has been an issue for us in the bookstore for a long time," Somers said. "We don't have a very large campus shop for a student body of our size, so we hope the move will help alleviate that situation."

Somers said she and campus shop manager, Kathy Scarborough, have visited other bookstores to compare and contrast options on storage, loading dock locations, paint colors, floor plans, lighting and ceiling heights.

"Some of the stores we visited were actually what we call 'town-gown' stores which are bookstores that are actually



The bookstore on Elon's campus will move to Williamson Avenue in 2011, and the Career Center will take its place.

on the street," Somers said. "We've looked at how these were laid out and asked them what worked well and what they would change."

Somers said the architects of Barnes and Noble are currently drawing up plans to propose to Elon's bookstore on how to divide space between merchandise, textbooks, trade books and checkout counters. She said a primary focus of the campus shop's floor plan will center on allocating more space for textbooks.

"We know we need more space for textbooks because in the current store, during rush, the entire back of the store has textbooks, and we're having to use about three storage pods outback for textbooks," Somers

said. "Then, once that rush is over before family weekend, we take down that shelving and put up merchandise to utilize that space."

Another concern of the campus shop is business strategies, according to Somers. She said because of its move, the shop will no longer have instant accessibility that often serves as an incentive for prospective students and their families to visit with the admissions office in Moseley.

"One advantage that we have now is that we are beside the admissions welcome center, so before tours start, a lot of people wander in," Somers said. "Even students do this when they're having lunch, coming in while they're here."

Somers said communication will play a role in addressing this issue as the shop employees brainstorm ways on how to inform both students and prospective students on sales, discounts and promotions. She said the bookstore may even host student focus groups to help with developing new incentives on how to attract customers.

Regardless of planning and preparing that has yet to be done, Somers said the campus shop is eager for its transition across campus.

"It's going to be very exciting," Somers said. "We're very excited about getting more space, and I think it'll be good for the downtown, nice for the students and beneficial for the public."

Access for all: Study abroad encouraged

Melissa Kansky
Multimedia Editor

Elon University's 100 percent study abroad commitment aims for every student to have complete access to an education abroad, which supplements The Elon Commitment to developing global citizens.

The ultimate goal is to expand global engagements, said Woody Pelton, dean of international programs and director of the Isabella Cannon Centre.

According to the Centre's 2009-2010 annual report, the number of students studying abroad has more than doubled in 10 years. In 1999, 525 graduates participated in study abroad. The program witnessed a 41 percent increase the following year, with 740 graduating students who studied abroad.

The most recent graduating class contained 1,063 students that studied abroad, which is about 70 percent of the total class.

"An increased percentage (of students abroad) shows that it is making strides to fulfill its goal of graduating global citizens," he said.

In order to maintain the 100 percent study abroad commitment, the university analyzed the 30 percent of the graduates who did not study abroad, but could not find a common thread among all students who constitute that 30 percent.

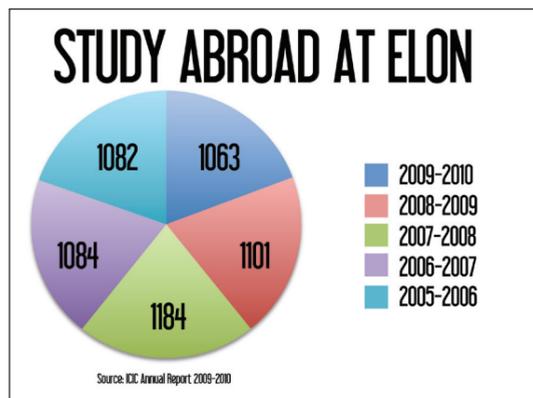
"It's a complex combination of factors, which means there will be no silver bullet to address all 30 percent in one way," Pelton said.

In order to accomplish 100 percent access, the academic design needs to remove all obstacles that would prevent a student from going abroad. Obstacles include a particular major or discipline and extracurricular programs such as performing arts productions and athletics.

Faculty members from the Isabella Cannon International Centre are working with the athletic department to develop programs in accordance with athletes' schedules, said Heidi White, associate director for study abroad.

They have worked with the music department and sent the jazz band abroad, she said.

Although students have access to Winter Term, fall semester and spring semester abroad, White associated



SARAH BETH COSTELLO | Graphics Editor

more classes with more opportunities.

While an international studies major requires one to study abroad for a semester, sophomore Rachel Stanley had trouble finding a program that suited her interests.

"Before this spring, Elon only offered one program with French language and political science classes," Stanley said. "I realized that even though all international studies majors are required to study abroad, most study abroad programs are actually better suited for business or communications majors."

She said she was frustrated by the limitations, but decided to study in Paris through UNC Wilmington.

Expressed interest may fuel program development. "If we sense multiple students want to go every semester, we might develop a program," White said.

A new study abroad program in Australia, Israel, Senegal and Spain and a semester at sea experience resulted from an increase in student interest.

Still, athletics limit study abroad opportunities, as well.

"As a student athlete, it is difficult for me to study abroad because we have both a fall and spring season," said Meghan Green, junior and member of the women's golf team. "Taking that amount of time off from a sport can drastically lower my skill ability and therefore hurt my team."

For students like Green, Winter Term courses serve as an alternative, but the higher price poses another obstacle.

Even after Green received permission from her coach to study abroad Winter Term, she struggled to find the money to pay for the entrepreneurship course in Argentina.

"I felt that the opportunities and the learning about global entrepreneurship were invaluable," Green said. "Those who have studied abroad return to Elon with such a global perspective."

The 100 percent study abroad commitment strives to eliminate monetary obstacles.

"When we think of access, we think there should be no obstacle that would prevent a student from going abroad," Pelton said.

Although the Ever Elon campaign and the 100 percent study abroad commitment did not develop simultaneously, the study abroad commitment is certainly a priority, said Jim Piatt, vice president for University Advancement.

Through the creation of endowments, the Ever Elon campaign raises money to support students who want to study abroad, but need financial assistance in order to do so. Annual gifts can also be directed to study abroad programs.

Alumni donations typically reflect their most valuable experience at Elon, Piatt said.

Still, a large portion of study abroad donations comes from parents.

"Parents typically want to support whatever is most meaningful to their son or daughter," Piatt said.

Junior Traci Weisberg described her education abroad in Greece as one of her most memorable experiences. She reminisced on her visit to the ancient theater of Epidaurus.

"I performed one of my favorite songs and was brought to tears by the overwhelming magnificence and beauty of the experience," Weisberg said.

The Study Abroad Student Ambassadors program was created to encourage more students to study abroad and communicate the benefits of certain programs.

"I think it's a remarkable statement about Elon's commitment to global education," Piatt said.



Senior Kirsten Bennett (left) worked as producer when Phoenix14News went live in the Triad area for election night coverage. It was the first time the show has aired off the ESTV grid. PHOTO SUBMITTED

Phoenix14News hosts first show off ESTV grid

Anna Johnson
Managing Editor

For journalists, election night is game day. And for Elon University's student news broadcast team, Phoenix14News, was able to get a taste of primetime.

Phoenix14News, in collaboration with Greensboro's WCWG, had a live broadcast on election night that not only aired on ESTV's channel 14 but also on WCWG's channel.

It was the first time the student broadcast team aired on a FCC-licensed television station.

"It was really exciting and it was our biggest audience we have ever reached," said senior Drew Smith, news director of Phoenix14News.

The students were live Nov. 2 for a 30-minute election special and two cut-ins earlier in the evening to give local election updates.

One of the highlights of the evening, Smith said, were students and professors that traditionally can't see the regularly-scheduled Monday broadcast, were able to watch the special election package.

"It was exciting for our crew to cut in during One Tree Hill," Smith said. "We had someone come up to us and say 'I was a little confused when channel 14 popped up during One Tree Hill.' We usually don't have that big of a reach."

About 30 students worked on the segments, and two teams of two traveled to Sen. Richard Burr's and Democratic opponent Elaine Marshall's campaign headquarters. The coverage also featured a student panel.

"It was an amazing experience for everyone involved," sophomore Julie Morse said. "It was our first glimpse at the real media world. We were surrounded by media from around the state and they were willing to help us if we needed it. It was great to see live field production."

Morse was one of the Phoenix14News staff members that traveled to Marshall's headquarters in Raleigh.

"This is the first time we have done this on this show," Smith said. "My freshman year everyone was trying to figure out how to get on local cable to get our product to a wider range. And now we are on a local station with, they said, the biggest range."

The show was aired over broadband



Phoenix14News anchors (from left) junior David Hodges, junior Sophie Nielsen-Kolding, senior Jasmine Spencer, junior Mallory Lane and senior Drew Smith went live for election coverage. TRACY RAETZ | Photographer

instead of the more traditional method of using microwaves or satellite.

"They have the largest antenna," Phoenix14News adviser Rich Landesberg said. "And that means the signal is going out to hundreds of thousands. The students took that seriously."

It was during the previous summer that talks of a possible partnership with WCWG began, Landesberg said.

WCWG was searching for local news content and began looking at a joint venture with several colleges including Elon, High Point University and Wake Forest University.

After a lunch meeting with Landesberg and former Phoenix14News anchor Sam Baranowski, it was decided Elon would be the best candidate to work with.

The students were prepared, understood the ethics, legality, journalistic element and importance of the live broadcast, Landesberg said. During the broadcast, Landesberg was not present but watched the show away from the studio.

"I left them alone," he said. "They rehearsed, and I asked would they be comfortable if I left. They said, 'we got it.' I trusted them, and they showed every reason why I should."

Lindsay Bold, chief engineer for WCWG, worked with the students during the show.

"I thought it was well produced," Bold said. "They rehearsed onsite, but once they got on the air it went like clock work."

Future collaborated projects have not been ruled out, Landesberg said. There are ongoing relations and could include other ESTV shows, though nothing was final, he said.

"I can say WCWG was impressed and happy we were able to do it," Smith said. "Some tuned in and thought it was a good addition to the news coverage of the night."

Management committee, expansion planned for new Elon Forest program

Jack Dodson
News Editor

As students start to use the newly-established Elon Forest, a 56-acre landmass on Powerline Drive created for student research, associate professor of biology Jeffrey Coker said the next step in the process is to form a management committee dedicated to overseeing the forest, and eventually expanding the property.

At some point, the forest will grow from being 56 acres to include more of the forest that surrounds it, Coker said. Coker, who was instrumental in the development of the Elon Forest, said Elon already owns some of the property, so expanding the forest won't necessarily require buying land.

"We're hoping that it will grow over time — the university owns adjacent properties," Coker said. "I think they want to build this in stages. There's a lot of administrative hoops that they have to go through to do this thing."

He said 56 acres is the amount that Elon has already committed to the forest and he doesn't know how much it will grow by. And when the management committee is put together, he said he will likely still be involved.

And Coker said the close location of the forest is a good one because it allows all students to have access to it.

"If you want a university forest that's accessible to the vast majority of Elon students, it has to be close — it has to be

within walking distance," he said.

He said he hasn't heard any concerns that the forest should have been located somewhere else that might have had a bigger ecosystem, like the Haw River, but the idea doesn't surprise him. But when it comes down to it, he said he's more concerned with the amount of students who get to use the property.

He said even now, and leading up to the establishment of the forest, students have been using the forest for research projects and studies. His biology class, for example, is required to spend some time in the woods during labs. Herpetology, biology and various other science classes will use the forest, he said.

"It's actually been used for years," Coker said. "Right now, in a typical academic year, it would be pretty common for as much as 5 percent of the Elon student body to actually set foot in that forest in a given year, for all kinds of things ... Once it gets on official campus maps, a lot more people will know about it. I would guess in the next ten years you'll see ten or fifteen percent of Elon students using it every year."

He said the usefulness of the forest isn't limited to science students, though, and he hopes at some point all Elon students can enjoy the forest.

"The usefulness of natural ecosystems close by that 100 percent of students can use is invaluable," Coker said. "There's really no comparison."

Potential online yearbook sparks debate on traditional media moving to websites

Kyra Gemberling
Reporter

A yearbook is often regarded as a cherished book of memories that is always available for students to keep and look back on. But because of financial reasons and lack of student interest, Elon's Phi Psi Cli yearbook may eventually switch to an online version.

Senior Lauren Needell, editor-in-chief of the yearbook, doesn't expect an online version to come anytime soon.

"We have a contract for the next two years, so it probably won't happen before then," she said.

Additionally, the yearbook would most likely no longer be printed if moved online.

"It would probably go online for financial reasons, and the reasons (for having it printed) would be negated," Needell said.

Needell isn't an advocate for moving the yearbook online because of the traditional sentiments associated with having a physical copy to keep.

"It would probably end up being an administrative decision because I really love having a tangible book and having something to hold onto for years to come," she said.

Lesley Cowie, former editor-in-chief of the yearbook and class of 2010 alumna, agreed with Needell in regards to maintaining the publication of a hard copy of the yearbook.

"I don't understand putting traditional media on the Internet," Cowie said. "A yearbook doesn't fit that mold because it's a year in review. How does (putting it online) distinguish it from a magazine?"

According to Needell, the staff prints 1,000 yearbooks at the end of the school year that are distributed in the fall of the following year, so that graduation and other end-of-year activities are covered. Approximately 300 yearbooks are sent to graduates who pay a \$7 shipping fee and the rest are distributed to the student body.

For other students, the yearbook is free because the costs are spread out and covered by students' tuition payments. This is another reason why Needell argues that an online version

wouldn't prove to be more beneficial than a hard copy.

"It's not costing students much at all, and it's free for everyone," she said. "Wake Forest charges \$100, but here tuition covers the yearbook costs."

Both Needell and Cowie recognized that another problem behind yearbook production is lack of student knowledge in addition to financial issues.

"Part of the reason is to eliminate printing costs, but there's also not a lot of interest on campus," Cowie said.

The staff is looking to cut down on the number of copies printed to have more money to spend on a better and more colorful yearbook cover.

"We actually get more copies than we need because of lack of knowledge about the yearbook," Needell said.

Still, many Elon students said an online version would be beneficial for a variety of reasons.

"I have never gotten an Elon yearbook, but an online yearbook would be really beneficial because it would also be a lot more expansive than anything in print. There would be infinite room for pictures and other such 'yearbooky' things," said sophomore Dan Koch.

Sophomore Kit Connor, a self-proclaimed tree hugger, said she would be in favor of the online version of the yearbook.

"Save the trees," Connor said. "Personally, I have never picked up a yearbook because I know about 100 people out of the thousands on our campus, and a 'Where's Waldo?' approach to finding them doesn't really appeal to me. However, if the yearbook was online, I feel that this could benefit all who wished to see it, and help out my jolly tree hugging soul at the same time."

Whether the yearbook is printed online or the physical copy continues to be printed, Cowie maintained that having a dedicated staff that is concerned with the future of the yearbook is important. She also suggested an increase in marketing and showing students why they should be interested as a way of promoting the yearbook.

"Times are changing," she said. "We're growing up, and there are flashier means of technology out there."

Elon poll finds men statistically more aware than women

Liv Dubendorf
Senior Reporter

Statistically, women have a higher voter turnout than their male counterparts. But this month's poll found that men were actually more politically knowledgeable than women.

According to this month's Elon University Poll, a greater percentage of men know that the Democrats were the majority in the State House of Representatives, with 61 percent of men and 45 percent of women. Eighty-three percent of men knew that the Supreme Court was responsible for determining the constitutionality of a law, compared to 69 percent of women.

"We essentially focused (this month's poll) more on what is affecting the election with regard to issues and candidate qualities," said poll director, Hunter Bacot.

Kromer said the slight gender difference was well established in previous literature.

"What makes it interesting is that women vote more than men. Men perform better on political knowledge tests, but turn out lower rates in the polls," she said.

In every election since 1980, female voter turnout has been higher than male turnout, according to the Center for American Women and Politics. In the most recent presidential election, 60.4 percent of females voted, compared to 55.7 percent of males.

The higher female turnout at the poll could be indicative of campaign strategies for political parties, said Kromer.

"In the last 10 years, Democrats have made an appeal to the female voter base," she said.

This appeal is exemplified by various female groups supporting a candidate, like Women for Obama.

Recently the Republicans have been specifically targeting women in their campaigns by fostering the creations of women specific political groups,

like the Mama Grizzlies in support of Sarah Palin, Kromer said.

Kromer explained that there are other elements that need to be considered when evaluating trends in female political knowledge. Scholars confirm that men are more likely to respond to questions they are unsure of.

"Women are more risk adverse. They are more likely to say I don't know to a question they are unsure of," said Kromer. Kromer went on to explain, "That's what's interesting about these scales. There's always underlying questions."

This month's Elon Poll also explored a number of other aspects of the midterm election, including the trend that older Americans are more politically aware than their younger counterparts.

"Older Americans spend more time watching and consuming news," Kromer said.

Partially because of time and partially because of social trends, older Americans are more likely to engage in newspaper readership.

"I can't think of anybody in my age group that can make it home to watch the five o'clock news broadcast and read the newspaper," Kromer said.

She continued to explain that using the Internet as a sole news source includes clicking on articles of interest, therefore, people choose what news to consume and typically do not gain the same spectrum of knowledge as one that reads the newspaper from cover to cover.

Age also affects political knowledge because of relevance of specific political topics like taxes, mortgages and issues of public schooling. Kromer speculated that a lifetime of experience also had a major role to play in the political knowledge of the older demographic.

"The 18-25 demographic could feel disconnect from politics because they typically don't own homes, so they don't have a solidified opinion on home owner taxes and mortgages. It's hard to get an opinion on something when you're not personally invested in it," she said.



BRIAN ALLENBY | Staff Photographer
Calvin Means, Brack King and Jason Waterman enjoy great food at McEwen Dining Hall, which has had extended hours since Sept. 11.

Sorority doubles amount of money raised for Autism Speaks organization



As part of Alpha Xi Delta's Xi Week, the sorority raised money for the Autism Speaks organization.

Alpha Xi Delta sorority's annual Xi Week, held during the fall semester, raised more than \$9,200 for Autism Speaks, more than double the amount raised last year.

According to Caitlin Confort, vice president of public relations for Alpha Xi Delta, Autism Speaks was founded in February 2005 by Suzanne and Bob Wright, grandparents of a child with autism.

"Autism Speaks is dedicated to increasing awareness of Autism Spectrum disorders, to funding research into the causes, prevention treatments and cure for autism and to advocating for the needs of affected families," she said.

The Xi Week this year included events such as the Xi Boutique, which sold clothing, jewelry and accessories to raise money, an a cappella concert and a chapter trip to the Walk for Autism in Charlotte, a 5K to benefit the charity.

"We are looking forward to working hard again next semester to continue supporting Autism Speaks," Confort said.

McEwen Dining Hall relishes success of late hours, makes preparations for future

Ashley Jobe
Opinions Editor

In light of changes made earlier this semester at McEwen Dining Hall, ARAMARK is continuing to monitor student responses to modifications it has made in dining options. The company is also considering changes to current and future dining halls on campus, all of which are contingent upon surveys and precise research of campus activity.

Jeff Gazda, regional district manager of ARAMARK said that the company is looking deeply into what Elon students want and need. They do an in-depth look at traffic patterns academically and residentially to make sure they maximize efficiencies.

Since Sept. 11, the dining hall extended its hours from 11 p.m. to 3 a.m. on Thursdays and Fridays. Though breakfast options were discontinued, gluten free options became more readily available to those suffering from celiac disease.

"That's what's unique and nice about Elon. We have a strategic plan aligned with every pillar of The Elon Commitment. We use that to guide where we are going," he said.

Gazda offered a glimpse into what criteria are considered before a move to change hours or productivity is made.

An ongoing process right now is called Marketmatch, which is an assessment of the entire campus, because

of The Elon Commitment. ARAMARK is not finished with that process, but it will continue throughout the semester.

Gazda said ARAMARK is making a concerted effort to incorporate student responses to these changes, and have stringent methods in which to gauge success. There have been significant increases in patron counts at dining halls around campus, and in ARAMARK's annual fall and spring customer service survey, all categories have gone up.

"I would say that's a good indicator," Gazda said.

ARAMARK engages the Elon community in live chat room groups, and also does numerous intercept surveys.

"We conduct focus groups with students faculty and staff. We work with SGA as well. The changes this year have been very positive from the measurements," he said.

To Gazda's knowledge, other dining halls are in the preliminary stages of considering those up these options.

"We're just working on preliminary ideas of North Area dining. Until we finish Marketmatch we will not have recommendations."

Student awareness of changes in hours and their subsequent usage of the options available to them is the key to promoting reciprocity by ARAMARK in response to student needs.

"Nothing's permanent except for change," Gazda said.



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY COREY GROOM | Staff Photographer
 Tuition payment by credit card has decreased after the introduction of a fee.

Tuition payments by credit card decrease significantly because of additional fees

Kyra Gemberling
 Reporter

After the decision to increase fees for students or parents paying Elon tuition by credit card last June, university officials report that credit card payments have decreased significantly as expected.

Bursar Jay Harper said that 42 percent of tuition and room and board fees on average were being paid by credit card last fall of 2009. This rate has dropped to a minimal 3 percent this fall.

"We have seen a dramatic shift in how folks are paying," Harper said. "Far fewer people are paying online with a credit card for tuition versus paying online with a check."

For the fees saved by not using credit cards and not having to pay back credit card companies, Elon will save around \$1.1 million a year, according to Ken Mullen, vice

president for business, finance, and technology.

The money will instead go toward actions taken through the Elon Commitment, the school's strategic plan for advancing the university.

Still, a small minority continues to pay by credit card, though the additional fees total up to approximately 2.75 percent more than if they used another form of payment. This equates to around \$825 in fees for a student paying full tuition, according to Mullen.

"There are some cases where a cardholder might have points or some reward program with their card where the benefits of the program still outweigh the fee," Harper said.

These credit card fees then go towards a processor that runs Elon's financial payment program and processes all web payments, not to Elon, Harper said.

Elon football defensive end suspended from team after misdemeanor assault charges

Sam Calvert
 Sports Editor

An Elon University football player was arrested and charged with two counts of misdemeanor assault inflicting serious injury on Nov. 4.

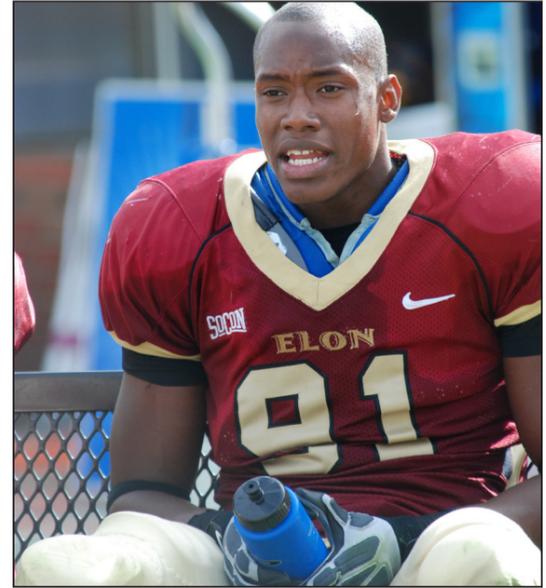
Brandon Ward, a senior defensive end for the Phoenix, went to the Elon Police Department to be served with warrants and was transported to Alamance Jail, where he was given an unsecured \$5,000 bond.

The university has not suspended Ward academically, but according to Dan Anderson, the assistant vice president and director of University Relations, action will be taken concerning his on-the-field presence.

"When we became aware of the charges against him, the university suspended him from participating in any of the athletic activities while the case proceeds," Anderson said.

Ward has played in every game so far this season, starting in all but the matchup against Georgia Southern University.

He's fourth in tackles with 48 on the season and leads the team in tackles



FILE PHOTO

Brandon Ward has been suspended from playing football.

for a loss with 8.5 for 37 yards, sacks with three for a loss of 22 yards and quarterback hurries with seven.

The university does not know at this time how long he will be suspended from the team, Anderson said, but as the town police and court system are examining the case, the Judicial Affairs will be taking a look at it as well.

According to the incident report, the altercation occurred at Oak Hill Apartments,

when Ward was trying to back up his car.

Four men were standing behind it when Ward's rear bumper hit Cory Parsons, who was in town visiting friends who attend Elon.

Ward then exited his vehicle and struck Parsons in the face, the incident report said.

Charles Hale, another visitor, tried to separate Ward from Parsons, but was hit in the face as well.

Ward's court date is set for Jan. 4, 2011.

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Despite controversy, Burlington's newsmen sell Sunday edition of Times-News on streets

Mary Yost
Reporter

Newsboys have been selling newspapers in the United States for decades. Eight of Burlington's newsboys sell the Sunday edition of the Burlington Times-News every week on street corners throughout the city.

For vendor David Tabron Jr., this job provides many perks, such as earning the money he needs to pay his bills.

"I like dealing with people," Tabron said, as he greeted buyers at his corner on South Williamson Avenue and South Church Street. "Selling newspapers really helps me because right now I'm job hunting, and I'm unemployed."

John Nason is the chief organizer for the Sunday vendors. He purchases newspapers at a wholesale price from the Times-News and then sells those papers to the vendors. These newsboys keep \$0.50 of every newspaper they sell and are registered with the organization. Leftover newspapers may be returned to the Times-News for full credit.

The vendors are at the bottom of the totem pole, Nason said. Most of them are guests at Allied Churches, a night shelter for homeless people in Burlington. Whether

for health or personal reasons, many of the vendors are unemployable. If they did not earn money from selling newspapers, these people would likely end up back on the streets.

These newsboys meet at the Times-News building at 6 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Nason then drives them to their street corners.

"This is what I do on Sunday: standing around," Nason said, as he leaned against the hood of his 12-passenger white van.

He waits until the vendors are done selling around 2 p.m. and then brings them back to homeless shelter.

Nason began selling the Times-News when he was a guest at Allied Churches. The money that he earned from this job helped him get back on his feet. He chose to take over leading this practice so that others would have the same opportunity that he had.

"I used to do it in New York City, and I knew about how it was done up there," Nason said.

This previous experience, and his first-hand knowledge of the benefits, encouraged him to become the leader of this project.

These vendors have not always been welcome in Burlington. They were under scrutiny in 2008 because many members of the community wanted

panhandlers to be removed from street corners. Even though the vendors are not panhandlers, they were often confused with this group of people. Those opposed to the vendors fought for a law that would forbid selling goods on the roads.

On June 3, 2008, the Burlington City Council enacted a law that prohibited the Times-News from selling its newspaper on the street, highway or other right-of-way to occupants in a vehicle.

John Bussian, attorney for the Times-News, represented the newspaper during its fight to keep vendors on the street. The newspaper won the battle and was allowed to continue selling the Sunday paper throughout Burlington.

"We have every right as a media source to be selling newspapers whenever and wherever we want to," said Doug Johnson, the Times-News circulation director.

As long as vendors follow the city's rules and wear orange vests for their safety, they are allowed to stand on street corners and sell Sunday editions of the newspaper. This job provides the vendors with the chance to earn an income and interact with members of their community.

"It makes me feel good to sell a paper," Tabron said. "To be able to sell is very creative to me."



JULIA MURPHY | Staff Photographer
David Tabron Jr. sells the Burlington Times-News newspapers on Sundays at the intersection of South Williamson Avenue and South Church Street.



JULIA MURPHY | Staff Photographer
Elon will be under construction as the final phase of a University Drive construction project begins.

Town of Elon begins final University Drive project

Jack Dodson
News Editor

A construction project in the Town of Elon will add a bridge to the end of University Drive over Haggard Avenue and the railroad track, leaving the town under construction for at least a year.

Adding the final piece to a project that began more than 10 years ago, the contract will be widening Cook Road to four lanes and building a bridge over the railroad tracks and Haggard Avenue. The project will connect the two segments of University Drive that travel behind Elon's campus, but it could take anywhere from a year to two years, and Dula said there could be delays.

"I think they've got it scheduled as a 2011 to 2013 project," Dula said. "Of course, those things tend to change. You run into things."

The \$12.1 million contract is being funded by the North Carolina Department of Transportation and was awarded to Apac-Atlantic, Inc.'s Thompson-Arthur division in Greensboro. According to the contract, work can start on or after Nov. 29, when there will be a pre-construction conference. The funding for the DOT, he said, will come from

both state and federal sources.

Dula said there are already construction workers at the site, moving power lines and water lines. Though the project will require construction to be on the road continually until its completion, Dula said he didn't expect the road to back up too much, as some lanes will always be open.

"They'll trade traffic back and forth," Dula said. "Hopefully because there's two lanes still there, there won't be a lot of noticeable back-up."

The project is part of a longer-term plan put together to create a bypass around the Town of Elon, which Dula said has kept trucks from passing through downtown. The plan has included adding a University Drive exit on U.S. Highway 40-85, and then extending that road to connect with Haggard Avenue.

"What you have to do now is those couple of turns on Haggard so it will all match up," Dula said. "It should be one continuous road."

Dula said this has been an ongoing process, which was delayed a few times because funding fell through.

"It's been moved back a couple of times over the years," Dula said. "I guess we thought maybe it would start five years ago."

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Freshmen class recognizes heroes from around the nation

Woman's advocate, founder of fundraiser, Marine among recipients of 'Hometown Hero' award

Caitlin O'Donnell
News Editor

Bill Hillar, Meaghan Murphy and Mark Watros may have lived very different lives, but they have one thing in common — they are all heroes.

All three were recognized Monday night as "Hometown Heroes" after being nominated by members of the Class of 2014 for "making a positive difference by touching lives and strengthening their home communities."

Hillar, nominated by Savannah Chaisson, has worked to fight against human trafficking, specifically the female sex slave trade, after his 16 year-old daughter was abducted while traveling abroad. The film "Taken," starring Liam Nesson, was loosely based on Hillar's story.

Last fall, Murphy, nominated by her friend Alyssa Kendall, began a fundraiser designed to raise money for treatment of ovarian cancer, after her good friend and volleyball teammate Molley Eisenberg was diagnosed with the disease.

Watros, nominated by Peter Fox, joined the Marines immediately after high school and has served in both Afghanistan and Iraq. During his third tour of duty, he redirected a vehicle loaded with explosive devices, protecting fellow soldiers until being evacuated.

"We hope this event brings a greater understanding of the importance ordinary citizens can have on their world," said Ryan Budden, president of the class of 2014, who introduced the ceremony. "Everyone in the audience has the ability to act on the issues they feel passionate about."

Presented his award by Kyrstin Wallach, secretary of the class of 2014, Hillar shared his experiences as he searched for his daughter after her kidnapping, before he eventually learned of her death.

"That journey of six months motivated me to get the word out about how bad the problem is," he said.

According to Hillar, there are currently 26 million females in the sex industry — the second largest criminal enterprise in the world. A quarter of a million of those are on the streets of this country.

"You and I are patently ignorant about these types of things, but they exist," he said. "It's uncomfortable to think about."

Hillar encouraged the audience to educate themselves about the issue and act as an advocate within their communities.

"There are things you can do," he said. "It's incumbent that, as leaders

in this country and in the future, we're aware of it."

Meaghan Murphy, presented her award by class of 2014 treasurer Natalie Cuzmenco, has raised close to \$40,000 for the research and treatment of ovarian cancer in honor of friend Eisenberg through "Volley for Molly," a now annual event in her hometown of Lexington, Massachusetts.

When the project first began last September, Murphy said she started with just a Facebook event to promote it — but she

her mom was diagnosed with cancer last year.

"I carry her words with me," Murphy said. "She's given my mom strength she never knew was possible."

Though only a freshman at High Point University, Murphy said anyone can make a difference in their world, as long as they're inspired.

Class of 2014 senator Alexandra Briggs presented the award to Mark Watros, staff sergeant in the Marines, who has been awarded both the Purple Heart and the Combat Distinguishing Device, which exemplifies valor, bravery and heroics while in combat.

Fox, who worked with Watros this summer, said he was impressed with his acts of caring and bravery in war.

Watros was struck by shrapnel in the leg, neck and face after redirecting the vehicle loaded with explosives, saving many of his fellow Marines. He spent three weeks in the hospital and refused to be sent home on leave after he was released.

"I made a commitment to the guys (in my unit) to be with them through to the end," he said.

Currently in the reserves and enrolled at Ferris State University, Watros said he plans to graduate next year, with two majors and a minor, and will re-enlist.

"As we look back on our lives and who we've reached, it's an honor to be someone's hero," he said.

"We hope this event brings a greater understanding of the importance ordinary citizens can have on their world. Everyone in the audience has the ability to act on the issues they feel passionate about."

-RYAN BUDDEN,
PRESIDENT OF THE CLASS OF 2014

watched it quickly grow from there.

"It has forever changed Lexington and the surrounding community," she said.

A few weeks after the first fundraiser was held in a local gym with Eisenberg watching a live feed from California, she passed away at 19 years old. But her legacy did not end.

Now a little more than a year later, Murphy has held another successful fundraising event, which has been recognized nationally and sponsored by Reebok. On a more personal level, Eisenberg's legacy of positivity has aided Murphy in her own personal struggle, after

NEWS BRIEFS

Elon Law advisory board members recognized

Randy Eaddy, James Exum, James Holshouser and James Hunt, Elon Law advisory board members, were recently recognized for leadership in law and public service.

Eaddy was inducted into Furman University's Political Science Hall of Fame on Oct. 27. Exum was selected to co-chair the North Carolina Bar Association's Judicial Independence Committee and to serve on the IOLTA Board of the North Carolina State

Holshouser was selected to lead Nexsen Pruetts' expanded Public Policy and Government Affairs practice in North Carolina. Hunt was honored through the dedication of "The James B. Hunt Jr. Leadership Building," an addition to the North Carolina Biotechnology Center.

Financial manager to speak on the banking industry

Peter Keaveney, a manager at BNP Mellon Asset Servicing, is scheduled to speak to students interested in the banking industry 4:15 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 11 in KOBC. Keaveney, an Elon parent, has run global accounting, led sales teams and marketing functions.

Elon uses humorous videos to snag alumni donations

Elon University released a promotional video mocking the Bud Light "real men of genius" commercials. The video, "Real Alumni of Genius," solicits donations from alumni. Elon has been pushing for more donations from alumni because its giving population is minimal compared to similar schools.

Former Elon presidents Fred Young and Earl Danieley and current President Leo Lambert make an appearance along with other faculty members. The video can be found at elton.edu/alumniofgenius.

Former congressman to visit Elon

Former Republican Representative from Oklahoma and now political strategist J.C. Watts will be the seventh Isabella Canon Distinguished Visiting Professor of Leadership. He will be on campus Feb. 22 to 23.

Watts is the chairman of the J.C. Watts Companies, which provides focus and leadership to business partnerships, joint ventures, engagements, alliances and initiatives. He was elected to Congress in 1994.

Aslan to discuss religion and politics

Scholar and author Reza Aslan will address Elon University at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 10 in McCrary Theatre. "Beyond Fundamentalism: Confronting Religious Extremism in the Age of Globalization" will discuss the relationship between religion and politics, which he believes exist in the same sphere.

Aslan is currently a contributing editor of the news organization "The Daily Beast" and authored the book "No god but God: The Origins, Evolution and Future of Islam," which was named one of the 100 most important books of the last decade.

Admission is free and a ticket is not required.

Students host founders of environmental energy company

Entrepreneurship students at Elon University hosted the founders of Texas Natural Resources, LLC, which is a company that focuses on developing renewable energy, as well as licenses, develops, manages, owns and operates primary energy infrastructure projects. It's starting its work by overseeing the development of an offshore modular platform working with renewable energy.

In 2010, the company will launch by installing and operating the first offshore modular platform in the Gulf of Mexico at Freeport, Texas.

Calendar: Nov. 10-Nov. 16

NOV. 10

*New sorority presentation: Kappa Delta, 7 p.m. Whitley Auditorium
*Elon University Percussion Ensemble Fall Concert, 7:30 p.m. Yeager Recital Hall
*Scholar and author Reza Aslan to talk on religious extremism and globalization, 7:30 p.m. McCrary Theatre

NOV. 11

*BNP Mellon Manager to Talk About Banking Career Paths, 4:15 p.m. KOBC 353
*Career Development Workshop Series: Graduate School Panel, 4:15-5:15 p.m. McEwen 011
*Artist/environmental activist to speak at Elon, 6 p.m. KOBC LaRose Digital Theater

NOV. 12

*Catholic Mass on Fridays, 12:10 p.m. Holt Chapel
*Group Exercise Friday Special: Aqua Tone, 3-4 p.m. Beck Pool
*SUBlive Presents The Majors!, 8 p.m. Irazu

NOV. 13

*Department of Music Concert, 7:30 p.m. McCrary Theatre
*SUBCinema Presents Despicable Me, 8 p.m. Irazu

NOV. 14

*Jazz Brunch, 9 a.m. Colonnades
*Sunday Worship: An Ecumenical Protestant Service, 11 a.m. Holt Chapel
*LEAF Weekly Worship and Fellowship, 5 p.m. Holt Chapel

NOV. 15

*New sorority presentation: Delta Gamma, 7 p.m. Whitley Auditorium
*Elon International Education Week Concert, 7:30 p.m. Yeager Recital Hall
*BNOL: Orientation Information Meeting, 8 p.m. Commuter Lounge in Moseley

NOV. 16

*Career Development Workshop Series: Now to be a Job Search Ninja, 4:15-5:15 p.m. McEwen 011
*"Take Back the Night" march, 7 p.m. Academic Village Amphitheater
*Documentary on Child Trafficking, 7:30 p.m. Truitt Center

For more dates and information about campus events, visit the calendar on the Elon website.



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Website: "Burr is a joke. How can you call it a new day in America when all you have done is say NO?" - Hill

Website: "Not enough food choices at the new Tanger. No coffee shops either." - Hmm

Youtube: "Adorable man-on-the street. I want to know how that girl put together the 'Devil Wears Prada' one, though!" - cdemere, on Halloween Man on the Streets video

ONLINE THIS WEEK

BLOGS

SPORTS

Stay up-to-date with the latest in Elon football news by checking the blog for live coverage of this week's game against Furman University.

pendulumsports.wordpress.com

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Ashley Jobe discusses inflation in consumer goods, like gas and soda.

pendulumopinions.wordpress.com

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ASHLEY JOBE - OPINIONS PODCAST

THIS WEEK IN MULTIMEDIA

Elon Club Swim Meet

Hannah Smith, vice president of Elon's swim team talks about the 2010 swim meet, where 19 swim teams gathered at Elon University and competed in several events.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LmhN3psmBxY>



LINDSAY FENDT | Multimedia Contributor

"The Lullaby of History"

Creative writing professor Kevin Boyle gives a reading of his recently published poem.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FtFgD_QJmZ4



ALEX TRICE | Online Editor-in-Chief

Editorial

As development continues, parking scarcity, pedestrian safety issues plague Elon's future

Each day at Elon presents opportunity for movement — movement to class, to meetings, to practices, to important engagements. But not everyone is within comfortable biking distance to campus and few can walk to their destination. Unfortunately, for students running late who hope to cut corners behind the wheel, the consequences are dire.

Park in a one-hour spot in front of Acorn and forget about your vehicle? That's a \$10 ticket. Sleep over with a friend at the Colonnades and forget to move your car by 9 a.m. the next morning? That's \$50, but if you don't have a parking pass for another lot, you're considered unregistered, and that's an additional \$50 fee. Thinking about parking in the church parking lot, or a faculty/staff spot at Moseley? Those infractions will cost you \$80 and upwards of \$100, respectively.

Students who are in a hurry miss things. They don't slow down fast enough, they park in spots that are marked for other occupants, and, unfortunately, they endanger the safety of others. Pedestrian accidents are quite frequently a by-product of driver inattentiveness.

Elon's residential mark-up is sprawling across the town of Elon. It has been stealthily crawling outward to the thresholds to Burlington, taking students (and their cars) farther and farther way from the academic buildings they must attend to receive the education they pay for each year. Despite Elon's attempts to broaden BioBus routes and frequency of trips to the outer loop of Elon's off-campus housing as well as the distant

Danieley apartments and flats, students still bring cars to campus.

This hasn't become a huge problem — yet. With Elon's current expansion plans both on-campus and downtown, it will soon encounter different paths of traffic throughout campus and excessive need for parking. The new plans for a campus shop on Williamson Ave. will require parking for students that come from far away. The three new residential Colonnades buildings will require spaces as well, and may overwhelm the remaining vacant area that vies with the parking needs of those students who already use the lot. Additionally, with the purchase of the Smithfield Ham building, Elon must consider sidewalks to connect it to the rest of campus.

Elon does not have restrictions on first-year students having cars on campus like other universities do, nor does it demand an excessive amount of money for current on-campus parking permits. Though \$160 per year seems steep, at Penn State University, a parking permit is \$16 per week and \$320 for both fall and spring semesters. At the University of North Carolina, parking permits can be used for metered parking and for nightly passes. Violation of stated parking rules incur fines from \$30 for "Method of Parking" infractions to \$100-\$250 for unauthorized parking in disability spaces. Lack of spaces will probably mean an increase in the price of a permit.

Then there is the issue of pedestrian safety. Failure to yield to pedestrians at UNC Chapel Hill yields a \$200 fine.

IN 2008 ...

Forty-eight percent of all pedestrian fatalities occurred on Friday (16 percent), Saturday (18 percent) and Sunday (14 percent).

Seventy percent of pedestrians killed were males.

Most pedestrian fatalities occurred in urban areas (72 percent), at non-intersection locations (76 percent), in normal weather conditions (89 percent), and at night (70 percent).

On average, a pedestrian is killed in a traffic crash every 120 minutes and injured in a traffic crash every 8 minutes.



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According to walkinginfo.com, the locations of both actual and perceived pedestrian risk depend on a combination of physical, environmental and individual factors.

"Physical/environmental factors include the presence of sidewalks, traffic and roadway crossings, while individual factors include the ability to judge distance and speed, visual capabilities and the physical ability to move quickly and change direction," the website stated.

Additionally, the issue of

pedestrian safety will become even greater when traffic patterns change with the addition of new buildings and attractions on campus. Elon has no bike paths and though it has a few raised pedestrian walks in various areas on campus, accidents still happen. The town of Elon reconstructed pathways and sidewalk areas on Williamson, blocking off even more parking spots to increase driver visibility while students walk. Thus, one sacrifice for another.

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Opinions

Exercise your rights: Democracy cannot operate without participation



Lauren Ramsdell
Columnist

This election season was rife with mud-slinging partisanship on all sides. Conservatives, liberals, moderates, Democrats, Republicans, Libertarians and Independents all contributed to the acrid political climate that drove people away from the polls in droves. Not to mention that this year's election wasn't a presidential one, which typically has a lower turnout.

I have heard many eligible students say that they chose not to vote because they didn't feel well-informed. I have also heard these same students complain about our current government's inefficiencies, or the potential of the newly elected to mess up a good system.

But if you choose not to participate in the actual election process, there is no room to complain about the results. It would be the same as if you chose not to study for a test and got a bad grade, but complained to the professor about an unfairly hard exam. Simply put, it is your fault that you didn't get the outcome you desired.

To keep on with this analogy, there are times when students study harder than ever before for a grueling exam and still fail. That happens in politics, too, when your candidate doesn't win.

But in this scenario there is room for questioning – why, if I studied so hard, did I get such a bad grade? Or why did more people not support my candidate?

In either scenario, there might not be anything one can do to affect the outcome any further once the points or votes are finally tallied. But at least you can contest the outcome, debate it and be informed. Democracy is America's ideal. It is un-American and un-patriotic not to vote, just as it is irresponsible not to prepare for a test.

There are also some common myths about voting, one being that your vote doesn't count. I would argue, based on the fact that up to 70 percent of eligible voters do not vote in any election, that your vote is actually worth quite a lot, comparatively. It's at least worth more than the non-vote of someone who does not express his or her opinion.

Also, not voting as a protest against our current system makes no sense. The fact remains that in order to enact change, people need to be voted into office to make laws. If you are unhappy with this system, speak with your vote. Silence changes nothing, and waiting out the system changes nothing.

If you legitimately have no opinion on the matter and don't vote, that is fine with me. I'd rather have educated people who care to vote and take part in the process. But if you chose not to vote, there is no legitimate claim for a complaint. You chose not to make your opinion known when it counted, during the election, so you have no business complaining about something you could have done but did not even attempt.

Election presents vital second chance for Republican party



Ryan Maass
Columnist

Calling last week's mid-term elections a landslide is a bit of an understatement. Strengthened by the Tea Party movement and voter discontent with the economy, the Republicans took 60 seats – more than any mid-term election since 1938. To the oblivious observer, it would appear the GOP suddenly became more popular than the Democrats were in 2008. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Republicans were put in power for one reason

only – they were seen as the lesser of two evils. Despite rhetoric on the GOP's behalf about cutting spending, voters have not forgotten about their not-so-conservative policies during the Bush administration.

Democrats were ousted last week because their policies made Bush's public spending look miniscule in comparison. Granted, a lot of it also had to do with the Obama administration's arrogant image – ramming through massive legislation without giving the opposition the time of day is an easy way to lose seats in the next election.

Despite all of this, the fact remains that Americans are still not very fond of either party.

This gives both John Boehner's Republican

majority and President Barack Obama a challenge. The challenge for Obama, of course, is deciding whether to go down the path of Jimmy Carter and continue with his uncompromising liberal agenda despite it being flat-out rejected, or to follow the path of Bill Clinton and meet the opposition in the middle. The challenge for the Republicans is simpler – not screwing up.

Even some Tea Party favorites like Marco Rubio, Senator-elect from Florida, are conceding to the notion that the Republican Party is on its last leg as voters refuse to remain ignorant any longer. In his own words, Rubio described last week's election as a "second chance."

To make a long story short, this may be the last chance the Republicans have at legitimizing their existence. They are not impossible to replace. In fact, the process may have begun already.

Instead of formalizing a legitimate political party, Tea Party activists infiltrated the Republican establishment by running their own candidates against them. That kept the political party alive, but the leadership was sent a message time and time again with the nominations of the likes of Rubio and Rand Paul – candidates more likely to refer to themselves as conservatives than as Republicans.

While this election had a lot to say about how the people feel about the issues this country faces, it says much more about the status of our political system. Should the Republicans fail to deliver on their promises to scale back government, make necessary spending cuts and repeal Obamacare, the Republican Party may see itself going the way of the Whigs.

Traditional 4-year plan eliminates individuality in educational paths



Christina Edwards
Columnist

Three may be the magic number of folklore and fairytales, but when it comes to education, the number most American students rely on is four.

A traditional high school education, regardless of whether it takes place in a public, private or chartered setting, is fairly standardized and broken up into a steady pace during a four year period. Most students learn essentially the same basic material at a relatively similar rate and this system ensures that students have similar

experiences with the required portion of their education – in quantity, if not quality.

But when a student chooses to move on to higher education, the experience can't be so "one size fits all." The four-year model in a high school setting is perpetuating a curriculum that is set and standard. But when students reach the undergraduate level, they're carving out their own plans comprised of their own majors and minors in incredibly individual combinations. Suddenly, their academic paths aren't nearly so cookie cutter – so how do all of those unique situations culminate neatly into an across the board four-year experience?

Well, they don't.

As students at Elon University, we are privileged enough to have the freedom to custom build our own educational experiences. We have the ability to declare our majors as early as we like, giving us more room for error and self-exploration. For most students, double majoring or minoring as they so choose is entirely feasible.

The wonderful thing about Elon and other institutions of higher education is that different educational and career paths are given different types of attention and requirements that will best build on the strengths and abilities of the students. A biology student will spend countless hours in the classroom and lab. A literature major may not have the extra required hours on campus, but may spend hour after hour writing papers and grasping literary criticism.

The classes are different. The students are different. They have different strengths and talents. So, how can we expect these vastly different paths to all fit in a neat four-year package?

In the current economic situation, financial ability is often a deciding factor in taking that extra year or leaving a semester or two early if it can be managed. But even if we put money aside for a moment, a four-year plan across the board doesn't make sense, especially in such an individualized setting. On a campus that promotes the educational freedom of the student so well, allowing us to combine majors and even the option to design our own independent major, the traditional four years can't be for everyone.

What we need to do is stop institutionalizing and propagating the idea that a four-year plan is the right fit for every student.

When students sit down with their adviser, they often don't just plan for the next semester, which is, of course, smart. But from the get-go, requirements are spread out over four years as a default. The planning may leave room for error, but it also may cause too many extra class spaces, leaving the student with the pressure to pick up extra classes or even another major or minor that they may or may not be interested in. If students have a heavy workload already, they feel pressured to get it all in under the four-year mark.

Elon and other institutions of higher education need to stress the four-year plan as a suggestion, not as an ultimatum. The students are individuals. Their education should be, too.

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Style



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Above: The dance team practices twice a day, three days a week in East Gym. Below right: The many practices pay off at football and basketball games, where the team performs halftime dances.

Dancing in their shoes

An inside look into an Elon Dance Team member's life

Bonnie Efrid
Features Editor

Around 5:15 p.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday the dancers slowly trickle into the well-lit East Gym in their matching Elon dance attire for their 5:30 p.m. practice.

Sitting in a circle on the shiny wood floor, they stretch and chat about their days. Their voices echo through the big empty gym as they discuss the stress and busy schedules that accompany being both an Elon student and athlete.

As the long hand on the gym clock ticks closer to the six, the girls roll in mirrors and line up to begin practice, as the stress in their voices and faces turns into passion when Justin Bieber's "Baby" begins to pour from the boom box. They begin to laugh and joke, shake their hips and lip sync to the words.

Then the team captain leads them to the side of the gym, regaining their focus. Finally, they begin technique across the floor to warm up for their second two-hour practice of the day.

"Being a member of the dance team is a full-time, but

gratifying commitment," said senior Lauren Bowen, one of the team's two captains.

Because most game-goers see the dancers perform at football and basketball games, they only see the finished product and do not get to see all of the time and preparation it takes to create and perfect these dances. And with the addition of six new members and more dances to learn, the dance team has its work cut out for it in the upcoming basketball season.

But, according to their coach Sandra Bays, they have the talent to succeed.

"We are very fortunate to have such talented dancers to be a smaller university," she said. "It's not really a challenge, but our schedules are busy, especially right now when we are still in football season and preparing new choreography for a new halftime show. Also, we have already started basketball season, and we have to prepare new choreography for a halftime routine."

Bays was a cheerleader when she attended Elon and was a freshman when they started the dance team. She has been coaching cheerleading at Elon

since 2001, coached dance from 2001-2005 and returned again this year.

"I have enjoyed watching the program grow and improve over the years," she said.

Their vigorous routines in the fall include a practice with the band every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 3:30 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. to work on halftime routines, a two-mile team run and another practice from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to practice technique and work on their basketball routines.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays the girls cross-train through a one-hour weight-training session, and are also required to work out with a buddy on days with no dance practice. Not to mention dancing at all home football and basketball games, and some away games as well.

"The best part of dance team is most definitely getting to know the girls on the team," said junior dance team co-captain Kelsey Thompson. "We all become very close, and, believe it or not, we find ourselves hanging out outside of practice times even though we already see each other so



much. It's great to get to know other people who share your interests, and we all, genuinely, get along very well."

As far as long-term goals, both captains Thompson and Bowen said they hope to see the dance team qualify for and dance at nationals.

The team has not been included for two years because of the major time commitment, according to Thompson.

This goal may be feasible, though, with their talent and dedication, say members.

"This group of girls is so enjoyable to work with," Bays said. "They have such drive and discipline."

Being a member of the Elon dance team requires endurance, skills in technique,

dedication to weight-training, and a positive attitude.

These girls are not just dedicated dancers, though.

"We have such quality people outside of just being talented dancers," Bays said. "Most rewarding, though, is seeing a great performance and seeing the members have a sense of accomplishment after putting in such hard work."

This football season was an exciting one for the team.

"This year's dance team has been given the opportunity to be on the sidelines during the second half of the football game," Bays said. "This gives the dance team members to perform more and has been a very positive change."

DanceWorks hip-hop class lets all participants strut their stuff

Stephanie Butzer
Reporter

Lil Wayne's "Watch My Shoes" blasted in Studio B in the Center for the Arts. Twenty-five students, under the guidance of a handful of student leaders, were learning a dance to Lil Wayne's song, choreographed by Elon University senior Stephanie Robinson. This specific dance session merged the DanceWorks program and Elon's Finest into an upbeat hip-hop class.

Despite the rainy weather outside, on Nov. 5 Studio B was vibrant with color, bounding music and energized students. Members, dressed in everything from loose sweatpants to tight tank tops, streamed into the room. Off to the side of the incoming flow of students, Robinson introduced herself.

"I did ballet since I was 2 (years old) and in my senior year in high school it clicked that I loved hip-hop," Robinson said.

After stretching legs, arms and backs, Robinson introduced

the song the students would be dancing to. She laughed, she said, because her choice was "in celebration of Lil Wayne getting out of jail."

In the front of the room, Robinson began demonstrating the different dance moves to "Watch My Shoes." Leaders of DanceWorks, including the president, senior Meg Ralston-Asumendi, were scattered around the room to provide additional assistance. There weren't many questions, even though the time was offered for them: the dancers caught onto instruction without much difficulty.

The stomping incorporated in the dance was synchronized around the room and rarely was anybody lost in the beat. Nevertheless, after every section of her dance, Robinson paused to ensure that everybody in the room was on the same page.

After a five-minute water break, they dove right back into the dance and completed the routine. The class broke into



DanceWorks senior Stephanie Robinson led a hip-hop class for anyone who wanted to participate, even non-dancers.

four groups and performed them for each other, like scenes from the movie "Step Up." Even once the class had ended, people remained in front of the mirror, perfecting the new moves they had learned.

There haven't been many opportunities to take advantage

of a hip-hop dancing, outside of Elon's Finest Hip-Hop Dance Team. Freshman Rebecca Harrell describes the class as a "good opportunity to take a hip-hop class, I've been looking for one." Opportunities like these, ranging in dance genres, happen every few weeks through DanceWorks.

Elon students can join dance classes, even if they do not wish to or cannot physically participate. Ralston-Asumendi said the program "encourages other people to join in, especially for choreography." This gives every person at Elon a chance to become involved in the dance program.

Ralston-Asumendi said that DanceWorks will be having a "So You Think You Can Dance" competition this Winter Term, as they did last year.

"Anybody can try out and the judges will choose their top-ten choices," she said. "While the audience's votes are being counted, Elon's Finest Hip-Hop team will perform a sure-to-be-incredible show."

The importance of dance varied from person to person but Robinson and Ralston-Asumendi, in joint agreement, said they believe dancing is a good stress-reliever for everyone.

"It puts you in a good mood," they said.

Dwight Davis:

A man of many seasons, from pastor to library nighttime manager

Scott Richardson
Reporter

If you've ever spent a late night or two working on a paper at Belk Library, there's a good chance that you've heard the P.A. informing you that the circulation desk is closed.

But you probably didn't know that the voice you hear giving these friendly early morning reminders is the same voice that carries the word of God to a congregation of 40 people on Sunday mornings.

Five nights a week, Dwight Davis starts his shift at the Belk front desk at 11:30 p.m. and goes home at 7:30 a.m. For those eight hours, Davis serves as the lone figure of authority watching over the library.

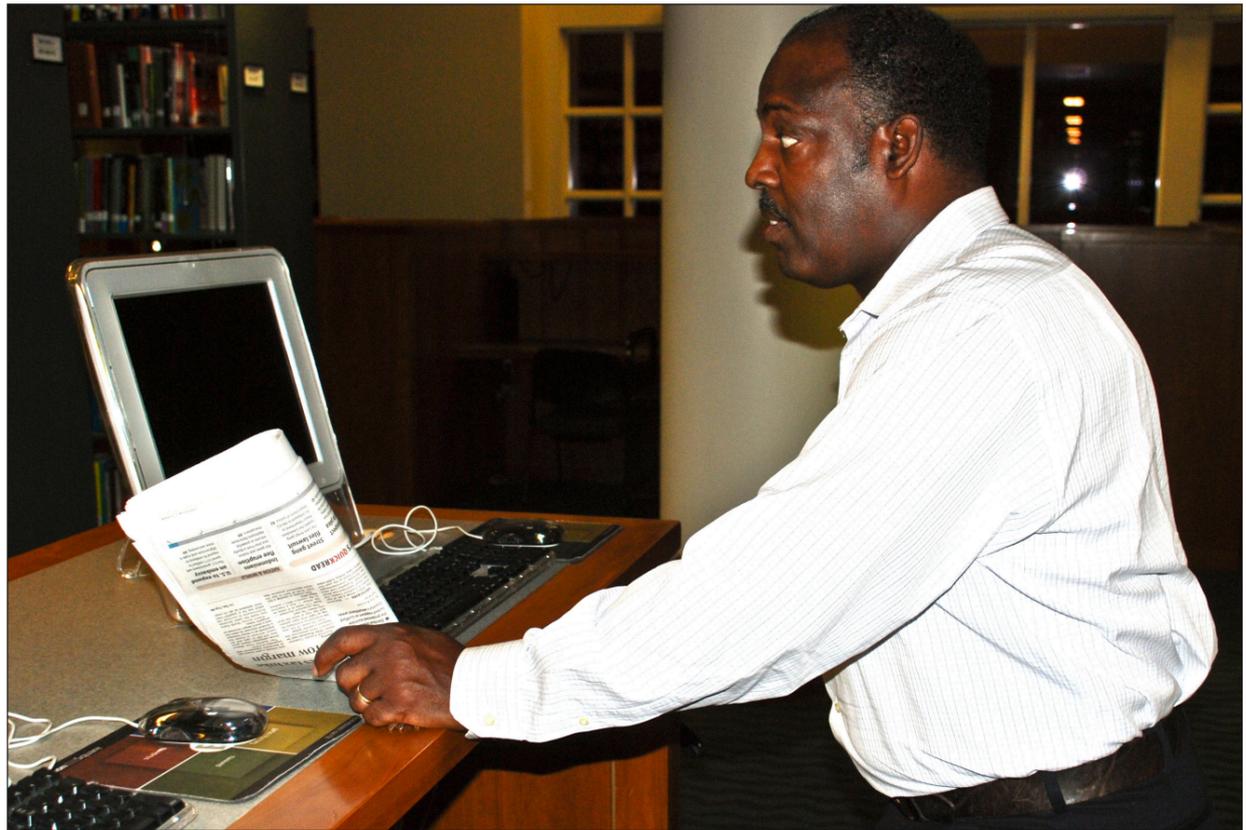
Since 2003, Davis, 52, has worked the night shift. Whether supplying information in the middle of the night or giving a pep talk to a stressed out student, Davis is a friendly face with an attitude that leaves Kate Hickey, dean and university librarian, with a feeling that the library is always in "good hands" when he is there.

"I can't think of anything bad to say about Dwight. He has been such a stabilizing force," Hickey said. "The only thing we hate about Dwight working the night shift is that we never get to see him."

When Davis applied for the job seven years ago, he assumed that it was just a temporary job. But Hickey was so impressed with Davis' "work ethic, intelligence and happy nature" that she found a way to make Davis' time more permanent.

"The job used to be less hours," Hickey said. "But we found a way to make the job full time so that we could keep Dwight Davis."

Davis, a Greensboro native, worked a series of odd jobs before "stumbling



Dwight Davis is the nighttime manager of Belk Library and a pastor to a congregation of 40 people. Davis has been preaching at GW FCC since 1992. BRIAN ALLENBY | Staff Photographer

into" his job at Belk — jobs ranging from working as a clerk at the post office to being a part-time employee at Burger King.

But throughout Davis' pursuit of finding a career that he enjoyed, he always had a staple in his life — his faith.

Since 1992, Davis has been preaching. He is the founder and currently the acting pastor at God's Word Foundation Christian Center, a non-denominational ministry in the town of Elon.

"I always enjoyed church. I accepted Christ at the age of nine," Davis said. "I knew all along there was a calling in my life."

After pastoring for the United Methodist Church for five years, Davis established the GW FCC in the fall of 1997.

"Our motto is a house of healing, restoration, guidance, unity and love," Davis said. "And we really have so many people literally healed."

"My objective is to take the word of God, think outside the box and make it applicable today," he said. "I could teach you the biblical stories all day long, but you could read those on your own."

Davis says that he is "always looking for ways to make the worship services more entertaining," and he has thought about using props such as basketball nets and Nerf footballs during worship services.

In the past, Davis has coordinated themed worship services, such as "Western Day," in which his congregation came to service in cowboy hats and boots. "We even brought in hay," Davis said.

Other themed services have include "Beach Day" and "Hip-Hop Day."

"My goal is to make church fun. I don't want church to become an obligation," he said. "I want it to be something that they want to do, so that it becomes a

passion."

Currently, Davis is working on the preparations for his fifth annual Christmas Gala, an event that he throws during the winter to give the members of his congregation an excuse to dress up.

"Jay-Z and P. Diddy always have events to go to and events that they can wear tuxedos to," Davis said. "But nobody else does."

Davis is renting out a room at DiGeorgios Catering in Burlington to hold the event, which he compares to a "prom for grownups."

"Everybody really has fun. When they're all dressed up and they're looking nice, they just have fun," he said.

Davis often spends a portion of the time during his shift at Belk preparing sermons. While on the clock, Davis frequently reads scripture from the Bible as he listens along on his iPod.

Part of Davis' job is to stroll around to make sure everything is OK with the students and with the equipment. He said that he has been asked to give wake-up calls to students who are in need of a quick nap.

"The job really is not that bad," he said. "There's always something to do. I have access to the Internet. "Sometimes I listen to a book on tape, or if there's something I want to watch, I can just put a DVD into the computer."

But, with such a strange work schedule, Davis is forced to sleep while the sun is still out, which sometimes means he does not get to see his family as much as he would like.

Fortunately, Davis' schedule does still yield time for him to meet Doris, his wife of 28 and a half years, for lunch most days.

Another perk that comes with Davis' job is that he will sometime see his son Daniel, a sophomore student at Elon, come into the library for some late night

work.

"I've been working here for seven years now, but it sure doesn't feel like it," he said. "The hardest part of this job is the hours, but I get to meet you all the students. And this is a good job if you like interfacing with people."

Shaunta Alvarez, the collection development librarian, has had the opportunity to work alongside Davis during summer hours.

"Dwight knows a lot about a lot," said Alvarez. "And he has a good rapport with the students. They respond to him really well. He has a lot to offer."

While some students and faculty members know Davis as the personable librarian who does the P.A. announcements, most remain unaware of his religious side. Even more, perhaps, remain unaware of Davis' history in the military.

From 1976 to 1980, Davis served in the U.S. Army. He was stationed in Germany for a period of time, and eventually he was relocated to Fort Bragg.

"When I enlisted, I requested anything but Combat Arms," he said. "And guess what I got? Combat Arms. My life expectancy was about 11 seconds. Everything after 11 seconds was borrowed time."

Davis did manage to find a way to escape Combat Arms services. He established a learning center, an act that earned him an Army Commendation Medal.

The learning center was used to help troops stay abreast of their training and to keep them up to speed and informed.

And more than 30 years after serving in the military and establishing the learning center, Davis has once again found himself in an environment of learning, manning the front desk and listening to the Bible at 4:00 a.m. on his iPod.

EV! prepares for NHAHAW to help fight hunger and homelessness

Brittany Washington
Reporter

People see the homeless on the street and the hungry in infomercials asking for donations. But is everyone moved to help? Elon Volunteers will host National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week to help by making personal the issues that hungry and homeless people have to face.

"We have a number of events going on during the week to make people confront poverty as a reality because for most Elon students their issues are far removed from their ordinary lives," said sophomore David Gagne, co-coordinator of NHAHAW.

A Homeless Panel from Washington, D.C. will come and speak about their personal experiences with homelessness on Nov. 15. The panel

will be held at 7:30 p.m. in McKinnon D.

Also, from 6:00 p.m.-7:15 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 16, there will be a Hunger Banquet co-sponsored by Natalie Lampert through Non-Violent Studies in the Isabella Canon Room in the Center for the Arts. The Hunger Banquet will demonstrate what it is like to face inequality and to see why so many people in the world are suffering from fatal malnutrition.

On Thursday, Nov. 18, a 24-hour fast will be held from Thursday evening to Friday evening.

"Fasting can be a religious, spiritual or self examining act that reminds of what it means to live in a world where people do not have enough food to survive," Gagne said. "We will meet as a group to start the fast and then again to break the fast. When we meet

to break the fast, we will go over what people expected from the fast and what their experiences were."

The second annual Sleep-Out will be held on West Lawn at 7:00 pm Nov. 15. This event is co-sponsored by Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. Participants will be sleeping outside in cardboard boxes for the night to experience homelessness first hand.

There is also a campus-wide food drive running until Nov. 22. The goods are being collected for Allied Churches. Donations can be dropped off in Moseley and Danieley Centers and in Oak Commons.

"Hopefully people will come away with a sense of urgency about doing something to combat the plagues of hunger and homelessness in our community and around the world," Gagne said.

Fast Facts:

There are 841 million people in the world who do not have enough food to eat, according to the National Student Campaign against Hunger and Homelessness.

America accounts for 49 million of those people, according to the National Coalition for the Homeless.

There are also 3.5 million Americans who experience homelessness each year. According to a report released in 2008 by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, 49 million Americans went without adequate food at some point.

Elon students compete in 'Battle of the Brains'

Melissa Kansky
Multimedia Editor

Computer science majors speak a language of their own, and an international competition tested their fluency.

As students practiced for the annual IBM-sponsored Association for Computing Machinery International Collegiate Programming Contest, tech talk ricocheted around the room, as students answered questions using HTML code.

Elon sent four teams of three students to the IBM-sponsored competition, nicknamed the Battle of the Brains, at Duke University Saturday. These four teams competed against 12 teams at Duke and 153 from North Carolina to Pennsylvania.

Although Joel Hollingsworth, a senior lecturer, happily reminisced on a past competition when an Elon team was in first place for 30 minutes, his main goal was to beat schools academically similar to Elon. In comparison to the more than 150 teams competing, he expected at least one team to rank somewhere in the 20s.

ElonDair team met his expectations. Jamie Albinson, David Schlosser and Steven Norris solved two problems and finished fifth out of the 25 teams at Duke. They placed 26th in the region.

In the practice room, one student examined the computer screen while clutching a Mountain Dew in his right hand. Another furiously scribbled numbers on a piece of paper.

The competition asked teams of three students to

complete seven problems in five hours.

"Students are intimidated by five hours," said Hollingsworth. "But five hours goes by in no time."

According to Jamie Albinson, a second-year participant, time management was the biggest challenge.

First-time participant David Schlosser said he felt prepared for the challenge.

"I felt like I learned enough, and it's time to apply knowledge versus learning it," he said.

Although first-time participant Danielle Mullim worried she would not be able to focus for the entire time, Schlosser said he was happy the students were allotted that long of a time frame.

After the five-hour contest, one team of Elon students successfully completed only one problem. The single victory brought the team to fourth place out of 30 teams.

"The problems were so hard that the only teams that did well were Duke and University of Maryland, and they have an entire class dedicated to this competition," Albinson said.

This year's winning team from Duke University completed five problems. Five teams completed four problems. Sixteen teams solved two problems, and among these were two Elon teams.

The difficulty level drastically changes from year to year, Hollingsworth said. He expected the problems to be relatively easier this year. Although students solved more questions during this competition compared to last, the problems were still challenging.

"One of the problems was submitted for grading 293 total

times during the five-hour contest with only two of those submissions resulting in a correct answer," Hollingsworth said.

The competition consists of word problems in addition to mathematical questions. The word problems are typically flooded with nonsensical information in an attempt to distract the contestants.

Often the insignificant information is a funny story, Hollingsworth said. These problems test students to find the most important information within the description.

Hollingsworth said he considers the optimization problems the most challenging. These problems force students to find one answer from many possible solutions. The solution relies on creative programming and abstract thinking.

Any field of study that includes problem solving would be helpful during the competition, but the Battle of the Brains would be impossible to complete without knowledge of computer programming. Students need to express the solution as a program, Hollingsworth said.

Questions require knowledge of math, graphs, interpretation of word problems and teamwork.

"They are stuck in a room with two other people," Hollingsworth said, "And have to work as a team to make sure they are allocating the key board properly."

Social interaction and effective communication determine the team's success.

"A lot of the time people dive into the problems they feel they can tackle themselves," Albinson said, "but working with the group propels us



A group of Elon University students competed at Battle of the Brains.

PHOTO SUBMITTED

forward much better than if we all went our own separate direction."

Although participants have two team members to lean on, a first-time contestant expressed hesitation about working outside the classroom.

"At least in class you can ask the teacher," Mullim said, "but here we only have each other. There is no one holding our hands through it."

Energy drinks and caffeine carried the students through the two and a half hour practice. An empty Red Bull stood timidly next to the glowing monitor. Six computers reflected a blue hue onto 12 faces. They continued to prepare for the Battle of the Brains.

The practice problems gave the students a taste of what to expect during the competition.

Albinson said he wanted an encyclopedic knowledge of the things they needed to know.

Mullim had a more reasonable wish.

"I wish I took more math," she said at the end of the practice session.

Students could use any paper materials during the Battle of the Brains, but the Elon teams forgot to bring supplemental information last year.

Algorithms and computer science textbooks are the most treasured possessions during the competition, Albinson said.

"I don't know where that will get me," Mullim said. "For myself, I expect to try my hardest."

Mullim and her teammates, Tyler Anderson and Ben Blach, finished 17th at Duke. The other two teams consisting of Nestor Walker, Carter Kozak and David Edge and Amanda Bienz, Thomas Price and Amy Eubanks finished seventh and 11th, respectively.

Collegeacb.com: An outlet for cyberbullying amongst Elon students

Libby Dean
Reporter

A constant stream of insults and explicit name-calling fills the homepage on collegeacb.com.

Collegeacb.com, an online anonymous college discussion forum, where students at universities nationwide are able to post anything about anyone, all with the assurance of complete anonymity.

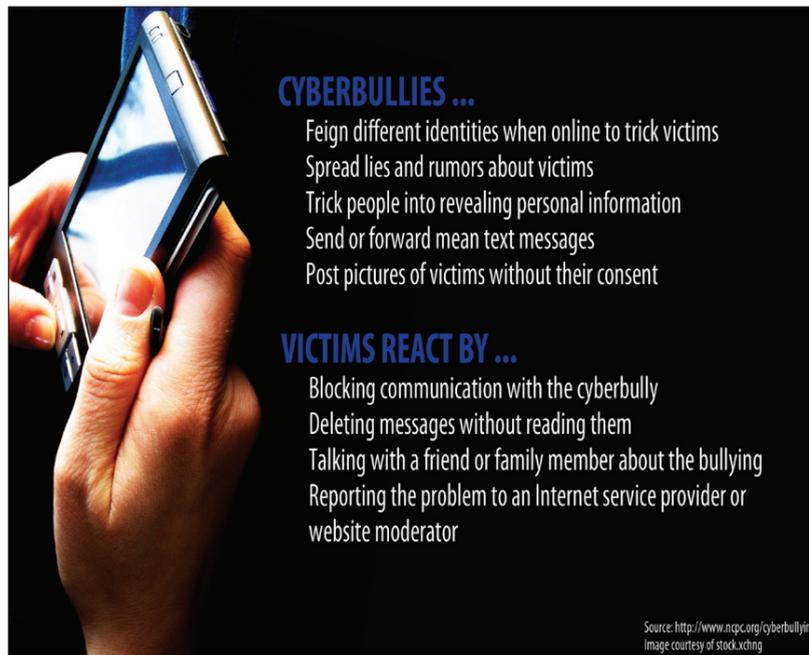
For Katie Russell, a freshman, it all started with a phone call. On Oct. 25, Russell received a call from one of her friends informing her that there were numerous malicious posts about her on the website.

"When I starting reading the posts out loud with my friends, my heart just sank," Russell said. "I tried really hard to let it not get to me, but it is hard to think someone could be that hateful."

Collegeacb appears to be the replacement for juicycampus, an anonymous gossip website that was shut down in Feb. 2009. Collegeacb stands for College Anonymous Confession Board describes itself as giving the freedom for college students to voice their opinions about any facet of college life.

But this freedom to express anonymous opinions and statements has also created an outlet for cyberbullying, or the willful and repeated harm inflicted through the use of computers, cell phones and other electronic devices.

In light of the recent teen suicides that have occurred in the past month, most notably Tyler Clementi, the Rutgers freshman who committed suicide after his roommate posted compromising footage of him online, brings forth the question of cyberbullying and its place in student life. In addition to Clementi,



CYBERBULLIES ...

- Feign different identities when online to trick victims
- Spread lies and rumors about victims
- Trick people into revealing personal information
- Send or forward mean text messages
- Post pictures of victims without their consent

VICTIMS REACT BY ...

- Blocking communication with the cyberbully
- Deleting messages without reading them
- Talking with a friend or family member about the bullying
- Reporting the problem to an Internet service provider or website moderator

Source: <http://www.ncpc.org/cyberbullying>
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SARAH BETH COSTELLO | Graphics Editor

three other teens took their lives as a result of cyberbullying in October alone.

"What's so bad about websites like collegeacb is that they are anonymous," said Smith Jackson, vice president and dean of Student Life. "We have an honor code of civility and respect for others at Elon and if students humiliate others all under the cloak of anonymity on these websites, it's a violation of that Honor Code."

Eric Fink, an Elon Law School professor, said that since Elon is a private university, it is not subject to the First Amendment and the university could prohibit and censor collegeacb. But, Jackson said that the freedom of

speech and the freedom of expression is something to be protected.

"Although Elon will not censor or block collegeacb it does not mean that we condone the website. I abhor the website," Jackson said. "When your rights impend on the welfare of others, it brings up issues that are not black and white. However, censoring the content on these websites would create a slippery slope effect."

Fink said that what is so potentially damaging about cyberbullying is its permanence. What is posted about a person, whether on a social networking website or public forum, could potentially follow that person for the remainder of their lives.

"I tried to laugh it off with my friends because the postings were all untrue, but I was trying hard not to cry," Russell said.

Russell said she knows the identity of the person that is cyberbullying her, and that she was relieved to see her friends and fellow students were standing up for her on the website. Russell got in contact with the university administration and submitted a request to the website to have the posts taken down.

"My friends kept telling me not to let it get to me," Russell said. "I know and hopefully everyone knows that what was said about me was not true, but just the fact that this was put out there and everyone could see it was embarrassing."

Russell said she feels that the university should take steps to censor or take down the website as a whole entirely because of the repercussions caused from these anonymous postings.

"I understand the free speech standpoint, but this website has caused students to transfer," Russell said. "This website has no redeeming qualities about it. I'm just a freshman, and this stuff that was posted about me had the potential to ruin the rest of my time at Elon."

Fink said that there is currently no landmark court case regarding cyberbullying for the courts to go by, and it is not clear if there is an adequate legal remedy to address the issue. Fink said enforcing social norms against cyberbullying may actually be more effective in altering behavior instead of the threat of a lawsuit.

"We value the freedom of expression here at Elon," Jackson said. "With websites like collegeacb, we hope that we can call on the higher nature of our students."

Collecting 2,000 books for children 8,210 miles away

Elon graduate joins Peace Corps, works with African Library Project

Marlena Chertock
Design Editor

A 2009 Elon graduate has a big goal. She looks to collect 2,000 books by Dec. 1 and send them to Lesotho, a country in Africa.

Erica Rossi is currently serving in the Peace Corps and is stationed in Lesotho. She lives in the same conditions as the people there: in a mud hut with no electricity or running water. She said she works closely with children there and noticed that the number of books is scarce.

"These books will probably be the only books they will touch in their lifetimes that are not more than 20 years old," Rossi said.

In September, Rossi talked about the project with an education class at Elon.

"She asked if anyone was interested in helping her out," junior Whitney Lynde said. "It just kind of fell into our laps."

Lynde, Kaylyn Smialek and Laura Parker, all education majors at Elon, are helping Rossi with the project. They are collecting books and money on campus and sending them to Rossi's mom, Brenda Rossi. She will then send them to her daughter in Lesotho.

Lynde didn't know Rossi before the project. She said she wanted to be involved in the project because she wants to go to Africa in the future.

"My schedule was a little busy to travel and study abroad," she said. "But I heard (Rossi) and I immediately wanted to figure out a way to go there. I wanted to help out with books."

Lynde said they are trying to have an event on campus to collect books.

"The entrance fee would be a children's book," she said. "We're trying to get that together. We're just kind of reaching out wherever we can. Right now, Elon students don't have books lying around their dorm."

But they do at home, or so Lynde says. If Lynde asks students to bring books home after Thanksgiving break, she said she thinks they'll come back with more.

"I have books lying around at home," she said.

Rossi said Lesotho is admittedly a "non-reading culture" and English is the second language to Sesotho. Many students and teachers have a difficult time learning, reading, speaking and teaching English, she said.

"Despite the difficulties, two of the elementary schools I work with expressed an interest in encouraging a culture of reading by setting up classroom libraries," Rossi said.

The libraries are being created through an organization called African Library Project, which Rossi had to apply to.

"After being approved to be a part of the program, I, my family, friends and (the students at Elon) have to collect \$1,000 and 2,000 new or mildly-used children's books," she said.

The books are scheduled to be shipped to Rossi in May. Once the books arrive, Rossi said she and Lesotho students and teachers will catalog the books, create classroom libraries and hold a series of workshops instructing teachers and students how to effectively use the library in their classrooms.

She said they hope to have the library opened in July.

This library project is a secondary endeavor for Rossi.

"My primary work assignment with the Peace Corps is to teach at the only teaching college in the country — Lesotho College of Education," she said. "But Peace Corps volunteers are encouraged to take on secondary projects."

Rossi said going on the South African study abroad trip during her junior year influenced her to join the Peace Corps.

"I saw how few resources were available in the schools," she said. "I decided I wanted to go back to sub-Saharan Africa to teach and help the education system in any way I could."

Rossi's parents were in the military and she said that while she didn't want to follow that track, she was interested in international development work.

"I did want to test myself and serve my country in a way I was more comfortable with," she said.

Rossi began applying to the Peace Corps at the beginning of her senior year. She received her placement after graduation and left in November. Her service will end in January 2012.

Elon professors have helped Rossi along the way. English Professor Prudence Layne has agreed to collect \$500 and 1,000 books for one of the libraries, Rossi said. Education professors Knight-McKenna and Stephen Byrd have collected books and gathered support by allowing Rossi to speak to their classes.

Rossi called Lynde, Smialek and Parker her female powerhouses.

"They are incredible women who are taking time out of their busy schedules to help children who otherwise might not have the opportunity to learn to read English," she said.

Lynde said they are not picky about the quality of books they receive.

"We just want a lot of books," she said. "We're hoping to get multicultural books, books about health. (The children) are capable of reading more picture books than chapter books."

Lynde is working on a trip to Lesotho for the summer. She said it is still in the planning stages.

"Hopefully (Smialek) and I can go there this summer and visit (Rossi)," Lynde said.

Lynde said she thought it was interesting how Rossi could help the teachers in Lesotho, and give them different strategies and resources.

"I thought maybe I could do that," she said.

She said they plan on going for three or four weeks to teach a unit on health.

"AIDS is a really big problem there," she said. "Maybe we could do a health unit for kids, have some focus for when we're there. We're not sure what it's going to be yet."

Lynde said she and the other Elon students involved are trying to set up a book drop box in Mooney.

"Education majors love books, so maybe they would take them," she worried. "But I'll pick up books from anywhere."

These books may end up being the only ones the children and community members in Lesotho have access to within many miles, Rossi said.



Elon alumna Erica Rossi entered the Peace Corps after graduation. She is stationed in Lesotho, located in Africa. PHOTO SUBMITTED



Third from the left: Erica Rossi is completing a secondary project in addition to the Peace Corps. She is collecting money and books for a library in several communities in Lesotho. PHOTO SUBMITTED

Types of books needed for the library

- Baby books
- Children's picture books
- Children's fiction and non-fiction
- Early readers
- BIG books
- Teacher books for school libraries
- Children's dictionaries/picture dictionaries
- Encyclopedias less than 15 years old
- Children's Encyclopedias/Picture Encyclopedias
- Children's thesauruses
- Paperback textbooks in math, English, geography, health and science

at appropriate level (kindergarten to 6th grade)

- Books with universal themes (friendships, animals, love)

- Children's health books

- Up-to-date atlases

- Books about Africa or African Americans

- Brain teasers, flash cards, educational games and puzzles

- "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" by Eric Carle

-e-mail Whitney Lynde at wlynde@elon.edu to donate books or money

College Street Taphouse hosts N.Y. band Lion of Ido

Cat Valero
Reporter

Lion of Ido, an indie-rock band from New York City, was the first non-Elon University-based act to perform at College Street Taphouse since its opening. The Taphouse came back to life Nov. 5 with the event sponsored by SUB.

"This is the most people I've had for a Friday in weeks," said Jason Modlin, co-owner of Taphouse.

The doors opened at 9 p.m. but crowds didn't start filing in until 10:30 p.m. In the meantime, Lion of Ido band members Crista Russo (bass/vocals), Steve Lombardo (drums), Adam Samuels (guitar/vocals), Zach Periharos (keyboard/drums) and Ido Zmishlany (vocals/guitar) mingled with Elon students and locals.

The catchy pop-rock band captured the attention of everyone in the room as soon as they started to play. Early in the set, Lion of Ido played a cover of "Sex on Fire," by Kings of Leon, putting the crowd into a dancing frenzy.

Most of their original songs were full of heavy drumbeats, catchy rhythms and crowd participation only to be desired when going to a live show.

Zmishlany said the band arrived on campus around 4 p.m. that afternoon from Baltimore. The night before, the group performed at one of New York's well-known venues, The Mercury Lounge.

"I've always lived in New York," Zmishlany said. "I had dreams growing up on Long Island that one day I'd become a musician and live in New York City."

Only a year after forming the band, the members have made their way to the big city and big dreams. Many of Lion of Ido's songs contained lyrics dedicated to their adopted hometown.

The third song of night called "Memories" paid homage to NYC with reference to Union Square and the spectators that come out at night.

Lion of Ido are in tune with digital and online networking groups.

"We have a fan base completely online,"



HEATHER CASSANO | Staff Photographer
Crista Russo and the band Lion of Ido performed at the newly opened College Street Taphouse.

Zmishlany said. "There are people that we meet at shows that say 'Hey! I'm girl123 on Twitter,' and I'll remember them from their posts online."

The band had met some of their 'electronic' fans at the Taphouse after the show.

The band said they are heading back to New York and will work on recording new songs for the album they hope to release in the spring. The band will make the southern states tour to perform at other colleges in the spring.



ALEXA JOHNSON | Photographer
The Beets, a garage-rock band from New York, performed at the Troika Music Festival, an annual three-day extravaganza of local and independent music. The festival draws hundreds from all over the region and local universities.

Eighth annual Troika Music Festival rocks downtown Durham

Alexa Johnson
Senior Reporter

Local music enthusiasts and indie fans walked through Durham's industrial, artsy downtown to attend the Troika Music Festival, one of the best-known local, nighttime music festivals that grace North Carolinian ears.

The three-day long fest - this year was on the weekend of Nov. 4 - is completely volunteer run, with a mission of bringing the best local and visiting acts to town, celebrating the vibrant and healthy music scene in Durham.

The acts are staggered so fans can check out the five different locations, all within

walking distance, and see parts of every set.

"Troika was on my senior year bucket list," said senior Lianna Catino. "It's one of those things that you have to do before you leave and I really wanted to go to a real, local music festival."

Acts included local favorites like Red Collar, Birds and Arrows, Los Naturales, Birds of Avalon, Dillon Fence and Whatever Brains.

Indie favorite The Beets from Jackson Heights, Queens, also played a set.

"My favorite part about Troika was that I could walk to the different venues and that most of them were small and personal," said senior Matt Baker. "I liked that the crowd

could really interact with the bands."

Organizers are conscientious of the N.C. audience. Passes are cheap — \$10 a night or \$25 for three days — and the slate was diverse.

The 59 bands catered to several genres, including punk and nerd rock, and appealed to music buffs from different generations.

Robin Davies, 32, lives in Chapel Hill and couldn't pass up the opportunity to check out Troika.

"The energy in Durham right now is really exciting," Davies said. "This is a great place for musicians to start up because everything feels young and the music scene is so fresh."

The weekly Web roundup: Videos and links going viral



Alexa Johnson
Columnist



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MSNBC suspends Keith Olbermann over political donations

It seems like the media is suspending and firing news figures left and right for their personal politics conflicting with their jobs, no? Olbermann has been indefinitely suspended without pay after donating to democratic candidates, which is a violation of NBC's ethics policy. Two weeks earlier NPR let go left-leaning host Juan Williams after he went on "The O'Reilly Factor" and admitted that seeing Muslims in "garb" on airplanes scares him. Visit Google, search "Olbermann suspended"

Underwater hyperrealism

What do you mean these aren't pictures? Sarah Harvey does a phenomenal job painting underwater scenes of herself and her fiancé in pools and natural bodies of water for her new exhibit "The Pleasure Principle." This series depicts the sexual and strange power struggles relationships go through distorted but clear bodies swimming under the surface. Visit Google, search "Swedish Bed Sarah Harvey underwater painting."



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Jones Soda puts bacon in your drink

What protein is the all-American king of meat? Bacon, of course, and Jones Soda knows how much the U.S. adores the fatty and savory breakfast staple. Jones Soda partnered with J&D Foods (a company that specializes in bacon business) to create a bacon-flavored, limited edition soda that works well at breakfast, lunch or dinner. Visit Google, search "AOL news bacon soda."



PHOTO COURTESY OF AOL.COM

Cleveland fans respond to LeBron's 'What Should I Do?' video

Cleveland is over LeBron James leaving their city without bringing home a title right? No. LeBron became a traitor to Clevelanders this summer when he peaced out to join a team with a better chance at a championship and they are still angry at his silly antics. LeBron and Nike made a slick and amusing but less-than-successful "What Should I Do?" video, trying to make LeBron not seem like a traitor. This was Cleveland's answer. Visit Google, search "Buzzfeed Cleveland's response to LeBron."



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Nicaragua invades Costa Rica because of Google Maps



PHOTO COURTESY OF GEEKOSYSTEM.COM

Clarification: Nicaragua invaded solely because of Google maps. Ridiculous? A little. A Nicaraguan commander was using the tool and crossed the border, set up camp, and put up his nation's flag because of a mistake with the border shown on Google. No, seriously, Google it (ha). Bing — and the official country maps — have the correct border outlined, so score one for the little guys. It should also be noted that Google was under fire earlier this year for displaying the wrong border between Thailand and Cambodia also. Visit Google, search "Nicaragua invades Costa Rica."

Extra-terrestrials hovering over campus?

Have you heard? On Nov. 5, an Elon student recorded a fast-moving, blinking, flying object in the sky. The student strongly believes that what he captured on camera was no plane, helicopter or anything similar. Another student also claims he saw a UFO Oct. 21 over Lake Victoria and last week over the gym. Go check out the video on YouTube but don't get too excited. It's not likely that you will be needing those Reese's Pieces anytime soon. Visit YouTube and search "Elon N.C. UFO."



ROGER BLACK | Photographer

Alpha Kappa Psi makes an annual event out of its Pizza Palooza, a taste-test and fund-raiser for the Jimmy V. Foundation.

Pizza Palooza fills bellies, charity pots

Brittany Washington
Reporter

The business fraternity Alpha Kappa Psi hosted its second annual Pizza Palooza at West End Station Friday, Nov. 5, from 2-4 p.m. The \$5 admission went toward the Jimmy V. Foundation to support cancer research. Eight different pizza vendors attended, supplying a wide variety of pizza. The vendors included Anna Maria's Pizzeria, Domino's Pizza, Little Italy Pizza and Italian Restaurant, Mimi's Pizza, Morazi Pizza, West End Station, Vesuvio's Pizza and 116 Oak. White sauce, barbeque chicken,

meat lover's, pepperoni and ham and pineapple pizza were a few of the different kinds of pizza available. Many students drifted in and out of West End Station, munching on pizza. A few students grabbed pizza to go and others stayed and talked with friends.

Freshman Amanda Parker came to sample pizza.

"My favorite was Vesuvio's pizza," Parker said. "I thought it had the best mix between sauce and cheese."

Vesuvio's was one of the vendors that gave out coupons as students stopped by their table, trying to encourage students to come to the restaurant.

What: Pizza Palooza

Where: West End Bar

Details: Alpha Kappa Psi collected \$5 per person for the Jimmy V. Foundation. A few pizza vendors had coupons, including Vesuvio's Pizzeria. Varieties: White sauce pizza, meat lovers, pepperoni, barbeque and ham and pineapple

Why the new 'Spiderman' won't fail — hopefully



Michelle Wilson
Columnist

Movies based on comic books are usually box office smashes. With the exception of a few, films about fighting crime and secret identities draw in the masses. The reason for this is largely attributed to the hype of the film beforehand.

The moment information of a new superhero movie is released, the Internet is abuzz with rumors, wanting to know more. It happened with Batman, it happened with Superman, and now it's happening for Spiderman ... again.

By now, most people have heard of the Spiderman reboot. Despite the films' release date not being until 2012, fans of the past movies and comics alike are already up in arms. Apparently, some have forgotten the disaster that was "Spiderman 3." Nevertheless, many claimed it was too soon for an entirely new Spidey.

It's time to set the record straight by taking a little stroll over to the Gotham City of the past. The year? 1997. The movie? "Batman and Robin." The result? Eleven Razzie award nominations (including Worst Picture) and what critics called "the killer of the Batman franchise." Fans of the Batmobile retreated to their Batcave to hide in shame at the over-the-top costumes and Mr. Freeze one liners that "Batman and Robin" was littered with.

Then, eight years later, Christopher Nolan revived the movie series from its ashes, and Christian Bale played the next Caped Crusader. It looks like the Spiderman franchise is following that same pattern, and who can blame it? Even three villains and a love triangle couldn't make the "bad boy" Peter Parker (as played by milquetoast Tobey Maguire) any more enticing in the last "Spiderman."

It may not seem like that long ago, but the first of the "Spiderman" trilogy came out in 2002. By the time the new film comes out, it will be a decade, which is about the same time between the Batman films. If anything, the "Spiderman" reboot will help the franchise, especially if the new director and cast are anything to judge by.

For those who haven't heard, the new web-slinger will be played by Andrew Garfield, otherwise known as the rejected friend Eduardo Saverin in "The Social Network." Surprisingly, fans have been fairly open to Garfield wearing the famed red and blue suit, despite him not being a household name. He looks the role and has proved he has the acting chops in other gigs, like "Doctor Who" and the film "Never Let Me Go."

"Easy A's" Emma Stone's role hasn't been so accepted by fans. Not because of the actress herself, but because of her role. Fans of the comics are excited to see Stone portray Gwen Stacy, Parker's first true love. Lovers of the films would have rather seen Stone as Mary Jane Watson, previously played by Kirsten Dunst.

It seems like this new film is trying to separate itself from its predecessors as much as possible, and that is the best thing it could have done. By focusing more on the comic books, having a new, currently unnamed villain (played by Rhys Ifans), and a rumored grittier script, director Marc Webb ("(500) Days of Summer") is making the film his own. This is a great idea, in theory. The real question is, will he do it right? It's still too early to tell, but if there's one person to put trust in, it's your friendly neighborhood Spiderman. Let's just hope we don't have another "Superman Returns" on our hands.

Eric Vincent comes to Elon

Katie Bazyluk
Reporter

In French music, the main priority is to communicate a message — political, social or religious. The lyrics of a song are the most important part.

Eric Vincent, a French musician, performed for Elon University students Nov. 4 in Whitley Auditorium and communicated his stories through English and French songs.

Vincent mixes folk, jazz, rock, ethnic rhythms and universal themes found in French poetry to create his own unique sound. He has performed in more than 140 countries as well as many states throughout the U.S.

During his Elon performance, Vincent sang a total of 15 songs: 14 in French and one in English. There were a variety of styles in his songs — some were slow and dramatic, while others were more upbeat and lively, but he gave energy and spirit

to each song. Vincent accompanied his singing with guitar playing, and during one song he played the piano. Two of Vincent's most vivacious numbers, "Haiti Kimbe Fo" and "Il n'y a plus de crocodiles a Cocody" were accompanied by background recordings of children and other people singing the refrains, in addition to his guitar.

Vincent made it a point of interacting with the audience and attempting to include them in the performance by teaching them certain lines of the choruses in several songs. The audience reacted with enthusiasm and eagerness, which resulted in furthering the animated atmosphere of the performance.

There were about 100 Elon students, faculty and members of the community in attendance. Many students were present at Vincent's concert, because it was advertised on Elon's Cultural Calendar, and others went at the suggestion of their

French professors.

"I went because it's awesome that someone who has performed in crazy places like Antarctica came to Elon, and I wanted to experience that," Leah Darkes, a French major, said.

The next day, Vincent visited Professor Sophie Adamson's 221 level French class for a mini concert and in-class workshop.

Adamson said she wanted to "expose students to an internationally

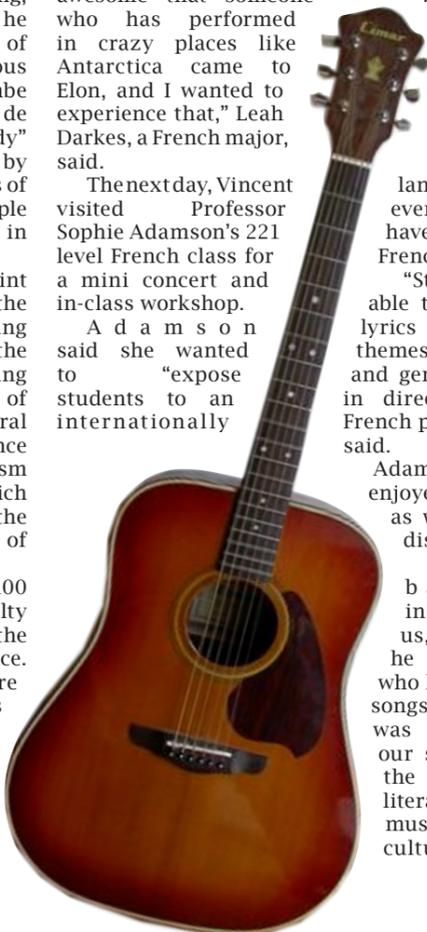
acclaimed artist who is considered one of the best singers of the traditional 'chanson francaise.'"

She said Vincent's music is able to cross the language barrier, even for those who have never studied French.

"Students were able to hear powerful lyrics about universal themes like racism and genocide and come in direct contact with French poetry," Adamson said.

Adamson said she enjoyed the concert as well as the class discussion.

"He shared background information with us, such as when he cited authors who have inspired his songs," she said. "It was wonderful for our students to hear the impact French literature has on his music and on French culture."



Elon professor published in respected anthology

Alex Trice
Online Editor-in-Chief

Elon professor and poet Kevin Boyle likes to write about politics, history, sex and religion. Sometimes he writes from his experiences in his own life and sometimes he writes from pure invention.

Originally from Philadelphia, Boyle does not usually write about North Carolina. But his poem "The Lullaby of History," recently published in an anthology that has featured works of writers like Langston Hughes and David Sedaris, is an exception.

The poem is infused with historical images and biographical components from Boyle's own life and tells the story of a family that goes to visit a museum in Durham.

"I went (to that museum) with my daughter, who was a young child at the time," Boyle said. "I blended that with some thinking of my father, who's from Northern Ireland, where fighting was going on for so long."

Boyle said that the local references made throughout his poem helped it seem like a good choice for the anthology, "Literary Trails of North Carolina."

"It makes reference to Bright Leaf Square and the mall in Durham," he said. He said that the editor of the anthology thought it was a

very moving poem.

"I was very happy," he said. "It's nice to be in a book with a lot of great writers in it."

When he first starts writing a poem, Boyle said he waits for a phrase to strike him or for an image to come to mind.

"It's not as if I sat down and said 'now I'm going to write about the Civil War and link it to Northern Ireland.' It just developed that way. I'm sure I probably knew I was going to write about that museum, but I didn't know where it was going," he said.

When Boyle was an undergraduate student at the University of Pennsylvania, he majored in sociology and then history before finally settling on English.

"I had three sisters who were language majors and two brothers in pre-med," he said. "I tried to avoid studying what my sisters were studying, but eventually I realized that was my passion and I followed my bliss."

It was during Boyle's sophomore year that he first started writing poetry. "You would read poets like (Walt) Whitman, (Alan) Ginsberg, (William) Wordsworth and love them and then you would try to imitate them in some way," he said. Ever since then, Boyle added that poetry has "been a good love affair." Some of his favorite writers include William Shakespeare, Sylvia Plath,



Professor of English Kevin Boyle was recently published in anthology of poems about North Carolina.

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John Ashbery and the Irish poet Seamus Heaney.

After receiving his bachelor's degree, Boyle went on to earn a master's degree from Boston University, and both a master of fine arts and Ph.D. from the University of Iowa. Now a faculty member in Elon University's English department, Boyle teaches classes such as intermediate poetry writing, advanced creative writing and literature courses from both Irish and

Middle Eastern cultures.

Boyle said he tells his students that in order to be a writer, one must be a reader.

"I encourage them to read as well as write and try to get a voice that is reflective of their life and experiences."

Although finding a balance between teaching and writing could be difficult for some professors, Boyle has found a way to do both. During the school year, he usually writes on the weekends, often

waking up at 6 or 7 a.m. to do so.

"Poetry has given me something that I'm passionate about and I get great pleasure from reading great poems," Boyle said. "And I guess that's what life is — trying to find as many things that give you an extraordinary amount of aesthetic pleasure. All great writing: short story, poem or novel is just what I'd prefer to be doing than washing dishes or grading papers."

Top 6 ways to beat the cold and stay warm as winter approaches

David Turkel
Reporter

1. Stay hydrated

With the weather obviously colder in winter, some people think that they don't need to drink as much as they do in the summer months. This is not the case. Even having an ice-cold drink can help you stay warm. According to Josh Baker, co-director of Colgate University's outdoor education program, "Your body needs water to keep your blood pumping, and people tend to become dehydrated in the winter without knowing." So even if you're not thirsty, it's still important to make sure you're constantly hydrating in the winter.

2. Dress in layers the right way

Wearing layers of clothes may seem like obvious advice for winter, but some ways of dressing in layers are more effective at keeping you warm than others. According to Anne Keisman of the National Wildlife Federation, wearing several layers of thin clothing will keep you warmer than wearing two or three layers of very thick clothing. Keisman also suggests your base layer of clothing (the layer closest to your body) should be made of a material that wicks

sweat away from your body, as wet clothes will make you colder. Clothes made from materials like polypropylene and silk are good for this purpose. Your outermost layer should be both water and wind-proof.

3. Exercise

In addition to obvious health benefits, exercising is a great way to stay warm in winter. Exercise gets your blood pumping and circulating. Workouts can obviously be conducted inside, but for runners who are used to exercising outside, experts have a couple of suggestions. According to exercise physiologist Gordon Blackburn, muscles should be warmed up indoors and more extensively than in warm weather to reduce the possibility of a muscle pull. Orthopedist Dr. David Stone suggests that those who do want to exercise outside in winter set sensible goals, and encourages these people not to risk frostbite or other cold-related afflictions for the sake of a few extra minutes of working out.

4. Cover your head

According to researchers at Indiana University, the face and head are more sensitive to changes in temperature

than other parts of the body. Wearing a hat helps make the face and head less sensitive to these changes. A ski cap or another hat made specifically for winter is ideal, but any kind of hat will help to some degree.

5. Let the light in

This tip is simple. During the day, open your blinds in order to let sunlight in and make your room warmer. At night, close your blinds to keep the cold out and trap the warmth your room accrued inside during the day.

6. Keep the right mindset

Obviously, as the calendar flips from fall to winter, the weather will be objectively colder. But, approaching colder weather with a negative mindset can make you feel even colder. Distracting yourself from the cold with positive thoughts, such as pretending you're at a beach, can keep your mind off of the cold and make you feel warmer. As long as you don't let the cold beat you mentally, and you exercise, hydrate, dress appropriately for the weather and use whatever warmth you can to your advantage, you have a pretty good chance of dealing with winter weather successfully, and most importantly, warmly.

Information from various sources.



ONE ON ONE

Conor O'Neill and Tom Waterman
Sports Commentators

Coaches in the hot seat

Cue the "Jaws" music for NFL coaches. The first axe of the season came down Monday afternoon, as news broke of Wade Phillips' firing. We can hardly be certain that he will be the last coach to be shown the door this season, so who's next?

Conor O'Neill:

I'm going to start by looking west, and I'm thinking Mike Singletary's time is limited in San Francisco. Yes, he was thrust into that situation before he was ready to be a coach, as evidenced by his multiple "I'm looking for football players" rants (note to Mike: telling NFL players they aren't football players doesn't inspire them). And yes, Alex Smith clearly is not the second coming of Steve Young. Or even Jeff Garcia. But there is a lot more talent on his team than a 2-6 record would indicate. Vernon Davis, Patrick Willis, Frank Gore, Michael Crabtree, Nate Clements and Taylor Mays form the foundation for a strong team, but if that group loses to the Panthers, Singletary doesn't deserve to remain employed as a head coach.

Tom Waterman:

You are absolutely right Conor. In the NFL, it is all about production and winning games, and that is why I think Minnesota coach Brad Childress has his head on the chopping block. Childress has arguably more talent on his team than almost any other team in football, yet his team remains undisciplined and unfocused. His team's poor start at 3-5 is a reflection of how Childress has lost his team, a team he lost control of the moment Steve Hutchinson, Ryan Longwell and Jared Allen traveled to Hattiesburg, Miss., and made Brett Favre bigger than the team, and only magnified when he so terribly mismanaged the Randy Moss reunion tour in Minneapolis.

Conor:

Well said Tom. Childress has no control over what has become a comical situation in Minnesota. And speaking of teams that have a lot more talent than their records show, how about Norv Turner's San Diego Chargers? At 4-5, the Bolts trail the Chiefs (5-3) and Raiders (5-4) in the AFC West. People can laugh all they want about how the team led the NFL statistically in offense and defense as late as Week 6, but that joke has run cold. If Turner doesn't get this team to turn its season around with Vincent Jackson coming back, he shouldn't be given a seemingly eighth chance in San Diego.

Tom:

We talk about it all the time in the NFL. Consistency is the key to a good team, and the Chargers have yet to find that consistency this year. Another coach that is, in my opinion, already firmly on the hot seat is Cincinnati's Marvin Lewis. This team had incredibly high preseason expectations, and they have been a major disappointment. The road doesn't get any easier from here, as the Bengals play four of their next five games against playoff contenders, such as the Colts, Jets, Saints and Steelers. It looks like Marvin Lewis might be joining Wade Phillips on the NFL scrap heap come seasons end.

ATHLETIC RESULTS

NOV. 4 - NOV. 8

Football

Nov. 6
Elon 27
The Citadel
16

Men's Soccer

Nov. 6
Elon 0
Appalachian
State 1

Women's Soccer

Nov. 5
Elon 0
UNCG 2

Volleyball

Nov. 5
Elon 3
UNCG 0

Nov. 6
Elon 3
Wofford 1

ELON ATHLETICS THIS WEEK

NOV. 10 - NOV. 16

Friday 11/12

Women's basketball vs. Fordham — 4 p.m.
Volleyball vs. Appalachian State — 8 p.m.
Men's basketball @ South Carolina — 9 p.m.

Saturday 11/13

Cross Country (NCAA Regionals) — All Day
Football vs. Furman — 1:30 p.m.
Volleyball vs. Western Carolina — 5:30 p.m.

Sunday 11/14

Women's basketball vs. Troy — 1 p.m.

Monday 11/15

Men's basketball vs. College of New Jersey — 7 p.m.



Junior right side hitter Traci Stewart (right) had 13 kills in the Nov. 6 match against Wofford College.

FILE PHOTO

Volleyball aims to capture division crown Friday

Conor O'Neill

Assistant Sports Editor

The Phoenix volleyball team is peaking at the right time, according to head coach Mary Tendler.

"I think we're playing really well right now," she said. "This is my eighth season coaching and I think, at this time of the year, our team is playing better than any other team I've had before."

The most recent example of how well the Phoenix is playing can be seen with the team's success last weekend, when it swept UNC Greensboro Nov. 5 and traveled to Wofford College the next day for a 3-1 triumph.

In the match against the Terriers, the Phoenix dropped the first set by a 25-18 score. The team then seized control, winning the next three sets by scores of 25-15, 25-20 and 25-16.

"We beat UNCG the night before, and that was a huge win, but it didn't mean anything if we didn't beat Wofford and keep it up," sophomore outside hitter/middle blocker Allison Johnson said. "So we just knew we had to get our heads on straight and just really play hard and put it all out there."

The team showed that Nov. 6 and emerged from a late-season five-game road trip with a 4-1 record, with three wins coming against Southern Conference foes.

Because the Phoenix is playing well late in the season, the team is in position to capture a North Division crown on Friday night against Appalachian State University.

Both teams will enter the match with 9-5 records in the SoCon. Though the Mountaineers got the better of the Phoenix earlier this



(from left to right) Senior middle blocker Sarah Schermerhorn and defensive specialists sophomore Ali Deatsch and senior Lizzie West helped the volleyball team to a 2-0 weekend against UNCG and Wofford.

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season, the team is ready to work to avoid another loss to Appalachian State.

"Appalachian is going to be a huge game, we lost to them already once and we're not going to let that happen again," senior outside hitter Lauren Copenhagen said. "We're going to do whatever it takes this week in practice to do what we need to do for Friday."

The Phoenix will be playing just its third game of the season in newly renovated Alumni Gym, and the team is excited to be able to close its regular

season at home, according to Johnson.

"We're playing Appalachian State for the championship of the North Division, so everything is riding on (that game), and we want to win for our seniors because they have done so much for us and the program," Johnson said.

In the team's first game against Appalachian State, the team fell by a 3-1 defeat. Elon fell behind by losing the first two sets, and despite winning the third set, was unable to complete the comeback effort.

Sun sets on soccer seasons

Compiled by Sam Calvert
Sports Editor

Last weekend saw the end of both the men's and women's soccer teams' seasons with losses in the Southern Conference tournament. Each defeat marked one of many events that characterized this fall for the Phoenix.

Sept. 10: The Phoenix captured its first regular-season win of the season against the University of Richmond, 4-0.



Sept. 28: It tied No. 9 Duke University 1-1 in a double-overtime match. Sophomore midfielder Gabe Latigue earns Men's Soccer Player of the Week.

Aug. 21: The Elon University men's soccer team began its season with an exhibition match against Campbell University in which the team won 3-0.

Oct. 9: The Phoenix ended its eight-match unbeaten streak with 1-0 loss against College of Charleston.

Oct. 26: The team lost to Wake Forest 2-1, the first time the team endured two losses in a row since Sept. 4 in its first two matches of the season.



Nov. 6: The season ends with Southern Conference tournament loss against Appalachian State University 1-0.

Oct. 12: Elon defeated ACC opponent Clemson University 1-0.

Men's Soccer:

Women's Soccer:

Aug. 20: The Elon University women's soccer team lost its season-opener 2-1 against Virginia Tech.



Sept. 12: The Phoenix grabbed its fourth win in a row against Liberty University 2-0, which was the longest winning streak of the season.

Oct. 24: Elon got its first Sunday win since Sept. 12 in its 2-1 victory against Western Carolina University.

Oct. 31: In its first Southern Conference tournament win in school history, the Phoenix defeated College of Charleston 1-0.

Nov. 5: With a 2-0 loss to No. 14 at UNCG, the Phoenix finished its season in a rematch of the last game of the regular season.

Sept. 19: The team played to its only tie of the season in a 1-1 match against Virginia Commonwealth University.



For full season recaps for the men's and women's soccer teams, visit www.elon.edu/pendulum.



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Sophomore guard Ali Ford goes through several routines before each game.

Sophomore hoops star proves superstition success

Steven Lorenzo
Reporter

Some people have horseshoes. Others have rabbit's feet. Sophomore guard Ali Ford has her Nikes. Her right, inscribed, "It's not how big you are, it's how big you play," slips on first. Then the left, which reads, "to give anything less than the best is to sacrifice your gift," fits next. Only then is it game time.

Ford, a first team All-Southern Conference selection and the league's Freshman of the Year a season ago, said she owes some of her success to a routine that dates back to her Freedom High School days in Morganton, N.C. Although some of her habits have changed, the bulk of Ford's

traditions have stayed intact, especially on game day.

"I always wear the same necklace my parents gave me," she said.

With each dive for the ball or arc of a jumper, the chain around the guard's neck is graced with her No. 11. Back at Freedom High, she sported a similar look, only with a different jersey No. 15.

Two new headbands are essential purchases each year: one for home games and the other for away. Last year's colors were white and black.

Such habits extend to the court as well.

The day before the Phoenix sees action, Ford will participate in the same shooting drill from various points on the hardwood to get "dialed in." Elbow jumpers,

dribble drives and treys from beyond the arc all make up the guard's repertoire.

Yet, before she can move from spot to spot, a crucial 10 free throws must be made. Ford's 16.1 points per game and 80 percent average from the free throw line last year stem from such work ethic.

"It's just something I'm comfortable with," she said. "It's the same series of shots, ones I'm probably going to take during a game."

Though she said she does not believe her superstitions envelop her entire game, Ford might question some things in a loss.

"It would be in the back of mind," she said. "I would make sure I got all that stuff in for the next game."

With her text-heavy Nikes tightened, her numbered necklace secured and her headband snug, the sophomore will look to take those superstitions to the court to lead the Phoenix toward a successful season.

**- ALI FORD
SOPHOMORE
BASKETBALL
PLAYER**



FILE PHOTOS
Left: Senior linebacker Brandon Wiggins had 16 tackles in the 27-16 win against The Citadel Nov. 6 in Charleston, S.C. Right: When senior quarterback Scott Riddle (shown above) got hurt in the Oct. 30 game against Chattanooga, sophomore Thomas Wilson stepped in to replace him. Wilson then got his first start against The Citadel Nov. 6.

Despite change at the helm, Phoenix continues winning

Jack Rodenfels
Senior Reporter

When four-year starting quarterback Scott Riddle suffered a shoulder injury in the fourth quarter of a 49-35 victory over the University of Tennessee Chattanooga Oct. 30, the Phoenix wasn't sure what to expect, not knowing whether Riddle was able to return for the Nov. 6 game against The Citadel. It turned out that Riddle's injury prevented him from playing.

In stepped Thomas Wilson. Wilson, a redshirt sophomore from Raleigh, has been the primary backup for Riddle during the past two years, attempting only 40 passes during that time, most of which occurred in mop-up duties, when the Phoenix was leading by a wide margin.

On Saturday, Wilson completed 15 of 21 passes in leading Elon to a 27-16 victory over The Citadel Bulldogs.

"He had confidence. Everyone was ready to help him out," said senior running back Brandon Newsome, describing Wilson's first collegiate start. "He was very poised and didn't make any big mistakes."

Throughout the day, Wilson protected the ball well, and didn't turn the ball over, allowing for a balanced attack with 145 yards passing and 127 yards rushing in the victory.

The Phoenix was incredibly efficient when needed, successfully converting on nine of 13 third-down conversions, shaving an average drive starting at the Elon 38-yard line and scoring every time the Phoenix found the red zone.

Wilson had big shoes to fill stepping in for Riddle.

Starting since the first game of his freshman year, Riddle had made 43 starts for the Phoenix. This season, Riddle leads the conference in passing yardage with 2,486.

In his first three seasons under center, Riddle led the SoCon in passing and is looking to become the first player in SoCon history to lead the conference in passing in four straight seasons.

While he holds all of the major passing records in Elon history — and most of the passing records in SoCon history — the Phoenix will continue rehabilitation with Riddle, while preparing Wilson for his second straight start against the Furman

Paladins on Saturday.

"Scott is going day by day," head coach Pete Lembo said. "At the end of the week, it's going to come down between how much mobility he can generate and how much pain he can tolerate."

Not knowing Riddle's status until the week progresses, Wilson will continue to get first-string snaps, with Lembo closely monitoring Wilson's progression and grasp of the offense.

"He's a very even-keeled young man," Lembo said. "He never seems to

get too high, and he certainly doesn't get too low."

Lembo noted the improvement of Furman's defense throughout the season. In the second half of last week's game against Western Carolina University, the Paladins only allowed 50 total yards by the Catamounts in the second half.

While the Paladins look to transfer that defensive prowess to Saturday's game at Rhodes Stadium, Lembo feels his team will be ready after a solid week of practice.

5 things to look for against Furman University:

1. Will Scott Riddle be healthy for Saturday's game? The Phoenix was able to win last weekend, but had just 145 yards passing without its senior quarterback. Riddle has thrown 22 touchdowns and just six interceptions in eight games this season.

2. Can the defense build on momentum? After allowing more than 500 yards of offense to Chattanooga, the unit surrendered just 300 yards to The Citadel. The defense will have to have a similar effort against Furman's offense, which has the fourth best scoring output in the conference this season.

3. Can the passing game get back on track? The air assault for the Phoenix recorded a season-low 145 yards against The Citadel. The team will look to have more success against the Paladins and live up to the billing of having the conference's top passing attack.

4. Will Elon continue to jump out to early leads? Outscoring opponents 69-35 in the first quarter this season, the team has been able to jump out to early leads this season. The team will need to do the same thing against Furman to have an advantage on Saturday.

5. How will the young secondary continue to grow? A weakness of the team early in the season, the young Phoenix secondary has allowed more than 210 passing yards in a game just one time in the last six games. While part of that statistic is attributable to the types of offense the Phoenix faced, the young secondary has also improved this season.

BY THE NUMBERS

- 2** rushing touchdowns each for senior running back Brandon Newsome and sophomore quarterback Thomas Wilson
- 4** penalties for a loss of 28 yards
- 9** out of 13 third downs converted for the Phoenix
- 13** points for Elon in the fourth quarter, as compared to zero for The Citadel
- 15** first downs
- 16** tackles for senior linebacker Brandon Wiggins
- 53** yards receiving for senior wide receiver Sean Jeffcoat, leading the team
- 145** passing yards for Elon
- 300** total yards surrendered to the Bulldogs

BREAKING DOWN THE CITADEL GAME



Defense will be key in season opener Friday

Conor O'Neill
Assistant Sports Editor

The goal for the Elon University men's basketball team in the 2010-11 season is to improve each time it takes the court, head coach Matt Matheny said.

When the team played its second exhibition game of the season Nov. 6, Matheny said he saw that improvement from the first exhibition game.

"I felt like our overall performance was better tonight than (the first exhibition game)," Matheny said. "We're going to try each night we step on the court, to get better, so that when it is tournament time in late February and early March, we're playing at our best."

While the time for postseason tournaments is not in the near future, what is approaching is

the team's season opener. The Phoenix plays at the University of South Carolina Friday night.

Against the Gamecocks, Matheny's team will attempt to play the same stifling defense it employed against Greensboro College and Washington and Lee University in exhibition victories, the coach said.

In the first game, the Phoenix forced Greensboro into making 24 turnovers and won the rebound battle 53-28.

Against the Generals of Washington and Lee, Elon had a field goal defense of 28 percent and surrendered just 50 points in a 93-50 win.

"Our team will always be focused on defense first," Matheny said. "I just feel like if we can get our team to defend, then we can compete against the best that we'll play against."



RIGHT: Junior center Daniel Watts had three rebounds and two blocks in the Nov. 6 game against Washington and Lee. LEFT: Junior guard Josh Bonney scored seven points in 18 minutes played in Saturday night's game.

The team also made improvements on the defensive end between the exhibition games, senior guard Chris Long said.

"I think we definitely started off with better team defense," he said. "We relaxed there for periods, but we showed improvements. We're just getting better at little things."

The veteran guard also said there isn't a concern over a difference of forcing 23 turnovers in the first game and forcing just 11 turnovers on Saturday night.

"It's almost better defense when you don't get a steal, if you can stop them that many times without forcing turnovers, because it speaks more to your defense," Long said.

Another point of emphasis for the Phoenix against the Gamecocks will be winning

the rebound battles. In the two exhibition games, the team held a combined 102-64 advantage on the glass.

"Rebounding is huge," junior guard Drew Spradlin said. "Obviously we're a little small. We create a lot of possessions. We get up and down. I'm sure South Carolina will get up and down with us, so there are going to be a ton of possessions and a ton of rebounds."

But the team has also performed on the offensive side of the ball. In Saturday's game, the team recorded 24 assists on 35 field goals and turned the ball over just six times.

"When we're in the open court, a lot of times, as late as (the first exhibition game), we would give it up too soon and not give it to guys in their comfortable areas," Matheny said.

Before the team travels south, they will have six days to prepare and further develop comfort zones. Matheny said he saw the team progress as he wanted them to during the exhibition season.

"I feel like we got out of the exhibition what we wanted," Matheny said. "I felt like we got to play a lot of guys and we got to try different combinations."

In each game, the Phoenix played 15 different players. With four freshmen on the roster, Matheny added that it was important to discover what lineups worked best during the exhibition games.

After using the exhibition slate to its advantage, the Phoenix will aim to carry that momentum into Friday's season opener.

Women's basketball prepares for season opener

Pam Richter
Editor-in-Chief

A 97-49 win for the Elon University women's basketball team Nov. 5 against Chowan University was good preparation for Friday's regular season opener at 4 p.m. against Fordham University in the Phoenix Classic, head coach Karen Barefoot said.

She said she's glad the team began the season against a team like the Hawks because of their athleticism, which compares to Fordham's.

"For us, we need to go back and watch tape, and when they put the press on, we didn't look as sharp," Barefoot said. "We started to fix things, and I'm glad we did. We (also) fixed some things at halftime."

The Phoenix started off the game against the Hawks down 8-6, three minutes into the game, but a 20-0 run midway through the first half helped Elon take control.

"We had to get the jitters out, and once we got the jitters out, it was ours from then on," junior guard Tiara Gause said.

Gause was 8-for-13 from the field

with 16 points in the game. The Phoenix's offense was jump-started by its ability to play full court pressure defense during most of the game, she said.

"Defense always starts your offense," Gause said. "Once we started getting defensive stops, we started our offense."

This year's team is able to press earlier than the team last season because of the physical shape the team is in this season, Barefoot said.

Against the Hawks, Elon scored 48 points off of 30 turnovers.

"I was excited the way they bought into it tonight, and it translated into some fun transition points and the crowd got into it because of that," Barefoot said. "You can't just stop one player on this team. I think the press actually helps get a lot of people involved."

Off the bench for the Phoenix, senior guard Julie Taylor and junior forward Erica Keto each had 12 points. Freshman guard Kelsey Harris, who

started for the Phoenix, had eight points and was second on the team in minutes in the game with 25.

"It's exciting to see different players really elevate their game, and tonight it was good to finally have that team performance," Barefoot said.

Against Fordham on Friday, the Phoenix need to limit its turnovers in order to be successful, Gause said. The team had 21 turnovers against the Hawks.

Fordham was 8-22 overall last season and 2-12 in the Atlantic 10 division. It is returning four starters' from last season's team.

"It will be our first real test of the season," Harris said. "We are playing against Fordham, and they are a really good Atlantic 10 school. We're trying to have a lot of people come out to our tournament and show everybody what we can do."

After the matchup against Fordham, the Phoenix will play Troy University at 1 p.m. Sunday in its second game of the tournament.



JUNIOR GUARD TIARA GAUSE WAS 8-FOR-13 IN FIELD GOAL SHOOTING NOV. 5 IN THE 97-49 EXHIBITION WIN AGAINST CHOWAN UNIVERSITY IN ALUMNI GYM.

Sports



Swimmers pack the house



Club swim hosts 2-day, 19-team meet at Beck Pool

Lindsay Fendt
Photo Editor

Chlorine, swim caps and wet towels covered the floors of Koury Athletic Center this weekend during Elon Club Swimming's annual Fall Champs Meet.

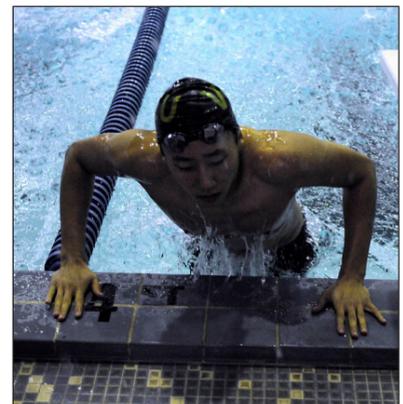
Nineteen teams from as far south as Georgia and as far north as Maryland flocked to Elon's campus to compete in one of the largest club sports events in the region.

"Having no varsity swim team,

I think it is kind of a shock to the campus to have so many people in bathing suits in this building," said junior Hannah Smith, vice president of club swimming. "We really take up a majority of the Campus Rec facilities."

The event spanned the entire weekend, with teams spread out in classrooms throughout Koury as well as the racquetball and pingpong areas.

The meet consisted of 32 events consisting of relays and 50 and 100 yard races for each stroke.



Photos by Lindsay Fendt and Heather Cassano
Top: Jacob Biggs from Longwood University prepares to swim the second length of the Men's 200 yard medley relay as his teammate Alex Brown nears the end of his length.
Above left: A swimmer leaps off the diving board at the start of a race.
Below left: An athlete surfaces to gulp some air during the 50-yard butterfly.
Top right: Women swimmers take a dive into the pool at the start of a race.
Right: A UNC Greensboro swimmer takes a breath during the breast stroke race.
Far right: A swimmer pulls himself out of the pool after finishing a race.