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WORLDS OF ESCAPE



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In his alternate reality, Guido Contini, played by senior Matt Keffer, fantasizes about the women worshipping him. Contini is a film director struggling to find his muse and deal with the various women in his life. The play is directed and choreographed by Lynne Formato.

Three worlds times three genres makes 'Nine'

Jordan Frederick
Reporter

McCrary Theater will open its doors to Elon's spring musical production tomorrow night. Directed and choreographed by Lynne Formato and starring senior Matthew Keffer, "Nine" is set to be a crowd-pleaser resplendent in comedy, drama and the angst of the middle-aged.

A whirlwind of dreamscapes, warped timelines,

heartfelt ballads, boys dancing the tarantella and leggy women kicking out a spirited can-can, "Nine" has a little something for everyone.

During Winter Term, the cast and crew began production on the show. "Nine" tells the story of Guido Contini, a film director who has fallen into a slump and is vainly seeking his muse. The musical is as much about the women in his life as it is about Guido. Between his wife, his mother, his producer and a cadre

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Careful planning keeps Elon safe from economy

Margeaux Corby
News Editor

Despite the fact that American and international industries, both prominent and obscure, are drowning in the red, Elon is still comfortably in the black.

"We find ourselves very solid," said Gerry Francis, provost and vice president for academic affairs. "We will be much more careful with the budget and how we will use our resources while still moving the institution forward."

At the budget meeting held last month, Francis and the budget committee made several suggestions for tightening the university's belt during the current economic downturn. He emphasized such changes would be behind the scenes and largely unfelt by students.

"This is an opportunity to look at what we are going to be and take a careful look at how we do spend money," Francis said.

Noticeable changes to campus would not affect the quality of education or living comforts students at Elon have come to expect and enjoy.

"We'll have fewer events with a lot of food," Francis said. "There won't be as many departments having T-shirts."

The biggest money-saver suggested by the committee was the possible reduction of operations across campus by 2 percent. These funds will be placed in a central pool were they will be reallocated based on departmental request.

"It will be parceled back out to more important priorities," said Gerald Whittington, vice president for business, finance and technology. "We're doing this in a very systematic way, very

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Mynhardt lawsuit moves forward in Alamance County

Alexa Milan
Managing Editor

A judge heard motions from both sides of former student John Lee Mynhardt's lawsuit against Elon and the Delta Pi chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity Monday morning after the case was transferred to Alamance County from Guilford County.

Mynhardt filed the negligence suit in June 2008 after a confrontation at an off-campus party in February 2007 left him paralyzed from the neck down.

The complaint also names as defendants the fraternity parent organization Lambda Chi Alpha Inc., former UNC-Greensboro student Clinton Blackburn, former Elon student William Hartness, senior Charles Caldwell and fraternity members John Cassidy, David Williamson Wells, Linwood Long, Brian McElroy and Robert Olson.

Blackburn and Cassidy were also charged with felonious assault inflicting serious bodily injury.

In his complaint Mynhardt said he wants a jury trial and "a sum in excess of \$10,000 in compensatory damages and \$10,000 in punitive damages." But according to Mike Petty, one of Mynhardt's attorneys, the exact amount Mynhardt is suing for has not yet been determined.

Petty said in North Carolina a specific dollar amount cannot be listed on a complaint. But Mynhardt's legal team has hired a life care planning expert to determine how much it would cost to provide him with the 24-hour nursing care he will need for the rest of his life. An economist from N.C. State University will then review the findings before a final amount is determined, but Petty said it could be in the \$20 million range.

According to the case file, Mynhardt said he initially filed the lawsuit in Guilford County "primarily so I can be as close as possible to a major hospital like Moses Cone, and as close as possible to Charlotte Medical Center where I

did my actual inpatient and physical therapy."

The defendants filed a motion for a change of venue in October, stating the incident that led to Mynhardt's paralysis occurred in Alamance County, which is also more convenient for most of the witnesses.

In his response, Smith Jackson, vice president and dean of student life, stated on file: "It is my opinion that conducting the proceedings in Alamance County would be more convenient for the witnesses and would promote judicial economy."

Aaron Parker, director of risk management for Lambda Chi Alpha Inc., agreed in his response, stating there are no direct flights from fraternity headquarters in Indianapolis to Greensboro but there are to Raleigh, which is closer to Graham where the courthouse is located.

The Guilford County Superior Court ordered the change of venue in December, and Mynhardt filed an

appeal on that decision in January.

In his initial complaint, Mynhardt said the party at 211 N. Lee Ave. was "an ostensibly open social party whereby uninvited guests were allowed to enter and alcoholic beverages were served."

The case file states that after arriving at the party, Mynhardt went into the bathroom with senior Mary Kelly but Cassidy "forcibly opened the door."

Mynhardt said he began to leave voluntarily but was confronted by Cassidy, after which Blackburn grabbed him from behind and began moving him toward the kitchen to throw him out of the side door.

According to the complaint, "at some point while [Mynhardt] was being negligently ejected out the door by Cassidy and Blackburn, either they fell or [Mynhardt] was thrown to the kitchen floor."

Mynhardt said he could not sit up after the incident, and when Kelly

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Running sugary circles around the competition



Juniors Anna Davis and Alex Walton competed in the Krispy Kreme Chal-
MARVIN MORGAN | Photographer

Elon students participate in Krispy Kreme Challenge

Angie Lovelace
 Photo Desk

Run two miles. Eat a dozen Krispy Kreme doughnuts. Run two miles back. The official challenge: Finish in under one hour. The unofficial challenge: Keep all of the doughnuts down.

More than 5,000 participants ran in the Krispy Kreme Challenge at 9:30 a.m. Feb. 7, in Raleigh, N.C. Participants started at the N.C. State bell tower, made their way to the Krispy Kreme on Peace Street and then completed the course in reverse, finishing back at the bell tower.

With a dozen donuts equaling 2,400 calories, this race was not the healthiest of road races, but the \$16 entrance fee raised over \$35,000 for the North Carolina Children's Hospital.

This annual tradition started in 2004 with 12 competitors catapulting to 5,038 registered competitors for the race's fifth year.

Cameron Dorn of Greenwood, S.C., won the race in 29 minutes and 57 seconds.

Elon student Zach Smith has run in the race the past two years because "it's just one of those crazy things you get to do while you're in college."

While "challengers" took the race seriously, there were many "casual" competitors who ate as many doughnuts as their stomachs could handle and dressed up in a variety of costumes, including doughnuts, a gorilla, Santa Claus and many more.

"One of the most creative costumes I saw was a group of people who were in a cardboard boat running, or rather, 'rowing' together," Smith said.

At Krispy Kreme, participants attacked their boxes of doughnuts with a variety of techniques. Eaters did everything from scraping off the icing to dunking the doughnuts in water to help them go down faster.

"I was able to apply a lot of the eating techniques that I learned from last year's race," N.C. State student Andrew Southern said. "This year I rubbed the sugar off on my shirt, squished three together and dunked that into water. I completed the challenge in less than an hour this year which was really satisfying."

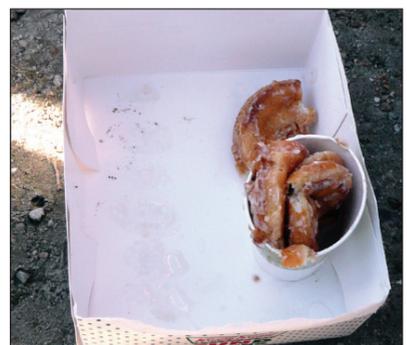
Krispy Kreme Doughnuts 1 Box (1 Dozen)

Nutrition Facts	
Serving Size 12 Doughnuts	
Servings per Container: 1	
Calories	2400
Amount Per Serving % Daily Value*	
Total Fat 144g	222%
Sodium 1140mg	48%
Total Carbohydrate 264g	88%
Protein 24g	48%

Not a significant source of other nutrients
 *Percent Daily Values are based on a 2,000 calorie diet.



Participants started at the state bell tower, then ran two miles to Krispy Kreme where they ate dough-



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 Some competitors used strategies to eat their doughnuts more quickly. These



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If stacked, the boxes used during the challenge would stand more than 16 stories. If stacked, the doughnuts eaten during the course of the day would stand more than twice as tall as the BB&T building at Two Hanover Square, the tallest building in Raleigh. Collectively, the Krispy Kreme Challengers ate more than a third of a ton of doughnuts on the day of the race. This year's competitors ran more than 4,000 miles. The number of calories eaten on the day of the race is enough energy to power a 60W light bulb for more than 125 hours.

Corrections

In last week's news story "Elon graduate files lawsuit against university and fraternity," Charles Caldwell and William Hartness were incorrectly listed as members of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. It has also not been confirmed that \$20 million is the amount John Lee Mynhardt is suing for. But according to Mike Petty, one of Mynhardt's attorneys, it will likely be "in the \$20 million range" once a life care planning expert finishes determining how much it will cost to provide Mynhardt with 24-hour nursing care for the rest of his life.

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Defendants claim Mynhardt showed contributory negligence toward his own safety

for the house's address so she could call an ambulance, he refused to give it to her.

Mynhardt said in his complaint it was common knowledge that fraternities had spontaneous off-campus parties where alcohol was served, and Elon "knew or should have known one-third of claims and lawsuits involving men's fraternities occur because uninvited guests enter a party that appears to be open and fights or altercations ensue."

Mynhardt also said Cassidy, Wells and McElroy, who rented the house at 211 N. Lee Ave., were "negligent in hosting an event at their residence without adequate safety policies or procedures."

Elon's response to the complaint said the university had no prior knowledge of the party and had not approved the house as a location for parties sponsored by school organizations. The response also said "it is denied that the alleged actions of Cassidy and Blackburn were related to, in compliance with or motivated in any way by school or fraternity policies."

In their responses, Lambda Chi Alpha Inc. and the Delta Pi chapter admit there was a party that night but deny it was a fraternity-sponsored event.

Cassidy said in his response that Mynhardt and Kelly were in the only available bathroom for an extended period of time, so he opened the door after several failed attempts to get them out. Cassidy said Mynhardt exited the bathroom he confronted Cassidy aggressively, so Blackburn "secured him from behind in an attempt to escort him from the residence due to his belligerent behavior."

Cassidy also said in his response that Mynhardt caused he and Blackburn

to fall because he was struggling to free himself. Cassidy said he willingly gave Kelly the house's address when she asked for it. Blackburn's account is in agreement with Cassidy's. He said the defendants exercised the degree of care that any reasonable person would, but Mynhardt did not exercise reasonable care for his own safety.

The individual defendants said Mynhardt showed contributory negligence because he "voluntarily entered a dwelling where he was not invited, was intoxicated with alcohol and, upon information and belief, under the influence of an illegal narcotic and demonstrated belligerent and aggressive behavior toward individuals in the dwelling."

Mynhardt denied using cocaine the day of the party, but admitted he was under the influence of alcohol and had used cocaine "at least several times" since becoming a student at Elon.

Petty said he thinks this is a sad case because Mynhardt has no bad feelings about Elon. He said his only issues are medical insurance, since he now requires 24-hour nursing care, and the loss of earnings and benefits of his employment.

"You just don't have any choice in a case like this," Petty said.

Junior Bobby Hobbs, the current president of the Delta Pi chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha, said the defendants have the fraternity's full support.

"They are some of the nicest, best intentioned men I've ever met, and it's unfortunate their good names are being soiled due to all this," Hobbs said.

Dan Anderson, assistant vice president and director of university relations, said Elon cannot comment on the case while litigation is underway.

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Budget committee suggests reallocation of university operational costs instead of cuts

careful and very deliberate."

Whittington said university priorities that would take precedent included areas such as study abroad, faculty research development and scholarship.

"We're just not approving long-term commitment at the same rate we would in the past," Whittington said.

He said construction projects that were quickly given consent in the past would have to wait longer before being approved.

"You slow down on it," Whittington said. "That's not to say you don't do it."

Other suggestions include downsizing the annual faculty and staff Christmas party, outsourcing leadership development and changing the computer replacement program for faculty and staff from every three years to every four.

"We want to be very careful and thoughtful of how we use our resources," Francis said. "Everybody's not going to get what they want."

Each department is given a salary increase pool with money that makes up raises for faculty and staff members. Francis and the budget committee proposed giving the pool 4 percent instead of the formerly proposed 5 percent.

Many schools across the nation have made smaller percentages of tuition increases to help struggling students and parents.

Princeton set its lowest tuition and fees percentage since 1966 this year with a 2.9 percent increase.

Elon is following the national trend by capping the tuition increase around 6 percent compared to the 8.6 percent increase students had in 2007.

"I'm going to tell students that we're going to have a tuition increase

Looking ahead

The Budget Committee will hold a second forum on the 2009-10 Budget at 3 p.m. Thursday.

At this meeting, the committee will discuss tuition and enrollment projections, budget requests and a draft budget model.

that is lower than last year," President Leo Lambert said.

Although students and parents will feel the pinch of a raise more painfully during the current market plummet, Elon is a tuition-driven school, making an increase inevitable.

"There are just certain expenses we can't just get away from," Whittington said. "Things you can't just run a private institution without that doesn't have a big endowment."

Whittington emphasized students need to pay attention to current economic woes whether they have been affected or not.

"[The collegiate] age group needs to pay a whole lot of attention and understand deeply and thoroughly," he said.

"We have a new object lesson here. The smarter you become about the economy, taxes and that whole ball of wax, the better you will be."

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Tech trouble hits campus

Multiple viruses illegal downloading cause trouble for student computers

Margeaux Corby
News Editor

The Elon community has found itself threatened by real-life criminals — car thieves, drug dealers and serial masturbators. But even more elusive than these offenders are the virtual criminals that commit crimes in university-owned cyberspace.

The latest crisis occurred a little over a week ago when innocent-looking Coca-Cola, IKEA and Hallmark e-mails containing .zip folders were sent to inboxes all over campus containing crippling viruses.

"We've been compromised several times, and it takes a week to clean it up," said Chris Fulkerson, vice president of technology.

Students are familiar with e-mails from technology warning about scams that try to acquire student and faculty usernames and passwords. These online cons are called phishing and are designed to deceive individuals so they can gain personal information such as credit card numbers and account passwords.

Fulkerson said phishing at Elon is mostly the work of spammers who are hoping to, after getting a username and password, gain access to Elon's server and use it as a hub from which they can send illegal spam. It then appears that Elon is the spammer.

"Other Internet service providers, such as Comcast, will put us on a blacklist as a spammer," Fulkerson said. "Then nobody from Elon can send e-mails to customers who subscribe to that Internet service."

After being infiltrated, Campus Technology must go through the lengthy process of finding out whose account has been compromised and then must flush out the account. Most Internet services have a waiting period of two or three days before they will even agree to let the university make its case that it is not a spammer.

Hackers and phishers are not the only cyber offenders at work at Elon. Last week, campus technology received 38 notices from the Recording Industry Association of America warning them of illegal music downloads occurring on campus.

These notices, officially titled DMCA notices after the Digital Millennium Copyright Act, warn those

engaged in copyright infringement that the RIAA is aware of their illegal peer-to-peer sharing.

"We get notices and try to follow up but it takes two to four hours to track down one," Fulkerson said. "That's about 152 hours to track down 38 notices."

Although it is tempting to think students are largely anonymous when they are online, everyone is identified by an Internet protocol address.

Campus Technology keeps blogs with dates of illegal transgressions, and if enough accumulate from the same IP address, technology staff can track it down to the port in the residence hall.

"We track down one or two and turn them over to judicial affairs," Fulkerson said. "Typically our guys ignore it because we just can't keep up with the flow."

The student handbook has several areas for honor violations that copyright infringement could fall under, including social stealing, laws of wider society and various technology policies. Sanctions range from official warnings and temporary loss of computing privileges to permanent separation from the university.

When one address is unlawfully downloading a huge amount of copyrighted music continuously, Campus Technology will take action.

"Part of that is self-preservation," Fulkerson said. "If we get a lot of downloads, they come after us."

Now that community members have to acquire a login to access

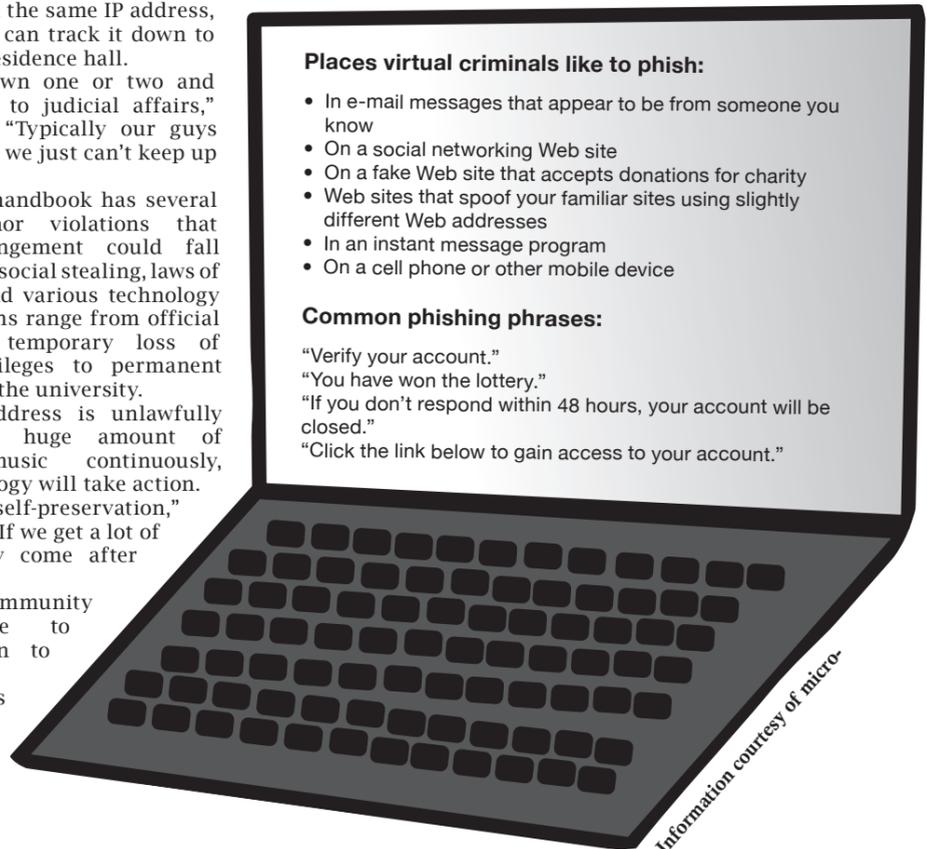
the university's network, everyone on campus can be held liable.

"The fact they know they are

logging in and being kept accountable for their actions has helped," Fulkerson said.

Students using wireless Internet connection can also be tracked, though with more difficulty, through their unique media access control address assigned to their network adaptors.

"We block their wireless and wait for them to come to the Help Desk," Fulkerson said.



JuicyCampus shuts down, no revenue spells end

Rachel Cieri
Features Editor

Karma. It's how some are describing the demise of one of the most controversial Web sites to hit cyberspace.

Online gossip phenomenon JuicyCampus.com was shut down Thursday after a year and a half of spreading college rumors, reportedly due to a lack of funding from advertisers.

"In these historically difficult economic times, online ad revenue has plummeted and venture capital funding has dissolved," CEO Matt Ivester said in a letter to the Web site's users Feb. 4. "JuicyCampus's exponential growth outpaced our ability to muster the resources needed to survive this economic downturn, and as a result, we are closing down."

The more than two million posts that JuicyCampus has supported will no longer be available to the public, but regular users need not worry. Their IP

addresses are still safely under the watch of Lime Blue, Inc., JuicyCampus.com's parent company, and they will not be released unless summoned by a "lawful subpoena."

Despite claims that the shutdown is because of the nature of this site's sometimes unsavory content, company representatives maintain that legal issues played no role in the financial troubles.

"JuicyCampus's services and policies have always been well within the law," reads a "Frequently Asked Questions" post on the site's official blog.

JuicyCampus also refuted rumors that its advertisers pulled their funding from the site and attributes its monetary losses to the state of the economy.

Online ad sales have been dipping across the board, and according to BusinessWeek.com, this follows the trend set in 2008, with ad sales at their lowest since 2001.

Even Super Bowl commercials took a hit this year, with companies like E-Trade airing one ad instead of

its usual two.

JuicyCampus maintains it is not shutting down from being banned at too many campuses.

"Any revenue lost as a result of the campuses that banned us was negligible," company representatives said in the FAQ.

Multiple smaller, private colleges and universities have banned the site, but Tennessee State University remains the only public university to have it blocked from its servers.

As of Thursday, the former gossip Web site has become a GoDaddy.com Web domain for sale.

Although Ivester said that he has no plans to put the site back online anytime in the immediate future, he remains optimistic.

"While there are parts of JuicyCampus that none of us will miss — the mean-spirited posts and personal attacks — it has also been a place for the fun, lighthearted gossip of college life. I hope that is how it is remembered," Ivester said.

Wikinomics: new user-generated site gives financial advice

Margeaux Corby
News Editor

While the country is looking towards politicians to save their tenuous finances, tech-savvy innovators are attempting to spearhead their own change in the population's perception of the market.

The virtual world and related technology has become an even more significant component of America's economic future with its prominence in President Barack Obama's newest stimulus package.

Obama's \$800 billion legislation includes initiatives that would mean big bucks for the tech industries, including \$20 billion for digitizing health records and another \$7 billion for increasing high-speed Internet access.

But perhaps it is the everyday technology users that will provide the information needed to begin the long process of financial recovery.

The newest tech creation to help those swimming in debt and dwindling 401K's is Wikinvest. The database is a collection of investment information about the stock market, including company profiles, explanations of highs and lows and, most importantly, advice on whether to buy or sell.

Creators of the site are hoping Wikinvest not only provides invaluable information at no cost, but will make progress in undercutting a lot of the general populace's distrust of the financial sector.

"Transparency is important in the financial industry right now," said Brian Mackey, a junior economics major. "This is a step in the right direction."

Gerald Whittington, vice president for business, finance and technology claims the public's uncertainty, fear and failure to purchase with assurance needs to be resolved before the economy can fully heal.

"Consumer confidence needs to at least stop plummeting," Whittington said. "We need a little bit of a bump."

Like the Wikipedia model it was generated after, users have full reign to edit and create articles.

Mackey does have concerns about the accuracy of the site, but said if certain validation measures were put into place he would feel more at ease.

"If there were citations for the information being presented or links to the financial reports then I would feel more comfortable about the accuracy of the information in the program," Mackey said.

To prevent deception and fraudulent information, Wikinvest has means to rank editors on how frequently they write and how often their work is corrected or removed by other users. The site also only provides information about companies that have market values of at least \$100 million since

they are actively traded and less likely to have prices exploited.

"Our philosophy as a site is that there are a lot of things added when humans participate," Michael Sha, one of the sites co-founders, told the New York Times.

Although taking anonymous advice about finances may seem like an extreme alternative to dealing with the current economic woes of Americans, monetary resolution may call for such unorthodox measures.

According to Whittington, when banking panics occurred in the past, they were of a more manageable nature. JP Morgan bailed out the failing economy out of his own fortune in the late 1800s. He bought \$200 million government bonds with gold to save the United States weakening credit.

"I don't think a consortium of Saudi oil princes could do that now," Whittington said.

Lambert selected as director of national board

Michelle Longo
Online Programs Director

Elon's president Leo Lambert was recently appointed as one of five directors to the national board of the Association of American Colleges and Universities, a committee dedicated to the longevity of a balanced liberal arts and sciences education.

Every four years, the AAC&U holds elections to nominate and select new members for four-year terms beginning in late January.

2009 was an election year for the AAC&U as well.

Lambert received a call from Carol Geary Schneider, the president of the association, notifying him of his selection before the annual meeting held Jan. 21-24 in Seattle.

"I said yes, I would be happy to do it," Lambert said. "It is a very important organization for American higher education and I think it will be good for Elon to be represented around that table."

Lambert has been involved with the organization for more than 15 years, including when he was provost, chancellor and dean before he came to Elon. He was directly involved with many AAC&U projects during his tenure at previous institutions.

"One of the factors they considered [for my nomination] would be that I have been president of Elon for 10 years," Lambert said. "That is a relatively rare thing in American higher education. The average tenure is seven years."

The AAC&U promotes the advantages of a liberal arts and sciences education to all undergraduate students, regardless of specializations, majors, minors and intended career paths.

"Those of us in AAC&U believe the

arts and sciences are fundamental to American society and preparing a well-educated citizen ring," Lambert said. "A lot of things erode the arts and sciences now."

At the annual meeting in January, Lambert served his first duties as a new director. As opposed to just being considered a member, Lambert said his new role includes him and his colleagues setting the overall direction and policy of the organization as a whole.

The board focused mainly on making the importance of a balanced undergraduate education known on a national level.

"It is a message we really want to keep front and center in the American national conversation," Lambert said. "We have given a lot of thought on how to take that message out to a broader national community and reinforce those ideas."

Because of his position at Elon, Lambert also took part in a president's roundtable as part of the weekend festivities in Seattle.

"Wearing my Elon president hat, I will try to make this an opportunity where Elon will become a better known institution by way of my participation on a national board," Lambert said. "It is just one of the many ways the institution becomes better known."

Four other directors were elected alongside Lambert: Ramón Gutiérrez of the University of Chicago, David Maxwell of Drake University, Gail Mellow of LaGuardia Community College, David Shi of Furman University and John Simpson of SUNY-Buffalo.

"[My personal goal] is to look out for the health and welfare of the organization and support in it every way I can," Lambert said.



DAVID WELLS | Photo Editor

President Leo Lambert was selected as one of five directors to the national board of the Association of American Colleges and Universities. He joins board members from the University of Chicago, LaGuardia Community College, Drake University, Furman University and

What is the AAC&U?

AAC&U is the leading national association concerned with the quality, vitality and public standing of undergraduate liberal education. Members are committed to extending the advantage of a liberal education to all students, regardless of their academic specialization.

When was it created?

Founded in 1915 by college presidents, AAC&U comprises more than 1,150 accredited colleges and universities that collectively educate more than seven million students every year.

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Association of American Colleges and Universities is to make the aims of liberal learning a vigorous and constant influence on institutional purpose and educational practice in higher education.

President:

Carol Geary Schneider has been president of the AAC&U since 1998. Previously, she served as the vice president throughout the '90s.

Elon professor wins national award for dissertation

Margeaux Corby
News Editor

Although new to Elon's communications faculty, Boston native and former Triad Business news reporter Linda Gretton is already recognized nationally for her research into the rhetoric of biotechnology and pharmaceuticals. Her renown was reinforced when she received the Association for Business Communication's Outstanding Dissertation Award at its annual conference this year.

"Language is always working," Gretton said. "Words that people choose are chosen for a reason. If people give you information the most important thing is to not passively accept words without thinking about their meaning and intention. It puts you in danger of sleepwalking through life."

Gretton's doctoral dissertation for the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, "The Rhetorical Helix of the Biotechnology and Pharmaceutical Industries: Strategies of Transformation through Definition, Description and Ingratiation," is so titled because of the helical nature of perception where ideas go around and come around.

"There were times that I can remember doctors were considered all-seeing and all-knowing and now people with access to the Internet have legitimate ways of finding information and know that their doctor does not know everything," Gretton said.

Her research tackled the strategic use of communication by two health-related industries who defined themselves through company-produced publications, how the particular corporations differentiated themselves from competitors and the ways in which they attempted to sway the population at large to appreciate their business.

"What in essence these industries are battling for is integration and identification with the population at large. They do this by playing with language," Gretton said. "Playing with language pushes and pulls our attitudes and makes us more or less susceptible to integration."

Gretton talked specifically about how pharmaceutical



Linda Gretton
Adjunct Instructor

companies, "Big Pharma," have morphed from the life-saving industries that invented penicillin into a big, impersonal industry.

She also cited how Winston-Salem was founded on a dying tobacco industry which has been replaced by biotechnology, a field that is perceived as new, innovative and full of potential.

"Language is all working to form a palpable sensation of what these companies are all about. This language is working one way or the other," Gretton said.

She said the power of rhetoric is ever-present and was vividly present in the most recent presidential election where people associated simple catchphrases with the character of a complicated individual.

"It's very easy to get caught up in the excitement of a campaign and to grasp certain marketing slogans as being all-encompassing of what a person is about," Gretton said. "People need to do their homework and understand beyond the words and beyond simple phrases."

Gretton is a former public relations and investor director at the biomedical company Targacept and has nearly 20 years of experience in biotechnology pharmaceuticals. She said the award is a gratifying incentive for her to continue and broaden her research.

"It says that there are people out there that are as interested in this subject as I am," Gretton said. "It makes me feel more challenged to continue and meet a need for a greater understanding of business communication."

She claims she is too busy getting things ready for the two communications classes she will teach this upcoming semester to linger too much in the limelight of her recent success.

"I'm basking in the glory of getting my syllabi ready for this term," Gretton said.

Gretton at a glance

- License plate reads "My Cah"
- Adopted 9-year-old son from Ukraine
- Enjoys designing and building houses with husband
- Graduated summa cum laude from Boston University's College of Communication
- Formerly worked examining the rhetorical strategies of pharmaceutical and biomedical companies

Selection criteria for the Association for Business Communication's Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award

- Contributes meaningfully to scholarship and body of knowledge of business communication
- Displays creative and thorough inquiry
- Uses accepted business communication research techniques
- Successfully defended dissertation within two calendar years preceding the annual convention

COURTESY OF ASSOCIATION FOR BUSINESS COMMUNICATION

Other Faculty Honors in 2009:



Mary Gowan, dean of the Martha and Spencer Love School of Business

Gowan was elected to a three-year term with the Alamance Chamber of Commerce this month. In the fall, Gowan also co-authored a paper that was presented at an Academy of Management meeting in California and was selected as one of the

35 other state leaders to take part in the Piedmont Triad Leadership Institute in the summer.



Clyde Ellis, professor of history

Ellis' essay, "More Real Than The Indians Themselves: The Early Years of the Indian Lore Movement in the United States," was nominated for the Western Writers Association's Spur Award for best nonfiction essay on the American West. The essay originally appeared in *Montana: The Magazine of Western History* last summer. Ellis has also been awarded by Elon faculty and received the University Distinguished Scholar Award

and the College of Arts and Sciences Distinguished Scholar Award.



Kate Hickey, dean and university librarian

Hickey was elected as the chair of NC LIVE Librarians Council in January. NC LIVE governs North Carolina's virtual library. The organization is a collaboration of nearly 200 libraries in the state that provides residents

with online access to a large variety of academic sources.

SGA constitution revisions finalized for student review

Keegan Calligar
Senior Reporter

Elon's Student Government Association approved a revised Constitution and Senate bylaws last week.

The former will be voted on by Elon students later this month after SGA voted 48-2 to approve the changes Feb. 5.

Though students will have the opportunity to vote on the revised constitution during general elections Feb. 24 and 25, the bylaws will be enacted later this semester.

"The bylaws are an internal Senate document and will take effect on April 1," said SGA President Chase Rumley.

Among the most important changes to the Constitution and bylaws was the revamping of the Organization and Academic Council structures.

In the past, three senators represented Greek Life within the Senate.

SGA leaders said that because these spots have traditionally had a high turnover rate and are difficult to fill, the three positions were reduced to one.

"We decided to change the councils after looking at their makeup and thinking about ways to not only streamline the Senate, but to also make the councils themselves more representative of their constituents," said SGA Vice President Lindsay Boroush.

There are currently four open seats in both the Academic and Organization Councils.

Under SGA's new bylaws, the Academic Council will now comprise four senators from Elon College, the College of Arts and Sciences, and two senators from each of the following: the Martha and Spencer Love School of Business, the School of Communications and the School of Education, for a total of 10 senators.

The number of senators from each department within the Academic Council is proportional to the amount of students enrolled in each school.

According to Boroush, "The previous Academic Council was two members from social sciences, two members from math and sciences, two members from the humanities, two from business, two from communications and two from education."

Unlike senators on the Academic Council, the representatives of each organization are nominated by the group they represent.

"Each organizational cluster nominates an individual to represent their cluster," Boroush said. "For

example, the government seat on the Organization Council represents College Republicans, N.C. Student Legislature, College Democrats and Students for Peace and Justice."

The person that holds that seat was nominated from one of the group, and all the groups voted and confirmed that nomination."

Senators on the Organization Council choose how long they serve, with approval from their cluster, said Boroush, adding that some choose to serve one term while others prefer two.

Like members of the At-Large Council (class officers and senators), Academic Council senators are selected during general elections and must be re-elected each term, which generally runs from April to April.

If the revised Constitution is passed, the changes will take effect in April 2009.

"This way, no one who is currently on the senate will be removed from their seat," Boroush explained.

Another notable change was the all-but-dismantling of the executive council, which was created in 2003 by former SGA president Christian Wiggins, to provide support for the executives.

"Each [member of the executive council] had certain responsibilities, dictated by the SGA Constitution," said Boroush. "It was comprised of the chief of staff, secretary of government affairs, the assistant treasurer, speaker pro tempore, secretary of community relations, secretary of public relations [and] secretary of student services."

Though the Executive Council as a group will no longer exist, some of the positions will remain.

"Those positions that are remaining are chief of staff, speaker pro tempore and the assistant treasurer," Boroush said. "They will assist the executive president, vice president and treasurer, respectively."

Other changes to the Constitution and bylaws include simple grammatical and spelling revisions to ensure consistency of titles and proper grammar usage throughout the document.

Boroush said she hopes the changes will encourage more Elon students to get involved with SGA.

"I think that the Senate will be just as effective, if not more so," Boroush said. "I believe that the representation found in the councils is more in-tune



SGA President Chase Rumley discusses the changes to the revised Constitution and Senate Bylaws at the

ANDREW DODD | Staff Photographer

with the constituents that they represent. My hope is that with the positions on Academic Council being so well defined, there will be more interest in running for the seats and it will bring some new insight and opinions to SGA."

SGA also voted 49-0 to approve a packet for its 14th annual Organization Awards and Inaugural Ceremony.

According to the packet, "The purpose of this event is to recognize the dedication and hard work of the organizations, defined as groups recognized by the Student Life Committee of Elon University, and university programs, defined as groups funded by or managed by a department of Elon University."

It also said, "The event will also serve as the ceremonial 'Change of Command' for the position of Student Government Association Executive President and swearing in of the Student Government Association's Executive Officers."

Organizational Awards available this academic year:

OUTSTANDING NEW ORGANIZATION

Recognizes passion and hard work of organizations that have been operating for at least six months and no more than two years.

HIGHEST GPA AWARD

Designed to award the organization that has the highest cumulative GPA of all members.

ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR

Rewards campus organizations that have demonstrated excellence during the current academic years and contains categories for a small (29 members or less) or large (30 members or more) organization.

NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

Awarded to new student leaders that have shown outstanding involvement during their first year of membership.

DR. J. EARL DANIELEY LEADERSHIP AWARD — MALE AND FEMALE

Recognizes student leaders who have made an extraordinary commitment to their organization's success and growth. Nominees are not required to hold an official position in their organization.

Deceased trustee's service and devotion will be missed by community

Emily Silva
Senior Reporter

"Anytime he's said anything, it's been the Gospel truth," Maurice Koury, president of Carolina Hosiery Mill Inc. said of his good friend, the late J. Harold Smith.

Smith died at the age of 96 on Jan. 31, and his funeral was held Feb. 3 at Front Street United Methodist Church in Burlington.

Smith was a very active member of the Elon community. He served on the Elon Board of Trustees from 1971 to 1983, when he was elected trustee emeritus, an acknowledgement given to someone who has provided years of service to the university.

"A degree of the success that has come to Elon can be attributed to the



J. Harold Smith
Elon Trustee, 1971-

The Smith family contributed more than just monetary donations to Elon.

The Casavant pipe organ in Whitley Auditorium was donated by Smith and his wife in memory of Smith's sister, Alyse Smith Cooper.

leadership provided by Smith," said Dr. Jo Williams, special assistant to the president. "Through the years, he was generous in his support of Elon, providing endowment for scholarships and other areas of support."

The gift has provided the Elon community with music that will now be a memorial of both Cooper and Smith.

Smith's passion for organizational participation extended beyond Elon.

He was actively involved in many local organizations including the Boy Scouts of America, the Burlington Educational Foundation, the Burlington Rotary Club, the Twin Lakes retirement community and the YMCA.

Because of his overwhelming support for these organizations, Smith was frequently awarded recognition.

In 1990, the Boy Scouts of America named him Cherokee Council Man of the Year, and he received the Frank L. Holt, Jr. Award for Business Leadership from Elon in 1996.

In 1999, he was named Alamance County Man of the Year. In 2003, Smith

was awarded the Elon Medallion.

Smith was known throughout the community for his dedication to service, but among his closest friends primarily for his honesty.

"His word was always his bond," Koury said. "He always stood by what he said."

Memorials for Smith may be made to the Alamance Educational Foundation, P.O. Box 1898, Burlington, N.C. 27216; Front Street United Methodist Church Music Program, P.O. Box 2597, Burlington, N.C. 27216; the J. Harold Smith Scholarship at UNC-Chapel Hill, 111 Pettigrew Hall, Campus Box 2300, Chapel Hill, N.C. 27599 or to a charity of the donor's choice.

ADVANCING ELON'S SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS



BRYCE LITTLE | Photographer

Elon discusses collegiate responsibility

Sophie Duensing
Reporter

Last Thursday, a handful of Elon students and faculty met to watch and discuss a webcast on climate change and how the collegiate generation can stop it. Constantly stressed throughout the webcast was the power of the youth voice and that it is young adults that have the most potential to successfully fight climate change and invoke the necessary legislation to switch to clean energy.

The most recent election showed that the 18 to 29 voting block should not be underestimated. Youth action took place beyond the polls as shown by the record numbers of young people who campaigned and fought for Barack Obama, believing in "the urgency of now."

Now, the youth must mobilize and refocus its energy to combat climate change, an issue the Presidential Action Committee calls one of the most pressing and important issues facing the world.

From Feb. 27 to March 2, 210,000 young people plan to rally in Washington for an event called Power Shift '09. The goal of the event is to pressure lawmakers into

taking immediate action to combat climate change and strengthen the clean energy movement.

While Obama's victory was viewed as a triumph for environmental groups, some believe far more action is needed by lawmakers.

The webcast focused on the importance of Obama's first 100 days in office as a crucial period for setting the standard for environmental laws. Ensuring that drastic action is taken through legislation is also one of the main goals of Power Shift '09.

"When you have to do some heavy lifting, you do it early in your administration," said Larry Schweiger of the National Wildlife Foundation.

One of the primary concerns of those against switching to clean energy is the possibility of losing jobs in high-pollution industries. The Presidential Action Committee argues that switching to a clean energy economy will provide just as many — if not more — jobs, while revitalizing the U.S. economy and ending our dependence on foreign oil.

Power Shift '09 will rely on strength in numbers and politicians willing to fight global climate change, but the fight for clean energy is not isolated to one event.

Biology professor Janet MacFall said she believes the best thing Elon students can do is focus their efforts locally.

"We really don't have a collective vision of where we're going or what we're doing," MacFall said, referring to the university's plans for a greener campus.

The university has spearheaded several initiatives in an effort to become more eco-friendly, such as removing trays from dining halls and distributing reusable water bottles.

MacFall and others in attendance at the webcast screening believe far more drastic change is needed if Elon wants to truly go green.

"Where are the solar panels?" asked senior environmental studies major Bre Detwiler. "Where are the coalitions with Duke Energy?"

The session speakers reiterated several times that in the fight against climate change, every small action helps. Actions as small as turning off lights, televisions and other appliances when leaving the house can make a sizeable difference. Students can carpool or, even better, walk the short distance to campus.

"They look at you funny if you're the guy with your reusable Harris Teeter bag," said Nick Diogardi in the discussion after the webcast.

MacFall responded that such status quo needs to be reversed.

"It should be the opposite, that people look at you funny if you don't have a reusable Harris Teeter bag," MacFall said.

Obama and Biden's Energy Plan

Provide short-term relief to American families facing pain at the pump

Help create 5 million new jobs by strategically investing \$150 billion over the next 10 years to catalyze private efforts to build a clean energy future

Within 10 years, save more oil than we currently import from the Middle East and Venezuela combined

Put 1 million Plug-In Hybrid cars — cars that can get up to 150 miles per gallon — on the road by 2015

Ensure 10 percent of our electricity comes from renewable sources by 2012, and 25 percent by 2025

Implement an economy-wide cap-and-trade program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 80 percent by 2050

More information is available at www.powershift09.org. Students for Peace and Justice are organizing a group of Elon students who wish to attend the event. If interested, contact Bre Detwiler at bdetwiler@elon.edu.

Building Dashboard monitors energy use to increase awareness

Jake Martin
Senior Reporter

The second phase of an electric sub-metering project that allows for the energy use of eight residence halls to be continuously monitored is nearly complete. Phase II includes 46 additional buildings on campus to be connected to a Web-based interface, where the data of how much energy each building uses will be made available.

Elaine Durr, who was hired as Elon's first sustainability coordinator in May 2008, estimates that the installation should be finished by mid February.

Building Dashboard was created by Lucid Design Group, a California-based clean technology company that has had successful installations with several campuses across the country. Elon has had Building Dashboard for a year now and with the success of POWERless, a competition among students to cut energy consumption, more buildings are being installed with this technology.

The project will not only include the residence halls but academic and administrative buildings such as Belk Library and Colonnades.

"I'm hoping that Phase II will bring more awareness to energy conservation, not just in the residence halls but campus-wide," Durr said.

Elon has adopted several successful programs to cut down on energy consumption and promote conservation in the past couple of years.

According to the university's sustainability Web site, while Elon has increased its square footage by 37 percent since 2004, the campus's energy density has decreased over the same period. The introduction of Building Dashboard to the campus and the POWERless competition that ensued was a large part of that improvement.

"From what I've heard, it went really well. People were getting engaged," Durr said. "I heard about people putting sticky notes on lamps to remind them to turn them off."

The next POWERless competition is expected to run between Feb. 17 and April 7 and will determine which building and area has the greatest percentage of energy reduction. Meters installed on participating buildings will measure energy use and the data will be made available on the Building Dashboard site in real time.

"We're planning on having [Phase II] ready for the competition, at least for the residence halls," said Paul Holt, maintenance control manager in the Physical Plant. "We want to have all the meters running and the data for the residence halls up on the site by the beginning of the competition."

The purpose of the POWERless competition is to not only make students realize how much energy they use, but how much they can save, Durr said. With Building Dashboard, students can check anything from energy consumption in their own residence halls to how that compares with other areas on campus.

For more information about Building Dashboard and POWERless, visit <http://buildingdashboard.com/clients/elon>.

To look into other sustainable programs and initiatives on campus, check out <http://org.elon.edu/sustainability>.

Sustainability Web site upgrade offers more accessible information

Emily Silva
Senior Reporter

As environmental issues become increasingly daunting, corporations around the world are working to do their part in creating a safer and healthier planet. The same thing is happening, at Elon. The university's goal of being completely carbon-free within 30 years is in the process of being met by new improvements made to the way the campus is run.

The Elon Sustainability Master Plan was developed in 2006 and 2007 to provide an outline for the university to reduce its carbon footprint. The goal is to eliminate it entirely within 30 years.

The plan explains that "Elon believes one of the most pressing issues facing global citizens today is that of our planet's ecosystems and our human relationships to them." It also states that Elon strives to be a model for other schools in the area of sustainable design.

In order to educate faculty, staff and students on the importance of sustainability, the administration hired

Elaine Durr, who began her job as Elon's sustainability coordinator in May 2008. Hiring a director to oversee the school's sustainability policy was Elon's first step toward becoming more environmentally conscious.

"One of the many recommendations in Elon's Sustainability Master Plan is to review how sustainability is represented on the Internet," Durr said. "The idea for a central, comprehensive Web site for Elon's sustainability initiatives grew out of that recommendation."

In 2008, the Student Sustainability Council began brainstorming for a new Web site. Elon recently switched over to the new design and layout, which is easier to navigate and provides more information on what the university is doing to become more sustainable. Durr worked with the Sustainability Council to create the site.

"The primary difference between the previous environmental awareness site and the new site is the level of detail," Durr said. "The goal of the new site is to include information on all of Elon's sustainability

initiatives so it can be easily found in one place."

As new initiatives are taken on, the council will continue to add them to the site.

Academic and operational efforts are also included on the Web site. Information regarding Elon's actions toward becoming more sustainable is provided, including course offerings related to sustainability and green design and information on student-run organizations focused on the environment. Students are able to learn more about the groups and how to get involved through the Web site.

Elon has taken a major step toward its goal of becoming more sustainable by re-designing the sustainability Web site. Visitors are now able to learn more about the university, as well as its desire to become more environmentally friendly. Durr said today, environmentalism is a huge pull for college applicants when looking for a school, so the administration hopes the new Web site will educate applicants on Elon's commitment to the environment.

Town of Elon may fight federal water cleanup regulations and requirements

Alyse Knorr
Design Editor

The Town of Elon may join a group of local governments fighting against the requirements of the Jordan Lake Rules, an expensive state-mandated water cleanup plan. The rules were established by the N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources in response to federal regulations requiring the reduction of harmful nutrients in rivers and basins across the country.

The initial estimate for the cost of reducing Elon's sewer waste was between \$3 and \$30 million, but at the Town of Elon's Board of Aldermen agenda meeting Monday night, Town Manager Mike Dula said that now this amount seems to be closer to \$3 million and would be paid over 20 years.

"Things are getting a little clearer," Dula said of the rules. "We're getting a better handle on our responsibilities."

Dula said federal mandates require reducing the amount of nitrogen waste in sewer systems throughout Elon by 8 percent, a small amount when compared to other areas such as Durham, where waste must be reduced by 35 percent.

Dula also said Mebane, Graham and Burlington are hiring lawyers to contest the Jordan Lake Rules requirements, and the town could consider joining them to help pay the \$2,000 to \$5,000 legal fees.

Although these municipalities have not yet asked Elon to join their legal effort, Mayor Jerry Tolley said assisting them with the legal fees would be in the interest of goodwill and the board should consider pursuing the matter.

At the meeting, the board also received copies of a draft



Cities across the United States are adopting a variety of features to manage storm water in a more effective, environmentally-friendly way.

of the request for qualifications document that, once approved, will be sent to local architects, beginning the process to select a firm to build the town's new library.

"The request for qualification is essentially a bidding process for selecting the most qualified designer," Dula said.

The document was read and

edited by the library building committee at their meeting Jan. 14.

If approved, the document will be sent out for firms to respond to within 60 days.

Transfer students get their first taste of Elon

Camille DeMere
Multimedia Editor

On his very first day of classes at Elon, junior John Hendrickson was greeted not with warm August weather, but with a bone-chilling February cold.

That's because Hendrickson is one of about 30 students who transferred to Elon this spring, spending their first semester pulling on sweaters while trying to fit in. Hendrickson traveled to North Carolina from Hawaii, but as a part of a military family, he's used to moving around. He traded studying on the beach at Hawaii Pacific University in Honolulu for hitting the books under the oaks at Elon to follow his family, who recently moved to Virginia.

He said he'll miss the laid-back attitude of Hawaii, but the possibility of studying something in the computer arts field at

Elon sounds exciting.

Academics were also a draw for sophomore Ashley Milford, who felt stifled at Goucher College in Baltimore.

"It was good for the first year," she said. "But after that I felt like the classes were really slow and I was being held back."

She plans to take advantage of Elon's opportunities by majoring in economics and minoring in Spanish while still focusing on her passion for dance.

It is an unusual sentiment, but to freshman Lauren Carrico, Elon's student body is pretty large. Carrico transferred in after spending her first semester at Lebanon Valley College in Annville, Pa.

Carrico described the school of 1,700 as a "suitcase school" that lost its appeal on the deserted weekends.

Elon University wasn't a strange name to Carrico — she actually applied during

her senior year in high school but was put on the waitlist and knows a few people who attend the university.

Catherine Williams, director of Transfer and Special Admissions, said this year's intake is normal, and the school usually sees about 95 transfers come in during the fall.

"Some [transfers] come because of Elon's reputation, and others come for a certain academic program," Williams said.

Williams noted most students who take the initiative to apply to Elon and are accepted as transfer students adjust well to their change in surroundings.

Carrico said her transition has been smooth, though there wasn't much of a formal orientation for transfer students.

"It's still early, but I'm excited to get out there, meet more people and fit into Elon," she said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

'Careers in Common Good'

The Kernodle Center for Service Learning, the Career Center and the Office of Civic Engagement will be sponsoring "Careers in the Common Good" from 7-8 p.m. Thursday for Professional Discovery Week.

Grad school workshop

There will be a graduate school information workshop from 6:30-7:30 p.m. tonight in

Johnston Hall 100. It will discuss the deciding to go to graduate school, choosing the best one and applying.

C-Span Bus

The C-Span Civics Bus will visit Elon Friday and will be parked at the Moseley Center from 9 a.m. to noon. The 45-foot mobile bus has a production studio and demonstration center and is in town for the "100 Days, 100 Schools" tour.

Spring organization fair

The spring organization fair will take place from 4-6 p.m. Friday in McKinnon Hall. Contact Student Activities with questions at x7203.

Free test sessions

There will be free practice admission test sessions for the GRE, MCAT, LSAT, GMAT, PCAT and OAT from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday in Powell. To

register, call 1-800-KAP-TEST or visit www.kaptest.com. For questions, contact Career Services in Duke 101 at x6538.

Periclean Scholars swiping meal plans

Donate extra meal plans, Phoenix Cash or regular cash to the 2010 Periclean Scholars from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in Moseley until Friday. All proceeds go to build a health care clinic in Ghana that services 10,000 locals.

Cooper named new dean of Elon School of Education

Margeaux Corby
News Editor

David H. Cooper hitchhiked around the United States and Europe in college, lived in Israel during the 1973 war and plays the bass guitar in a blues band.

But this month the classic rock lover and world traveler accepted the position of Dean of School of Education.

Cooper will leave his current position as interim associate dean at the University of Maryland's College of Education to begin his work at Elon in June.

"Hopefully we'll be able to sell our house in this horrible real estate market," Cooper said.

Cooper has a long history at Maryland, serving as director of professional development schools in the college of education as well as beginning his professorship teaching special education.

After 25 years at the university, he was looking for ways to grow professionally and was intrigued by the vacant position at Elon.

"I've really enjoyed being in the business of administering the College of Education at Maryland and was looking for an opportunity to advance my career," Cooper said. "It was kind of a shot in the dark but once I began meeting with people, it really reinforced the idea that this would be an excellent place to be a dean."

Cooper said President Leo Lambert's goals for the future of Elon's School of Education are similar to his own.

"One thing that's very clear is that President Leo Lambert has a major commitment for the campus to work together with the public schools," Cooper said. "The School of Education has been doing a good job educating the teachers they graduate. From everything I've heard from speaking to people in Burlington and Alamance County, they really like the teachers that come from Elon."

This emphasis on the joining of collegiate education with the surrounding public school system has not always been popular in the field of education.

"In years past, students would have taken a lot of courses but have limited experience in the schools," Cooper said. "Recently, at Elon and other schools, these two worlds have been brought closer together so that there is no gap between the theory and practical expertise."

Cooper also hopes to add a program for early childhood development to the School of Education, which now only has programs for elementary and secondary education.

"There is a very well-known gap between majority and minority and poor students in levels of achievement and that gap is present as early as kindergarten," Cooper said. "Children come to school already with some disadvantages and the idea is to do everything possible so they have all the same opportunity to grow as healthy learners."

Cooper said he is hoping to connect with local musicians in the area and that he and his wife both look forward to visiting the beaches in North

Elon community to participate in national leadership study

Laura Smith
News Editor

With more than 140 student organizations and roughly 100 Isabella Cannon Leadership Fellows, it comes as no surprise that leadership skills and experience are highly valued at Elon University.

To increase Elon's involvement in leadership programs and development even more, the university will be participating in a survey beginning Feb. 16 that will measure the efficacy of leadership among students. The study will look at where Elon falls in comparison to other schools.

The study comes from Susan Komives, University of Maryland professor of College Student Personnel and advocate for student leadership. Komives contacted Elon after she and her colleagues began the study in 2005.

"My passion is how we can enhance student capacity to know they can make a difference in the world," Komives said.

When the study was first conducted in 2006, 54 institutions participated. The results were analyzed for more than a year, then presented at national leadership conferences and used in journals.

Komives wanted to select "a diversity of campuses to represent college students around the country." Included in the first study were liberal arts colleges, research universities, black and Hispanic colleges and community colleges, which will be in the study this year as well.

According to Komives, Elon was chosen for the study because of its location in the Southeast and its liberal arts curriculum, as well as the solid leadership program Komives saw during national leadership conferences.

There are 104 different sizes and types of universities, allowing schools to compare their leadership programs to schools of a similar demographic. The Center for Leadership at Elon is hoping to rise above the rest of them.

"I think that leadership is positioned well within the institution," said Rex Waters, associate dean of students and director of the Isabella Cannon Leadership Fellows Program.

He attributes leadership at Elon to a sense of active learning and civic engagement.

"It's those types of things often with people

Leadership Week events

Tuesday:

"Leadership, a Presidential Perspective": President Leo Lambert, President Emeritus Earl Danieley, SGA President Chase Rumley and 2008 Alumnus of the Year Noel Allen share their unique presidential perspectives at Elon's campus

Wednesday:

"Leadership For Your Life": Christopher Gergen, founding partner of New Mountain Ventures, and Heather Graham, program officer with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, talk to campus about the efforts behind their success.

Thursday:

Center for Leadership sponsoring Elon vs. Georgia Southern basketball game

Friday:

Special address by Scott Allen, co-author of Emotionally Intelligent Leadership: A Guide for College Students and creator of the Center for Leadership Development

achieving a common goal [that encourage leadership]," Waters said.

The study will be completed via e-mail through a random sample of around 4,000 students, according to Robert Springer, director of Institutional Research at Elon. It will take about 20 minutes and students can both win prizes for local venues and be entered in a drawing for a national prize.

The study will be based on seven different values of the social change model, developed by Komives. These seven values are consciousness of self, congruence, commitment, collaboration, common purpose, controversy with civility and citizenship.

There will also be sub-studies in the survey, including research on spirituality, mentoring, social perspective talking (the ability to see someone else's point of view), racial identity and campus climate.

"I think for us it's having a greater understanding

of what is taking place and how we measure that," said Mallory Anderson, director of the Center for Leadership.

The study comes at an appropriate time with Elon's first leadership week beginning Feb. 24.

"Leadership is so much more than the [Isabella Cannon Leadership] fellows," Waters said. "There was a need to celebrate leadership."

Therefore, the Center for Leadership is partnering with Live Oak Communications to create the celebration.

The week will kick off with College Coffee Tuesday morning and a program featuring four Elon presidents speaking that night. The four will be Earl Danieley, president emeritus and adjunct professor; Noel L. Allen, 2008 Alumnus of the Year and former Elon Board of Trustees chair; President Leo Lambert and Chase Rumley, SGA president.

"Leadership week is important because it recognizes one of the five Elon experiences [research, leadership, service, internships and study abroad]," Rumley said. "Most students during their tenure at Elon take an active role on campus as a leader and this week serves to recognize their commitment to improving our university community."

Wednesday will feature a presentation by social entrepreneurs Christopher Gergen and his wife Heather Graham. The Center for Leadership is sponsoring the men's basketball game against Georgia Southern Thursday.

Finally, the week will end with the Leadership Development Institute when Scott Allen, co-author of Emotionally Intelligent Leadership: A Guide for College Students and creator of the Center for Leadership Development, will speak about emotionally intelligent leadership.

"I think that leadership at Elon will continue to flourish. I sincerely hope that student leaders continue to gain new resources and opportunities to strengthen their leadership, which will in turn create better future leaders for their organizations," Rumley said.

With the study and the leadership week, Anderson, Waters and the rest of the Center for Leadership are hoping to draw attention to the importance of becoming a leader while a student at Elon.

"We're excited about the future and potential of leadership at Elon," Waters said.

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Editorial

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

Avoiding budget disaster: Elon's plan of action

The principle of trickle-down economics is simple. When the rich have money, their wealth will slowly find its way to the less privileged, albeit in a less plentiful form. The implementation of policies based on this economic theory has recently proven that it works, but not in the way it was intended.

As the banks crumble, Washington blusters over what to do with its bailout plans and consumer confidence plummets, institutions such as Elon University are in the middle of the fallout.

In spite of the dire times, Elon is maintaining a stable, competent outlook on the upcoming fiscal year, though gaps still remain in its plan.

The main focus of the upcoming 2009-2010 budget is discretion. The next year will be tough on the university, but so far the current plan should block any crippling blows to Elon's financial stability.

In the past, endowments have been seen as a privilege and as such, many universities are now dependent on them to continue their current operations. In the current economic climate, such blessings are vanishing. Harvard and Yale have suffered 22 and 13.4 percent drops in endowment respectively, while state universities are undergoing a similar budget crunch due to shrinking state resources.

Elon's financial position is far more dependent on tuition payments than endowments, which safeguard the university from some of the trickle-down troubles but brings its own issues. During the last fiscal year, Elon received \$8.9 million for its endowments compared to over \$100 million in net tuition.

Concerns have been raised over the incoming freshman class not being as large as previously hoped, though Elon's administration has been quick to quell such worries.

"Are we going to fill our class next year? Absolutely," said Gerald Whittington, vice president for business, finance and technology.

Elon is considering adding more freshmen to the incoming class, to serve as a safety net for those who decide at the last minute not to attend. In addition, a cap of 6 percent increase will be put on tuition rates to further encourage growth.

In the long-term, a further emphasis on the fellowship and presidential scholar programs, along with the assurance that scholarships will not be cut, are anticipated to maintain the student population.

As for Elon's various departments, Whittington advocated a prudent reexamination of current budgets, with each respective budget manager prioritizing expenses with the goal of an overall reduction in spending.

"This is not the time to be adding 20 staff members and doubling everyone's budget," he said.

Whittington also cited Elon's newfound reluctance to approve long-term commitments at the same rate as previous years, with construction projects in particular going through more hoops before they are approved.

Provided there isn't an unexpectedly large drop in tuition revenues and the reevaluation of the departmental budgets is restricted to nonessential or overly wasteful endeavors, there's room for Elon to grow out of this economic quagmire.

Dr. Steve DeLoach, a professor of economics, favorably compared his own situation with that of his peers at other universities and colleges. As opposed to several institutions, Elon's salary increase pool is expected to only drop marginally. This could, over time, lead to a brain drain that would serve in Elon's favor.

"There's a strong potential for Elon to be chosen over aspirant schools," DeLoach said. "If we can stay, even our competitors may fall backward a step or two."

Coupled with a cap on tuition increases, an influx of high-quality professors could make the upcoming uncertainty worthwhile.

With economic bulwarks tumbling down around it, Elon University has put up an umbrella against the worst the economic storm can muster. It's not a perfect umbrella by any means. Continued property depreciation could throw the balance sheets off balance, revenues are prone to an increasingly cautious series of incoming classes and the proposed budget cuts must be effective.

But it's a safeguard nonetheless.

Baseball faces the bottom of the ninth

A-Rod strikes out with the bases loaded

A specter rose from its grave over the weekend, with bulbous eyes and a short temper. It sat down beside every ESPN anchor and dutiful sports fan. It dragged with it an era that many had thought to be dead and buried, but has proven to be terribly persistent.

Recently, Sports Illustrated ousted Alex Rodriguez as a member of a 104-player list compiled in 2003 of those who tested positive for various illegal substances. For Rodriguez, the substances in question were testosterone and Primobolan, an anabolic steroid.

Monday, Rodriguez came clean to ESPN's Peter Gammons and admitted that he participated in dubious activities during his three-year stay with the Texas Rangers.

"I was young, I was stupid, I was naïve," Rodriguez said. "I wanted to prove to everyone I was worth being one of the greatest players of all time."

Though assurances have been given to fans that he has since been clean, relying upon ability and not injections for his ongoing dominance, they mean nothing. This deception runs deep: Rodriguez told Katie Couric on "60 Minutes" in 2007 that he had never used steroids before. This statement was taken at face value, and ever since Rodriguez has stood as a transitory figure, a player who would help lead baseball out of the steroid era and into legitimacy.

"In today's post-Canseco, post-BALCO, post-Mitchell world, the game is different," Gammons said in a January column, and he's probably right. The extent of the league's steroid use has drastically declined, while testing is now frequent and effective. But the legacy of rampant steroid use lingers.

The 2003 list was intended as a completely anonymous screening, free of punitive measures, to indicate whether greater testing would be implemented in 2004. Aside from Rodriguez, no other players have been mentioned. But at this point, they need to be.

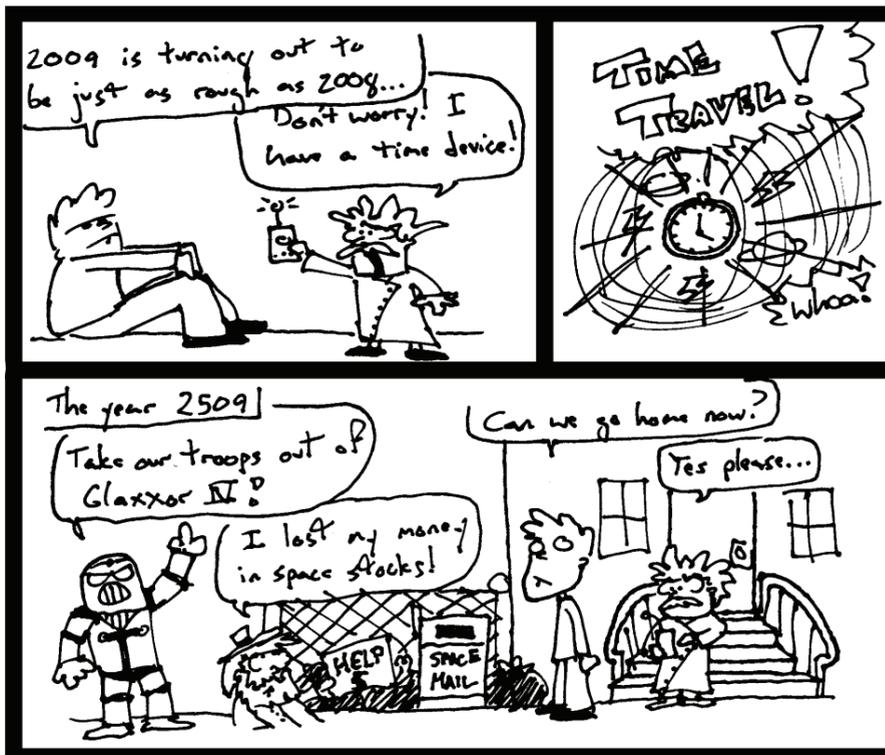
As far as Rodriguez's future is concerned, his contract with the New York Yankees will continue and if his production stays on track he'll break Barry Bonds' tainted home run record. His immediate future looks stable and it's unlikely the league will take any action against its largest icon. The only true punishment he'll receive will be an ongoing stigma from the baseball community and a questionable induction into Cooperstown.

It's a stigma that's well-deserved. The New York media will be incredibly rough on him, all of his accomplishments will be called into question and many will rightfully see him as a cheat. Apologists who will plead for greater digression in condemning Rodriguez would do well to look at his former teammate, Ken Griffey Jr.

Hailed as one of the most talented players in history, Griffey's production began to trail off in 2001 as endless injuries began to take their toll. Despite this, Griffey never crumbled beneath peer pressure and has never been implicated in a single substance test, let alone shown any signs of steroid use. Rodriguez maintained superior numbers, but the wrong man became the face of baseball.

Now that Rodriguez has admitted to steroid use, the American pastime may not even get the chance to reinvent itself yet again. Baseball can only pull the wool over the public's eyes so many times.

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Opinions

TAKE A DRAG AND MOVE ON:

A country up in smoke about absolutely nothing

Michael Phelps smoked pot. It's best to just come out and say it. There's no beating around the bush, no sugar-coating it. Now before everyone hops on the phone demanding that Michael Phelps be banned from this country for such atrocious crimes, why doesn't everybody take a deep breath and look at this situation?



Chris King
Columnist

For those who are uninformed, a picture of Michael Phelps using a "smoking apparatus" has popped up on the Internet. Following right behind it is the uproar of thousands of shocked parents.

"How could this happen? How could a young man in his 20s ever think of trying marijuana, even just one time?"

Phelps has lost one sponsor, Kellogg's, and has been suspended for three months by USA Swimming. It's amazing how quickly things can turn around. Just months ago, Phelps was a national icon. Now, he's the center of a media firestorm of a whole different kind.

Before he is stoned by the masses, let's take a minute to look at this. A photo pops up on the Internet of someone who looks suspiciously like an Olympian swimmer smoking pot. When Phelps is confronted with the accusations, what does he do? He comes clean. He admits that it was him. No PR, no cash settlement, no lawyers. The guy just comes out and says he did it and it was a mistake. This may be the first time in history that an athlete has

been accused of doing something and just admitted to having done it.

After the admission, the bottom fell out. People were in a panic, wondering how this icon could tarnish his flawless golden image like this.

Phelps is human. He makes mistakes. He was caught for a DUI in 2004 and he pleaded guilty. Again, he didn't hide or try to run. He faced the charges with honesty in the face of public scrutiny. Now he's faced with this picture that threatens to damage his career and his reputation, not to mention his income. Still Phelps doesn't flinch, but admits fault and accepts his punishment. That shows someone who is much more mature than his 23 years would indicate.

Despite the sponsorships, despite the gold medals, he is still only 23 years old, the average age of most college graduates and some seniors. Phelps is quoted as saying he "demonstrated bad judgment" and "acted in a youthful and inappropriate manner."

Everyone makes mistakes in their time. I'm not condoning what Phelps did, and neither is he. But the people of this country need to lighten up. How many people let their children listen to the Beatles, a band that used drugs? Is Paul McCartney not allowed to make music anymore? Or how about President Barack Obama, a role model and icon for millions? He has openly admitted to drug use, yet no one is stripping the presidency from him.

Phelps didn't take performance-enhancing drugs like so many baseball players. He just went to a college party and did something stupid and irresponsible. He regrets it and hopes the American people can forgive him for his transgressions, and they should.

Spotlight moves off Obama, Republican Party in need of change



Daniel Shutt
Guest Columnist

As a proud and partisan Democrat, the last few months have brought me a great deal of personal satisfaction. My candidate and my party have won a sweeping mandate to change the direction of the country and repair the damage that former President George W. Bush and the Republican Party have done over the last eight years. As an American, though, I am

deeply troubled by the new political dynamics that have emerged. While I may disagree with my Republican friends, there can be no doubt that our country is better off when we hear the voices of all Americans. That is why I am concerned about the future of the Republican Party.

It is clear that the 2008 election represented not just an electoral defeat, but a thorough rebuke of the Republican brand. If Republicans fail to drastically overhaul their approach, they are destined to wander in the political wilderness for years to come.

It is with these concerns that I, a concerned Democrat, offer some suggestions:

Listen to young voters. In November, President Barack Obama won 66 percent of voters between the ages of 18 and 29. Few politicians in American history have captured the imagination of young people like Obama has, and his personal magnetism certainly accounts for his success. It is clear that Republicans have an outdated set of priorities that do not appeal to the millennial generation. Voters our age want to hear more from candidates about the environment and global poverty and less about culture war issues like abortion and gay rights.

Make peace with Hispanic voters. In 2004, Bush won the Hispanic vote by 12 percent. In 2008, Sen. John McCain won only 33 percent. McCain, a strong proponent of immigration reform, should have appealed strongly to Hispanics. But his individual positions were overwhelmed by the noxious anti-immigrant tone coming from his party. By 2030, Hispanics will be one-fifth of the country's population. Simply put, the Republican Party cannot continue to be an almost exclusively white party. If they don't change their tone, Republicans will find themselves marginalized.

Broaden middle-class appeal. When the fall campaign turned abruptly to the issue of economic security and jobs, the Republicans seemed completely lost. As voters became more anxious about their jobs, pensions, homes and healthcare, Republicans gave them the same old song and dance about tax cuts for the wealthy. It's no wonder polls indicated that Americans trusted Democrats with the economy. With the economy in a free-fall, Republicans would be smart to listen more carefully to the middle class. Put tax cuts for big corporations on the back burner and start talking about healthcare, education and retirement security.

Get serious. At a recent conference on "the future of conservatism," the headline speakers were Rush Limbaugh, Ann Coulter and Joe the Plumber. If any of these people represent the future of conservatism, Republicans are in real trouble. The American people are starved for serious ideas and solutions, not talk-show bluster. What if congressional Republicans offered principled conservative criticisms of the president's stimulus plan, rather than deferring to the likes of Limbaugh and Fox News? Our public debate needs thoughtful exchange.

Leave Sarah Palin in Alaska. I know, some conservatives want to nominate her in 2012. But her over-heated rhetoric about "pro-America" parts of the country and Obama "palling around with terrorists" are needlessly divisive and ugly. Besides, after eight years of Bush, do you really want another punch line as a president?

Coming from a Democrat, this advice may not mean much to Republicans, and they might ignore it. That's their prerogative. But I'd rather face a worthy competitor than watch old friends lose their way.

IT'S NOT JUST THE MARIJUANA THAT'S IMPORTANT:

Phelps scandal exposes two-sided drug attitudes



Robert Wohner
Columnist

image would damage the reputation of America's most acclaimed Olympian, if at all.

After Kellogg's announced it would not renew its contract with Phelps, The Washington Times featured an article headlined, "Fans defend Phelps after his pot puffing."

The article reported that some fans were organizing a boycott of Kellogg's because of its decision.

"Kellogg's has profited for decades on the food tastes of marijuana-using Americans with the munchies. In fact, we believe that most people over the age of 12 would not eat Kellogg's products were they not wickered high," one boycott organizer said.

Some even went so far as to label Kellogg's as hypocritical for making sugary cereals and having problems with Phelps' alleged marijuana use. This viewpoint is not as obscure as you may think.

Others in the media sympathized with the young phenomenon.

"Phelps wandered into a party and trusted that nothing

bad could possibly happen to him among his new chums. The penalty should have been: Go out there and swim, ya big lug ya. The chlorine is good for you," New York Times sports writer George Vecsey commented in his column.

Forget the DUI charges. Forget about marijuana use. Just swim, "ya big lug." But for black athletes, things aren't so easy.

Dallas Mavericks guard Josh Howard was railed on sports radio and ESPN for admitting that he regularly smoked marijuana in the off-season. Super Bowl MVP Antonio Holmes faced similar treatment after being arrested for marijuana possession. In August, critics and commentators questioned the 24-year-old Holmes' future in the NFL and regularly have described him as "troubled."

Had this photo been of basketball star LeBron James, the public would have dubbed James as another black man sabotaging his future in pursuit of pleasure.

Many, like Vecsey,

have been quick to excuse Phelps' behavior as typical for 23-year-olds.

The fact is, he is not the average 20-something. Aside from being one of America's most acclaimed athletes, he is a role model, not because we dubbed him that, but because Phelps welcomed that responsibility when he chose to place his image on children's cereal boxes and sell his instructional swimming videos on his Web site.

Outside of sports, this inconsistent view of marijuana use continues throughout the media. Shows like "Weeds" and "Entourage" glamorize its usage while TBS's "House of Payne" features a black mother's abandonment of her children while struggling with drug addiction.

This has nothing to do with the morality of drug use. It stands as a critique of the way drugs are portrayed in the media and how that portrayal shapes our perception. This hypocrisy is playing an important but deplorable part in how we've responded to the Phelps scandal.

The VERY-BAD SCENARIO Survival Handbook:



FOR THE VERY POOR
COLLEGE STUDENT

THAT'S YOU!

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Five survival tips to avoid the quicksand of college debt.

Nearly 600,000 people lost their jobs in January, raising the unemployment rate to 7.6 percent, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported Feb. 6. Almost one-half of the 3.6 million job losses since the start of the recession in December 2007 occurred in the past three months.

The economic downturn isn't just plaguing grown-ups any more. Students returning to campus for spring semester are feeling the budget crunch as well.

Between semesters, jobs disappeared, hours were cut and paychecks shrank. Until some of the multi-billion dollar bailout funds trickle down and refill your bank account, it's time to set a budget and stick to it by trimming your spending and trying to rake in some extra dough.

Eat cheap.

"My mother is a very frugal person. She does finance," Kimberly Duggins said. "She sat down and did the math that it would come out cheaper if I paid for my own meals."

Duggins opted out of the meal plan this fall in favor of cash on campus and cooking in her Oaks apartment on campus as frequently as when she had a meal plan, but she paid lower prices rather than using meal plans.

"I ended up spending \$500 the entire semester including my groceries," Duggins said. "I do have relative tastes, but I feel like even if you have more expensive tastes ahead."

Shopping at Wal-Mart tends to be cheaper, said Duggins. She does comparison-shopping by looking at the weekly ads cutouts.

"I am a coupon cutter," Duggins said. "It's only a small amount but it adds up." She picked up the Wednesday edition of the Times-News, available in Mooney, McEwen School of Business and Octagon, because it has the grocery ads for Food City and Lowe's Foods.

"Pay attention to what you're buying. Look at expiration dates," Duggins advised. "You don't want to buy milk and have it go bad, so you can just go buy more milk."

Duggins tracked all her spending using Microsoft Excel. She categorized her expenses by type, spent about five minutes each day inputting her purchases and monitored her spending habits to know where she stood financially.

"It's easy to go out and spend a lot of money before you realize it," Duggins said. "I think that tracking your money will help you avoid sticky situations."

Trade in your wheels.

Although AAA reports the average price of gas is down to \$1.89 per gallon from its \$4.08 high in September, fuel is still a major drain on the wallet. Switching up transportation methods means filling up less often.

Jump on the bus. Elon's BioBus picks up students from off-campus housing from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. all week and shuttles students to University Commons and Alamance Crossing from 4 p.m. to midnight Wednesday through Sunday.

Two beats four. Bikes are a cheap, easy way to get around campus. Campus Rec rents bikes for \$25 a semester. Eight bikes are available for rent this spring from Elon Outdoors and will be rented out on a first-come-first-serve basis from 3:30 to 6 p.m. Feb. 11.

"Basically, my bike saves me time and money," said senior Erin Barnett, who picked one up last fall to make the daily trek from her Oaks apartment to the editing labs in McEwen as she works on her documentary film. "It gets me from point A to point B quickly without wasting gas."

Students show up, sign a contract, pay the rental fee using cash, check or Phoenix Cash and ride away on a bike that's theirs until the last final exam day. Get there early if you want a bike for spring, said Alison Polisenno, program assistant for Campus Rec. All 18 bikes were gone within an hour this fall.

"It's a cheap way for students to get around campus," Polisenno said. "And it's a lot easier than looking for a parking place."

Have to drive? Fill the tires to the recommended pressure level and keep the fuel injectors clean, said Steven La Rue at Meineke Car Care Center in Burlington.

"Every other time that you fill your car with gas, pour some injector cleaner in the tank," La Rue said. Injector cleaner is sold at most gas stations.

Maintaining your vehicle maximizes mileage. Carpooling is another great way to get more bang for your buck.

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entertainment.

Find free fun.

A shortage of cash doesn't have to limit fun; it just requires a little more creativity.

Elon's Student Union Board serves up free food and entertainment at **Midnight Meals** on Thursdays, **SUBLive** on Fridays and **Movies on the Lawn** on Saturdays.

Student turnout has been higher than usual at SUB events, said SUB Vice President Kimberly Ludlam. "I think that has to do with the fact that things are really expensive now due to the economy, and most students are obviously on a tight budget," Ludlam said.

Monthly Movie Runs featuring \$4 tickets to Carousel Cinema's in Alamance Crossing have been one of SUB's biggest hits. This semester's first Movie Run is Friday. "The great thing with these tickets is that they actually don't expire until the end of 2010," Ludlam said.

Other cheap thrills are to be had on and off campus. Round up some friends and head to any of the **sports courts** for some good old-fashioned competition. Grab a Frisbee and check out the **Frisbee golf course** at Beth Schmidt Park.

Get out and give back. Elon Volunteers! has tons of great opportunities, such as Habitat for Humanity, S.H.A.R.E. and Elonthon to keep you busy and help others ride out the recession.

Be on the lookout for other economical SUB events. "We are always conscientious of the balancing act between entertainment and money and even more so now with the economy," Ludlam said.

Bargain for books.

spending.

Knowledge does not come cheap. Textbooks are a big investment, but they can also yield a high return. Searching the market when buying books and getting creative when liquidating your assets is a smart way to spend less and earn more.

"I usually buy my books on Half.com," senior communications major Sean Flynn said. Amazon.com also offers used books at decent prices, and some textbooks are even available in Elon's library.

Flynn has also cut textbook costs by pairing up with classmates and splitting the purchase. "That way you have an automatic study partner and the book costs you half as much," Flynn said.

"The Elon bookstore completely low-balls you on what they give you back," Flynn said. His solution: sell books to other students using E-Net ads.

Flynn sold "Mass Media Law" to another student two hours after posting the ad on E-Net – that's the fifth textbook he's sold.

The bookstore was going to give me \$33 back, but the bookstore was selling it for \$109 [new and \$82 used]. The girl who bought it gave me \$70 for it, so she saved a lot and I got more," Flynn said.

Selling and selling books via E-net may take more work, checking it often and fielding responses, but it can pay off.

"It's a win-win for everyone," Flynn said.

income.

Find a job.

Money doesn't grow on trees. It has to be earned. Part-time jobs help students pay bills and replenish dwindling bank accounts.

"I was abroad in the fall, which basically means I have no money left," junior Alex Walton said. Walton, who recently applied for a job with Campus Rec, said working on campus would be most convenient because he's already very involved.

Walton said he applied with Campus Rec specifically for the opportunity to work with friends in a location he frequents often at a well-run organization with flexible hours. But Walton's not the only student seeking a job.

"There was a good amount of people at the job fair last week," Walton said. If he doesn't receive a position with Campus Rec, Walton said he'd keep looking.

"My dad hasn't had a stable job in over four years," said Lesley Cowie, a junior from Mooresville, N.C. who juggles multiple part-time jobs to help make ends meet. Cowie's family moved to North Carolina so her father, an accountant, could work with textile companies. "The instant we moved here, the textile industry collapsed."

Cowie works at Dunkin' Donuts and Family Video when she's home. During school, she works weekends at Burlington's Family Video and updates the N.C. Open Government Web site for the Sunshine Center housed in the school of communications.

"I pay my own rent. I pay for food, groceries and whatever else I want," Cowie said. She sought out a job to pay for housing when she moved off campus this year.

"I swear I applied to every different Starbucks on every different corner and didn't get any callbacks, even after following up," Cowie said.

Be on the lookout for opportunities, always. Cowie secured her job at Family Video after stopping in to rent a movie in Fall 2008. "I walked out 15 minutes later with a job."

When Colin Donohue, coordinator of student media and communications instructor, sent an e-mail soliciting a student to help maintain the N.C. Open Government site, Cowie responded immediately.

"Keep on trying. Go everywhere. Be persistent," Cowie advised. "Fill out applications everywhere and follow up on them often."

Style

NINE from page 1

Spring musical makes for sophisticated theatre

of ex-lovers, "Nine" will provide just the right dose of feminine charm following the fall male-led musical "Sweeney Todd."

Senior Ashlea Potts plays one of these women.

In the role of Lilian Lefleur, Guido's French producer, Potts will portray two very separate personas: the Lilian of Guido's fantasy life, who would like nothing more than to please him, and the hard-hitting business woman who plagues Guido's reality with her demands for a new film.

"There are three worlds in this show," Potts said. "The world of Guido's mind, how he wants his women to be, [worshipping him] — even when it sometimes goes wrong. Guido's movie, 'Grand Canal,' where the scene changes feel as if you're watching a movie, and there's the reality where the women in the cast get to be who they are."

"Nine" is based on the 1963 film "8 1/2," directed by Italian director Federico Fellini. It was an autobiographical account of his life in show business.

Fellini is noted for his cinematic explorations into the realm of the human psyche, his vivid imagination giving rise to the larger-than-life dream sequences of "8 1/2" and his more recent 1990 graphic novel, "Trip to Tulum."

Formato explained the department's choice of "Nine" for its spring production.

Even though the show is rarely performed outside the realm of professional theater, Formato believes her students are up to the challenge.

"This is a sophisticated musical," Formato said. "We want variety for our actors in their four years of study. 'Nine' came out before the Internet could make it popular, but everyone who sees it falls in love with it."

Elon could not have picked a timelier musical as its spring headliner.

"Nine" recently caught

WANT TO GO?

What: "Nine"

When: 7:30= p.m.
Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday

Where: McCrary Theatre

Cost: \$12 or free with Elon ID

the eye of film director Rob Marshall ("Chicago" and "Memoirs of a Geisha") and is in production to be released in November of this year.

Familiar faces on the big screen in this modern adaptation includes Daniel Day-Lewis as Guido Contini, starring alongside Nicole Kidman, Penelope Cruz, Kate Hudson and Dame Judy Dench.

"Nine" was nominated for 10 Tony Awards in 1982, including Best Musical, Best Original Score and Best Direction of a Musical, winning five.

The 2003 revival saw similar success at that year's ceremony and was nominated for six awards, winning two.

The musical has drawn famous faces to its cast since its inception as well.

The original marquee featured Tony award-winning actress Liliane Montevecchi, and the more recent adaptation featured Mary Stuart Masterson, Chita Rivera and Antonio Banderas.

"Everyone can appreciate this show," Potts said.

"Whether they're a theater major, an acting major, a communications or a business major. There are so many funny, heartbreaking moments, and the cast has worked super-hard. We're so ready for an audience."



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Senior Matt Keffer leads the cast as Guido s, a



"Nine" is laden with estrogen. Multiple females may complicate Guido's real life, but they

Tickets are \$12 or free with a Phoenix card.

Anyone wishing to see the show is encouraged to reserve his or her seat early and to arrive

at the theater at least 15 minutes before the curtain rises.

Elon professor hits the small screen in 'One Tree Hill'

Laura Wainman
Senior Reporter

Theater professor Kevin Otos brings something very unique to the classroom. He is able to teach his students something he has done himself.

Thanks to his recent role on the popular TV show "One Tree Hill," Otos has added some new skills to his repertoire.

Otos plays the role of Dan Scott's (Paul Johansson) cardiologist. In the episode, Dan is waiting to receive the call from Otos that a heart is available for his transplant.

Otos appeared in the Feb. 3 episode, but it wasn't his first experience with the CW drama. He first auditioned for the show in December 2007, trying out for the role of a reverend, but he was not chosen for the part. He auditioned again, this time for a role as a basketball coach, but was again not selected. His persistence was rewarded on his third audition when he was chosen to play the role of Dan's doctor.

"As a theater professor it is my responsibility to stay current in my field of work," Otos said. "That includes putting myself out there for auditions on current projects."

This hands-on experience will undoubtedly



Kevin Otos
Assistant Theatre

affect your performance. You must learn to control the internal game, and that is something I feel I can teach my students better now. I want to make sure they know how to maintain a positive headspace."

Otos spent the night before his scene was shot in a hotel in Wilmington, N.C., preparing for his role. The next day, he chose to go for a walk around the city.

Getting out assisted in maintaining the positive space an actor thrives on.

"The last thing I wanted to do was sit in my hotel room until the shoot worrying," Otos said.

be a great benefit for Otos' students.

He said he feels he learned one thing that will prove particularly helpful for his students.

"One of the hardest things in acting is learning how to perform under pressure," Otos said. "In TV and film, you are moving so quickly and you cannot afford to psych yourself out in your head. If your mind is cluttered it can negatively

The whole scene was shot in one hour. According to Otos, it was an improvement from his first experience on set.

"In TV you work very quickly, because there is so much to get done in a relatively short time frame," Otos said. "After I had gone to costumes and makeup, I ran through the scene about three times with Paul and the director. The crew was just coming off of lunch, so I got to see a few of the regular cast members. Then we shot the scene and it was a wrap."

Though having his own students — and even a little boy in his daughter's class — recognize him from the show is a great feeling, it isn't the best part. Otos' favorite moment of the experience came after he finished shooting the scene and the director said "mark that tape."

"This is always my favorite part, because it means we have created something the director thinks will be a part of the final product," Otos said. "It feels great knowing that you have given a performance they want to use."

Despite the popular claims that many "One Tree Hill" cast members have a tendency of "diva-ness," Otos swears he saw nothing of the sort on set.

"Everyone was very professional, courteous and even generous," Otos said. "There was definitely

The vision becomes a reality

2010 Periclean Scholars open health center in Ghana after two years of planning

Alex Trice
Reporter

The 32 Elon Periclean Scholars of 2010 have helped change the lives of more than 10,000 people. In less than two years, they have shown their hard work, dedication and commitment to their goals by raising nearly \$40,000 for various development projects in Ghana, as well as for outreach and education.

Over Winter Term, some of the scholars had the opportunity to travel to Ghana with Faculty Mentor Heidi Frontani and witness the grand opening of the Kpoeta Community Clinic in Kpoeta, Ghana, which they had helped put into existence.

"It was incredible," senior Briana O'Neil said. "It's hard to find words to explain the experience we had. The people were so hospitable and the ceremony was much more emotional than I anticipated. I have never felt more proud to be a Periclean Scholar."

The Community Clinic Project got its start when visiting Fulbright Scholar Francis Amedahe brought attention to the poor health access for the 10,000 people of his hometown in Kpoeta.

During the rainy seasons, he explained, Kpoeta's seven-mile dirt road to the nearest health clinic was impassable for half of the year.

The people of Kpoeta had tried to build their own clinic, but without assistance taken several years to finish. By this time many Kpoetans would have died.

The Periclean Scholars decided to undertake the task of supporting the construction of the clinic and with their aid a 10-room community clinic was soon established.

By late 2007, Kpoeta

was able to get a nurse posted to their village from the Ministry of Ghana.

The Periclean Scholars raised about \$19,000 for the facility, which helped Kpoeta's clinic become operational and ensure the Ghanaian government will provide basic medical supplies and a midwife.

At the welcome speech for the commissioning, given by Paramount Chief of Kpoeta Tobge Gadze VIII Jan. 10, Frontani was endowed with the honorary title of Development Queen Mother of Kpoeta.

She was given this title in recognition of the "wonderful and able leadership in guiding and motivating the scholars to raise the money to support our clinic project," she said. "We think that she deserves commendation," Utto said.

Gadze also expressed his gratitude to the scholars who had helped on the project.

"We thank the Periclean Scholars for working hard to raise the money that went into this project. To us, the clinic we are commissioning today is a dream come true and we are grateful to you," he said.

Frontani added she too commended the 2010 class of Periclean Scholars.

"Through their efforts they have demonstrated global citizenship and made a real difference in people's lives," she said. "I look forward to working with them through their graduation from Elon in May 2010 and hope that they will retain a commitment and connection to Kpoeta for years to come."

The next project in the works for the 2010 Periclean Scholars is the building of a duplex for the nurse and midwife.

In addition to this, the scholars have also been working hard at other Ghanaian-geared projects. For the village of Sokode



2010 Periclean Scholars Faculty Advisor Heidi Frontani presents a plaque to Francis Amedahe, a professor at the University of Cape Coast who is a native of Kpoeta and has assisted the Periclean Scholars with their work.

the scholars have been raising funds to build a kindergarten and to provide families with small "grasscutter" animals through Heifer International.

For Abhor, they have been helping to stock the shelves of an elementary school library. More locally, they have been assisting the African Service Coalition based in Greensboro to provide blankets and coats to African refugees.

Periclean Scholars were able to raise most of their funds with the help of Elon students.

Donations through meal card swipes and purchases of "Ghana Cards," which offer discounts at local restaurants and shops, have greatly contributed to the success of the Scholars, raising \$20,000 worth of funds toward Ghanaian projects.

"When you raise funds for a project in a foreign country, you rarely get to see the results," said junior Kelly



Left, 2010 Periclean Scholars Tracey Evans, Megan Prilutski and Briana O'Neil got to know some of the children from the Kpoeta, where the health center is located.

Parshall, who visited the completed center last winter term. "It's hard to remember that all the hours spent swiping cards in Moseley or soliciting businesses for donations

will amount to anything. "Seeing the health center and the people it will be helping was a reminder that we are doing good work. It strengthened my drive for

Elon students make news in India for Traveling Science Center

Rachel Cier
Features Editor

This year's inauguration was a global event, as many Elon students abroad found out this January.

Watched and waited for from around the world, President Barack Obama's transition to office made headlines on every continent, and in Kerala, India, 24 Elon students did too.

Professors Crista Arangala and Martin Kamela had set out to India with the simple goal of bringing Indian school children new methods of learning science, but the Traveling Science Center brought this Winter Term class much more attention than they expected.

Three newspapers, including India's national paper The Hindu, picked up the news of the traveling students.

"A few days after the Obama inauguration, an event widely reported in India, it made a good read for the locals to hear from the American students about their impressions," Kamela said.

"Perhaps because of this Obama-spurred interest, the stories made it to page two and page three of major newspapers, whereas in other times, the coverage might not be as prominent."



Indian students stand outside the Traveling Science Center in Kerala, India.

Kamela's assessment seems correct. The coverage in the two English papers, The Hindu and The Indian Express, focused on how the students were missing out on the historic inauguration to be in India.

The students reported that the Indian press didn't seem interested in much else, and some were even ignored when they said that they did not vote for Obama.

"As for being interviewed, the reporter just kept trying to get us to say really controversial things," sophomore Elizabeth Leman said. "We all shared our favorite things about India so far, and he was like,

"But how do you really feel?" [Since we were] Americans, maybe he just wanted us to be more scandalous."

Their work might not have been scandalous, but these students were attempting a project that had been years in the making.

Arangala and Kamela had originally wanted to start their Traveling Science Center in Sri Lanka, arranging the program as part of a winter term class in January 2008.

But their plans were put on hold as the island nation slipped into a state of civil unrest.

"[Kamela] and I agreed to move the program in Kerala since Kerala has similar



Elon students made headlines in The Indian Express, left, and The Hindu, right.

characteristics to Sri Lanka regarding education and life expectancy, and Kerala has lots of interesting development issues," Arangala said.

Kerala, a union state on India's southwest coast, has some of the highest literacy rates in the country at 89.9 percent, but the populace remains less educated than other developing countries in the region.

The Traveling Science Center operated by Elon students sought to spread inquiry-based education to India's school system through a series of exhibits designed to pique a child's curiosity.



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Rather than reading textbooks, students were encouraged to learn about science by participating in activities and asking questions.

One popular exhibit taught students about light spectra by giving them cards with diffraction grating. This breaks down visible light into its colored components.

Another exhibit taught inertia in relation to mass by having students guide differently weighted balls through an obstacle course with brooms.

Contributing reporting
by Hunter Gros

Economic downturn forces locals to give up pets

Intake at the Burlington animal shelter increases to 8,800 this year

Margeaux Corby
News Editor

The heart-tugging howls of homeless dogs and soft purrs of caged cats dolefully serenades visitors at the Burlington Animal Services and Pet Adoption Center.

Boss is a dark lab mix that whines soulfully from his kennel. He was surrendered by an owner who was forced to take on a second job because of the economic slide and could no longer afford the time or money to keep the puppy.

"We are really a reflection of what's going on in the economy and the world," said Laura Michel, outreach coordinator of the shelter. "We have definitely seen a real increase in surrenders."

This increased number of surrenders is part of a new national trend induced by the seemingly unstoppable economic downturn. At the local Burlington shelter, owner surrenders and intake have increased from 8,600 to 8,800 from 2007 to 2008.

"Owning a pet is a real responsibility, it's a real commitment and it's expensive," Michel said. "There is a real cost to it."

Michel said that it comes down to a matter of priority and what is financially feasible for most families.

"People ask, 'Do we feed ourselves, do we pay these bills or do we feed the dog?'" Michel said. "It's very sad."

Even more upsetting than the increased number of animal surrenders are the numerous reports about cats and dogs being abandoned in foreclosed homes. Furthermore, shelters have found themselves unable to stay in business.

In February, the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals had to close three of its animal care and adoption centers after a loss of \$11 million in endowments. The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has released tips for owners who are too monetarily strained to provide the proper care for their pet.

"The ASPCA wants to remind pet owners that planning ahead is the best way to make an informed decision," said Ed Sayres, ASPCA president and CEO. "Even though options in these cases may be less than ideal, it will be much better than simply leaving the pet behind in an abandoned home."

By law, the Burlington shelter has to hold animals for three days, not counting weekends, holidays or the day they came in.

"Our intake is still climbing and that's never good," Michel said. "When you take in 8,800 animals you don't have the room or the resources for it."

Unfortunately, euthanization is a reality for a public shelter that has to accept every surrender and stray turned over to their facility.

"We get a lot of animals in every day," Michel said. "The decision is at



MARGEAUX CORBY | Photographer

Junior Emily Gaul gets a kiss from Boss, a 1-year-old lab mix, while visiting the adoption center last weekend. Boss was surrendered by his owner almost three months ago and has still not found a new home.

the mercy of how much space we have available."

Elon's S.H.A.R.E program works closely with the shelter by sending volunteers as well as fundraising for donations. S.H.A.R.E co-coordinator Melanie Johnson suggested owners look into low-cost spay and neuter clinics to help defray some of the costs of having a pet.

"I do think that it's important if you can't provide the proper care for your pet to give it up because it's not fair for the pet," Johnson said.

Boss has been at the shelter since November and is still waiting for an owner. His sad predicament, shared by the other surrenders at the shelter, is a reminder that even beloved pets are not immune from the fallout from the current

Tips for people who may be forced to give up their pets:

Check with friends, family and neighbors to see if they can provide temporary care.

If moving into a rental property, make sure pets are allowed.

Contact a shelter before giving up the pet and provide medical records and behavior information that could assist shelter workers finding the pet a new home.

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Crowe's fresh take on Holocaust history proves award-worthy

Laura Wainman
Senior Reporter

When professor David Crowe was not pleased with his choices of textbooks to use for his Holocaust classes, he chose to solve the problem himself by writing his own book, "The Holocaust: Roots, History and Aftermath." Crowe's book was named as one of the CHOICE Outstanding Academic Titles for 2008, an award recognizing the top titles of the academic library community.

Crowe has been working in the history field most of his years at Elon and has taught and written on the subject of the Holocaust for a long time.

He had become increasingly frustrated with the way the majority of the textbooks available for him to use in his classroom approached the Holocaust.

"The vast majority of texts written about the Holocaust focus on a narrow time frame from 1939-1945," Crowe said. "There is no discussion of the years leading up to this tragedy or even the effects the war had in the years to come. I wanted my students to read a textbook that portrayed the Holocaust in a much more broad light. They need to understand who Jews are, what their race contributed to the 20th Century and what happened to their persecutors."

Junior Christina Peterson, a student of Crowe's, said she felt enriched after using his text to learn more about the Holocaust.

"The organization of the book is outstanding and makes it easy for any reader to navigate through, whether they read the entire text or are hoping to reference a particular section," Peterson said. "Even more importantly, the research is phenomenal. By reading this book and having Dr. Crowe as a professor, I was able to discover the quality and

" [The CHOICE award] is nice recognition for an educational book and it feels great knowing I achieved what I hoped to achieve.

- David Crowe
PROFESSOR OF HISTORY

dedication that was put into his work."

Crowe wanted to create a work that would operate in both the educational and trade markets and that would stand on its own as a scholarly manuscript.

"I wanted to try a new model in writing this book which would blend teaching and scholarship," Crowe said. "I believe this book will best serve students in upper-level history courses as a tool for research as well as aid law students, which is an area I have particular interest in."

According to a review written by D.A. Meier, Crowe certainly accomplished his goal.

The review called Crowe's book "the best overall text on the market today for college classes on the Holocaust . . . as it provides a sufficient diversity of materials so that it will appeal to upper-division students and be useful in more focused studies in law school."

Crowe said it was a "pleasant surprise" when he found out he won.

"I was already working on another book and I received a hint in December from my publisher that the award was a possibility," he said. "It is just nice recognition for an educational book and it feels great knowing I achieved what I hoped to achieve. That is always the goal of any undertaking."

Modern board games emphasize cooperation over crushing opponents

Tim Blangger
The Morning Call — MCT

ALLENTOWN, Pa. — Quietly, stealthily, board games have undergone subtle and significant changes.

The games many baby boomers grew up on, the megalomaniac bankruptcy of Monopoly and the world domination of Risk, are still around — popular as ever with new generations.

But a raft of newer games, many with open-ended play strategies that emphasize negotiation and cooperation, have emerged in the last decade, especially in the last three years, board game enthusiasts say.

"When I was a kid, it was Stratego or Chess or Monopoly," says Oliver Hochron, owner of The Encounter, an Allentown gaming emporium. "But today, board gamers have moved onto something that is more strategic."

Many of the most popular games were first developed in Europe — Germany, in particular — and then exported to the United States.

As a consequence, gamers refer to them as Euro-style or Eurogames, even if they were developed in the United States.

The variety of the new games is remarkable. Some are designed for two players, others for eight or more. Some can take 40 minutes to play, others typically run for hours.

Players of Settlers of Catan, one of the most popular of this new generation of board games, establish plantations on an island and can take a number of paths toward accumulating points.

They can grow agricultural products and ship them to other lands, establish villages and towns or do a combination of both strategies.

As with many of the newer games, there is no single, agreed-upon way of accumulating points.

In more direct games, such as Monopoly, the goal is always to

accumulate the most money and bankrupt the opposition. The newer games are much more complex and nuanced.

The open-ended nature of the games appeals to players, many of whom also play console or computer games, says Karl Kemmerer, who owns Game Keeps LLC, a gaming store in West Chester, Pa.

"The biggest difference between playing a computer and playing an actual person is that with an actual person, you can only guess what they might do. With a computer AI (artificial intelligence), obviously there are patterns. Human players are more adaptable."

While some of the newer games have a wide appeal, the hard-core strategy player tends to be between 30 and 50, says Jim Carvin, who runs game nights at the Salem-Bern United Methodist Church in Hamburg, Pa.

"For the teens, I think that the time commitment and, frankly, deeper strategy of some Eurogames doesn't interest them greatly," says Carvin. "They tend to want fast and simple games such as crokinole, Settlers of Catan, Werewolf, Ticket to Ride, Formula De, Blokus, Transamerica. Once the game crosses the one-hour threshold, they start to drift and get bored. So I try to steer them toward games I think they will like and try hard to keep the games moving."

The teens do surprise, sometimes.

"At our last game on Jan. 9, we had eight teens show up, probably a record number. A few of them insisted on playing Age of Empires II despite my protests that it was about 2.5 hours and they might get bored. These were junior high kids, and I truthfully didn't think they would sit through the rules explanation, let alone the game. To my surprise, they stuck with it to the end and had a great time."

CONCERT REVIEW



Toubab Krewe rock out at Cat's Cradle

Sophie Duensing
Reviewer

On Feb. 6 at the Carrboro music venue Cat's Cradle, the West African-influenced band Toubab Krewe played into the late hours of the night.

Hailing from Asheville, N.C., Toubab Krewe's eclectic world music is unexpectedly unlike anything you have heard before. The high-energy of their beautiful and majestic set lasted through the entire show, dancing the audience straight through their performance.

Formed in 2005, Toubab Krewe took its name from the African culture that so sharply defines its music. Toubab means "foreigner" in many West African languages, while Krewe is the word for "tribe." The instrumental quintet has quickly gained fame playing across America and Africa and are particularly well-known within the festival circuit.

Most notably, the group has performed at both "the most remote festival in the world," the Festival of the Desert in Essakane, Mali, and at Bonnaroo.

Several band members were childhood friends and have long played music together. Their musical talents developed and culminated into Toubab Krewe after many trips to Africa. Their musical travels include trips to the Ivory Coast, Mali and Guinea, where they fully immersed themselves in the West African culture. The group has learned to infuse their music with a blend of African tribal beats and the sounds of the Appalachian roots.

Currently the band has two albums out, its self-titled debut and the recently released "Live at the Orange Peel."

Not having experienced Toubab Krewe live, it was difficult to imagine how the performance would turn out. The concept of West African music mixed with American rock out of the Appalachian Mountains is intriguing on its own.

Before the group took to the stage, the energy of the audience hinted at the perfect performance to come. The music hall, a dark venue adorned with trippy graffiti artwork and glowing lanterns, was nearly filled with fans chanting the band's name.

And Toubab Krewe did not disappoint.

Justin Perkins led the band, switching between his electric guitar and the kora. This 21-string West African harp-lute produced a wide range of soulful percussion. Drew Heller



SOPHIE DUENSING | Photographer

Toubab Krewe member Justin Perkins plays the kora, a 21-string West African harp-lute, for a crowd of fans at Cat's Cradle on Feb.

jammed with his electric guitar and soku, another West African instrument that resembles the fiddle. This piece nicely marries African beats and southern twang.

Teal Brown and Luke Quaranta were in charge of percussion and the drums. They pounded out a heavy typhoon of synchronized percussive beats that kept the audience dancing late into the night. David Pransky handled the electric bass, at times converting the instrument into an additional tool of percussion. Throughout the night, Toubab Krewe provided an eclectic variety of songs.

Their percussion-heavy track "Asheville to Abidjan" demonstrates tribal sound that reaches across the Atlantic Ocean from the east coast of North Carolina to the west coast of Africa. The joyful tune "Bamana Niya" grooves a dance of strings, percussion and melodies sure to wash away any negativity. A calmer "Mali Sadjo" has peaceful waves of strumming blended with trancelike backbeats. Despite a near 10-minute run time, the high energy "Lamine's Tune" kept the entire audience jumping and clapping.

Before returning for an encore, the Krewe ended its epic second set with a drum circle. Demonstrating their incredible musical and physical skills, the terrific unity of the band members shined. Their drum vibrations and high performance energy carried the audience into one last frenzied celebration.

Not your typical rock band, Toubab Krewe provides a great example of how mixing two cultures can produce an even greater hybrid. After experiencing a Toubab Krewe performance, the lively, pulsating rhythms won't leave any audience member's mind soon.

A&E IN BRIEF

Stuff-a-Plush: Feb. 12

Make a stuffed animal for your special someone this Valentine's Day. Stuffing will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Moseley. Cost is \$5 for students.

Movie on the Lawn: Feb. 14

Watch "Role Models," and enjoy the comedic performances of Paul Rudd, Sean William Scott and Christopher Mintz-Plasse (McLovin himself) all rolled into one film at 9 p.m. in The Zone.

"Alamance: A County at War:"**Feb. 15**

Don Bolden, editor emeritus of the Times-News, will present a multimedia project detailing Alamance County's involvement in World War II. The presentation will focus on the novel "Blue," an Alamance County community reading selection. The presentation will be held at 3 p.m. in Yeager Recital Hall.

Help Western Alamance High School: Feb. 17

Visit Barnes and Noble and help support Western Alamance High School. The school is hosting a book fair to raise funds for its library. Starting at 4 p.m., the book fair will feature performances by the school's jazz combo, chorus ensemble and dance team. After 6 p.m., Barnes and Noble will give 15-20 percent of profits made.

Faculty recital: Feb. 17

Join faculty members Tyson Hankins and Matthew DiCamillo for a night of Beethoven, Ravel and others. DiCamillo is a baritone and Hankins a pianist. The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Whitley Auditorium.

MOVIE REVIEW



Film blends family drama, thriller action and scandal

Paul Mirek
Reviewer

Just in time for Valentine's Day, the date movie of the year is here. With "Taken," though, it helps if your significant other is bipolar, stylish and enjoys a harsh, cinematic style of cold-blooded vengeance.

Written by French director Luc Besson ("La Femme Nikita"), "Taken" attempts to bring something new to the table. Unlike the vehicular manslaughter that opened "Quantum of Solace," "Taken" opens in the living room of protagonist Bryan Mills (Liam Neeson).

For the first half hour of the film, the drama is almost entirely domestic. Viewers witness the unraveling threads of Mills' messy divorce, which has left his daughter Kim (Maggie Grace) living with her uptight, but still stunning, mother (Famke Janssen) and a wealthy businessman of indeterminate origin (Xander Berkeley).

Mills turns out to be a retired government operative, but little explanation is given about his past. He refers to himself simply as a "preverter." Leaving the service in the hopes to get closer to his daughter, he instead finds himself sitting in his chair in the dark and getting upstaged by Kim's stepfather at her 17th birthday party.

However, all this changes when Kim and a friend leave for a trip to Paris. Almost immediately they fall in with the wrong crowd — an Albanian sex-slave ring.

At this point, the film's tone turns on a dime, as does Neeson's character. Left with only his training



Pierre Morel's "Taken" tells the story of Bryan Mills, a one-time government operative who must save his

and a recorded phone call from Kim's kidnappers, Mills proceeds to ransack Paris, breaking a few deserving heads along the way.

If it weren't for the reckless abandonment which dominates the last two-thirds of the film, it would be tempting to put "Taken" aside without another look.

Besson's sense of style, complemented by Pierre Morel's direction, brings you a Paris you've never seen, with double agents on every corner and an elaborate underbelly of crime just waiting to be toppled. Similarly, the stiffness and immutability of Neeson's character is so calculated that, as with Jack Bauer in "24," the physical limits of what one can expect from him are continually pushed outward. Also like Bauer, Mills' sense of honor when it comes to dealing with criminals leaves something to be desired, adding a satisfying wrinkle to his character.

"Taken" is most interesting as an experiment in just how well the family drama and the over-the-top action flick can blend. It turns out less than perfect, as the first half of the film feels entirely different from the second. The execution of the second half, though, is nearly flawless as far as action films go.

American directors may have a tough time catching up to the bloody heights set by this film and by Timur Bekmambetov's 2008 film "Wanted," but as long as someone's still making high-budget revenge thrillers like this, it's difficult to complain too much.

Think twice before scheduling "Taken" for your next romantic outing, unless your special someone

CD REVIEW



Springsteen hopeful for hits with fresh album

Chris King
Senior Reporter

Since 2001, Bruce Springsteen has been busy.

After spending the '90s as a solo artist making flops ("Human Touch") and obscure acoustic albums ("The Ghost of Tom Joad"), The Boss decided it was time to get the band back together: the E Street band, that is.

Since then he's been prolific, releasing great E Street albums ("The Rising") while still indulging some of his whims (the folk cover album "We Shall Overcome"). Now, he's completed another classic album, worthy of comparison to his past greats.

After the cathartic healing of "The Rising" and the angry protest of "Magic," Springsteen closes his trilogy of albums with "Working on a Dream." This is an album full of hope and energy, a direct representation of the Obama administration. The album pulses with energy not felt since his early days when he was "Born to Run."

The opening track, "Outlaw Pete," is the first sign that this album will be different. An eight-minute epic about "an outlaw killer and a thief," the song is one of the standouts, with changing time signatures and a spaghetti Western feel. Elsewhere, influences can be heard from the Beach Boys on "This Life" to the hard blues of "Good Eye," a sound that is so decidedly un-Springsteen it is sure to shock listeners.

"Working on a Dream" is an album that seems to be brimming with optimism. "My Lucky Day" is an unabashed love song, unlike anything Springsteen has written in years. And "Working on a Dream" is maybe the

happiest Springsteen has sounded on record in two decades.

But underneath all the brightness is something darker.

On the moody "Life Itself," Springsteen sings of love that just isn't working and asks "Why do things that connect us only pull us apart?" The bonus track, "The Wrestler," written for the film of the same name, is an acoustic ballad about being washed up and trying to regain some of that former glory. "If you've ever seen a one-trick pony, then you've seen me," Springsteen sings in a plaintive drawl, letting the listener feel his pain. "I can make you smile, when the blood it hits the floor, tell me, can you ask for anything more?"

The songs (other than the solo "Wrestler" and the mostly acoustic "Last Carnival") are filled with old-time E Street sounds, as horns, bells and everything but the kitchen sink fill the music with life. Between the shuffle of "Kingdom of Days" and the stomp of "Good Eye," the arrangements never get boring.

The album closes with "Last Carnival," a touching eulogy for recently deceased E Street organist Danny Federici, who lost a battle with melanoma last year. Springsteen and Federici had been friends for nearly 40 years, and the lyrics show how much the loss hurts. "Moon rise, moon rise, the light that was made in your eyes is gone away," he sings.

"Working on a Dream" sounds like vintage Springsteen and while it may not be as good as classics like "Born to Run" and "Born in the U.S.A.," it can be placed as one of his top albums. This is an impressive feat, considering it has been more than 30 years since he first started working on his dream. It's safe

Preparations for annual fashion show continue

Alex Trice
Reporter

Walking to the beat of the Pussycat Dolls, aspiring models strutted their stuff Sunday and Monday night for the chance to be one of dozens of models in the fifth annual Black Cultural Society fashion show.

Last year, student models walked out of huge Barbie doll boxes and down the colorfully decorated runway like real-life Barbies, but the show isn't just about theatrics.

The money made from the show goes toward scholarships for black students to bring more diversity to Elon.

The annual fashion show consists of several themes and various scenes lasting about 10 minutes each are put together to complement the themes, so models must be able to act within the scene.

But it's more than just fashion, according to senior Kathy Stewart, who is in charge of overseeing the two-and-a-half hour event in April.

"It's not just to show the clothes but to make the event entertaining and fun," she said.

Models for the show are required to know more than just how to sashay in fancy clothes.

"It's not just walking," Stewart said. "It's more like you have to create the show."

In last year's show, in addition to the Barbie theme, BCS featured a "candy shop" scene with models carrying lollipops.

Practicing for the show is "time-consuming" and "intensive," Stewart said.

The number of practices per week increases as the show gets closer and models cannot miss more than four practices. This strict attendance policy is intended to make this year's show



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Class of 2008 alumna Elizabeth Foggie, senior Marcus Knight Addams, senior Kathy Stewart, junior Keandrick Peters and junior Lauren Beckham strut their stuff at last year's Black Cultural Society fashion show. The show features dozens of models who attend intensive

the best yet — so good that Stewart's successors might not be able to outdo her. This is Stewart's last chance to leave a lasting impression since it is her senior year.

But the intensity of the show's rehearsals does not take away from the enjoyment.

"I had fun doing it last year," sophomore Teri Horn said.

She also went to the model call on Sunday in hopes of walking down the

runway a second time this year.

"It was definitely a confidence booster for me that I have been able to use in my everyday life and it was great getting to know a bunch of new people," Horn said.

The number one requirement for models, Stewart said, is confidence. Good attitude and a nice walk are also desirable.

The clothes for the fashion show are acquired from designers at local malls

who donate outfits to benefit the cause.

Last year, some of the designers included BEBE, Kiss and Wet Seal. One designer label from New York, BS Shirts, has been involved with the fashion show for three years in a row. The makeup for the models comes from Estee Lauder.

This year's themes are top secret, but Stewart promises that the audience won't be disappointed.

SUB hosts murder mystery dinner theater party

Colleen Wood
Reporter

At 7 p.m. tonight in McKinnon Hall, dinner attendees will be led through a thrilling and enticing journey during the Student Union Board murder mystery dinner.

Like most traditional dinner theater performances, students who attend will be served a pasta bar, sit-down dinner and will be able to take part in an interactive performance.

The main goal of the performance is to solve the murder mystery.

A traveling company called the Power Performers will bring prepared actors with a set storyline.

But the entire show is unpredictable, given that it greatly relies on audience participation. During the two hour show, the actors will seek participation from the crowd. The most enthusiastic audience members will have the chance to contribute to the actual story line.

Along with the theater group actors, students recruited from Elon's acting and performance fraternity, Alpha Psi Omega, will actively be playing roles in the mystery.

Without a set script to follow, the actors will improvise much of the show.

In doing so, the performance is guaranteed to be a capricious show every time they perform.

"We are always trying to look for new ways to get students involved with SUB," said Kimberly Ludlam, SUB's vice president. "We normally focus on straightforward stage events or musical acts. This is a neat program that we are hoping draws a bigger crowd of

more diverse students."

This event has been in the works since the fall and has everyone involved very excited for the actual performance. SUB members are hopeful that this show will be a fun, interesting event that the entire student body can enjoy.

"One of our biggest issues is the fact that Elon over-programs a lot so we are competing with a lot of different organizations in trying to get students' attention," Ludlam said. "The murder mystery dinner theater is an original program that we have never done on campus and, because of that, we are really hoping that it grabs peoples' attention."

Resonating memories of a classic "Saved by the Bell" episode, in which Zack, Slater, Lisa and the gang all go to a party with the same Clue-esque theme, students may start talking about what they think this event will play out to be.

"That is part of what makes this event intriguing. You don't really know what will happen," sophomore Anna Cleary said. "I think something like this will give students a relaxing and out of the ordinary way to spend their Wednesday night and start the beginning of the semester off."

All are welcome to attend, and although there is no fee, students are encouraged to arrive early to ensure a seat and dinner.

Though there is no dress code, the organizers are hoping that students take it upon themselves to be imaginative and treat it as a traditional night out at the theater.

DORM ROOM RECIPES:

Cake in a mug

Sometimes the dining halls just can't satisfy late-night cravings, but what can you do in a dorm without a kitchen? For this recipe, all you need is a microwave and coffee mug.



Ingredients

Cake mix:

- 1/2 cup cake mix, any flavor
- 1 packet instant pudding mix, same flavor
- 1 egg white
- 1 tablespoon oil
- 1 tablespoon water

Glaze mix:

- 1/3 cup confectioners' sugar (powdered sugar)
- 1 and 1/2 teaspoons lemonade mix, cocoa powder, vanilla powder or instant coffee mix
- 1 teaspoon water

Cooking materials:

- Large, microwaveable coffee mug
- Small bowl or second mug
- Microwave
- Cooking spray

Directions

1. Combine cake mix ingredients in coffee mug, and mix well.
2. Microwave on full power for two minutes.
3. Combine glaze mix ingredients in small bowl or second mug.
4. Pour glaze over baked cake.

Enjoy.

Scoring big with 'One on One'

Elon's own sports show wins College Emmy Award

Amanda Kennison
A&E Editor

September may be a long way off, but the excitement of the Emmys has already hit Elon.

The Academy of Television Arts and Sciences' College Television Awards recently announced its 2009 winners, and ESTV's own "One on One Sports" snagged a win in the Newscast category.

The idea for "One on One" was pitched in February 2007. A pilot was shot in March and it was picked up for ESTV's fall 2008 line-up. But such a quick turnaround doesn't always mean an easy journey to the screen.

"We were told early in our freshman year that it wasn't necessarily a good idea to make a show like this," Co-creator sophomore Joey Accordino said. "Lack of experience was something that was thrown out there, but that didn't sit well with us."

He said sophomore Chris Bunn approached him midway through the year about doing the show and he signed on.

"That kind of perseverance and a never-say-never attitude have helped the show throughout its tenure," Accordino said.

Before "One on One" Elon didn't have a program that paid much attention to national sports, certainly not one that debated sports news in such an open manner.

"We brought a unique element with "One on One,"" Producer sophomore Mike Heil said. "No one was talking about national sports, nor was there any subjectivity in the shows. We brought the excitement of debate and national sports coverage, and ESTV loved it."

Unlike other college sports shows, the cast and crew of "One on One" has found a way to mix the professionalism and the excitement that marks the sports field.

"One on One" is very unique in that we keep a laid-back yet professional attitude," Bunn said. "Whether the cameras are rolling or not, our crew keeps things fun but knows when to buckle down. Where most sports shows



are either laid-back and unprofessional or efficient and emotionless, we have been able to find a perfect balance."

The show's unique style has paid off. At the beginning of January, an episode of the show and a 45-second promo were sent to the Academy.

Days after being notified that the show had made it to the Blue Ribbon finalist round, Heil received a call from an Academy representative letting him know "One on One" had won an Emmy.

"I'm not going to lie, I freaked out," Heil said. "As soon as I handed the phone to Joey, I ran into the hall and screamed that we had won. Then I called my girlfriend and parents, changed my Facebook status, sent out mass e-mails, the works."

Bunn proved to be more silently overwhelmed.

"I was drafting an e-mail to go to the crew with Mike when he got a call from the Emmys' representative," Bunn said. "When his voice started cracking I knew we were going to Los Angeles and I just put my head down for a bit and tried to comprehend the situation. It still hasn't really hit me yet."

So what is an Emmy Award-winning show to do after celebrations are through?

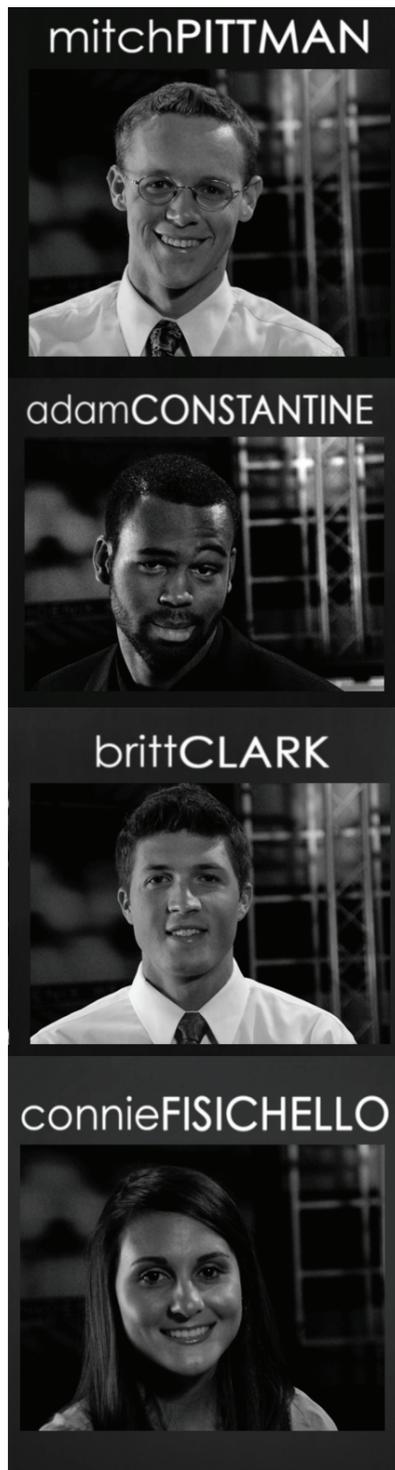
"One on One" has big plans for upcoming shows. In March, the cast and crew will travel to Atlanta, Georgia for the ACC Basketball tournament. New set elements are also being added to the show that will enable the show to have more live sections.

Practicing for their acceptance speech, the heads of "One on One" would like to thank everyone involved with the production.

"We would really like to thank Elon and the School of Communications for the tremendous opportunity to do a show like this," Bunn said. "At any other big-time communications school we wouldn't be touching a camera until our junior year."

They also commend "tremendous" cast and crew.

"Their passion for sports and communications is unmatched, and this award would not have been possible without their tireless effort week in and week out."



PHOTOS SUBMITTED

Faculty share personal insights through writings

Elise Delmerico
Reporter

Not often are the tables turned in academic settings, alleviating the pressure placed on students and transferring it to the professors.

Such an opportunity was presented, Feb. 10, when English department chair Kevin Boyle and associate professor Cassie Kircher treated the public to a reading of original works in the Isabella Cannon Room.

Such readings typically occur twice a year and allow faculty members to share their own pieces of work, often from a variety of creative lenses. Boyle's specialty is poetry, while Kircher writes non-fiction essays and manuscripts.

"Reading my work makes me nervous," said Boyle, who has participated in Elon's faculty readings for 16 years. "It gives me deadlines and motivates me to get things accomplished and published."

Boyle's selections cover a wide range of themes, including a few poems about being the new chair of the English department.

"I do the normal subjects — love, sex, death, rancor and religion — sometimes with my tongue in my cheek, sometimes with it lolling outside of my mouth," Boyle said.

He admits he has tried recently to write more poems that don't derive from personal experience.

Kircher's works are also drawn from her own

encounters. She planned to use her time in the spotlight to share sentimental parts of her life. Currently, she is working on essays revolving around her seven years working as a ranger in Colorado's Rocky Mountain National Park.

Kircher's other works include manuscripts she wrote about the adoption of her youngest daughter from Russia, camping with her husband and two daughters, and about her father, who shared her love for nature.

One might wonder how professors have a chance to complete so many pieces since they spend such a significant time with teaching obligations, let alone their personal lives.

"The time [to write] varies drastically — some essays take 10 years, some take less than a year," Kircher said. "I have some essays begun 10 years ago that I still haven't figured out how to finish, but I'm pretty sure that someday I will, so I take them out once in a while and have a look at them."

Students seeking to hear accomplished writers need not look beyond campus, since both Boyle and Kircher are published widely.

Boyle's most recent collection, "A Home for Wayward Girls," was published in 2005 and selected by Rodney Jones for the New Issues Poetry Prize. He is also featured in such publications as "North American Review" and "Poetry East." Kircher's essays have been published in the journals "Red Mountain Review," "Front Range Review" and



Cassie Kircher
Associate Professor

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"Interdisciplinary Studies for Literature and the Environment."

Both authors share their time and talents by participating in the annual readings because they believe in the power of expression. Kircher said she personally enjoys being an audience member when she attends public readings.

"I love finding out what people are experiencing and thinking about and how they see the world," Kircher said.

These professionals said they are sharing their talents with the community for a common good.

"We don't do this as a fundraiser for a cause. We do this in the name of art," Boyle said.

Softball looks for landmark first SoCon title

Sam Rinderman
Reporter

After finishing fourth in the Southern Conference last season, the Phoenix is looking to capture its first Southern Conference Championship in the program's history. While preparing for the 2009 season, the team does not plan on settling for anything less than first place.

Elon softball generated a new focus in practice while preparing for the season.

This year, the coaches are making the practices harder than the games to prepare the team for clutch situations they will face in games at the end of the season. According to senior catcher Jaime Rao, the team seems capable of winning a championship.

"This year we have a full pitching staff and really no weaknesses in our lineup," Rao said. "Our coaches are using pressure drills in practice to prepare the team mentally for game days, and this year we are facing tougher competition than ever."

Out of the 14 players on the roster, nine are returning from the 2008 squad, including sophomore second baseman Jackie Gonzalez. She posted a batting average of .337 last season.

The top two pitchers, sophomore Pam DelPizzo and senior Melanie Helterbran, are also returning this season. The two had nearly unstoppable ERAs of 2.52 and 3.88 last year.

Most of the players on this year's roster are returning from last year's squad, but the loss of graduating starting short stop Tracy Dahlen could impact the team. Dahlen led



FILE PHOTO

Senior outfielder Brandi Jones looks to power the Phoenix to a strong the team last year with a batting average of .352, and she will be replaced this year by freshman Danielle Laferty.

Elon Assistant Coach Natalie Layden said the team is expecting big things from this year's freshmen.

"One of the biggest challenges we face going into this season is finding an identity as a program, and we will be depending on some freshmen to contribute," Layden said.

The team is young, with four seniors and the rest of the roster composed of freshmen and sophomores.

Finding an identity as a program can be difficult with a younger group, but the team hopes to be able to overcome the issue through preparation.

For senior Melanie Helterbran, the team seems excited to start the season off well.

"I am excited to start the season and put everything from practice into play,"

Helterbran said.

The team will get a chance to execute their preparation this Friday in a tournament at the University of Georgia. The team faces Cleveland State, Winthrop, Georgia and Longwood. This is the first part of a difficult schedule for the team.

The team has one of the toughest schedules in program history with non-conference opponents like Michigan State, University of North Carolina, N.C. State, University of Georgia and Winthrop as the Phoenix looks to perform better against tougher teams.

The prospect of Elon finally capturing a SoCon title is looking favorable as the Preseason Coach's Poll predicts the Phoenix will finish in third place while receiving one first place vote.

The team also had 2B Gonzalez and C Rao selected to Second Team Preseason All-Southern Conference squad.



FILE PHOTO

Last season sophomore pitcher Pam DelPizzo recorded a 2.52 ERA for

MLB SEASON WITH ONE ON ONE



Andy Harris & Russell Varner
Sports Commentators

As much as major league baseball has been appearing on Sportscenter this winter, you wouldn't even know it was offseason. Most of the big-name free agents have re-signed with different teams, which is sure to shake up the standings come September. Which teams have been the biggest winners this offseason?

Andy: In light of their big acquisitions, the popular picks are the New York Yankees and the Los Angeles Angels, but my biggest winner is the Oakland Athletics.

The A's traded for Matt Holliday and signed Jason Giambi, which transforms their atrocious offense into one that is more than competitive. Couple that with another year of experience for their young but talented pitching staff and you have my dark horse pick for the AL West.

Russell: Oh Andy, you're forgetting another popular team that is my pick for best offseason thus far — the Boston Red Sox. They have improved their team with some great deals (John Smoltz, Brad Penny, Rocco Baldelli and Takashi Saito) and have re-signed some core players (Dustin Pedroia and Kevin Youkilis).

The AL East was already the best division in baseball in 2008, and it was certainly the most active division this winter. The Yankees, Red Sox and the Devil Rays all look primed for a World Series run. Only two of these teams can make the playoffs, so which one do you see staying home in October?

Andy: The same team that stayed home this past October, the New York Yankees. There's no question that they have improved their club, especially their rotation, but they are being vastly overrated by the experts who can't look past their big names to see their flaws.

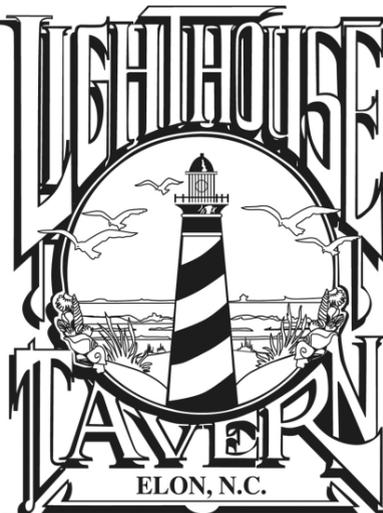
The back end of their rotation, middle relief and defense are three big holes that most playoff teams just don't have. Don't get me wrong, they still have a great team that would win any other division, but they simply don't have the talent to keep pace with Boston or Tampa.

Russell: It's hard to pick one of these teams to miss it because they are all just so ridiculously talented. I'm going to say the Rays will miss it.

Why? One, remember the one-year-wonders the Astros and White Sox were a few years back? Two, Hank Steinbrenner will do anything to make sure his team will not miss the playoffs again. He's going to make a big move midseason if needed to help his team.

One thing we've learned is that they don't award the trophies in February and teams that look great on paper tend to disappoint.

As of right now, everyone has a reason to be optimistic because every team still has a shot at hoisting the World Series trophy in October. Yes, even the Nationals.



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Sunshine State natives dominate Phoenix 2009 football signing class

Michelle Longo
Online Programs Director

When Elon Assistant Football Coach Shane Burnham returned to his old stomping grounds in the state of Florida, he found, or rather discovered, something perhaps even more magical than the realms of Walt Disney World.

On National Signing Day last Wednesday, head coach Pete Lembo and staff announced the signing of 15 high school seniors to national letters-of-intent for next season. Of the 15, six hail from the Sunshine State.

Burnham, the defensive ends and special teams coach, oversees recruiting primarily on the Western coast of Florida. This includes Tampa, where his father, Wally Burnham is the defensive coordinator at the University of South Florida, a Football Bowl Subdivision team from the Big East Conference.

That father-son relationship worked to Elon's advantage this recruiting season.

"Because of my connections with USF," Burnham said, "they helped me sift through the weeds to find the real contenders. They saved me a lot of time and helped make me more efficient."

Burnham said his father's connections and the USF staff's considerable knowledge of their immediate territory was one of the most valuable resources during the recruiting process.

Defensive back Ronnie Hardison out of Sarasota, Fla., was one of Burnham's USF-influenced recruits. Hardison is also the player Burnham expects to make the fastest impact on the Phoenix team.

"When you go to recruit in Florida, you expect a group who can run," Burnham said. "[Hardison] has that 'Florida speed.' He is probably the fastest kid we have ever taken out of Florida."

Hardison has been clocked at a 10.78 seconds in the 100 meters.

Another Shane recruit, linebacker Jordan Jones of Lakeland, Fla., was described as a "more finished product than most" by Jay Bateman, Elon's defensive coordinator.

In fact, Bateman recently took a phone call from Wake Forest Defensive Coordinator



Elon's 2009 Football Recruits

Quinton Lightfoot, LB, 5-11, 190, Crawfordville, Fla.
Matt Eastman, FB, 6-0, 220, Tampa, Fla.
Jarrod Gant, OL, 6-2, 290, Tampa, Fla.
Jordan Jones, LB, 6-1, 210, Lakeland, Fla.
Ronnie Hardison, DB, 5-8, 160, Sarasota, Fla.
Kenton Beal, P/K, 5-10, 190, Cape Coral, Fla.
Gavin Billings, TE, 6-5, 245, Kannapolis
Brandon Brant, DE/LB, 6-1, 210, Stone Mountain, Ga.
Jarrod Gant, OL, 6-2, 290, Tampa, Fla.
Jeremy Peterson, ATH, 5-8, 165, Winston-Salem, N.C.
Mark Rehbein, OL, 6-5, 275, Alexandria, Va.
Rasaun Rorie, WR, 6-0, 190, Morven, N.C.
Blake Thompson, DB, 6-0, 180, Elkridge, Md.
Dennis Wagner, OL, 6-2, 280, Fredericksburg, Va.
David Williams, DB, 5-8, 175, Chester, Va.

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Six of Elon's 15 signed high school seniors hail from Florida. Defensive back Ronnie Hardison is from Sarasota, Fla., linebacker Jordan Jones is from Lakeland, Fla., kicker Kenton Beal is from Cape Coral, Fla., linebacker Quinton Lightfoot is from Crawfordville, Fla., fullback Matt Easton and offensive lineman Jarrod Brad Lambert, who asked, "How did you guys get Jordan Jones?"

Kenton Beal of Cape Coral, Fla., was brought in because of the departure of kickers Andrew Wilcox and Brandon Lane. Beal is a punter, kickoff specialist and field goal kicker.

Bateman described linebacker Quinton Lightfoot from Crawfordville, Fla. as a "seek and destroy" type of guy.

Matt Eastman and Jarrod Gant, both Tampa, Fla. natives, round out the Sunshine State recruits. Eastman, a fullback, was described as a future Tim Applegate, a senior captain on the 2008 team.

Lembo first saw offensive lineman Gant at a Duke summer football camp and said he was immediately impressed with his toughness.

"[Gant] has the intangible things you are looking for in a recruit," Lembo said. "He is our kind of guy."

The 2009 Elon football roster will boast 21 of 90 players from Florida.

The rest of the recruiting class represents four states:

three from North Carolina, three from Virginia, two from Georgia and one from Maryland.

Tight end Gavin Billings of Kannapolis, N.C., was the first to commit to Elon, even before his senior year of high school began. Wide receiver Rasun Rorie from Morven, N.C. and Jeremy Peterson from Winston-Salem, N.C., join Billings as the only in-state athletes.

"It was a down year with what was out there [in North Carolina]," Burnham said. "We usually take a lot of pride in taking kids from here so we make sure we turn over every rock in-state before we venture out of state."

Offensive linemen Dennis Wagner and Mark Rehbein hail from Fredericksburg and Alexandria, Va., respectively. David Williams, defensive back, tops off the Virginian recruits.

Defensive end Jay Brown comes to Elon from Sandy Springs, Ga., while fellow defensive end/linebacker Brandon Brant comes from Stone Mountain Ga. Brant skipped third grade and is only 16 years old.

Rounding out the northern

part of the country, defensive back Blake Thompson hails from Elkridge, Md.

Lembo said Thompson's situation is unique because they usually do not actively recruit as far north as Maryland, but Thompson came to Elon first.

"We immediately fell in love with him and went after him early on in the process," Lembo said.

All new recruits are going to have an opportunity to make an impact as early as next season, Lembo said. But as the program develops, he said he wants to continue to build a roster with a lot of seniority, which involves red-shirting almost all new recruits.

"When we are playing Georgia Tech in 2013, these are the guys you want on the field," Lembo said. "The [greater] the number you can red-shirt, the better."

The Phoenix have 16 red-shirted freshmen on the roster. Previously, the program was not large enough and did not have enough recognition to afford red-shirting valuable, immediate impact players such as current sophomore quarterback Scott Riddle.

SPORTS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF FEB. 11

THURSDAY 2/12:

Men's basketball @ UT Chattanooga, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY 2/13:

Women's basketball vs. Cleveland State (UGA tourney), 4 p.m.

Women's indoor track @ Liberty Quad Meet, Lynchburg, Va., all day

SATURDAY 2/14:

Men's basketball @ Samford, 3 p.m.

Women's basketball vs. Winthrop (UGA tourney), 10 a.m.

Women's basketball vs. Georgia (UGA tourney), 2 p.m.

Women's tennis @ Charlotte, noon

Men's tennis @ South Carolina, 1 p.m.

SUNDAY 2/15:

Women's basketball vs. Longwood (UGA tourney), 10 a.m.

Men's tennis vs. UNC-Wilmington, 1 p.m.

MONDAY 2/16:

Women's basketball @ Western Carolina, 7 p.m.

ATHLETIC RESULTS 2/4 to 2/9

Women's basketball:

2/7: Davidson 79, Elon 65

2/9: Elon 73, Appalachian State 55

Men's basketball:

2/5: Elon 57, Georgia Southern 54

2/7: Appalachian State 77, Elon 63

2/9: Elon 74, Furman 66

Men's tennis:

2/7: Elon defeated Lees-McRae, 6-1

2/7: Elon defeated South Carolina State, 7-0

Women's tennis:

2/7: East Carolina defeated Elon, 5-2

2/7: Elon defeated Winston-Salem State, 7-0

2/8: Elon defeated Radford, 6-1

LSM students host conference

Pam Richter
Sports Editor

It is said that networking is the most important way to get a job. For students at Elon, they have another opportunity to make these important connections.

On Feb. 21, the Leisure and Sports Management Society hosts the Sport Business and Entertainment Conference at Elon. They have a number of different speakers coming from different industries.

This year's speakers include: Joyce Aschenbrenner, the vice president for special projects for The V Foundation; Nancy J. Olson, the executive director for the Florida Marlins Community Foundation; Theresa Wenzel, assistant director of athletics at Georgia Tech; Jason Knight, who works for Knight and Free PLLC Counselors at Law and was Terrell Owens' former agent; and Brian Cockman, executive vice president at Broach & Company Public Relations.

"Students are able to see what working professionals do," said Leann Madtes, a junior LSM major at Elon. "Students can really benefit because they are able to make contacts for internships and jobs."

The conference is not limited to Elon students. It is open to the public, and students from other schools, including The Citadel, are expected to attend. The event is \$30 for the public, \$25 for Elon students and \$20 for LSMS Members if registered before Feb. 14th. To register for the conference contact Harrison Seeler at hseeler@elon.edu or visit www.

Men's tennis cruises to two weekend wins

Sam Calvert
Assistant Sports Editor

The Phoenix excelled on the courts Saturday as it faced two different opponents at the Jimmy Powell Tennis Center.

The men's tennis team faced Lees-McRae and South Carolina State this weekend and came out victorious over both opponents.

In the morning, the team took on the Bobcats of Lee-McRae.

The men took five of their six singles matches with wins by Oscar Podlewski (3-6, 6-1, 6-1), Chase Helpingstine (4-6, 6-2, 6-1), Carlin Murray (6-3, 6-2), Kevin Beard (7-6 (7-4), 6-1) and Clark Howell (6-3, 2-6, 7-2).

Alex Crockford fought hard at No. 6 but could not overtake the Bobcats' Tyler Grove (2-6, 6-4, 7-6 (7-0)).

Doubles play produced similar results with the Phoenix taking two of the three matches.

Sophomore Cody Stauffer-MacDowell and sophomore Alberto Rojas put up a fight against Lees-McRae's No. 1 team, Steve Karendal and Travis VanHoy, but were unable to come out on top (8-5).

No. 2 Clark Howell, a junior and senior Damon Gooch, along with No. 3 sophomores Kevin Beard and Philip Nemeć, both won decidedly (8-3, 8-2 respectively) to help secure the 6-1 victory Saturday morning.

"We had a good morning, although not as good as we would've liked," senior Damon Gooch said. "But today was all about bouncing back."

The team did bounce back in the second match.

On Saturday the Phoenix swept the South Carolina State Bulldogs 7-0. Gooch, Podlewski, Helpingstine, Nemeć, Rojas and Stauffer-MacDowell locked up singles wins.

No. 49 Gooch and Nemeć routed the Bulldogs' Dmitry Lomakin and



DAVID WELLS | Photo Editor

Sophomore Chase Helpingstine (left) returns a serve in a doubles match against South Carolina State Saturday afternoon. The Elon duo of Helpingstine and Oscar Podlewski (right) swept all of their singles and doubles matches last weekend en route to two Phoenix triumphs

Tamas Dobrotka 8-2, Podlewski and Helpingstine overcame Radek Pivonka and Jan Langer 8-6 and Stauffer-MacDowell and Rojas ousted Gabriel Meana and David Grund 8-2.

"This morning we came out tentative. We weren't quite as focused and lacked urgency," head coach Michael Leonard said. "In the afternoon we came out with a lot more energy, with more bounce in our step."

Freshman Carlin Murray was able to play Saturday morning for the first time since the Duke Invitational. He

has been out due to injury.

"Because we haven't been as healthy as we'd like, we have gained a little more depth, and that will help us later on," Leonard said.

Next weekend, the team takes on No. 51 University of South Carolina on the road.

This will be the team's sixth match against a ranked opponent this season. The Phoenix traveled on the road for all of these matches.

This top-heavy schedule gives the Phoenix the opportunity to play big

opponents that will help the team get ready for conference play later on in the season.

The team is hoping by the time it gets into the Southern Conference matches there will be little they have not seen.

These big matches also give the Phoenix the confidence it will need to handle things it has yet to see out on the court.

"It prepares us for tough matches, but conference play is very dynamic," Gooch said. "Anything can happen."

Women's tennis improves non-conference record

Sam Calvert
Assistant Sports Editor

The women's tennis team stayed busy this weekend playing matches against East Carolina, Winston-Salem State and Radford.

Although the team was not able to best ECU, it defeated both Winston-Salem State and Radford to go 4-3 for the season so far.

Saturday morning, the Phoenix went up against the Pirates of ECU.

The women were able to win the doubles point with victories by juniors Paige Kensrue and Anna Milian (9-8, 8-5) as well as freshman Daleen Kloppers and sophomore Melissa Wolf (8-5), but were only able to secure one singles win.

Kensrue overcame the Pirates' Varinia Soler 7-6; (7-4), 6-4.

The afternoon proved to be much more successful for the team.

Elon won the doubles point handily against the Winston-Salem State Rams.

Junior Laura Graybill and freshman Laura Sessoms beat Rams' Shannon Loughnan and Laken Joyce 8-3, and Whitney Butcher and Jessica Margolis routed Gabrielle Benjamin and Dashawna Gibson 8-0.

The Phoenix won the No. 3 doubles match by default.

The Phoenix then went on to win all six singles points: Freshman Sally Wilkey and junior Laura Graybill both with the score of 6-1, 6-1, and Butcher, Sessoms and Margolis with a 6-0, 6-0 score.

Elon won the No. 6 match by default, finishing out a successful Saturday.

"Our goal for the weekend was to come out prepared and play hard," junior Paige Kensrue said. "We also wanted to enjoy playing at home, getting to play in front of our friends and family."

Sunday the girls played at home again, battling the Radford Highlanders.

The women split sets in five of their six singles matches and won four of those five.

Milian defeated Petra Dajevic 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 at No. 1.

No. 2 Kensrue outlasted Mia Drobnjak 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.

Freshman Elisa Simonetti finally

overcame Ivana Tomaic 6-2, 6-7 (7-5), 6-1 in the final match of the day at No. 3.

Wolf toppled Mirna Matic 6-2, 6-4 in the only two set match at No. 4.

Wilkey rounded off the wins with a victory over Antonietta Iosue 6-4, 4-6, 6-4 at No. 5.

The Phoenix also swept the Highlanders on the doubles front. Milian and Kensrue were able to bring in the first win 8-2, followed by Simonetti and Wilkey (8-4) and Wolf and Kloppers (8-3).

"This weekend we wanted to focus on one match at a time, trying to play our best in every match," head coach Elizabeth Anderson said. "These matches were extremely competitive, probably the most competitive matches we've played."

The matches will continue to be competitive as the team heads to Charlotte to play University of North Carolina at Charlotte next Saturday and then to Chapel Hill on Feb. 19 to take on the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Charlotte has won all three of their matches so far this season and will provide exciting competition on the road for Elon.

After that, the team must travel to play the No. 17 Tar Heels in what will be the toughest match to date for the Phoenix.

"We are typically close with Charlotte, so it'll be a good match. If we are able to win it, it will give us a lot of momentum going into North Carolina," Kensrue said. "UNC is always fun to play as well, especially since we'll be playing under the lights."

These are the last two matches before the Phoenix must begin playing conference matches, starting with Georgia Southern.

These last two matches are crucial to Elon in preparation for Southern Conference competition, Anderson said.

"We've played some really tough matches, some good ACC schools. It gives us invaluable experience and helps us learn for future matches."

The Phoenix begin conference play on Feb. 21 against Georgia Southern at 11 a.m.



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Sophomore Melissa Wolf turned in a singles victory in Saturday's match against Radford University. The Phoenix went on to win 6-1 against the nonconference opponent at the

Pummeling the Paladins

Men's basketball grabs third win in four games

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Monday night's 74-66 win over Furman University saw the not-so-well rested Phoenix turn in perhaps its best offensive performance of the season, boosting the men to their third win in the last four games.

By halftime, Elon already poured out 41 points, the most against a Division I opponent this season. Despite a late surge by the Paladins, Elon held on for its fifth Southern Conference win. The Phoenix now sits at 5-9 in the SoCon.

The once-struggling Phoenix has cause for optimism as the calendar quickly flips to February. Last season, also sitting at 5-9 in conference, Elon exploded in the early part of the month, garnering three consecutive wins.

Recent performances indicate the team may be looking in a mirror.

The win Monday was led by an offensive surge drastically different than the performance that resulted in a loss Saturday against Appalachian State.

Elon went 14-27 in free throws on Saturday, only a 51.9 percent shooting rate. As a contrast, Elon nailed 13 of 16 free throws against Furman, an accuracy of 81.3 percent.

"Once everyone on the team gets confidence in shooting, it is contagious," junior forward T.J. Douglas said. "We shoot a lot better when everyone is confident and they think it is going in. If you start out like that, you are going to play well the rest of the game, even on the defensive side."

From the 3-point line against Appalachian, Elon managed 5 for 15. In Monday's game,

the Phoenix downed 7 of 8 from long-range, almost 90 percent.

Douglas helped that statistic, nailing all four of his shots from long-range, in a span of 4:24. This was amid a 21-4 run by the Phoenix that bridged halftime and gave it an 18-point lead, the largest lead of the game, early in the second half.

"[Douglas] does that every day," senior forward Brett James said. "Every time he gets the ball, he knows we want him to shoot. I wouldn't be surprised if he made his next 10. That's how he is. He can shoot the heck out of the ball. It's a lot of trouble [for opposing teams]."

James had 12 points, including nailing three jumpers in the first five minutes of the game. In Saturday's game, James fell to the floor in pain after blocking a shot. He was diagnosed with a contusion to his humerus in his right arm, causing his hand to go numb for a while, as well as a hip injury.

"[My physical state] is struggling," he said. "But when I start playing I forget about it. When you're going up and down and trying to compete, you don't really think about it."

James wore an arm sleeve all game, which helped to compress and diminish the pain in his shooting arm.

The Phoenix goes back on the road, which has been nice of late, Thursday to face SoCon foe Chattanooga. When the Mocs visited Alumni Gym earlier this season, Elon pulled out a grinding one-point win in double overtime.

From there, the Phoenix head to Samford Saturday for a Valentine's Day showdown.

"We know we can beat Chattanooga and we feel like we gave the Samford game away," James said. "We got a good feel for Samford's defense now. We know what to expect so that



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Junior forward Adam Constantine leaps over two Furman defenders to help

The Busy Buddies

Monday night's game marked the third game for the Phoenix in five days. The Southern Conference schedules games Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays, then the cycle starts all over again with teams getting two days to rest in between, not accounting for travel time.

"It is not good for the kids," head coach Ernie Nestor said.

Last Thursday, Elon traveled to Georgia Southern for a night game and returned to campus around 4:30 a.m. Friday. Saturday night marked yet another game.

In the month of February alone, Elon plays 10 games.

"We basically play one-third of our schedule in two weeks," Nestor said. "It favors teams more athletic because they can recover faster."



Men's basketball celebrates historic 100th season

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A collection of former Elon men's basketball players are introduced during halftime of the Elon men's basketball game on

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The banners were released and new pieces of history hung from the rafters of Alumni Gym. During halftime of the men's basketball game against Appalachian State Saturday, Elon retired the jerseys of two former basketball players — Jesse Branson and Tommy Cole.

This halftime celebration capped off a weekend of festivities commemorating the 100th season in program history. The athletic department hosted a dinner Friday night, bringing together past players, alumni, donors, faculty and current players.

There was a display of Elon men's basketball memorabilia including old nets, pictures and an old piece of basketball court.

President Leo Lambert was in the audience for both events along with President Emeritus Earl Danieley and several other prominent faculty members.

Former Fox 8 Sports Anchor Rich Brenner emceed the event Friday evening, which consisted of a dinner, a video tribute and player speeches.

"It's a cool thing just seeing all of these guys," said Montell Watson, a former Elon basketball player. "There are a lot of great players here dating back to the 1950s."

Watson was just one of many players in the audience who had a decorated Elon career.

Throughout the night, one name continued to resonate through the crowd: Bill Miller. Miller, a former men's basketball coach at the school, still holds the most victories for a head coach in the program's history with 331 wins.

Branson played for Miller and set 17 Elon basketball records in his career. Current Elon Golf Coach Bill Morningstar played with Branson and praised his play on Friday night.

In his speech, Morningstar told several anecdotes about the team, including stories about Miller.

A few years after Branson's decorated career with Elon began, another Elon great took the court for the Fighting Christians — Tommy Cole.

"It's the greatest moment of my life. I've waited 37 years for this moment," Cole said at the dinner. "It's the greatest accomplishment that an athlete can achieve."

Don Bolden, editor emeritus of the Burlington Times-News, remembered watching Cole as a young player. He called his play unbelievable.

Both of these players will be forever remembered in Elon sports history with their jerseys dangling from the roof of Alumni Gym. It was the first time in program history that jerseys were retired and formally displayed.

Former players were in the audience for Friday night's celebration and were able to get a glimpse of the past days in basketball history.

Many of the players spoke about the days driving



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Former player Jesse Branson, left, and Tommy Cole had both of their jerseys retired at the halftime celebration.

cars themselves to the games. It was a great leap from today's games with chartered buses.

The program has undergone many changes from playing in the NAIA, which Bolden referred to as an upper-level high school league. Now the program plays Division I basketball.

"You're in the big leagues now," Bolden said. "It's as good as it gets."

Elon athletic supporter and alumnus John Truitt describes his favorite moment: the Southern Conference championship game last season.

"I think [the program] will grow and do extremely well," Truitt said. "I'm sure there will be new buildings that will go up."

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The "Nest" goes pink

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Alumni Gym's usual maroon and gold decor took a subsequent back seat to the inspiring and refreshing color pink Saturday afternoon during the women's basketball game against Davidson College.

The Southern Conference clash was pinned as Elon's second-ever "Pink Zone" game in honor of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association and the Kay Yow Cancer Fund.

Half of each ticket sale benefitted the fund, while additional proceeds came from a table set up by Elon athletes featuring pink T-shirts and shoelaces available for purchase. Part of the table was manned by members of the Alamance Regional Hospital, who were handing out informational packets and pamphlets about awareness and detection of the women's cancer.

"It is something we have done before but not as much around the event," said Sarah Shearer, the associate athletics director and senior women's adviser. "It is something we wanted to make sure we did to honor her."

Yow, who was instrumental in founding the women's sports programs at Elo, died Jan. 24 of Breast Cancer. Yow and her family, Gibsonville natives, were a part of Elon.

"She really did touch a lot of people," Shearer said.

Everyone in the gym got in on the pink act. The referees blew pink whistles, the cheerleaders and dance team wore pink ribbons, both teams' coaching staffs wore pink, the athletic department staff was decked out in pink tees and all players wore pink shoelaces. Pink score sheets were handed out before the game and even the Phoenix mascot came prepared with a pink shirt.

"People are so enthusiastic about the event," Shearer said. "The great thing about it being national is people know about it and are ready to jump on board right away."

Pink Zone is a global effort formerly known as "Think Pink," sponsored by the WBCA, a group of women's coaches dedicated to raising breast cancer awareness on the court, across campuses, in communities and beyond.

This year, the event is nationwide from Feb. 13-22. All teams in the SoCon are participating, while Elon, Georgia Southern and The Citadel have already hosted their events. Next up are Davidson and UNC Greensboro, supporting the cause on on Valentine's Day.

In 2007, more than 120 schools united for the effort and helped make the inaugural year a success. In 2008, more than 1,200 teams and organizations participated, reaching more than 830,000 fans and raising more than \$930,000 for breast cancer awareness and research.



The team gets ready before the game against Davidson.

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Junior forward Ursula Cotton shoots over Davidson. In Monday night's victory, Cot-



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Junior forward Amber Wall drives past Davidson defenders.

Women's basketball team wins first conference game of the season

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Throughout the season, Elon Head Coach Karen Barefoot said progress with the team could not be measured by wins and losses.

After 15 straight losses in the conference, the Elon women's basketball team could measure progress with its first Southern Conference victory of the season.

The Phoenix defeated Appalachian State on the road with a score of 73-55 Monday night. Elon is now 3-22 for the season and 1-15 in conference.

The Mountaineers fell to 6-17 overall and 5-9 in the conference.

For the Phoenix, junior forward Urysla Cotton led the team in scoring with 17 points. Junior forward Amber Wall

recorded a double-double with 14 points and 11 rebounds.

This was Walls second game back after returning from an injury. Before Saturday's game against Davidson, the last game she played was Jan. 19 against Western Carolina.

Senior Forward Brittany Mixon had her own double-double for the Mountaineers. She scored 15 points and grabbed 13 rebounds.

The Phoenix rebounded from a 79-65 loss against Davidson on Saturday.

After this loss against Davidson, Barefoot said the morale was not low.

"We're playing as hard as we can," Barefoot said. "It is truly about us getting better as a team."

Freshman guard Tierra Gause led the Phoenix in a losing effort against Davidson

with a career-high 22 points.

"I felt good in practice," Gause said after the Davidson game. "I had a lot of confidence."

The team has been getting breakout performances from several different players this season. Freshman guard Courtney Medley had a career-high 19 points in last week's loss against UT Chattanooga.

Both Gause and Barefoot agreed that after the Davidson loss, the team needed to work on finishing at the rim and rebounding.

The Phoenix travels to Western Carolina for its next game on Monday night. In the previous meeting this season the Phoenix lost to Western Carolina 78-50.

The team has four conference games remaining before the SoCon tournament begins on March 5.

