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Celebrating Seniors

HEATHER CASSANO | Photo Editor

Every Elon senior at the Senior Picnic received a personalized graduation cap. The picnic provided seniors and their families with the opportunity to say goodbye to friends and professors. The picnic was from noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 18 followed by the Senior Gala.

Pfleger's mother files suit against Bayer, accusing company of wrongful death

Jack Dodson
Reporter

Joan Cummins, the mother of an Elon student who died in September, filed a wrongful death suit against Bayer Corporation and subsidiary companies, alleging the contraceptive YAZ was the cause of death.

Michelle Pfleger, Cummins' daughter, collapsed on her way to class Sept. 24, and was pronounced dead early in the day. By late October, Cummins had been talking to lawyers about filing a lawsuit against the healthcare company. An autopsy report indicated Pfleger died from pulmonary thromboemboli, or blood clots in her lungs, which Cummins suggests had been caused by the contraceptive.

The suit was filed May 10 through a national plaintiff's firm called Lief Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein, LLP, and New Jersey firm Trujillo, Rodriguez, and Richards, LLC.

In total, the suit makes 13 complaints against Bayer Corporation. The claims made include wrongful death, negligence, fraud, breach of implied warranty of fitness for a particular purpose and negligent misrepresentation, among others.

The claim alleges Bayer Corporation was deceptive with advertising the YAZ contraceptive, and argues laws in North Carolina and New Jersey are supposed to protect against unfair, fraudulent trade and business practices and false advertising.

Within the claim, the plaintiff suggests Bayer Corporation knew about the harmful effects of YAZ, and failed to fix the "defective and dangerous conditions" of the drug.

"Had the defendants not engaged in the deceptive conduct described herein," the claim reads, "Plaintiff would not have purchased and/or paid for the birth control, and would not have incurred related medical costs and injury."

According to earlier reports, Cummins said Pfleger's use of YAZ was to treat acne. In the past, links have been made between blood clots and the use of oral contraceptives.



Pfleger

Faculty, students advocate for value of Walker Dance Studio

Melissa Kansky
Assistant News Editor

Elon University will acquire the Walker Dance Studio building at the end of May, but university faculty and students expressed concern regarding the future of the building, located on the corner of Manning and West Haggard avenues.

The building was re-leased to the current owner after the university purchased the building December 2008 for \$300,000. The lease ends May, leaving the building in the university's possession.

"We purchased this building as part of a long range master plan for the university to make sure we have appropriate space to expand over the years," said Gerald Whittington, senior vice president for business, finance and technology.

When the building was purchased, the administration did not determine a use for the

space, he said.

Although Whittington said the future of the building has not been decided, faculty and students fear a demolition of the facility. They have suggested several uses for the building.

"It's been talked about as a center for green design, or a hybrid gallery space for film screening and poetry reading," said Samantha DiRosa, assistant professor of art. "One faculty member felt that we had a sculpture walk and the tree walk, and we could have a historic building walk."

Faculty members have posted to a blog, titled Save the Last Dance, to discuss possible uses for the building and raise awareness about the its history.

The building originated as J.W. Matlock grocery store in 1924. Ownership of the building changed in 1974 when John Walker purchased the building and transformed it into a dance studio.

Jennifer Smith, document assistant at Belk Library, grew up in Alamance County and remembers her parents talking about going to the store as children.

Smith took dance classes at Walker Dance Studio for 12 years.

"The studio was really about the artistry of dance and had a special director," she said. "It's more than just an old building."

She said she believes the building holds importance for a number of people in the community.

"It's a building that several people pass all the time, and it's a fixture of Elon even though it's not a building that's fully integrated into campus," DiRosa said.

Senior Joanna Patterson conducted research regarding Walker Dance Studio as part of a project for an ecological art class. The class investigated

the history of properties on campus structures students are familiar with.

"Whether it is good or bad to tear it down, I think it is good to know what was at least once there," Patterson said. "I personally feel that students would appreciate their experience at Elon more if they were rooted in this appreciation of the landscape."

The demolition of the building would connote disrespect to the local history and physical diversity, she said.

"I don't mean to say that Elon shouldn't build buildings, but wouldn't it be interesting if Elon thought twice about what we're building on top of," Patterson said.

Smith and DiRosa said they also believe in the value of the building and advocate for the university to renovate the facility.

"It has the potential to

bring in students and the community," Smith said. "And I do understand that it would be an expensive proposition, but my objective was to question if it should be torn down and if there was another way to use the building."

The university's senior staff acknowledged the community members' concerns, but have not made any final decisions regarding the structure, according to Whittington.

Tests were conducted to determine the condition of the building and level of asbestos and lead present. The future of the building will be decided after receiving the test results, Whittington said.

"I think folks have talked about those issues, and opinions have been expressed about what could be and what might be and what hoped to be, and those are part of the consideration as we move forward," he said.



Summer construction: Blueprint of Elon



Greek Houses

Five new houses are constructed in Loy Center to provide housing and meeting spaces for sororities and fraternities. Four of the five houses will hold 10 to 13 people and include two single bedrooms. The other building will be split into two 4 to 5 person half houses in hopes of encouraging smaller organizations, such as the National Pan-Hellenic Council, to have a presence in the Loy Center.

Francis Center new playing fields (baseball and softball).

New intramural and club sports playing fields will be created adjacent to the Francis Center. The playing fields will be connected to the road that will join the Danieley Center with the Francis Center.

Road from Francis Center to Danieley Center

A sidewalk will be constructed from Francis Center to Danieley Center to better incorporate the new School of Health Sciences into campus. The project is a three partner project with the Town of Elon, the university and the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

Koury Gym locker renovation plus Recreation expansion

Phase two of the Alumni Gym includes new locker rooms, team meeting rooms and office space for men's and women's basketball and volleyball. The Koury Center will also expand to include the space designated for athletics when the new athletics training and weight training facilities will be located in the Alumni Field House.

Admissions Center Renovation in Moseley

Renovations have begun on the admissions center in Moseley and are predicted to be completed June 10. The aim of the renovation is to make the reception are more attractive, according to Neil Bromilow, director of planning, design and construction management. Changes include new chairs, a new paint job and new carpet.

West Parlor Renovation:

The renovation of West Parlor contributes to the development of Elon's Historic Neighborhoods, which contains former east and west area. Six other designated areas will be part of the residential college neighborhood concept: Colonnades, Global Neighborhood, Danieley Neighborhood, Loy Center, Oaks Apartments and senior class housing. Changes specific to the Historic Neighborhood include additional social and academic common spaces.

Williamson Avenue Parking Lot

A parking lot will be constructed this summer on Williamson Avenue and Phoenix Drive, near the future softball field. The parking lot is included in the campus master plan and will provide additional parking once the field is completed. The lot will contain 287 parking spaces.

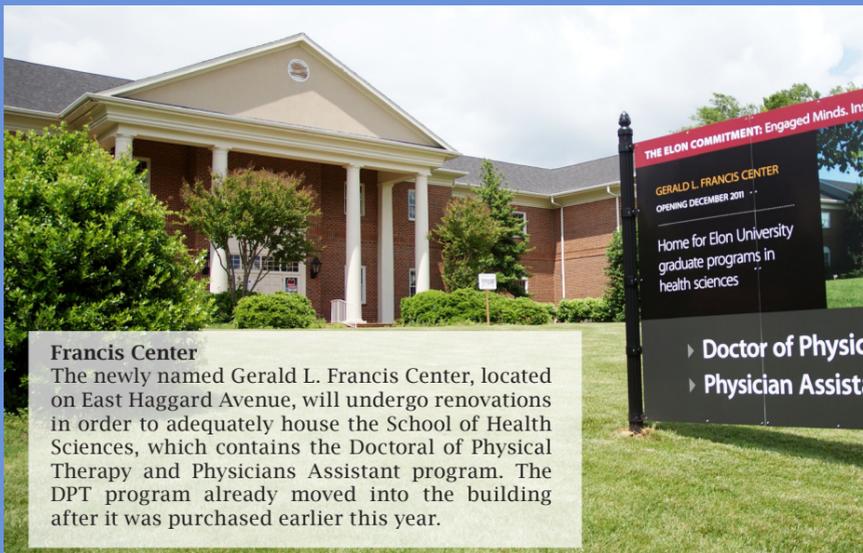


Station at Mill Point Housing

The Station at Mill Point, located at Fire Station Fields, will serve as a new residential community at Elon University, specifically designated for upperclassman. The facility will contain 25 buildings and house up to 324 students. A building will have either two four-person apartments or four four-bedroom apartments. All apartments will come furnished and include a kitchen, a dining area, a living space, a washer and a dryer.

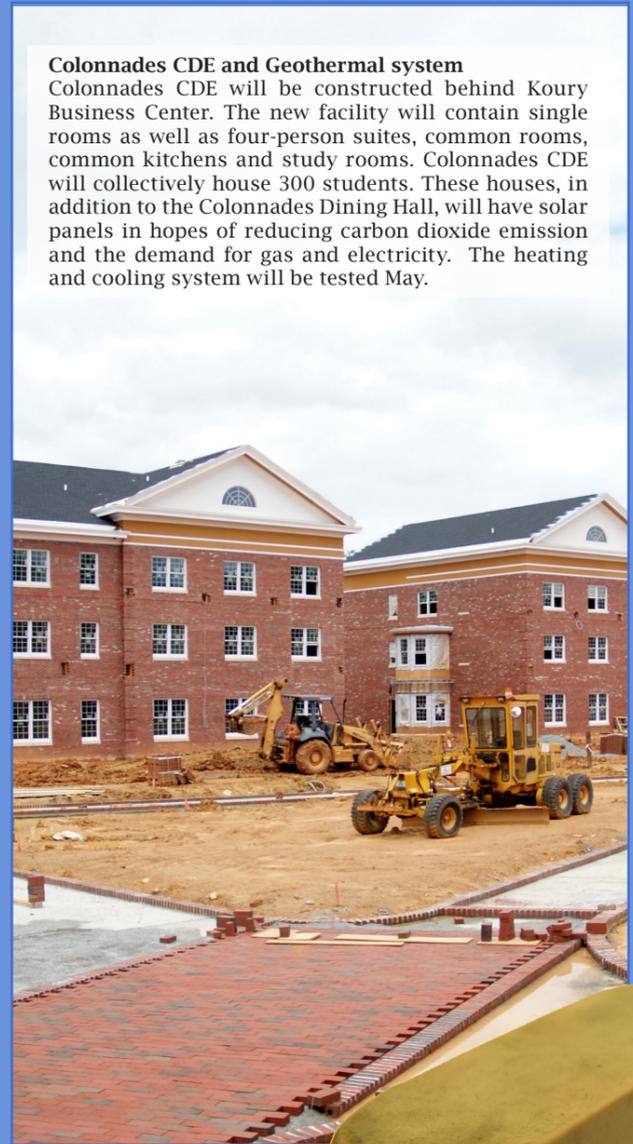
Colonnades CDE and Geothermal system

Colonnades CDE will be constructed behind Koury Business Center. The new facility will contain single rooms as well as four-person suites, common rooms, common kitchens and study rooms. Colonnades CDE will collectively house 300 students. These houses, in addition to the Colonnades Dining Hall, will have solar panels in hopes of reducing carbon dioxide emission and the demand for gas and electricity. The heating and cooling system will be tested May.



Francis Center

The newly named Gerald L. Francis Center, located on East Haggard Avenue, will undergo renovations in order to adequately house the School of Health Sciences, which contains the Doctoral of Physical Therapy and Physicians Assistant program. The DPT program already moved into the building after it was purchased earlier this year.



Commencement speaker discusses changes, how graduates can prepare for the real world

Vice Adm. William Gortney, a 1977 graduate of Elon University, will deliver the 121st Commencement address. Gortney has a long history with the Navy and has received many medals, including the Navy Distinguished Service Medal, the Bronze Star and three Meritorious Service Medals, among many other awards.

Q: Can you give us an idea about some of the things you plan to discuss in your commencement address?

A: Differences in commencement from 1977 to today at Elon College to Elon University, attitudes, specifically in the military and then traits to being wealthy in life and guaranteed success.

Q: What do you remember about your graduation from Elon in 1977?

A: One it was a college, and we were the Fighting Christians, not some dead bird. The predominant difference is, I graduated in 1977, which is in the last couple years of the Vietnam War and the American attitude on the military back then and compared to today has just changed significantly. We've been at war now for 10 years and the American people's support for that has changed so dramatically as evidence by the senior class here at Elon University asking this knucklehead to come talk to them.

Q: There's been a major shift in national morale in the last two weeks. If graduation had been a month ago, how would the attitude of the graduates be different?

A: Well, first off, the support for the American soldier, sailor, airman, Marine, and Coast Guardsman hasn't changed in the past two weeks. The support that the American people have for their service members once again, I don't think we've seen since World War II. And we're very very grateful for that and I don't think we've seen a change in that support.

I see though that people may perceive that because



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE US NAVY
Vice Adm. William Gortney graduated from Elon in 1977. In July 2010, he assumed the position of director of the Joint Staff at the Pentagon

[Osama bin Laden] is no longer with us that the war is over and maybe they American people or elements of the American people view of the duration of the war may have changed from two weeks ago to today. And we're going to have to see if that is indeed true.

I personally don't think it's true but anybody today that is predicting the impact of what occurred two weeks ago, it's too early to tell. But I think there's been some polling that I read that there's a trend but I think

it's too early to think that that is indeed true.

Q: These students aren't just graduates of Elon, they're graduates of the American way of life. Moving forward, what do you think is the most important part of that?

A: You are a product of the society that you come from and you're a pretty lucky part of society that you come from to be frank and open and honest about that and I think one of the key attributes of that is that you give back to that society. Give back to the society that gave you the opportunities thus far in your life so that you can give to your followers, your children, the same opportunities our parents gave us. And you can do that many different ways.

You can do that by wearing the cloth of our nation and the cut and material of the cloth of that nation comes in many different colors. It can be in a uniform, it can be in a policeman, it can be a fireman, it can be a first responder, you know, that is a direct job to protect the nation both abroad and here at home. But also to continue to give back to the society by volunteering, by teaching, by being a nurse, a doctor, even.

The thing that makes our society is the way we treat each other and our volunteerism and our activities in our towns and our cities, I think that's important that you continue to give back to it.

Q: What do you think are some important life skills and lessons that aren't taught inside of the classroom?

A: Discipline and prioritization. As I tell people, it's not necessarily what degree your degree is in, but what the importance of college is, is the discipline it teaches you and your ability to prioritize events that you need to work on. And those are two good organizational skill sets that will serve you well in life.

-Compiled by Rachel Southmayd and Kassandra Cloos, Executive Editors

Senior surprises Kopper Top director with large endowment to benefit therapeutic riding center

Caitlin O'Donnell
News Editor

Senior Jana Murdock loves surprising people. So when she had the chance to shock the director of a local nonprofit she's worked at throughout her time at Elon, she jumped at the chance.

On May 7, Murdock presented an endowment worth about \$10,800 to Deborah Meridith, executive director of Kopper Top Life Learning Center, a therapeutic horseback riding center in Liberty.

Murdock's original plan was to send letters to people she knew as well as local businesses, asking for matched donations toward what she was saving. In 2010, she was awarded the Iris Holt McEwen Community Service Award, which provided Murdock with a total of \$4,000 to be split evenly between tuition and a charity of her choice.

She then began revamping her letters and working with the Kernodle Center for Service Learning and Community Engagement to meet her goal of \$10,000.

"Deb didn't know, but everyone else around her knew and was helping," Murdock said.

Murdock surprised Meredith at Kopper Top's annual Derby Day festivities, where Murdock presented her with the endowment.

"It meant a lot and it was an awesome surprise," Meredith said.

The interest on the endowment will most likely be used to care for the animals, she said. According to Murdock, the endowment will ideally increase the willingness of people to donate by offering a concrete fund and specific use of money.

Murdock has volunteered at Kopper Top since her freshman year when she became involved as part of a Service Learning course. She continued the following year, in an effort to "break free of the Elon bubble" and was eventually encouraged to apply to



MERISSA BLITZ | Staff Photographer
Lauren Jubelt pets Honey, a Spitz mix with Micah, the black cat next to her. Murdock said she hoped students were reminded that there is more to life than exams

represent Kopper Top as Elon's Leader in Collaborative Service (LINCS).

"It is so rewarding and it is wonderful to see clients and how they benefit," she said.

She remembers an experience with a particular rider named Jeff, a quadriplegic with traumatic brain injury. As he took lessons at Kopper Top, Murdock was able to witness his first steps and formation of words.

"You see, lesson to lesson, the progress," she said. "It's so rewarding because I'm helping make a life better."

Murdock also counts her experiences

with other staff and volunteers as influential during her time at Kopper Top.

"Deb is a good friend, not just a boss," she said. "The volunteers are family and a strong support system."

For students interested in becoming involved in their local community, Murdock said a big commitment, such as raising \$10,000, is not always necessary.

"If you're committed to doing it, you can find ways to do it," she said.

Kopper Top was established in



MERISSA BLITZ | Staff Photographer
Knee-High, a miniature horse, stands next to a seated student. On May 11, Kopper Top brought animals to campus for a 'destress session' for students before finals.

1990 by Meredith and was named after one of the original therapy horses, Kopper. It serves five to 10 clients on a weekly basis as well as residents of assisted living facilities.

On May 11, Reading Day, Kopper Top brought several animals to Elon's campus to help students destress. Among the visitors were a chicken, a goat, a miniature horse, a rabbit and several dogs and cats.

Commencement 2011 questions

Q: Where are the bathrooms?

Restrooms are available in campus buildings. The closest buildings are McEwen Communications, McEwen Dining, Alamance and Long

Q: Where do the different graduates sit?

B.A.: They will sit on the audience's left, near the McEwen Dining building, and a portion will sit in the front row on the audience's right, near Whitley Auditorium.

B.F.A.: They will sit on the audience's right near Whitley Auditorium.

B.S.: They will sit on the audience's right near Whitley Auditorium.

Q: Can I order a DVD or VHS of graduation?

Elon Television Services will film the Commencement ceremony and activities. Baccalaureate, Undergraduate Commencement, Black Excellence Awards, Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi will be available on DVD for purchase at \$20 each. For graduate students, a video of DPT Commencement, MBA Commencement, and School of Law Commencement will also be available for purchase. The price includes shipping. Order forms are available on E-Net.

Q: Are professional photos available?

Yes, a professional photographer will take photos of students as they receive their diplomas. The proofs will be sent to each graduate's home address within two weeks.

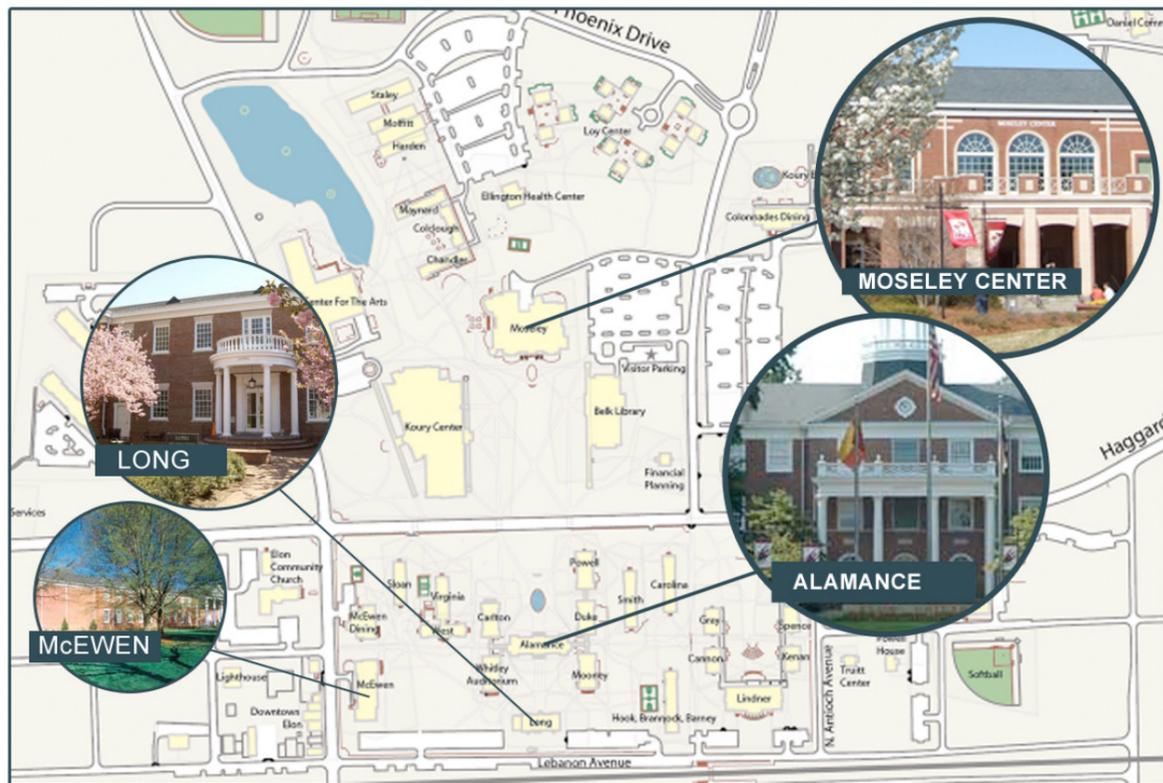
Q: Can I take photos?

Yes, the letter of the last name of the graduates currently on stage will be held up in the photo area to the right of the stage. When the graduate's letter is held up, the photographer can enter the photo area to the right of the stage.

Q: Where is the first aid station?

It's beneath the tent between Whitley Auditorium and the parking lot.

FINDING THE BATHROOMS



SARAH BETH COSTELLO | Graphics Editor

Q: Is there a special needs section?

Special seating is provided for those with special needs. Burlington Medical Equipment, Williams Medical Equipment sales and Rentals and Clover's Medical Supply will provide wheelchair rentals for Commencement. Call ahead to ensure availability.

Q: Where do I meet my graduate after the ceremony?

Meet your graduate after the ceremony at the predetermined location for his or her respective major field of study. Maps are available on E-Net and were in letters sent to parents and students. Signs will also be present to help direct guests to the correct location.

- Elon College, The College of Arts and Sciences graduates and families - Front of Lindner Hall

(Rain location: Lindner Foyer)

- Love School of Business graduates and families - Chandler Fountain and Plaza
(Rain location: Koury Business Center, first floor)

- School of Communications graduates and families - Manfuso Plaza
(Rain location: McEwen Communications Building, Studio B)

- School of Education graduates and families - Front Porch of Mooney Building
(Rain location: Mooney 111)

Q: Where is the Campus Safety and Police communications center?

It will be located in the tent with first aid between Whitley Auditorium and the parking lot.

Q: Where is the lost and found?

During the ceremony, lost items should be taken to the information table at the back of the graduation site. After the ceremony, lost and found items will be in the Campus Safety and Police office in the Oaks apartments.

Q: Where can I find water during the ceremony?

Water stations are located behind the Under the Oaks seating.

Q: What if it rains?

In the event of rain, the ceremony will be located in Koury Center. Students will receive two graduation tickets. The ceremony will also appear on satellite TVs throughout campus.

Tradition uncovered: The Elon oak sapling

Sam Calvert
Reporter

In 1991 Furman Moseley, Elon University alumnus and tree farmer in California, spoke at commencement. Along with his speech, he brought a gift that would live on in Elon history forever — tree saplings for the graduates to take with them as they scattered across the country and the globe.

"Each graduate got a redwood sapling," said George Troxler, the director of cultural programs at the time. "It was the same idea as now — of spreading Elon — but it just wasn't using an oak sapling."

The very next year, the tradition of the oak sapling began, with a switch in tree type. The graduates now receive nuttall oak saplings, a species of oak chosen specifically for its characteristics.

"They are one of the most hardy and the most adaptable oaks," said Tom Flood, the superintendent of landscaping and grounds. "These trees get taken all over the country."

While the oaks are hardy, they do not all end as grown trees. Sometimes, the saplings do not make it past youth.

Landscaping hears all kinds of reasons for dead saplings, including "My dog ate my tree," Flood said.

For that very reason, he said Elon takes the left over saplings and plants them in 1-gallon pots to grow as replacements. That way, when alumni call about a dead oak, he can send them a new one.

"A really common reason is because they didn't have any place to plant it when they got out of college, but now, four or five years later, they have a house and want an oak," Flood said. "It happens all year long, so we always have extras."

Sometimes, everything doesn't go smoothly in getting the trees.

Two years ago, the heat caused problems in shipping the saplings.

Flood said they were in poor condition when they arrived at Elon. He had to have them reshipped twice.

The final shipment arrived one day before commencement.

But while sometimes the preparation comes down to the wire, the saplings are always present come commencement time.

Originally published May 22, 2010

A look at the journey of the Elon oak sapling:

Step 1: Finding a Vendor

This year, the vendor was in Oklahoma. "It all depends on where I can get the largest quantity," Flood said.

Step 2: Shipping, Round One

The oaks are then shipped to a nursery in Virginia. There, the plants are put in plastic bags to keep the roots moist, and Flood travels to check on the saplings. "We have to locate the saplings, make sure they get here in good shape and are the right size plants," Flood said.

Step 3: Shipping, Round Two

Two days before commencement, the oaks are brought to North Carolina for preparation for the ceremony. "I personally go up and pick them up," Flood said.

Step 4: Preparation

On Friday afternoon, the landscaping team adds the tags to the plants, which are provided by the Alumni Association. "The information on the tags has information about the Alumni Association, as well as information about the plant and how to care for the tree," Flood said.

Step 5: Set up

Saturday morning, the team sets up the plants for commencement. "We bring them all out to the plaza area in front of Powell for the graduates to pick up," Flood said.

Elon recognizes graduate students' success, opportunities at commencement ceremony

Melissa Kansky
Assistant News Editor

Elon University honors the second iMedia graduating class and 25th Masters of Business Administration class of graduate students at the commencement ceremonies May 19 and May 20, respectively.

While the majority of MBA students are already working for companies, the commencement ceremony still signifies the beginning of new opportunities, said Judy Dulberg, MBA program coordinator.

"This is a celebration of an achieved goal and sacrificing on their part," she said. "They look forward to new opportunities that open up in the job market or new opportunities within their own companies."

The iMedia program also provided individuals who had already worked in the industry with new skills and experiences.

"I actually left my job to come here,

so for me it was a bit of a cultural shock going from the working world to being back in school, but I hardly recognize who I was back in July before all of this," said Caitlin Smith, an iMedia student.

The graduation ceremony for both schools will consist of the confirming of the degrees, the hooding ceremony and an address from a student speaker that the graduating students nominate to represent them.

"The students pretty much go with people that have turned out to be their natural leaders and the leaders in the classroom," said David Copeland, director of the iMedia program.

Martin Blevins is the student speaker for the MBA commencement ceremony, and Smith will give the student address on behalf of the iMedia graduating class.

"Something I will want to say, and it's something we all learned, is that it's okay to fail," Smith said. "We have all broken our code, done terribly on a project or have gotten very, very stuck and had to

find our way out of it. To really innovate, you have to fail at things first."

While the student speakers frequently reflect on their experience in the program, the ceremony also includes a guest speaker to serve as a role model and offer career advice for the graduates, Dulberg said.

Eric Wiseman, chairman, president and CEO for the VF Corporation will deliver the main address at the MBA commencement ceremony, and Michael Radutzky, senior producer for 60 Minutes, will speak at the iMedia graduation.

The biggest differences between the graduate and undergraduate ceremony are size and intimacy, according to Burpitt.

"Everyone within that group knows one another," he said of the MBA students. "They have all been taking classes with one another. They have been in group projects with one another, so they are really a tight intimate group, and so I think that makes it special in

a way."

The iMedia program will graduate 32 students and the MBA program has 38 students graduating.

"Problem solving together makes you a much tighter knit group than a casual group of friends," Smith said. "We all learn from each other because we all bring different talents and skills to the table."

Elon Law Commencement

A little less than 100 students are scheduled to graduate from Elon's Law School 3 p.m. May 23 at the Carolina Theatre in downtown Greensboro.

North Carolina Sen. Richard Burr will deliver the Commencement address. North Carolina Sen. Kay Hagan spoke during the Commencement ceremony in 2010.

LETTER FROM SGA EXECUTIVE PRESIDENT

Members of the Class of 2011:

"Long live Elon," is a phrase each member of the Class of 2011 shouted at Convocation a little over three years ago.

As you sat under the shade of the oak tree filled with anxiety and excitement, you awaited the changes that were about to happen in your lives. Soon you will return to that familiar place—the shade of the oak trees—filled with many of the same emotions. Once again, you will shout, "Long live Elon," only this time, it will have a different meaning. Three years ago, you never knew how Elon would forever change your life, but now you are filled with memories that will live with you long after you leave this place.

Take time to appreciate your time at Elon University and the people that you shared this journey with. Reflect back on the opportunities you were given. Make sure you let those who have been

there with you know how much they mean. Keep in touch with those who mean a lot to you.

Remember, that even when you're no longer here, you will live forever within those whose lives you touched on this campus. Elon will live forever in you.

Celebrate the start of a new chapter in your life and remember that it is just as unfamiliar as your first day of college. Just as you all have succeeded through college, you will succeed in life. Be confident in the knowledge that Elon University instilled in you and don't settle for anything less than your dreams.

I wish you all the best of luck and congratulations on the start of your new journey.

Sincerely,
Sam Warren



HEATHER CASSANO | Photo Editor
Sam Warren, SGA executive president, writes seniors to remember and cherish their time at Elon University and celebrate this new chapter of life.



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Then & Now

Four years ago, when the Class of 2011 stepped onto Elon's campus in August 2007, the world was a very different place. Here's a look at some things that have changed during their time at Elon.

August 2007

May 2011

Billboard Hot 100 No. 1 Song

Sean Kingston's "Beautiful Girls"

Adele's "Rolling in the Deep"

No. 1 Movie at the Box Office

"Superbad"

"Thor"

Harry Potter Movies

Fifth one released in July

Eighth and final about to be released in July

Number of Facebook Users

About 30 million

More than 500 million

In the White House

President George W. Bush in his seventh year

President Barack Obama in his third year

World Population

6.62 billion people

6.78 billion

U.S. Unemployment Rate

4.6 percent

8.7 percent

Best-selling mobile phone

Motorola RAZR

iPhone 4

Words added to the Dictionary

"Bollywood," "sudoku," "smackdown"

"OMG," "LOL," "party-crasher"

Video games released

"Halo 3," "BioShock," "Rock Band," "Portal"

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Sexiest Man and Most Beautiful Woman

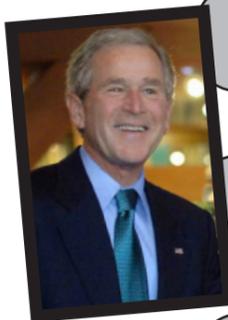
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Oscar's Best Picture

"No Country for Old Men"

"The King's Speech"



The *craft*, **color**, **co\$t** and custom of graduation at Elon

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Craft:

The Gown: For the bachelor's degree gown the sleeves must be pointed, while the gown for the master's degree has oblong shaped sleeves meant to be worn open. The gown for the doctorate degree has bell-shaped sleeves.

The bachelor and master's degree gowns are untrimmed. The doctorate's degree gown has three velvet bars across the front in the color representative of the graduate's field of study.



The Hood: Black and made of the same material as the gown. The length of the hood shows the degree obtained by the graduate: three feet long for bachelor's degree, 3 and 1/2 feet long for a master's degree and 4 feet for a doctorate's degree. The hood is lined with velvet in the university colors, while the edges are the color of the respective major.

The hood is trimmed in velvet, 2 inches, 3 inches and 5 inches wide for the bachelor's, master's and doctorate's degrees respectively. If a person holds more than one degree they should only wear one hood.

The Cap: Made of cotton poplin, rayon or silk. But the caps for doctorate's degrees are made of velvet. The tassel is usually black or the color of the respective field of study. An exception is the doctorate's cap, which may be gold.

There are a few exceptions to the rules. The chief marshal may wear a specially designed gown approved by the institution. Any person who graduated from a foreign university may wear its respective gown. Any religious or military figure may also wear their respected uniforms instead of their academic gown.



Color:

Agriculture - Maize

Arts, Letters, Humanities - White

Commerce, Accountancy, Business - Drab

Dentistry - Lilac

Economics - Copper

Engineering - Orange

Fine Arts, Architecture - Brown

Forestry - Russet

Journalism - Crimson

Law - Purple

Library Science - Lemon

Medicine - Green

Music - Pink

Nursing - Apricot

Oratory - Silver Gray

Pharmacy - Olive Green

Philosophy - Dark Blue

Physical Education - Dark Blue

Public Administration, including Foreign Service - Peacock Blue

Public Health - Salmon Pink

Science - Golden Yellow

Social Work - Citron

Theology - Scarlet

Veterinary Science - Gray

Select color history:

Green was chosen for medicine because of healing herbs and the close color association made olive green an evident choice for pharmacy. Red was a traditional color for the church thus red was assigned to theology. And golden yellow represented the wealth science has brought and was therefore assigned to the sciences.

Cost:

Seniors' Graduation Fee (includes cost of diploma, cap and gown, senior gala and senior picnic) : \$70
Cost of diploma frame: \$150
Cost per chord: \$14

Custom:

The first academic gowns can be traced to the 12th and 13th centuries. The typical dress of a scholar was similar to the religious figures of the day and many gowns and hoods were long to keep professors warm in the unheated universities. The first universities to designate dress codes were Oxford and Cambridge but standardization in America would not come until much later.

In 1887, Gardner Cotrell Leonard designed gowns for Williams College and became fixated on the subject of academic dress code. He was asked to lead a commission to determine a set system of academic dress. The system determined the cut, color and material of the gowns.

A formalized committee authorized by the American Council on Education was issued in 1932 and redrafted in 1959 when several changes were made to the gowns. The last change was in 1986 when the committee clarified the use of dark blue for the Doctorate of Philosophy degree.

Elon University has two special academic dress customs. One is the Elon Medallion worn by President Leo Lambert. The medallion was a present, given in 1969. The 1969 senior class raised \$700 to buy the medallion that is made of gold and surrounded by rubies. The medallion's chain is a sequence of maroon and gold squares with the letters "E" and "C" inscribed on each square. The "E" and "C" stands for Elon College.

The other Elon tradition is the Mace. E.M. Martin gave the Mace as a gift in 1989. The seal is perched atop a silver replica of the brick colonnades located outside of Alamance. The seal has Elon's motto "Numen Lumen" written across it. The mace is carried by a different senior staff member chosen based on years of service at the university and is usually carried three times a year.



Right: The theater department performed Sophocles' "Ajax" as the spring show on the weekend of Apr. 15, 2011. The play was written around 5 B.C. but it was performed by the students with a modern twist.

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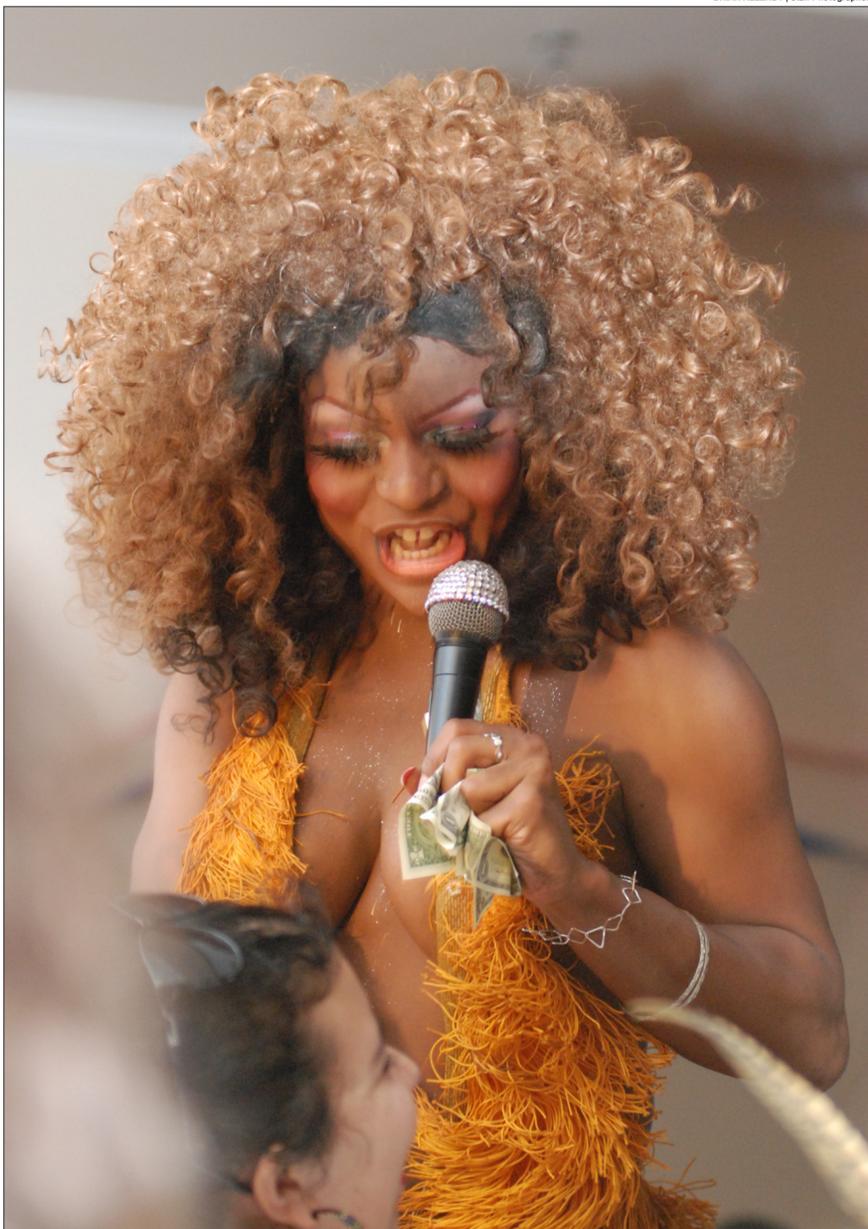
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Left: Brian Williams reacts to hearing David Levin's, a panelist at spring convocation and co-founder of the Knowledge is Power Program, story of meeting his wife on the Internet. Williams, managing editor and anchor of NBC Nightly News, led a panel discussion of the national challenges facing society during spring convocation on Apr. 7, 2011. Those on the panel included David Gergen, David Walker, Shirley Ann Jackson, Eboo Patel and Levin.

Below: Students observed Shabbat with members of Hillel during the annual Hanukkah Party on Dec. 10, 2010.



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Above: The third annual drag show sponsored by SPECTRUM was held on Apr. 16, 2011. Many of the audience members who attended the drag show were allies of the LGBTQ community.

Above right: Students celebrated the death of Osama Bin Laden minutes after it was announced by President Barack Obama. Hundreds of students marched down Haggard Avenue, waving flags and cheering, after hearing the news.

Right: Boston rapper Sam Adams was the headlining artist for the first-ever Elon University homecoming concert. Photo by Brian Allenby.



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Left: Repeated snowstorms left Elon, as well as much of North Carolina, blanketed in white. This photograph was taken during the Winter Term snowfall when many students went outside to play.

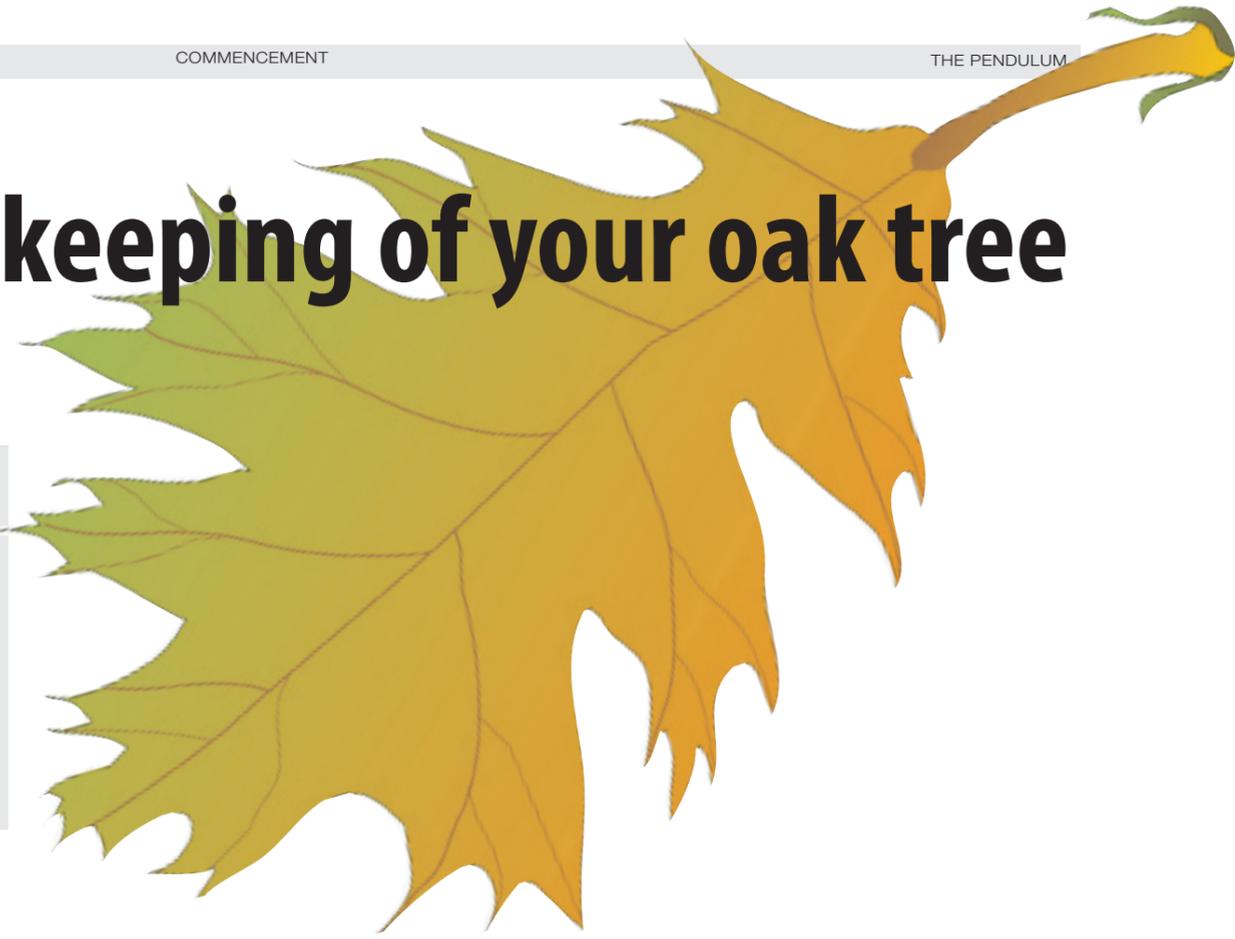
Above: Comedian Bo Burnham entertained the student body with original songs and jokes in Alumni Gym on Sept. 20, 2010. Burnham first rose to stardom through catchy internet videos.

THE YEAR IN PHOTOS

The care and keeping of your oak tree

How to plant your oak sapling

- Make sure there is plenty of sunlight, but not direct light
- Check overhead for other trees, power lines or overhangs – your tree will eventually grow very large
- Try to keep a 30-foot radius around your tree free of other large plants
- Avoid weedy areas
- Keep your tree watered regularly, once a week for hot climates and once every week and a half for cooler climates
- You can use fertilizer, but remember to be sparing as it can disrupt the water system



Lauren Ramsdell
Arts and Entertainment Editor

The tradition of giving an oak sapling to a graduating Elon University senior started in 1991. The first trees were redwoods, brought by commencement speaker and alumnus Furman Moseley, a California tree farmer. The following year, the oak trees were brought in.

The trees mark a cycle that begins freshman year, when new students are given acorns at New Student Convocation. The sapling represents the growth the student has undergone in four years and that they will always take Elon with them.

It's hard to know what to do with a tree when you live in an apartment right out of college. Here are a few tips for what to do with your sapling.

1. Plant it in a public park.

Before you move away from home, go to one of your favorite childhood parks or lakes and find a nice spot for your tree. Is there a park where you took prom pictures or discovered photography? Plant the tree there. You run the risk, of course, of park maintenance coming along and killing your tree. But if it survives, you have a permanent reminder of where you came from and where you'll be going.

2. Plant it in your parents' backyard.

If your parents don't plan on moving after you graduate or in the near future, spend time with them over the summer planting your tree. It will be a nice reminder that the education they paid for worked out for you. Also, every time you visit home

your tree will have grown in a much more visible way than if you kept it by your side every day.

3. Keep it as a house plant.

Not many people can say they have a hardwood tree as a houseplant. As long as you have a pot big enough for the tree to grow in, the tree should be fine for a few years before you get to a permanent residence. Many alumni have lamented the death of their saplings before they had a chance to plant them in a permanent space.

Your tree will remain alive and well as long as you give it plenty of space to grow, sunlight and water. A five-gallon pot purchased at a home and garden store will give it plenty of space. Line the bottom with pebbles for drainage and gently remove your tree from its original wrapping. Take extra care

not to damage the roots, because then your tree will die.

After placing the tree in its new home, fill around the edges with loose potting soil and keep your tree outside or near a large window. Make sure to water extensively weekly if you live in a hot or dry climate. If you keep your plant inside or live in a cooler climate, water once every week and a half.

If you find you have a black thumb and can't keep your tree alive, call Elon's landscaping department and you will be provided with a replacement.

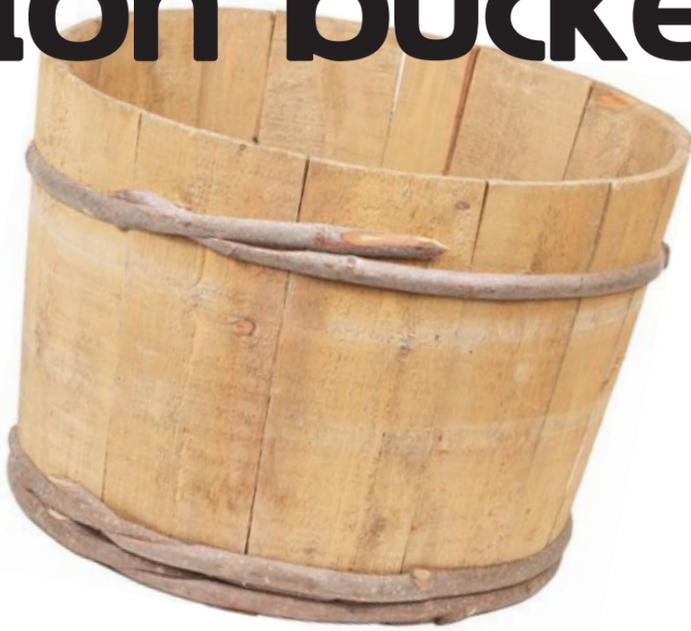
Once you have established a home for your sapling, continue to make it feel loved. You can name it or decorate it for the holidays. Give it a sparkler to hold on July 4 or document its growth throughout the years. Regardless of what you do with your tree, it will always be a reminder of your time at Elon, under the oaks.

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elon bucket list



With graduation festivities it is a good time to reflect on the last four years at Elon. This is a list of several Elon moments all students should do. How many of these events can you check off your Elon bucket list?

Edith Veremu
Copy Editor

GO ON AN ALTERNATIVE BREAK TRIP

Join Elon Volunteers! in Jamaica, the Gulf Coast or Honduras where you'll help a community rebuild after a disaster or teach schoolchildren how to read.

STEAL A BRICK

Rumor has it that they replace missing bricks within the hour. Find out if this is true and get a great memento of your college experience. After all, if you're going to remember anything about Elon it might as well be the bricks.

HAVE A FEW CONVERSATIONS WITH DR. DANIELEY

He's one of Elon's greatest treasures and a great historian. Don't leave Elon without talking to him.

STUDY IN THE INMAN READING ROOM.

Affectionately nicknamed the "Harry Potter reading room," this space in Lindner is perfect for studying or relaxing. You'll feel like you're in the Hogwarts library.

SURVIVAL BINGO

This is one of the best midnight meals at which students get free food, can win lots of dorm necessities and partake in Bingo sayings like B4 ... AND AFTER!

PARTICIPATE IN THE TURKEY TROT. OR WATCH IT.

This annual run/walk is an opportunity for you and your friends to not only do service but you also get to run alongside a turkey. Where else can you get that chance?

EAT AT SKID'S RESTAURANT

Skid's is only a few seconds away from campus and the food is enjoyable and affordable. Also, the staff is friendly.

HOP ON THE BIOBUS

It doesn't matter where you're going. Waiting for the bus to return is the thrill of it. You'll either curse the bus for being late or get angry at yourself for walking to slow and not being able to catch it by a millisecond.

LATE WAL-MART RUNS

Face it, Walmart's stranger and more fun late at night. Grab friends and go on an adventure.

TRY ALL THE FROZEN YOGURT

There are now many different locations to get frozen yogurt around Elon's campus. Which do you prefer—YoZone, Local Yogurt or Moonberries?

FESTIVUS

An Elon tradition that involves a roasted pig, many students and culminates in a giant mud battle.

BEFRIEND A SQUIRREL

With so many on these critters on campus, it's difficult not to have a squirrel you enjoy watching playing or running away.



JUMP IN THE FOUNTAINS

We've all heard that the fountains cost Elon several millions and you're fined \$75 per limb that touches the water. Go ahead and jump in.

ALL PHOTOS ARE FILE PHOTOS



LUMINARIES

Campus lights up around the Holiday season and the festival to kick it all off is a time-honored Elon tradition with a choral performance, hot chocolate and train rides around campus.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SPEECHES IN MCCRARY OR KOBC

Go to one, two or even three speeches while you still have the chance to. Plus, they're free with your Phoenix card. By the time you're in the real world, you'll be paying hundreds to see the same speakers.

LEO'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

A fun and classy holiday dinner with one of Elon's most revered figures.

MOVIE ON THE LAWN

It's cold, wet, uncomfortable and a great way to squeeze up next to all your friends. Just bring a blanket or several.

WATCH A MOVIE IN THE MCEWEN SCREENING ROOM

Yes, Elon has a screening room. It's like having a theater to yourself and your friends.

COLLEGE COFFEE

College Coffee means free food and chatting up friends, faculty and staff. There are no classes during that time so might as well take advantage of it.

STAY AT ELON DURING A BREAK

What would you do on campus if you had five days totally unsupervised? Stick around over Fall Break with the other dedicated Elon students and see what you miss during school hours.

ALL-NIGHTER IN CLUB BELK

Get to know the night librarian. Go on a Cook-Out run with classmates. Take a nap on one of the incredibly comfortable couches in the back. And, of course, work on that project due at 8 a.m.

TAKE A TRIP OUTSIDE THE BUBBLE

Downtown Burlington has a really nice park next to the train station. Stop by Zack's Hot Dogs for lunch and then hang out in the city some people never see.

TALK TO SMITH JACKSON

He's more than a man with two last names and he knows pretty much everything about Elon. If you can find him, strike up a conversation. You might learn something.



SEE A PLAY ON CAMPUS

Elon's performing arts department is phenomenal and you should see at least one performance before graduating.



JULIA SAYERS | Staff Photographer

Senior Joanna Patterson let students borrow her apparel as part of her senior art thesis. The thesis explored what consumerism means. Patterson's parents are artists, who encouraged her to explore her creative side.

Art major wants to change the world through creativity

Kate Riley
Copy Intern

She has been making crafts since she was four years old. When she was in fifth grade, she was granted an independent study by her art teacher and made place settings modeled after van Gogh's 'Starry Night.' With a potter for a mother and a painter for a father, her passion for art was recognized and appreciated from such a young age, helping to mold the person she has become today.

Senior Joanna Patterson is an artist.

"I finally realized that art was the thing that I loved," she said. "I decided to take a risk and do something deemed 'impractical.' My life would be less full if I didn't."

The graduating senior's love for art was what drove her to be a part of Elon's first class of four students graduating with Bachelors in the Fine Arts. Patterson described the program as having a higher rigor in art academics, but she was prepared.

"I had already taken many classes in art because I was really thirsty for it," she said.

But studying in the classroom was not enough for Patterson. One of the main reasons she decided to come to Elon, she said, was because of how accessible the university makes study abroad opportunities.

In her years at Elon, Patterson studied abroad three times - her freshman year she spent Winter Term in London, her sophomore year she spent Winter Term in India and the spring of her junior year, she spent a semester in Ghana.

"Most of the things that I've chosen to do at Elon have influenced my education in art in some way," Patterson said. "Ghana affected how I view human rights issues, and my final project in art was inspired by what I saw in Ghana. I knew about human rights issues before going, but it became much more real on a visceral level. I knew if I walked away from it, I would be walking away from so many other injustices that I have witnessed before."

In her senior thesis capstone project, Common Goods, Patterson loaned out items she owned. In return, she asked people to respond in some way, usually sitting down with the borrower to

discuss his or her experience with the item.

"The point of the project was to question conventional notions surrounding the idea of ownership," Patterson said. "It was a smaller gateway into bigger problems, like the ones that I saw in Ghana. And it's not as simple as a return - it's more of a redirect. Some people may have enjoyed an item more than I ever did and in this way, maybe I really didn't own it in the first place."

Patterson is graduating this year. Even before walking across the graduation stage, Patterson walked down the aisle May 15, beginning her new life after college with a husband by her side.

She said that she is grateful that she has found someone that she can enter into the post-collegiate world with. They both "artsy people" as she described and love adventure, one adventure being applying to work in Thailand directly out of college.

The entire trip was planned for the both of them, until it fell through at the last minute.

"It was unfortunate that it didn't work out, but we aren't letting it stop us," Patterson said. "We applied to teach in Korea and are also looking for potential non-profit jobs."

Some non-profit jobs that Patterson is interested in are, of course, in the area of the arts. She said her time at Elon has helped her realize she would like to serve as an advocate for the arts.

"I realized how much more useful and important it was in the world as I grew older," Patterson said. "I think that art and practitioners of art can do amazing things."

Patterson said she believes that art has the power to do much more than just "look pretty." This belief was demonstrated through her senior project, as she took something different from it than many other art enthusiasts might have.

"It's not important that people relate to it as art," she said. "It's important that people can relate to it at all."

This is her goal - to advocate for art in many realms, whether through teaching or through social justice, so it can relate to the masses. It was this type of thinking, and the help of religion professor Rebecca Todd Peters, that pushed her to develop a

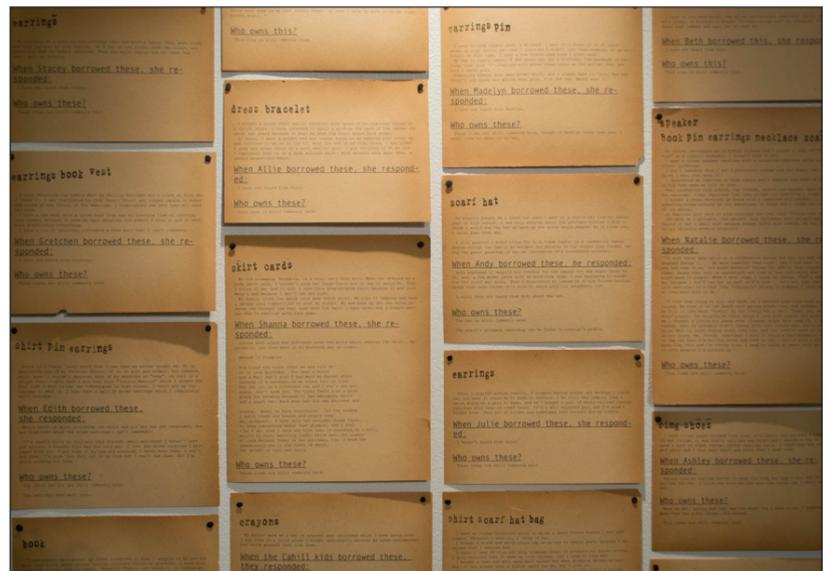


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The installation of Patterson's thesis featured notecards with the stories of those who borrowed her items.



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Patterson displayed the items that were borrowed along with the stories that accompanied them.

senior project that was different, but relatable.

"I would love to give back and teach art at almost any level that I can imagine, in any setting," she said.

Patterson's passion for the advocating of the arts is something she strongly believes in and has been working toward, and wants to continue wherever the future takes her.

As a senior, Patterson has found her stake in the Elon community and in the art community alike. She has pushed through years of essays, tests, quizzes and final projects that have allowed her to define who she is as a person, and as an artist.

Because Patterson has, in a way, done it all, she wishes a few words of advice to the younger classes at Elon.

"You have a lot more time than you think you do," she said confidently, "because suddenly, I was planning a wedding, potentially moving out of the country and graduating all within a three-week period. But at the same time, I got all the sleep that I needed, and still maintained my grades. If someone had told me that, I would have never believed it. You have time. And if there is something that you want to do, even if it scares you, do it. Do it, and everything else will fall into place."

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Senior spotlight: Sean Jeffcoat

Jack Rodenfels
Sports Editor

While many seniors have been worried about sending out resumes and visiting the career center, one Elon senior has been going through a process of a different sort.

Senior wide receiver Sean Jeffcoat's name wasn't called during the NFL Draft April 28-30, leaving him to try and make an NFL roster as a free agent.

"It's a waiting game," Jeffcoat said. "You get a call from a team and fly out somewhere for a visit, so you can work with the different franchises."

But that's not the only challenge facing the Fayetteville native.

For now, Jeffcoat's future is on hold because of the NFL lockout, limiting players' access to facilities, practice time and to coaches and team officials.

Because the NFL dispute is currently held up in the Eight Circuit Court of Appeals, it is unknown what the future holds for Jeffcoat, as well as current NFL players attempting to play in the 2011 season.

"I have to continue training and do my best to stay in shape," Jeffcoat said. "You never know when you are going to get a call from someone to come out and showcase your skills."

While Jeffcoat has been in the Elon football system for four years, his breakout season didn't come until his senior year.

After only amassing 801 yards and four touchdowns in his first three seasons, Jeffcoat exploded onto the scene in his final year, snaring 72 balls for 1,025 yards and seven touchdowns.

In his senior season, Jeffcoat was a main option for senior quarterback Scott Riddle, who threw for more than 3,000 yards and 28 touchdowns in his final campaign. The three years previous, Jeffcoat was a secondary target, in large part because of working behind Terrell Hudgins, who broke Jerry Rice's NCAA record for receptions and receiving yards in his four years playing for the Phoenix.

"It was great to get so many looks this past season," Jeffcoat said. "With the help of my teammates, we were able to have a successful season offensively."

Following his senior year, Jeffcoat was elected to the FCS Senior Scout Bowl, where he returned a kickoff for a touchdown.

Since that game, Jeffcoat has spent six weeks training with the only quarterback he has ever known in the college ranks — Riddle.

Jeffcoat, along with Riddle, participated in North Carolina State University's Pro Day March 23, where Riddle was able to throw to Jeffcoat, both showcasing their talent in front of NFL scouts.

During the pro day, Jeffcoat clocked a high



FILE PHOTO BY COREY GROOM | Staff Photographer
Senior wide receiver Sean Jeffcoat caught 72 passes for 1,025 yards in his final season at Elon — 226 more yards than his previous three seasons combined.

4.54-second 40-yard dash time on grass, while his 40-yard dash time on a track measures in the high 4.4-second range.

At 6-foot-2-inches and 200 pounds, Jeffcoat's size is a strength for him, as he can leap over smaller cornerbacks. Additionally, Jeffcoat has been clocked with a 36-inch vertical jump, which makes him a favorable target for quarterbacks.

"I never knew that my size was such a factor," Jeffcoat said. "I'm going to do my best to improve my speed and work on my

jumping abilities, which are strengths for me."

The skills that Jeffcoat said needed improvement include flexibility in his ankles and hips to make sharp turns in the open field, as well as overall conditioning.

While Jeffcoat said he isn't sure exactly what his future holds, he has been embracing the present and working hard to get an opportunity.

"It's all about being patient," Jeffcoat said. "I need to keep conditioning and put my best foot forward for my future."

Softball senior reminisces about time on mound

Edith Veremu
Copy Editor

Graduation is bittersweet for many members of the senior class, and it's no different for softball pitcher Lauren Taylor.

The business administration major from Wilmington transferred to Elon from North Carolina State University after her freshman year and joined the Elon softball team sophomore year. The following season, she helped the team capture 38 wins and a Southern Conference title in the 2010 season.

Taylor has been playing softball since middle school, and she said she simply loves being fit and lively.

"I played soccer and basketball, keeping active when I was younger," Taylor said.

During her time at Elon, the pitcher played the outfielder position her sophomore year, earning a 4.61 ERA and the pitcher position her junior and senior years.

Taylor is just one of the six seniors on the team, but her speed and competitive spirit have been assets to the team, head coach Patti Raduenz said.

"We were interested in her straight out of high school," Raduenz said. "She's a competitor, that kid who loves being the one to make a difference. That really caught my eye. She has good speed and she has the movement. She's a true competitor. She did a phenomenal job in high school."

Taylor enjoyed her time with the team, and she said she'll miss its dynamic and the fun the members have with each other.

"We like to have fun and win," she said. "It's just a big family. We have fun playing."

Raduenz agreed, saying its members appreciate each other for who they are.



FILE PHOTO
Senior Lauren Taylor switched to pitcher her junior year at Elon, playing outfield her first season with the Phoenix.

"We look for the players who love being a part of a team, and that's what makes Elon's team special," she said.

Despite not making it to the SoCon championship game this year after a 6-5 loss to Appalachian State University in Statesboro, Ga., the head coach said she still sees the success of the season.

"We came into the season with high hopes of repeating what we accomplished last year, and that's the goal we have each year,"

Raduenz said. "I'm proud of them. Thirty wins in a season, that's a big accomplishment."

Taylor also said she foresees another positive season for the team after the senior members graduate.

"The team still has a pitcher and a lot of talent," she said. "They're going to have many successful seasons."

Taylor's plans after graduation still remain uncertain, she said. She hopes to either get a job in Raleigh or get a teaching license.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Men's tennis player awarded for sportsmanship

The Intercollegiate Tennis Association honored Elon men's tennis player Alberto Rojas with the Carolina Region Arthur Ashe Leadership and Sportsmanship Award, his second sportsmanship award of the season. He was one of 12 Division I regional winners, and his name will go on the ballot for the national award chosen this summer.

Rojas also received the Southern Conference Don Bunch/Buddy Hartsell Sportsmanship Award at the end of the regular season in April.

Softball eliminated from SoCon tournament

After a 7-5 win against the College of Charleston in the first round, the Elon softball team fell May 12 to top-seeded University of Tennessee Chattanooga 7-1 in the 2011 Southern Conference tournament. The following day, the Phoenix was ousted from the consolation bracket with a 6-5 loss to Appalachian State University in the consolation bracket.

The team finished the season with a 30-24 record overall and a 12-12 record in the SoCon but were unable to defend its SoCon title from last season.

N.C. Sports Hall of Fame inducts former Elon coaches

Former Elon coaches Tom Parham and Jerry Tolley were two of seven inducted into the North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame May 12. They are two of four Elon coaches in the Hall of Fame.

Parham led the Elon men's tennis team from 1986 to 2004 and the women's team from 2001-2004, winning one NAIA Division I national title and 11 consecutive conference titles.

Tolley coached the football team, first as a defensive coordinator, then as assistant head coach and finally as head coach, from 1967 to 1981. During his time as head coach, he compiled a 49-11-2 overall record, four South Atlantic Conference championships and three district titles.

Phoenix Field Day brings athletes and local youth together

More than 138 Elon student athletes took part in the fourth annual Phoenix Field Day, hosted by the Elon Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, earlier this month. The event was planned by senior football player and SAAC president Khirey Walker.

Thirty youth from the Burlington area participated in the affair on campus.

Summer hours for Campus Rec to begin after graduation

Hours of operation for Campus Recreation during the summer of 2011 will begin Monday. The fitness center, Jordan Gym and the racquetball courts will be open from 6:30 to 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Beck pool will be open noon to 2 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m. Monday to Friday and 3 to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

South Campus facilities and the driving range will be open from 3 to 7 p.m. Monday to Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Hours for the fitness center are subject to change because of construction throughout the summer, so E-Net and the Campus Rec home pages will post changes to the schedule.



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Elon Athletics' top-10: The 2010-2011 season

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1. Women's volleyball wins SoCon North title

The women's volleyball team won six of seven matches down the stretch to capture the team's first-ever Southern Conference regular season title. In the clinching matches, the Phoenix defeated Appalachian State University and Western Carolina University, both in 3-0 matches. Senior middle blocker Sarah Schermerhorn led the Phoenix with 11 kills and nine blocks against the Mountaineers Nov. 13, 2010, while it was a team effort against the Catamounts Nov. 14, 2010, with the Phoenix winning 25-13, 25-16 and 25-20. The Phoenix ended its season with a 20-13 record, and an 11-5 record in the SoCon.

2. Women's basketball secures 20 wins, makes WBI tournament

Predicted to finish eight in the SoCon at the year's inception, the Elon women's basketball team surpassed expectations, finishing fourth in the SoCon — Elon's highest seed since joining the conference eight seasons ago. Building off an eight-game conference winning streak, the longest in the program's history, the Phoenix finished with its first 20-win season since joining Division I. Because of its impressive play during the year, the Phoenix was invited to the Women's Basketball Invitational (WBI). The Phoenix will return 11 letter-winners next season from the 2010-2011 team.

3. Swepson announced as head coach

Following former head coach Pete Lembo's move to Ball State University, Elon hired Jason Swepson to be the 20th head coach in the team's history. Swepson comes from North Carolina State University, where he served as the Wolfpack's running backs coach. At North Carolina State, Swepson helped guide the Wolfpack to two bowl appearances, including a 23-7 win against West Virginia University in the 2010 Champs Sports Bowl.

4. Men's tennis wins SoCon regular season title

After falling in the SoCon finals for each of the past three seasons, Elon men's tennis team collected hardware via a regular season conference title. For the clinching match, the Phoenix traveled to Appalachian State on April 14 and won 6-1. All four Elon seniors, Chase Helpingstine, Philip Neme, Alberto Rojas and Cody Stauffer-MacDowell, won their matches on the way to a Phoenix victory. "It felt great to see how hard the team had worked to get to this point, especially after coming so close the last three years," head coach Michael Leonard said.

5. New venues for Phoenix athletics.

In the 2010-2011 school year, Elon benefitted from two major updates to its athletics program. In October 2010, the newly renovated Alumni Gym opened for men's and women's basketball and women's volleyball. Renovations included a new scoreboard, more stadium-style seating, a new entrance at the east end of the facility and new locker rooms. In December 2010, Elon opened a 30,000-square-foot field house on the north end of Rhodes Stadium. The building, named "Alumni Field House" is the home for seven varsity sports

and includes the Hendrickson Football Center — an area including a new locker room, training room, strength and conditioning room and meeting area for the football team.

6. Kennedy reaches 500 wins as head coach

With an April 24 win against Georgia Southern University, Elon baseball head coach Mike Kennedy secured his 500th win as a head coach. Playing at Elon in the late 1980s, Kennedy was a two-time honorable mention All-American and was a career .311 hitter for the Phoenix. With a coaching career that spans 15 years — all as skipper of the Phoenix — Kennedy has amassed 14 winning seasons and 13 seasons with more than 30 victories.

7. Irwin a finalist for Lowe's Senior CLASS Award

Clint Irwin, a senior goalkeeper who led the Phoenix to four straight winning seasons, was announced as a finalist for Lowe's Senior CLASS Award. The CLASS Award is presented each year in every varsity sport to a senior who has excelled on the field, as well as in the classroom and in the community throughout four years in college. Maintaining a 3.49 GPA, Irwin was also named to the All-Southern Conference Academic team, is a volunteer coach with the Burlington Soccer Club and has the record for the most shutouts in Elon history.

8. Golf team garners first place accolades at Sea Trail

Led by senior Tara McFadden's one-unde-par 215 after three rounds (73-69-73), the Elon women's golf team took first place at the Sea Trail Women's Intercollegiate tournament. McFadden also won individual honors with an eight-stroke victory. Two Elon golfers — sophomore Diana Davis and junior Virginia Mayer — also finished in the top-10 for individual play. The team's victory was the first since April 2010, when the Phoenix won the Mimosa Hills Intercollegiate tournament.

9. Men's basketball wins on last-second buzzer-beater against Columbia

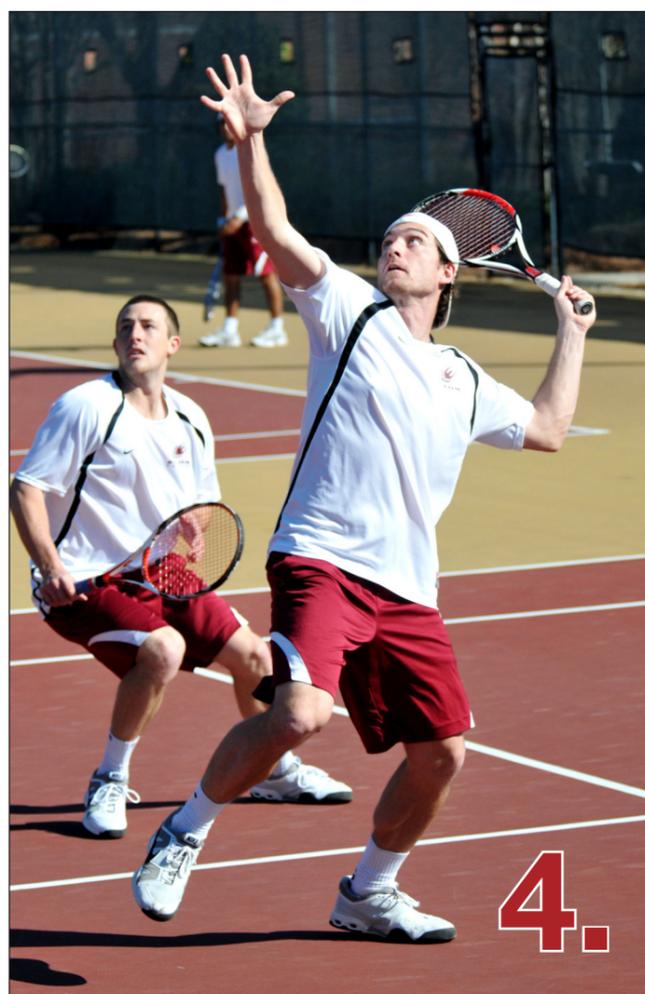
Elon senior guard Chris Long hit a fade-away three-pointer with 0.1 seconds left on the clock to give the visiting Phoenix a 70-69 victory against Columbia University. With eight seconds on the clock, freshman forward Ryley Beaumont inbounded the ball to Long, who worked through Columbia defenders to throw up the last-stitch effort. Long scored 11 of Elon's final 13 points and ended with a game-high 22 points.

10. Women's soccer makes SoCon semifinals

Finishing with a 12-8-1 record, the Elon women's soccer team reached the semifinal of the SoCon tournament for the first time in program history. The Phoenix garnered the No. 5 seed in the SoCon tournament and defeated No. 4 seeded College of Charleston 1-0, with a goal by freshman midfielder Simi Dhaliwal. Despite losing in the semifinals, the Phoenix went 6-5 in the SoCon, the first time Elon finished with back-to-back years of having a winning record in conference play since joining Division I.



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