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ELON, NORTH CAROLINA

# THE PENDULUM

## DIVERSIFYING THE DECISION

Out of 130 North Carolina college presidents:

5%

women of color

16%

men of color

18%

white women

61%

white men



With a lack of diversity among university presidents, some students hope Elon breaks that trend

**Margaret Malone**  
News Editor | @megretjeane

SINCE 1889, ELON UNIVERSITY has had eight presidents. All of them have been white men.

And if you ask sophomore Shawna Harris-Lenior, president of the Elon chapter of the National Council of Negro Women, she fully expects that 128-year trend to continue when Elon names its ninth president this year.

“When they say they’re looking, all I think is, ‘Oh, white men,’” she said. “I think the lack of African-Americans has to be talked about.”

As the search for President Leo Lambert’s

successor continues, students voiced concerns of the lack of ethnicity in university presidents. And the stats support them. A recent study by the American Council on Education says minorities made up just 17 percent of presidents of institutes of higher education in 2016. Women only encompassed 30 percent of presidents, according to the study.

In periodic emails to the Elon community, Wes Elingburg, a trustee and chair of the search committee, said diversity and inclusion will play a part in their search.

Now, students say they need to prove it. “We talk about being a diverse school — they want to become one,” said senior Max Herrera, a member of Latinx, the Latino-His-

### HIGHER EDUCATION

Nationally, minorities made up 17 percent of presidents of institutes of higher education in 2016, according to the American Council on Education’s American College President Study 2017.

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COREY WELLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
After breaking through CSU linemen, Malcolm Summers dives into the end zone for an Elon touchdown Sept. 16.

## ‘This is a completely different program’

The Phoenix wins 19-17 to have winning record for first time since 2012

**Emmanuel Morgan**  
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Elon coach Curt Cignetti’s face was drenched in sweat Saturday — and he didn’t even play.

It dripped everywhere — from the top of his head to his eyelashes — onto his white polo shirt. Much of it may have come from the humid September weather.

But some of it may have come from stress.

As seconds ticked off the clock in the fourth quarter, Cignetti watched his Phoenix team helplessly on the sideline as No.16 Charleston Southern quickly lined up for a 51-yard field goal. But Buccaneer kicker Tyler Tekac’s attempt pattered left in the endzone as time expired. Throughout the scrambling of players on and off the field, Elon cornerback Greg Liggs Jr. could only think of one word: chaos.

“We struggled to get everybody ready,” Liggs said Got everybody down, hoping we didn’t go offside. We kept our composure and when we saw (the kick) was going left, it was a wrap from there.”

The Phoenix won 19-17 in its home opener. And in doing so, it beat a ranked Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) opponent for the second time in its last 21 tries. It’s the first time Elon (2-1) has had a winning record since 2012. But Cignetti, in his first year as head coach, said this isn’t the climax for the Phoenix.

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Class of 2021 SGA officers excited to represent freshmen



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New club to promote confidence through makeup



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Men’s soccer looks to finish hotstreak

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CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 20

**Secretary of State Elaine Marshall speaks at Elon**  
4 P.M.  
LaRose Digital Theatre

**Baird Lecture with Siddhartha Mukherjee**  
7:30 P.M.  
McCrary Theatre

THURSDAY, SEPT. 21

**Latin Night in Soccer**  
7 P.M.  
Rudd Field

**PLU Speaker Series - "Chemistry in Cardiology"**  
4:15 P.M.  
McMichael Rm329

**Gender Revolution showing**  
7 P.M.  
Turner Theatre

FRIDAY, SEPT. 22

**The Immortal Life of Henrietta showing**  
8 P.M.  
Turner Theatre

SUNDAY, SEPT. 24

**The Goonies showing**  
4 P.M.  
Turner Theatre

MONDAY, SEPT. 25

**Climate Change Choices**  
4:30 P.M.  
McKinnon Hall

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In the Sept. 13 edition of The Pendulum, the staff editorial about the freedom of student press stated a reporter was asked to take down the names of the panelists and delete the photo used, in regards to coverage of the panel discussing the events at Charlottesville, Virginia.

In fact, while the reporter was contacted, there was never a specific request to take down the names, photo or article.

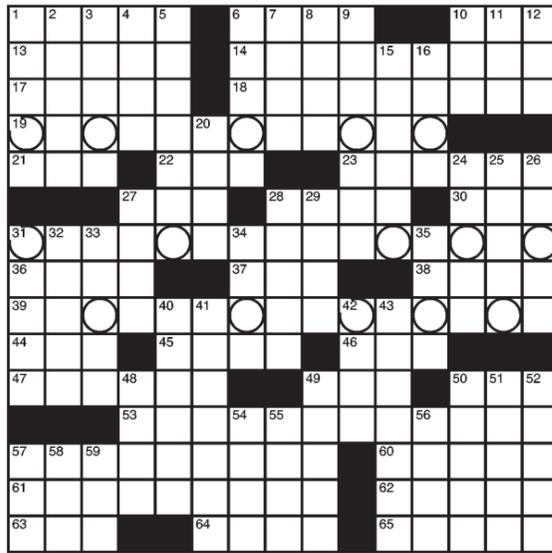
GAMES

FOR RELEASE SEPTEMBER 20, 2017

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

- ACROSS**
- 1 Helps illegally
  - 6 "London Fields" writer Martin
  - 10 Serengeti grazer
  - 13 French name meaning "born again"
  - 14 Goal-oriented suburban parent?
  - 17 Mexican pyramid builder
  - 18 Late with one's payments
  - 19 Bulb that's more sweet than pungent
  - 21 Scheming
  - 22 Quarterback Dawson
  - 23 Renewable fuel made from organic matter
  - 27 Crow's cry
  - 28 Building guideline
  - 30 Tokyo, long ago
  - 31 Basic two-element computation
  - 36 "Want the light \_\_\_ not?"
  - 37 "Golly!"
  - 38 Good-sized backyard
  - 39 Concern for a marketing department
  - 44 One of the Galápagos, e.g.: Abbr.
  - 45 Fed a line to
  - 46 Cartoon frame
  - 47 Balance precariously
  - 49 Justice Dept. division
  - 50 Car stat with city and hwy. components
  - 53 Forgetful person literally indicated by this puzzle's circles
  - 57 Fundraising portmanteau
  - 60 "You Don't Join Us, We Join You" insurance company
  - 61 "Monday Night Football" ainer before ESPN
  - 62 Lingering looks
  - 63 Deleted, with "out"
  - 64 Scheme
  - 65 Wade noisily



By Roger and Kathy Wienberg

9/20/17

- DOWN**
- 1 Many Mideast natives
  - 2 Chisel's cutting edge
  - 3 Contest submission
  - 4 Abound (with)
  - 5 Not connected to the church
  - 6 From Thailand, say
  - 7 Like old records
  - 8 "\_\_\_ See for Miles": The Who
  - 9 Metal-marking tool
  - 10 "Today" rival, familiarly
  - 11 Fish-fowl link
  - 12 Hesitation sounds
  - 15 Beethoven's Third
  - 16 Nevada city near Tahoe
  - 20 Like morning grass
  - 24 Company with "save you 15%" ads
  - 25 Beautify
  - 26 Loudness units
  - 27 Astronomer Sagan
  - 28 Ignore the limit
  - 29 Spa treatment

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved



- 31 Hasbro game requiring quick reflexes
- 32 Unavailable
- 33 Duke or duchess
- 34 Fairy tale brute
- 35 Elongated comet part
- 40 Arctic covering
- 41 Museum manager
- 42 Big name in PCs
- 43 Lipton pouches
- 48 Disdainful clicks
- 49 Like thick fog
- 50 Passover cracker
- 51 Needle bearers
- 52 Grind, as teeth
- 54 Drive-\_\_\_ window
- 55 Youngsters
- 56 Legitimate
- 57 Car wash extra
- 58 Prez in a stovepipe hat
- 59 Type of TV display

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY - ALL THAT JAS COMES TO ELON



Located at 108 N. Williamson Ave., All That JAS has been a part of the Elon for the last 12 years this week.

Twelve years ago this week, the popular gifts and apparel store, All That JAS, moved to Elon University from their previous location in downtown Burlington. In 2005, owner Michaelle Graybeal said, "We want the students to tell us what they want to see in the store," a statement that still rings true today. Located at 108 N. Williamson Ave. the store creates new apparel designs weekly. Just as it has been from the start, Graybeal is open to listening to any and all student suggestions to better improve her store selection. Many of the staff currently

working there have also been there since All That JAS came to Elon. The logos and signs have been the same for the past 12 years. When going into the shop, customers can find signs from the opening days of the store. Graybeal is incredibly thankful to play a part in the Elon community. As All That JAS prepares for another busy year, Graybeal has a hard time believing so much time has passed. "Holy moly, I can't believe it's been 12 years," Graybeal said. "We are still so thrilled to be here."

**ALL THAT JAS**  
All That JAS is open Monday - Saturday: 11 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

NEWS BRIEFS

U.S. News & World Report Recognizes Elon University

"America's Best Colleges," a top-selling guide sponsored by U.S. News & World Report, recognized Elon University as the top ranked Masters-level university in the South on Sept. 12. Elon is the only college in the nation leading in eight academic programs. It was also named first for undergraduate teaching and innovation. According to U.S. News & World Report, Elon is also ranked in the top-25 as "Best-Value" universities in the South because of support given to students in need of financial aid.

Elon Celebrates Hispanic Heritage throughout September

This month, Elon University is celebrating Hispanic Heritage through a variety of events sponsored by El Centro and the Latinx-Hispanic Union. On Sept. 15, El Centro held the Fiesta de Independencia, celebrating the independence of all Latin American countries. In coming weeks, students can expect a Latin Night in a soccer game, La Habana Night and an Oratorical Contest. On Sept. 26 and 27, El Centro is holding Perspectivas Presentations Series III. Staff, faculty, students and alumni will speak on issues related to the Latinx and Hispanic communities. For the full list of events, visit the El Centro website.

Pastor, descendant of Robert E. Lee resigns after backlash

Robert W. Lee, a local pastor, resigned last week after causing controversy by supporting the Black Lives Matter (BLM) movement at the Aug. 17, MTV Music Awards. Because of his public support of the movement, he was asked to introduce the mother of Heather Hyer at the awards. During his introduction, he said, "As a pastor, it is my moral duty to speak out against racism, America's original sin." A week after the remarks were televised, Lee resigned from the Bethany United Church of Christ located in Winston-Salem because of the controversy of his actions. The church had no issue with his lineage, but had extreme concerns regarding his support of the BLM movement.

Hurricanes Jose and Maria expected to affect the U.S.

Hurricane Jose is passing along the east coast, with winds up to 80 mph. It is expected to have an effect on the currents in the Outer Banks. Jose is expected to remain a Category 1 hurricane. Category 5 Hurricane Maria is gaining power in the Atlantic Ocean, as well. Maria has winds of 130 mph and is headed toward the Caribbean. Though it is too early to tell, some experts say the hurricane is on track to hit the east coast. It is unclear whether Maria is going to affect the United States coast. Maria will continue to move northwest at 9 mph.



Elon University freshman Class of 2021 singing the Alma Mater in Alumni Gym Sept. 14.

AMIAH JOHNSON | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Sophomore Kellie Kaufman performs a baton routine with Elon's marching band during halftime at the first home football game of the 2017 season Sept. 16.

CAROLINE BREHMAN | PHOTO EDITOR



The Class of 2021 newly elected SGA officers swear in during an SGA meeting held in the Moseley Center on Sept. 14.

MALLORY SIEGENTHALER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Audience members react to introduction video at DACA panel in LaRose Sept. 18.

JACKIE PASCALE | EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Maddie Jaudon serves against UNCG as her teammates watch on Saturday, Sept. 16.

SAMANTHA STEINMAN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

DIVERSITY |  
from cover

panic Union. "I think it starts with the administration — that's across all schools in the United States."

## Defining diversity

Through Vice President of University Communications Dan Anderson, Elingburg declined to comment for this story.

But Herrera said he hopes the search committee remembers that diversity goes beyond race.

"It goes beyond being ethnically diverse, racially diverse, socioeconomically diverse — there are so many different identities out there," Herrera said. "I hope we find a president who knows how to support all of those."

His ideal candidate, Herrera said, "Is someone who also thinks diversity is extremely important." When the search committee solicited opinions from the community with forums and surveys in the spring, Herrera said he expressed just that.

"Diversity, to me, is the most important thing at this school. So, I said somebody who would at least support that," Herrera said. "If they're of color, or even a woman, that would be fantastic — in fact, I would prefer that. But I hope at least this person comes from a diverse background of opinions, different cultures and they have a good understanding of what it means to be a diverse school."

And in doing so, some students said that would be reminiscent of Lambert. Since the beginning of his presidency, Lambert championed causes for inclusivity. In 1999-2000, his first academic year as president, only 315 ethnically diverse students were enrolled. In 2016-2017, that number surged to 1,011. Other initiatives Lambert started were the Center for Race, Ethnicity and Diversity Education, the Center for Access and Success

and El Centro. When state and national situations questioned the welfare of marginalized groups, such as House Bill 2 and President Donald Trump's executive order on immigration, Lambert immediately responded, saying he would do everything in his power to protect his students.

Regardless of race, junior Emily Golden said she wants someone who will follow Lambert's footsteps — or at least attempt to.

"Someone who can fill Leo Lambert's shoes — how

is that even possible?" Golden asked. "I think President Lambert has done an amazing job of being engaged with the students and really setting a vision for Elon in the next 10 or 20 years. So, I think someone coming in should also share that vision and should be willing to engage with the community and listen to what the students of Elon."

## The female minority

Golden is a member

of She Can Lead — a new on-campus organization that promotes leadership development among girls and women. Golden echoed Herrera's interest in a female candidate for university president.

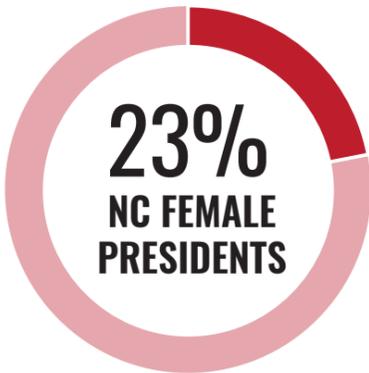
North Carolina has few of them.

In North Carolina, out of the 130 universities and colleges listed on National Center for Education in 2016, females composed just 23 percent of presidents.\* Golden says that simply resembles the national trend. But she

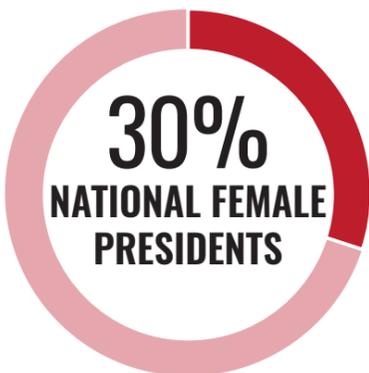
## STATISTICS ON PRESIDENTIAL DIVERSITY



Minorities made up **17 percent** of presidents of higher education institutes in 2016, according to the American Council on Education's American College President Study 2017.



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According to the American Council on Education's American College President Study 2017, women composed **30 percent** of presidents in 2016.

ALEX TOMA | DESIGNER



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## MAX HERRERA

MEMBER OF THE LATINO-HISPANIC UNION

hopes Elon will be different.

"I think it speaks to the national trend that women are treated differently when it comes to leadership and aren't often the first to come to mind when you think of people who are considered leaders," Golden said. "More women should be considered to be presidents of universities. It would be great if Elon had a female president, but we shall see."

And in terms of minority women, the stats are far fewer. Just 5 percent of university presidents in the United States were women of color in 2016. In North Carolina, they also made up just 5 percent. Lenoir said that needs to change. But she'll be surprised if Elon's next president is someone of color.

"Those people who are presidents are at HBCU campuses, so I think this is an issue that has to be talked about — especially on PWI [predominantly white institution] campuses," Harris-Lenoir said. "I would be very surprised and if it was a woman. I would be very surprised because that's not normally who's in higher education."

## Final thoughts

Her reservations aside, Harris-Lenoir said she wants a president of high moral character — regardless of race.

"I think I would want the new president to be honest and real with us so that we

can be honest and real with everyone else on campus," Harris-Lenoir said.

"I hope that he's open-minded — he provides a new voice that we're missing. Of course, we have diversity trainings and things like that, but it's a bigger issue that we need to talk about."

Golden, too, expressed hope in the search committee.

"It would be really wonderful to see a female candidate, and I hope that if there was a female candidate, she would be treated with the same respect the male candidates get treated with."

Herrera said he hopes to see the Presidential Search Committee taking the students' opinions into account while making their decision.

"I have faith in members of the search committee — they know diversity is important here, and I just have faith that they will find the right candidate for us," Herrera said. "I know Morgan Bodenarain, the SGA president, and I have faith in her. Diversity is something that is extremely important to her."

*\*For-profit institutions, the Grace School of Divinity, Grace College of Barbering, Grace College of Divinity, Jung Tao School of Classical Chinese, Mercy School of Nursing and Watts School of Nursing were excluded from the North Carolina statistics because no information regarding their president was available online.*

## Elon alumnus Meal Talks program shapes admissions

Maggie Brown  
and Alex Xouris

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In an effort to give them the chance to ask questions about school, majors and college life.

Since the site launched, Meal Talks has sponsored hundreds of lunches at Elon; each meal ending with reports from prospective students claiming to have a more positive view of the school.

The program connects students with specific "meal talkers," that share similar interests and are involved in specific student clubs and organizations. There are 29 meal talkers listed to provide a variety of perspectives and insights to high schoolers.

"It started out as saying,

'Hey, our friend on campus might want to meet you for lunch,' and then creating a platform for it." Co-founder of Meal Talks, Bobby Stefano '16, said. "I knew there would be some sort of demand, so I went for it. It started as building a prototype website and then making a partnership with Elon."

This program not only serves the prospective student, but also benefits the Elon student.

"I love the idea of talking over coffee or a meal because I'm a college student living on the good old college budget," said Jess Pusch, who is also a Meal Talker. "Sharing meals provides a level of intimacy and authenticity that isn't present in the typical interview or meet-up setting."

Stefano said he could not have started such a successful company without the

support from the Elon faculty, alumni and students.

"I'm really grateful for Elon for giving me this opportunity," Stefano said. "It's because of the Elon community we've been able to bring Meal Talks as far as we have."

One of the exclusive ben-

efits of Meal Talks is the ability to hear real stories from real people. Program participants have the opportunity to have an open and honest conversation with students and ask any and all questions.

"It's real students sharing personal experiences be-

cause they believe in what this community does," Pusch said.

Catawba College has just agreed to partner with Meal Talks for at least a year in an effort to provide mentorship and guidance.

With this new partnership, Meal Talks hopes to

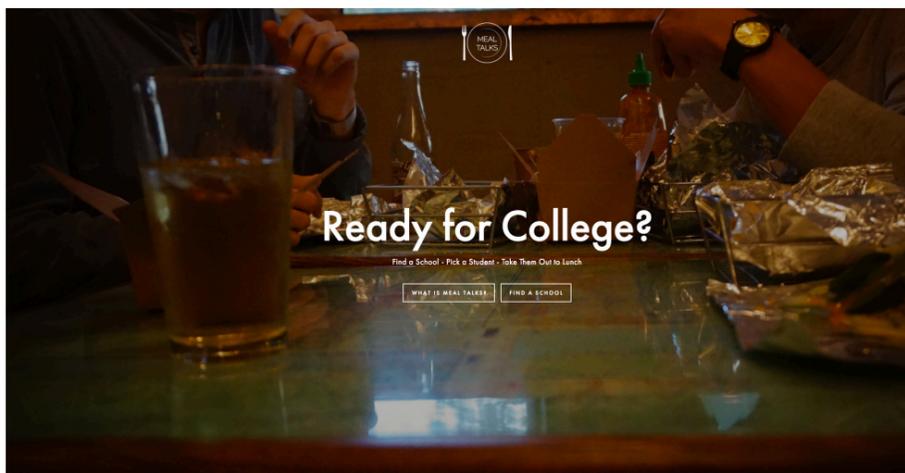


PHOTO COURTESY OF MEAL TALKS

Meal Talks is a platform that connects prospective students with Elon University upperclassman. More information can be found on their website [TheMealTalks.com](http://TheMealTalks.com)

## ELON MEAL TALKERS

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continue to expand to more college campuses and high schoolers.

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# Class of 2021 SGA officers seek to affect campus

Newly elected freshman officers outline their hopes and goals they plan to reach during their tenures

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## President Cameron Waddell



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LET'S ALL COME TOGETHER AND CREATE A CLASS AND COMMUNITY THAT DOESN'T SETTLE FOR MEDIOCRE.

CAMERON WADDELL

WITH THE AMOUNT OF Elon University's opportunities beginning to overwhelm him, Cameron Waddell decided to focus on SGA and run for a position, unsure where it would take him.

"My main goal overall is to bring us together as a class," he said. "The more people we meet, the more comfortable we feel. It's always great just to see someone out on campus that you know, and it just makes you feel comfortable, confident and welcome."

Waddell firmly believes a community can be built with a sense of belonging — something he wants all students to feel at Elon.

"Everyone here at Elon can find some place, event or organization they love and are passionate about," Waddell said. "I want to make it the easiest and most accessible process that it can be."

Building a sense of community and helping others find a place at Elon are two aspects of student life that Waddell hopes will help fight sexual assault.

## Vice President Kaitlyn O'Donnell

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THIS IS THE START OF A NEW CHAPTER IN OUR LIVES. WE CAN DO IT AND WE'LL HAVE THE BEST TIME DOING IT.

KAITLYN O'DONNELL



HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCES IN student government are what moved Kaitlyn O'Donnell to run for vice president.

"Throughout high school I was involved in my school's student council, but I wanted to get involved at a bigger institution and what better way to do that than join SGA?" O'Donnell said. "SGA is the best way to see everything the campus has to offer."

While SGA is something O'Donnell is expecting to be a big part of her life here at

Elon University, she is also hoping to be a more well-rounded student.

"The best way to have a great four year experience here is just to give all of yourself to Elon," O'Donnell said.

With hopes of having a great four years at Elon, O'Donnell wants to put her skills of organizing and planning to good use.

"I love to organize things and put everything together," O'Donnell said. "Being a part of SGA will put me at the heart and spirit of the school."

## Treasurer Claire Babey



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THROUGH FINANCES I WANT TO HELP THE FRESHMEN AND THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY.

CLAIRE BABEY

THOUGH NOT MANY STUDENTS from Kentucky come to Elon University, Claire Babey was sure Elon was the right school for her as early as her sophomore year in high school.

"After looking at Elon during my sophomore year, I knew it was going to be my favorite school," Babey said. "I've also worked a lot with Kentucky legislature and after discovering SGA, I knew it would be the right fit."

Her experience during high school will hopefully help Babey accomplish her goals of having the freshman class affect more than just

the Elon community.

"I want to help make the ideas and wishes of the freshman community come true," Babey said. "Which will hopefully then create a better Elon and create a better world community."

While incredibly excited for her new position, Babey is nervous about working with the more experienced upperclassmen.

"I'm apprehensive about working with the upperclassmen because a lot of them know what they are doing already and have that experience," Babey said. "But for now I am trying to learn as much as I can as fast as I can."

## Secretary Jessica Flacksenburg

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"I AM ALWAYS WILLING TO LISTEN TO YOUR IDEAS, WHETHER BIG OR SMALL.

JESSICA FLACKSENBURG



THERE WAS NO HESITATION for Jessica Flacksenburg when coming into Elon University. SGA was an organization she knew immediately she wanted to join.

"After I heard the SGA President, Morgan Bodenarain speak at convocation, I immediately knew I wanted to be a part of SGA," Flacksenburg said. "Everyone at SGA is so passionate about Elon. That was something I wanted to be a part of."

Flacksenburg wants to speak for all of the different voices and opinions in her class. She is hopeful SGA will help her perfect her listening skills.

Flacksenburg hopes to be involved in SGA for the next four years she is at Elon.

"I hope to be a forum for people to come to and to be a voice. The point of student government is to have the student's voices represented," Flacksenburg said. "There's no point in being a part of SGA without listening to the people."

## Senator Eleanor Cook



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THIS IS OUR HOME, TOO, AND WE CAN MAKE IT A HOME AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

ELEANOR COOK

AFTER THE INITIAL SHOCK of not befriending the entire freshman class, Eleanor Cook saw SGA as the perfect opportunity to connect to all of her peers.

"My main priority is making people know they can talk to me. I've always felt, even in high school, a lot of people don't even know who their senators are," Cook said. "I just want people to know I am a representative, I am here to help and I am not just here to go to meetings."

After winning the unopposed election, Cook said the reactions of those around her truly showed her the supportive community Elon University fosters.

Cook hopes to expand her horizons by getting involved outside of the Communications school.

"I was surprised to find out the impact it had on people around me," Cook said. "It felt really good that after I won all of my friends and teachers were congratulating me. I had found somewhere where I belonged."

## Senator Lauren Kottcamp

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THE STUDENT BODY CAN TRUST ME AS THEIR VOICE, REGARDLESS OF WHAT THEY ARE INVOLVED IN AT THE SCHOOL.

LAUREN KOTTCAMP



A COMBINATION OF HIGH SCHOOL experiences and an interest in a political science major brought Lauren Kottcamp to run for Senator.

"Student government has always been one of my biggest passions in high school. I am glad it is carrying over to now," Kottcamp said. "I am planning on majoring in political science and SGA seemed like a good organization to get involved in."

With her passion and previous experiences in student government, Kottcamp is excit-

ed to be representing the freshman class. A specific goal Kottcamp has is to change the policy on not allowing students who hold SGA leadership positions to study abroad. Kottcamp believes study abroad is an important part of the Elon community and that no one should be restricted from it.

"I'm excited to serve the freshman class and be someone who they can trust with their opinions and voices," Kottcamp said. "I want them to have a say in what we do here as a student body."

# Latino, Latina or Latinx: Which one is it?

Elon community members wrestle with evolving terminology

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Throughout the years, people from Spanish speaking countries have been able to identify as being Hispanic, Latino/Latina, and, most recently, "Latinx."

In order to push for gender inclusivity, Latinx was introduced to recognize nonbinary Hispanic and Latino students. The term Latinx itself has begun a conversation on Elon University's campus and around the nation about whether the term is truly inclusive.

"Latinx is a term to be more inclusive for the people who are nonbinary because Latino and Latina did not fit because they are masculine and feminine," said sophomore Sammy Oñate. "The 'x' becomes more inclusive for them."

Sophomore Lily Sobalvarro is Nicaraguan and Mexican. She knows and understands the usage of the term Latinx, but she personally identifies as Hispanic because she grew up with this term.

"I had never heard the term Latinx until I first arrived on campus here at Elon," Sobalvarro said.

There are still people who never heard the term or just became familiar with it through being at Elon.

For some, such as Oñate, the term has been familiar to them since its coining.

"I first heard it about two to three years ago," Oñate said. "It is an American term. It



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is not something you would typically hear in Latin America, but I am all for its use and to be more inclusive."

The word Latinx does not translate to anything in Spanish and is not used in any other country besides the United States. This is where the conversation on the nature of its inclusivity comes into play.

Sylvia Muñoz, associate director for the Center for Race, Ethnicity and Diversity Education and the director of the Spanish Center, personally identifies as Latino and Costa Rican. She believes the term Latinx is vital for gender inclusivity, but she herself believes it also affects the Spanish language and that

those outside the United States would have trouble with the use of Latinx.

"I have conflict in using the language because I want to use it to include this group that has been marginalized," Muñoz said. "I believe gender is fluid and that having to put people into these two boxes is not correct. On the other hand, independent of that, it feels like they are imposing something on my language. I feel like I am being marginalized with that."

In the Spanish language, the term Latinx would not translate properly. The manner in which people from Latin America and other varying Spanish-speaking countries

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**LILY SOBALVARRO**  
SOPHOMORE

identify as Latino because it is already inclusive as the "o" is gender neutral in the Spanish language.

"I am a linguist," Muñoz said. "For me, it's forced change they are trying to put on us. Spanish is a language that millions speak. All of a sudden, we are trying to change the language that has been part of our identity for many years. Someone who doesn't speak English, they wouldn't know what the term Latinx means. The 'o' is neutral."

While many believe the term Latinx is necessary to be more inclusive, there are people that believe it strips another identity. It is still widely used, but it would be difficult to explain the term to someone not from the United States.

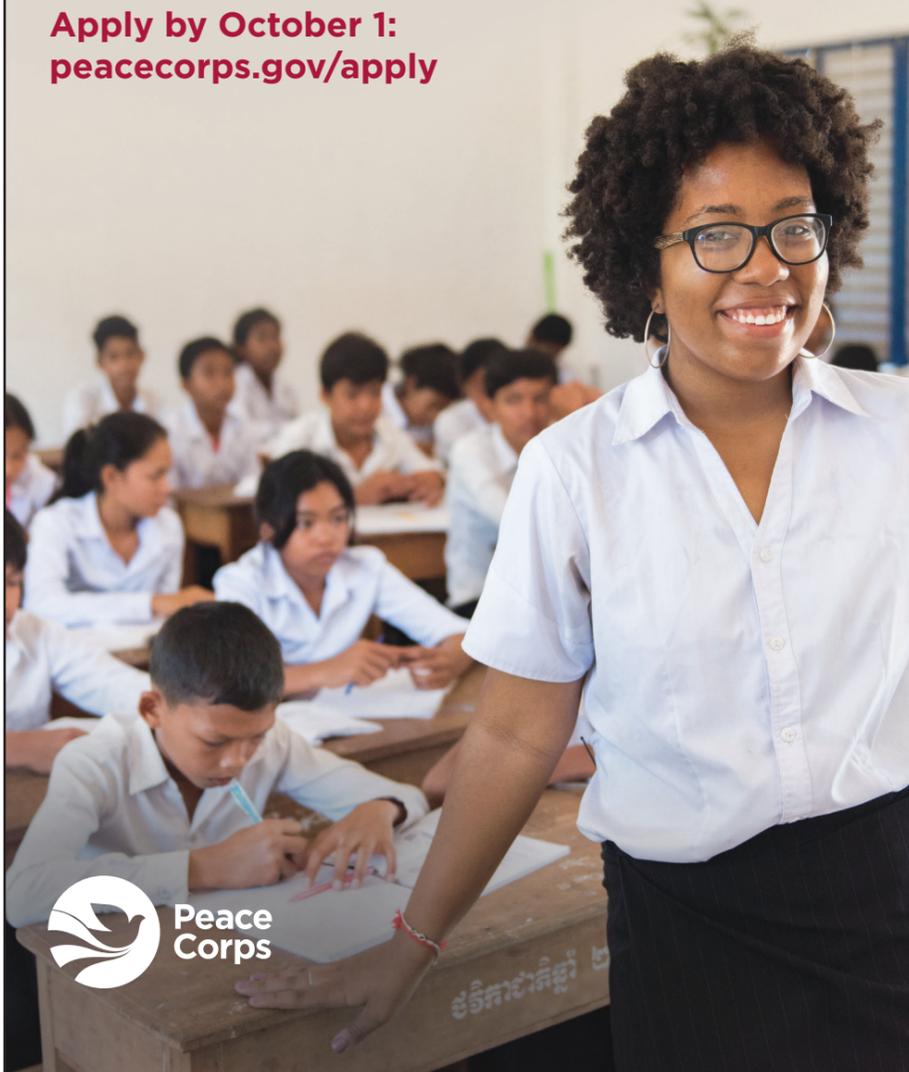
There is still a lot of pride either way for many to identify as Latino, Latina, Latinx, Hispanic or anything along those lines. This month being Hispanic Heritage Month highlights the pride people feel to be from their respective countries.

"I identify as Latino," Muñoz said. "I am proud to identify that way."

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# President Trump's new travel ban developments

Carrie Eaves, assistant professor of political science, dives into the complex issues of Trump's travel ban



Carrie Eaves

**Q: What does travel ban mean in a court setting?**

**A:** "There are all sorts of rules and regulations for who can enter the country. The travel ban is not exactly about immigration, but more focused on who can and cannot enter the country. That can be someone with a green card or a temporary visa. The travel ban basically refers to anyone who is traveling to the United States. The phrase 'travel ban' is relatively new language."

**Q: What is the travel ban trying to accomplish?**

**A:** "None of the terrorist attacks that have happened in the borders of our country have happened as a result of terrorists coming in from the eight countries banned. It's not exactly clear what the ban is trying to accomplish. We know politically what it's trying to accomplish. It's a signal

to his base that he is fighting terrorism and staying here for the country. It is unclear if this will actually prevent anything from happening. Saying there is one thing that is going to stop terrorism is tough."

**Q: What did Trump mean by the tweet: "The travel ban into the United States should be far larger, tougher and more specific—but stupidly, that would not be politically correct!"? How much of an effect do these tweets have on his administration?**

**A:** "It's hard to read too much into 140 characters. Tweets may reflect the president's beliefs, but they are not policy. A tweet doesn't actually mean anything except for him conveying his opinion. It has the weight of the president's beliefs behind it, but doesn't have any governmental procedure behind it. It is sort of his fallback, it seems, when there is a terrorist incident is to say we need to strengthen our regulations."

**Q: Is the travel ban constitutional?**

**A:** "Perhaps it's not constitutional, but the president does have great leeway in controlling immigration customs enforcement. In some ways, his own words come back to



Travel Ban protesters rally at Tom Bradley International Terminal at LAX in Los Angeles.

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haunt him. Because of President Trump's past statements, aimed at a particular religious group — even if the language of the executive order has been cleaned up — it still seems like he is targeting a group. His past language and tweets describing it as a 'Muslim Ban' raises more questions."

**Q: Is the travel ban grounds for impeachment?**

**A:** "Impeachment is truly a political question and not really a legal question. Until Republicans in the House and Senate either 'turn on him' and become increasingly frustrated, or the Democrats take control, it doesn't seem like there is really an impeach-

able offense. And while there may be frustration within the Republican party, they aren't talking about impeachment yet. Now, if we found a letter that said, 'Dear Vlad, thanks for helping me win the election here's a check for \$10 million—that I think we could say is an impeachable offense. It's more of a question of politics than it is a question of law.'

# Dining Hall changes driven by customer feedback

Student opinions begin to shape Dining Hall decisions

Oliver Fischer  
Contributor | @FischerWithC

Elon University dining halls are constantly changing, and this year is no exception. With McEwen Dining Hall closed for renovations for the 2017-2018 academic year, students using dining services in McEwen will have to find a different place to eat.

Compared to last year,



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RESIDENT DISTRICT  
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Colonnades Dining Hall receives 200 more visitors per day, while Lakeside recorded 700 additional visitors per day, according to Resident District Manager Pulkit Vigg. Because of this, Lakeside Dining Hall hours have been extended. It will be open from 7 a.m. — 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday with late night is now available Thursday through Saturday.

"Lakeside being the sort of center of campus, that

was the obvious decision at that point," Vigg said. When it's not raining, two food trucks will also be stationed outside the Hook, Branock, and Barney residential hall Basketball Court every Wednesday to alleviate the additional load on Lakeside.

For Associate Professor of Communications Glenn Scott, eating at Lakeside is more about the experience than the food. With the new hours, he is able to spend more time talking to students.

"It's the off-hours where you can have better conversations because people aren't in such a hurry," he said. "I just get more moments where I can sit and talk with someone for a while and find out a little bit more about who they are."

Aramark has been piloting a program since spring 2017 that aims to source more local foods. Proteins served at the dining halls are now third-party certified humane. According to the nonprofit organization, Human Farm Animal Care, this means the food comes from farms where, "Human Farm Animal Care's precise standards for the humane treatment of farm animals are implemented."

To sophomore Jennifer Moretti, this certification is important. "You don't want to be eating meat that's had steroids," she said.

In addition to the on-line platform to submit feedback, Lakeside and Colonnades have also received physical feedback boards, called napkin talk boards, where visitors can



OLIVER FISCHER | CONTRIBUTOR

Lakeside Dining Hall offers different flavors of yogurt and a variety of fresh fruits as students enter the dining hall.

leave comments and food requests. "It's organic in my thought process because it gives you the live feedback," Vigg said. "Good, bad or ugly, we want to know how you feel about your experience in the dining hall."

Freshman Krystin Kalvoy has already used the board in Lakeside to suggest leaving the yogurt bar out more often. She would also like to see some changes to the daily menu. "I would recommend adding more green vegetables or red peppers," she said. "Something

like that instead of just potatoes all the time."

Some requests, such as crab legs, are more cost-prohibitive, but Vigg said such foods still remain a possibility. "Can't have it every day, but we'll absolutely have it as part of our menu rotation."

"It's hard to make 6,000 people happy," Vigg said. "But it's our goal."

Lakeside has also received a Blue Sky soda machine and a Starbucks one-touch coffee machine, though the latter is cur-

rently having technical difficulties. Visitors can use the machine in Colonnades instead.

Changes in the dining halls are not driven by feedback alone, but also by research and goals set by Aramark. These include the decision to use only third-party humane certified proteins and non-GMO fryer oils from East Carolina Organics.

"We try to be proactive and one step ahead," Vigg said. "I would rather give it to you before you ask."

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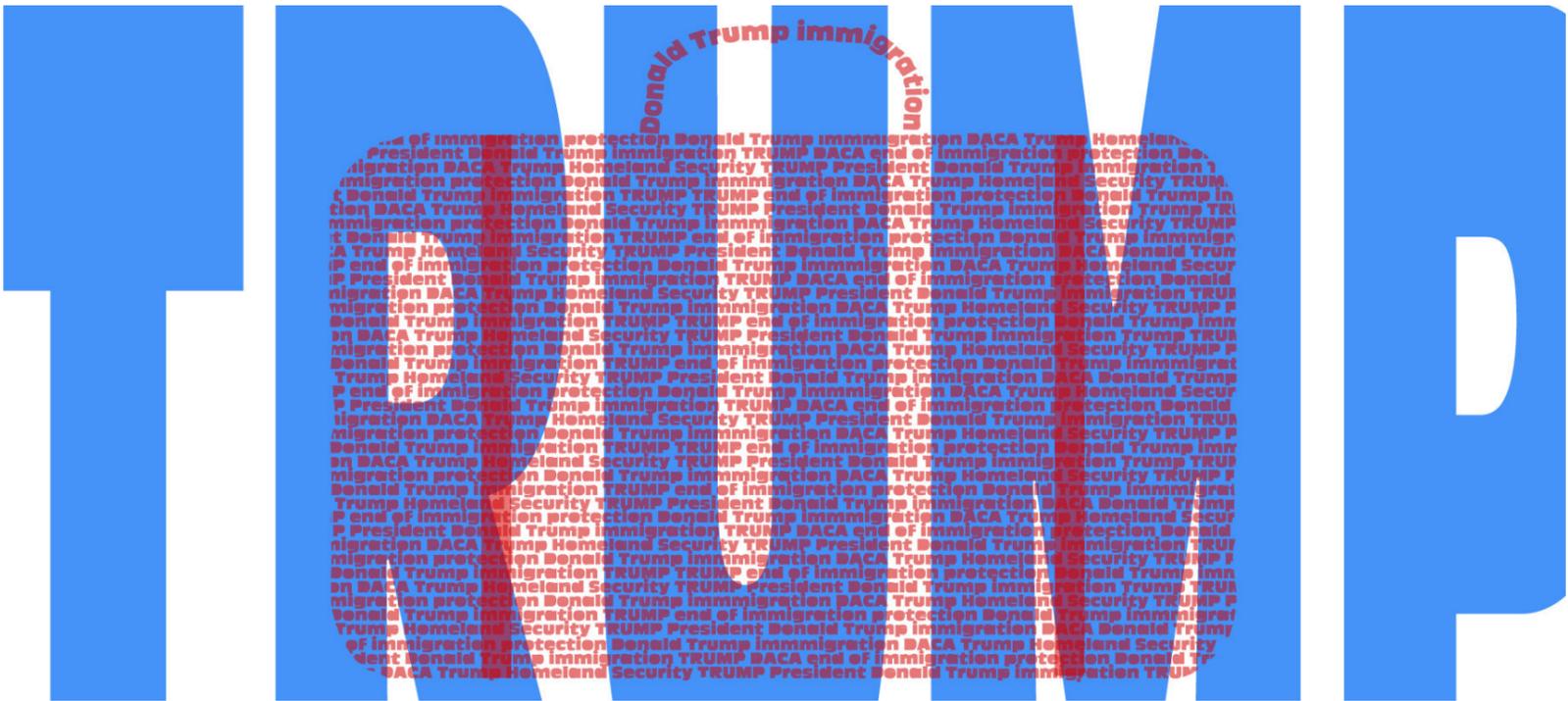


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STAFF EDITORIAL

## Do more than just attending a panel

HOW WE SEE IT

Students need to go beyond attending a panel to address Donald Trump's recent decision on DACA.

On Monday, Sept. 18, the Elon University Latinx-Hispanic Union (LHU) hosted a panel called, "We Are All Dreamers," which discussed the legal, economic and social ramifications of President Donald Trump rescinding the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA) immigration program. The panel featured a number of Elon faculty and staff members coming from diverse personal, professional and academic backgrounds.

Almost every single seat in LaRose theatre was filled. When there were no seats left, students, faculty and staff members filled the space on the floor, as well. Even after the event began, students continued to file into the theatre to engage in conversation and hear from experts on the topic.

DACA, enacted by President Barack

Obama in 2012, gives children brought into the United States illegally by their parents a pathway to full citizenship. Five years ago, more than 800,000 immigrants came out into the open and admitted to being undocumented.

That's 800,000 people who risked everything in the hopes of designing a better future for their families. And at the moment, that hope is slowly being stripped away. The United States was founded on the idea of welcoming people from different backgrounds to help build a better future, but for these people, we aren't honoring that foundational element of our nation.

Too often, it's easy for students to read news headlines and see them as just that. But these policies being enacted or redacted on Capitol Hill are affecting the Elon community.

According to the Migration Policy Institute, 78 percent of DACA recipients hail from Mexico. Only 7 percent of Elon students are Hispanic, making DACA irrelevant to the vast majority of campus because it won't directly affect them. But such a promising showing at the panel illustrates students care for the well-being of those who come from different backgrounds than them.

Once the repeal of DACA goes into effect — which will be in March if Congress is unable to create a deal — immigrants will lose access to resources that could help them, once again run the risk of deportation and potentially be at higher risk for mental health issues such as anxiety and depression.

And while this information may not affect a large portion of the Elon community directly, the significant show of support at the panel Monday night is a step in the right direction.

But we can't let the conversation stop after the panel ended. If we want to truly make an impact and use the voices given to us as college students, we need to keep talking. Elon provides us with

the resources to learn about things such as the effects of DACA. But it's up to us to take advantage of them. Conduct further research on the subject, talk to experts, initiate conversations.

There is no question our country is divided. Race, politics and gender are some of the numerous problems unearthed since the divisive election last November. But if Monday's panel taught us anything, it's that individuals can be civil and listen to each other around key topics that are controversial in nature. This was a great start to a year that will hopefully be full of deep discussion, particularly surrounding issues that don't affect the majority.

But as the majority, it's important to stand up and use our voices to speak for those who can't. Call your representatives. Find ways to get involved with the American Civil Liberties Union or a similar group. Use your resources. There are many ways to combat an issue that will affect so many people. And if those who aren't affected act like they are, it will go along way to fix the problems our country is facing.

CAMPUS VOICES

## Elon student identity travels overseas



Hannah Benson  
Columnist

Tailgate season has begun, foliage is nearing its peak, classes are getting harder and I am not at Elon University. I can almost feel first-year students explaining to their new friends how frustrated they are they haven't met their future husband yet and almost can see a handful of fresh Phoenixes stealing their first bricks. But let me make this clear one more time; I am not at Elon. I am currently writing this from a handsome apartment that I somehow scored on Airbnb in a rustic little downtown area of Valencia, Spain. However far I may be from the land of acorns and squirrels, the trace of our school seems to never leave me.

I am currently touring the world with a program called Semester at Sea, which

hosts more than 600 college students on a vessel the size and build of a cruise ship (and the beauty of one, too, I might add) that is taking its passengers from our start location of Bremerhaven, Germany to our final destination of San Diego, where we will arrive on Dec. 23, 2017. I am already dreading the day I have to re-enter the United States.

I am in a nation thousands of miles away and people on my program whom I haven't even met before can point to me and predict that I am an Elon student. This is because Elon students are a brand, without question.

Out of 600 students aboard a ship, 29 of these are Elon students. One of the first questions you are asked when you meet someone on this

trip is, "What school do you go to?" and I continually find myself answering, "Well, I am one of the Elon kids," to which there is always some kind of response such as "There seem like so many of you guys! I thought Elon had like 6,000 students!"

Well, yes, we do. Compared to the other two schools with the largest population of students in the program — Colorado State University (boasting 40 students) and the University of San Diego (coming in second with 35) — Elon is the smallest by a wide margin. When students ask how possibly our small liberal arts college in North Carolina nestled between Raleigh and just about nothing else could have produced such a

large collection of kids for one experience, I have to tell them what I believe to be the answer.

First, I say that study abroad is no regular experience at Elon. I tell people this all the time. Study Abroad at our small school is like tailgating at any other school, because it seems like every person alive enough to walk and talk is going to study abroad.

That, and the fact that a member of the faculty at our school used to be on the board of directors for Semester at Sea, which is a very prestigious credit for Elon and puts us very much on the map.

Lastly, and this one has no concrete evidence behind it, Elon students are very high-

key. There could be five of us on a ship of more than 600, and I still think people would make comments about us seeming ubiquitous.

I see this "high-key" remark as nothing if not a compliment. Elon students are the ones who are most likely to wave to someone they don't know, pull out a chair at a table of people they haven't talked to yet, approach teachers after class to introduce themselves and shout hello to members of the staff from the other end of a crowded room.

Elon students tend to be open-minded, friendly and excited, more so than their peers from other schools. We are a friendly and exuberant bunch and, frankly, I wouldn't have it any other way.

## CAMPUS VOICES

## I know you hate vegans, but we are right



**Faith Antonek**  
Sophomore

We all know at least one vegan. You have probably asked them what they can eat and where they get their protein. You may have even asked them if they would eat meat if they were stranded on a desert island. Your deep-seated passion for ice cream and bacon may have made you forego a more insightful question, “Why did you go vegan?”

Now, I understand you may not want to know the answer to that. Vegans are extreme, tree-hugging hippies that don’t represent a reasonable lifestyle for a college student. But what if veganism isn’t so extreme after all? Millennials have the highest numbers of vegetarians and vegans than any previous generation. Why is this a growing trend? Have these people not tried bacon?

As it turns out, an abundance of research shows that a plant-based diet is the most sustainable and healthy diet, and it may be our only hope for saving the planet that we are currently destroying.

I do not hate vegans, because I am one. Don’t worry, I get it, we are easy to hate. Before going plant-based, I avoided every conversation that involved that annoying word.

One day, I came across an article titled, “7 Ways Vegans are Saving the Planet.” I immediately felt defensive. I consider myself someone who cares deeply for the environment and did not like that my lifestyle was being accused of hurting the planet. This sent me into a research frenzy. If eating meat, dairy and eggs is that bad for our health and the environment, we would surely know about it and the government would be encouraging us to go vegan. I read endless peer-reviewed research articles

and watched the documentaries “Cowspiracy,” “Forks over Knives” and “Earthlings.” It took me one day to go vegan cold-turkey and two years later I haven’t looked back.

My question to you is, what are you doing to be a global citizen? As students at Elon University, we have that concept drilled into us. We have all explored what that means and how we can be better global citizens, whether we wanted to or not. As college students, our studies are our main priority. But that does not have to come at the expense of being a responsible global citizen by adopting a plant-based diet.

If the world went vegan, we could end world hunger 15 times over. The majority of food grown in third world countries — where hunger

is most prevalent — is fed to farm animals that are ultimately sold as meat to more wealthy areas. The amount of food it takes to sustain a cow, which produces a small amount of meat for a few people, could feed a more people for a longer time if fed to humans directly, and with higher nutritional value.

Another significant impact of animal agriculture that is widely overlooked is environmental racism and human trafficking. People assume that vegans care more about animals than our fellow humans, but the truth is animal agriculture harms humans just as much as it harms animals.

The meat and dairy industries are notorious for abusing their workers. Some companies even go into Mexico and illegally bring in workers

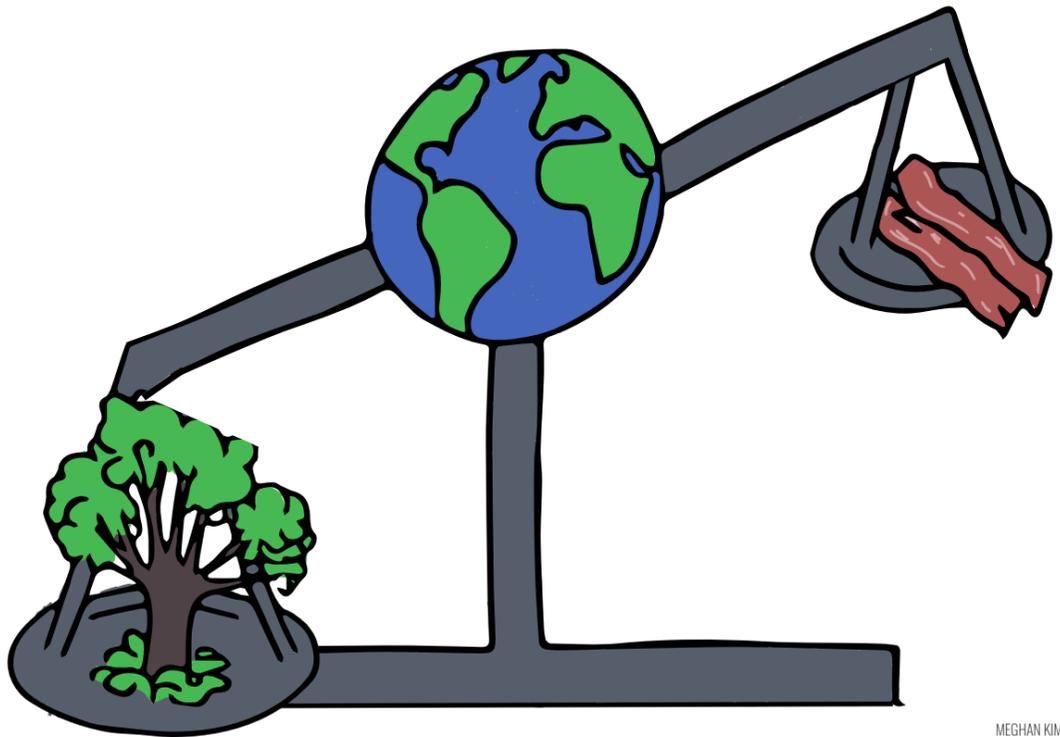
whom they can easily abuse due to their illegal status. Many of these workers get deported eventually, but the companies that brought them here don’t get so much as a slap on the wrist. The sad truth is, the government is in bed with animal agriculture.

Research on the negative impacts of animal agriculture is plentiful. If you desire to be a better global citizen, I encourage you to research the impact that your diet has on the environment, people and animals. A great place to start is to choose one of the documentaries I mentioned earlier, as well as “What the Health.” At Elon, a vegan diet is extremely easy regardless of your meal plan. I know you will miss bacon, but I promise you will thrive without it. There are also delicious substitutes

for literally any nonvegan food you love.

I do not want to be just another vegan preaching my beliefs to you. This is no longer a debate about personal beliefs — humanity is suffering due to our decision to consume animal products. Consuming animal products is no longer a personal decision.

Next time you meet a vegan, instead of asking how they survive without meat, you can at least try asking them why they went vegan. Many vegans do not initiate these conversations to make you feel like a bad person. We do not even want to rob you of the traditions you hold so dearly. We simply advocate for change on behalf of the people and animals without voices, and the planet we share.



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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Faculty responds to ENN editorial



**Brian Pennington**

As organizers of Elon University’s recent panel discussion on Charlottesville, we write first to express our belief that student journalism and the freedom of student expression are critical to Elon’s commitment to experiential learning and to an informed campus. We wish, moreover, to respond to your recent editorial regarding student media access to the event.

We want to provide some additional information and clear up what we believe to be a set of misunderstandings. What transpired at the event does not signal any change in our general attitude about the important role that student media’s ability to freely cover campus events on important issues plays.

In organizing this event, our primary objective was to give Elon students the opportunity to hear directly from members of Elon’s community who had been present in Charlottesville or participated in counter-demonstrations. We expected a large crowd and considered live streaming the

event to an overflow room.

For safety reasons, panelists themselves asked that no video be utilized. As organizers, our priority was to protect the safety of participants who had been the target of online attacks. We regret that student media believed there would be no reporters allowed at the event.

It was well understood among panelists that we would issue only a restriction on live streaming and video recording. We did not intend to ban reporting. Indeed, there were many in attendance who posted photos and quotes via their Twitter accounts without any restrictions, and both organizers and panelists expected this.

The editorial also states that there was a request to ENN to remove the names and photos of the panelists from its online coverage. We are not aware of any such request and believe ENN should be free to publish the story and photos as it sees fit.

Our planning for this event was aimed

at one objective: to provide Elon students the opportunity to hear firsthand from our community members who were present at what we believe may be one of the watershed events of our era while not compromising the safety of the panelists.

In the future, we will endeavor to consult with student media prior to potentially sensitive events in order to reach agreement about the terms of coverage and ensure that we balance the needs of student journalism against the safety and desires of speakers for appropriate privacy and security.

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# PERFECTING “The Art of Makeup”

Elon students turns passion for cosmetics into new organization

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Elon University’s organization fair never ceases to excite and overwhelm new students each fall. When sophomore Julia Burnet wandered around the fair her freshman year, she knew someday she wanted to stand behind one of the tables. And this year, her opportunity came.

Burnet started “The Art of Makeup,” a new club devoted to a shared passion for cosmetics. Though the club is new, interest in cosmetics has been around long before Burnet’s time at Elon.

“I started wearing makeup in eighth grade. I’ve always found it fascinating. Seeing my mom get ready in the morning, and seeing the way some people transform,” Burnet said.

“The Art of Makeup” club treasurer sophomore Katelyn Johnson, also began her makeup journey early on. But her experience was not as positive as Burnet’s experience — something Johnson is hoping to change.

“I used to use it as a cover up, something that shielded me,” Johnson said. “I want people to feel more confident about themselves, but not feel more confident about themselves because they’re wearing makeup.”

Eliminating the stigma that girls who wear makeup are insecure was the foundation behind the idea for the club and is something Burnet is passionate about as the club president and founder.

“I want them to accept how they look just normally. But I also want



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Sophomore Julia Burnet hopes “The Art of Makeup” will inspire people to feel comfortable in their own skin — with or without makeup.

them to accept how they look with makeup on,” Burnet said.

Burnet and Johnson were able to experiment with makeup transformations firsthand in “Fundamentals of Makeup Design and Application,” Elon’s makeup course.

“We both really enjoyed having that outlet of putting on makeup, but it was the theatrical one. We wanted something very different, very casual,” Johnson said.

Burnet and Johnson teamed up, among other founding members, to transform their passions into something they could share. They soon came to find that forming a new organization is a lengthy process.

“It was a little tricky. I had this idea first semester freshman year and I didn’t get a form submitted until the end of freshman year,” Burnet said. “I didn’t get approved until a week before we came to school this year. And that was just for developmental status. I’m still not technically approved as a full-functioning organization.”

Starting a new organization is a 10-step process. The process begins

with an application, adviser agreement and a recommendation form. Once these forms have been accepted by Student Involvement, the organization is granted developmental status — the stage in which “The Art of Makeup” is in today.

“The process was long and I wish I did it a little sooner because then I would’ve had a budget sooner and could’ve gotten this thing rolling,” Burnet said.

Under developmental status, organizations are only allowed to host interest meetings using Elon’s name. Once bylaws have been written and accepted by the Student Life Committee (SLC), the organization is granted provisional status. After at least six months, one leadership transition, one meeting with SGA and a completed review form, the SLC may grant full organization status.

“I just have so many ideas and I’m just so ready to do it,” Burnet said.

Though the club can only host interest meetings because of their developmental status, Burnet and Johnson are ready to include anyone who can hold a makeup brush.

“The organization is for those who have never worn makeup to those who wear makeup every day of their lives,” Burnet said.

Not only will members be able to discuss their love for lipsticks, lashes and liners, but they will be taught and be able to teach every aspect of the makeup process. Each club meeting will have a different theme focused on a certain product or technique.

“Let’s say the theme is eyeliner, and we will explain how certain shapes of eyes go with certain eyeliners and how to get that perfect wing,” Burnet said.

Perfecting the craft in meetings will be accompanied by discussing controversial issues in the cosmetic industry.

“There’s so many shades of white, yet little shades of any other color. We want to talk about that,” Burnet said.

Exposure to these issues is not only inclusive, but it also highlights the club’s vision.

“Our motto for the makeup club is just trying to look your best and feel your best with or without makeup,” Johnson said.

If sculpting, drawing or painting is not something you’re interested in, Burnet believes that this craft deserves to be appreciated as an art.

Whether you have no idea what contouring is or embrace cat-eyes every day, those who are interested in joining “The Art of Makeup” can join via Phoenix-Connect and attend the first interest meeting at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 25. Location to be determined.

“You can be artistic with makeup. It’s not just for insecure girls. Makeup is so much more than that. And that’s why I titled it The Art of Makeup not just makeup club because there’s so many different parts to makeup, and it’s an art,” Burnet said.

# Library favorite celebrates 15 years serving students

Night-time librarian provides conversation and peace of mind

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A steady flow of student traffic exits the library as the sky above Young Commons darkens. While the sunset outside signals the end of a study session, Dwight Davis' shift has just begun.

Davis, late-night library specialist and computer support, is celebrating his fifteenth year serving the Elon University community between the hours of 11:30 p.m. - 7:30 a.m. in the Carol Grotnes Belk Library.

"I'm the only one there at night," Davis said. "If they want books checked out, if they need to find different materials — I can help them do that. I do a little bit of everything."

Davis monitors every floor and the front desk, but he is better known for his late-night conversations, and saving students in danger of oversleeping after all-nighters.

"A student will ask him to wake them up — 'I just want to take a nap, will you make sure I get up? I have an eight o'clock class,'" said Doris Davis, Dwight Davis' wife and interlibrary loan and reserves assistant. "He makes the library a place where students enjoy coming."

Jasper Pike, senior and



DEIRDRE KRONSCHNABEL | CONTRIBUTOR

library team leader, has an easy response for people who question why he prefers the 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. night shift. For three years now, he has spent these shifts with Dwight.

"I still look forward to hearing his rolling bag come in just before midnight," Pike said. "Whether he's bragging about the latest travel deal he's found while scouring the internet or a detailed examination of whatever game I'd been keeping track of that night, he's one of my favorite people to talk to here."

The post-midnight library crowd differs from the daytime. Sometimes the pairing

of little sleep, high pressure and looming deadlines becomes overwhelming.

"I talk them through it," Dwight said. "Sometimes they get burned out. Sometimes they get writer's block. Sitting down and talking with them gets them refocused."

"Dwight loves to give people advice," Pike said. "It doesn't matter if it's someone like me who he's known for years or who just started working that night. He's always willing to hear you out and offer wisdom and advice."

Dwight credits his experiences as a pastor and father with his success as a mentor.

"I can recognize the different expressions on the students' faces and stay and talk with them," Dwight said. "By having children, you sort of know what they're going through and what they're experiencing."

Dwight's family is still very much part of the Elon community. Their youngest son got married in Whitley Auditorium in July, and their grandchildren love to come play on campus.

"We attend the football games and basketballs games," Doris said. "On the weekends, we'll walk through campus or use the recreation center. Our grandson — he's

**Dwight Davis and Jasper Pike have gotten close working late nights at the library.**

## LIBRARY HOURS

**Sunday:** 10 A.M. - all night  
**Monday-Thursday:** 24 hours  
**Friday:** Open - 9 P.M.  
**Saturday:** 9 A.M. - 9 P.M.

## DWIGHT HOURS

**Sunday-Thursday:**  
11:30 P.M. - 7:30 A.M.  
\*Third floor closes at 12:45 A.M.

going to be eight — has been here since he was practically a little baby, coming out to Lake Mary Nell with the ducks."

Dwight inspires students with the perseverance he embodies in his own life. In June 2014, Davis underwent a total knee replacement and this past December the same knee had to be redone. During his recovery, Dwight was anxious to get back to one of his support systems: the library.

"The library is an excellent place for him because he walks around every night but he doesn't have to be continually on his feet," Doris said. "It's helped him to bounce back. He's now back into the fitness center doing about 10 miles a day."

Between Dwight and the brightening atrium, the last of the late-night students awaken, and Dwight heads home to exercise his knee and enjoy the day before calling it a night. On his way out, he'll pass his wife settling in to her seven o'clock shift.

In the morning and late at night, it's here at the library where Dwight can always find family.

"Dwight is not someone a lot of people on campus know," Pike said. "But those who do absolutely love him."

## ELON EATS

# Under-budget Mexican restaurant serves up authentic, tasty cuisine

Local restaurant provides authentic Mexican fare to Burlington community.

**Jackie Pascale**  
Executive Director | @jackie\_pascale

Driving down South Church street, there are "For Sale" signs and vacating businesses on each street corner. But one shop is defying the odds with a 10-year run as a successful restaurant and market.

Taqueria Aztlan is a family-owned authentic Mexican restaurant, headed by Esperanza Villalobos and her mother. Villalobos says their biggest competition are food trucks.

"We've seen food trucks come and go non-stop," Villalobos said. "We've seen businesses come and go at the same time, as well."

The reason for this revolving door of businesses in east Burlington is a case of expectation versus reality. "Because a lot of people expect to make tons and tons of money on the spot," Villalobos said. "Like they want to make all the money they invested within the first six months, which is honestly impossible."

What sets her restaurant apart, Villalobos said, is the quality.

"The food is real authentic," Villalobos said. "We make everything on the spot, so it's a lot fresher than other businesses. And we're cheap, or a little less expensive than other restaurants. So that makes a difference as well"

The menu exhibits the typical items we're used to: tacos, burritos, empanadas.



IF YOU WANT TACO BELL, GO TO TACO BELL.

**ESPERANZA VILLALOBOS**  
OWNER

das. But it's the taste that sets these standard items apart from any old Mexican restaurant. The salsa is chopped and mixed fresh for each table, and the meat marinates for hours before it is cooked and served. Powerful flavors and fresh ingredients are the at the core of Taqueria Aztlan. What's even better is the cost.

A simple corn taco is under a dollar, and even the most expensive one is less

## TAQUERIA AZTLAN

**Location:** 1118 Vaughn Rd.  
**Hours:** Sunday-Friday: 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Saturday: 10 a.m.-10 p.m.  
**Price Range:** \$1-\$16  
**Food Type:** Authentic Mexican fare

than three dollars. Definitely good for a college budget, which Villalobos said is how she got more Elon customers in the door. But she wants to be clear, especially for students, that her food is not Tex-Mex.

"I'm like, sorry but we're not Taco Bell," Villalobos said. "We'll have customers that get mad, but I tell them, like that's not the kind of food that we cook. Like, if you want Taco Bell, go to Taco Bell."

The place is gaining a following outside of just Burlington. "I have a mixture of everything now," Villalobos said. "I've had customers come from Durham, from Virginia, from Greensboro, and obviously Graham, Mebane, Elon, Haw River."

It's clear that people are making the trek for more than your average taco. As long as you're clear on what to expect, this place is sure to leave you and your wallet stuffed.



JACKIE PASCALE | EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Taqueria Aztlan offers tacos for under one dollar with fresh ingredients.



JACKIE PASCALE | EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Unlike other similar restaurants, salsa is made to order for each guest rather than sitting out all day.



CAROLINE BREHMAN | PHOTO EDITOR

"Miss Sarah" is assigned to the Loy Center where she cleans daily and builds relationships with residents.

## FRIENDLY FACE IN A FAMILIAR PLACE

Residents find friendship and mentorship with Physical Plant employee

**Hannah Benson**

Contributor | @hannahbenson695

Bearing a staunch smile, a southern twang and a Rubbermaid broom, Physical Plant employee Sarah Stevens is a staple to the Elon University community.

### CHANGES OVERTIME

Stevens has been at Elon for six years and has seen a handful of changes across campus. She started at Elon as a cashier in the "C-Store," which used to be a dining location in McEwen Dining hall.

Stevens has seen a handful of change come upon day-to-day life at the university.

"I've seen more buildings built and torn down at this college in six years than I had in any measure of time in my life before that," she said.

Stevens says that so much has changed that she can barely remember what the campus looked like when she started. Her first job at Elon

was as a cashier in something called the "C-Store" which she says was a comfort food dining location in the first floor of McEwen Dining hall.

"My spot was the hottest place to eat on campus," she said. "In the morning we sold tots and in the afternoon we had chicken tenders. The line went so far out the door we never knew when it would end."

Before landing the job at Elon, she had been out of work for some time, having been a victim of personnel cuts at the kitchen and bath design company she had been working at for nearly 15 years in Guilford County. Her situation quickly worsened in ways she never imagined when her son got in a motorcycle wreck, went into a coma and was suffering from both a brain injury and collapsed lungs.

This turned Stevens' world upside down. For two weeks, she frantically searched for employment so she could pay his medical bills. Her friend worked with Aramark at Elon and suggested she give it a try, too.

"Her friend had said that it was 'easy money and lots of fun' to work with young, college-age people," says Stevens, adding that she really didn't have time to be picky.

Having no other option, Stevens applied and got the job.

From day one, her employment at Elon was a sav-

ing grace. She quickly had the money to pay her son's medical bills, and miraculously, he recovered from his condition within the next month and was back on his feet soon after.

In a way, her first cashier job at Elon had saved her family, which might have been the reason Stevens initially loved her job, but now, things have changed. She says the reason she adores working at Elon is because of the students she gets to work for.

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**HANNAH HARPER**  
JUNIOR

she began working at Elon, the stories from the students she met made her happy in the light of her son's tragedy. She sees the future of Elon students who have graduated from Elon, and she lives vicariously through this pride, like the parent of a college student she always wanted to be.



CAROLINE BREHMAN | PHOTO EDITOR

Residents consider Stevens a mother-like-figure who keeps everyone in check.

"I meet up with people I knew when they were freshmen, and I see them graduating," Stevens said. "These kids that I love to death, and it really warms my heart. I keep their stories and I remember them when they're gone. And I'll remember them if they ever

Harper, a close friend of Stevens from living in the Loy Center last year. "She keeps us all in check and her generosity is constantly overflowing."

Not only is the Elon community a home to Stevens, but Alamance County was also where she was born, raised and educated. Stevens had a rocky upbringing; she had lost her father at a young age and has always felt like the odd one out among her four sisters.

She was eventually relocated to Guilford County by Social Services, who decided to remove her from the family, as she was a victim of an abusive home situation.

"My sisters," she said, "all four of them, they tried to fight the system and get me back in the house, but it was too tough," she said. "I had permanently been moved to another family."

She questions whether she would've turned out the same kind of person if she hadn't been removed from her original family. But those who know her admire the person she is today, regardless of what she has been through. Stevens

is a breast cancer survivor who recently had a relapse scare, but her upbeat personality would never give that away.

"People are always saying Sarah is so generous and kind, but that's where I disagree," said Marcella Mastrocola, another student who lived in a house serviced by Stevens. "Sure, she's kind and friendly, but that's not the first thing that comes to mind. I like Miss Sarah because she's kind of a mother figure for everyone that lives in the houses she services. She will absolutely tell things how it is and has a sense for knowing when something is wrong. She's a genuine person and wants to know what's going on in our lives."

Stevens said that whenever students have positive things to say about her, they're just building her up. But again, this is a spot where she happens to be wrong.

"She's always talking about how she remembers our stories when we're gone," Harper said. "But I think I'll remember hers much longer. She's just the kind of person who sticks. You know?"

# SPORTS

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**CURT CIGNETTI**  
FOOTBALL COACH

## FOOTBALL | from cover

To him, there's a lot more that he thinks his team can accomplish.

"We just wouldn't be denied at the end," Cignetti said. "Our defense really came through, tremendous effort. Last week and this week we find a way to make it interesting at the end. But to win a game like this only strengthens our believe, our confidence and our resolve that we can win close games at the end.

"I didn't come here to lose. Our guys are really excited for winning the game and they deserve every bit of that excitement. But by no means have we arrived."

Saturday's game was an example of the culture shift Cignetti started since his arrival last winter. Junior running back Malcolm Summers said Cignetti, who coached under legendary Alabama coach Nick Saban, preaches "relentlessness."

And Summers embodied that.

After scores from both teams — a 28-yard touchdown pass from Elon quarterback Davis Cheek to receiver Kortez Weeks and a 10-yard rush from Buccaneer running back Noah Shuler, Summers made his presence known with a 30-yard touchdown.

On a third down early in the second quarter, Summers collected a handoff to the left side and found a hole. After stiff arming two defenders, he trucked another and spun off one more off a direct collision, rumbling into the endzone and enlarging the Phoenix's lead to 13-7.

Originally, the third string running back in the beginning of training camp — starter Breynd Cyphers was injured ahead of Saturday's game — he rushed for 178 yards, the most by any Elon running back since 2010. Cignetti called him a "thoroughbred" and said he should have given him the ball more often. But Summers deflected any individual praise, saying his performance was a collective effort.

"That wasn't all me," Summers said. "I did what my coaches taught me and the offensive line was great."

Elon led 19-7 after the first drive of the second half when Cheek rushed for a 8-yard touchdown.

But momentum quickly changed.

An interception from Anthony Ellis off a reverse pass trick play from Weeks gifted

### FOOTBALL BY THE NUMBERS

**178**

The number of yards ran by Elon's running back. This is the most yards that have been ran since 2010.

**2-1**

Elon's current winning record. This is the first winning record for the first time since 2012.

**145**

The total number of passing yards.

**264**

The total number of rushing yards.

the Buccaneers the ball, leading to a Shuler one-yard touchdown plunge, making the score 19-14. A muffed punt by Elon receiver Corey Joyner also gave Charleston Southern (0-2) possession in Phoenix territory. But the Phoenix's defense only relinquished a field goal, which led to the final tally.

Cheek finished with 145 passing yards. Kicker Owen Johnson missed two field goals of 46 and 51-yards. An Elon extra point attempt was blocked.

This marks the second consecutive week late game theatrics affected Elon. Last week, a field goal with five seconds remaining against Furman gave the Phoenix a 34-31 win.

But Liggs said a win is a win. "It's good that we're going in the right direction," Liggs said. "We're all focused with one mission."

Cignetti said he's glad this team has poise in these close games. But in the future, he hopes they are more decisive.

It will certainly save him from sweating as often.

"I'm not going to call us a team of destiny by any means," Cignetti said, "but we've won two pretty interesting games in a row here, and that feels great. Sometimes you just find ways to win."

"This is a completely different program than it was in years before," Cignetti said. "They have the resolve to finish these games and they responded."



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Defensive back Efrim Borders celebrates after a touchdown during Elon's first home football game of the 2017 season on Sept. 16.



Elon students show off school spirit during the first Elon football home game of the 2017 season at Rhodes Stadium Sept. 16.



Defensive back Chris Blair tackles Charleston Southern's Shane Bucenell during Elon's football game at Rhodes Stadium on Sept. 16.

# Men's soccer off to a scorching start

The Phoenix boasts plus-six goal difference and remains unbeaten

**Roman Costa**  
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The Elon University men's soccer team is off to a hot start this season with no losses after six outings under new head coach Marc Reeves.

Now, they're hoping to make another appearance in the NCAA tournament at the end of the season.

The Phoenix's impressive run of form continued on the road in two key matchups against the University of North Carolina at Charlotte (UNCC) and Hofstra University. Reeves' men fought hard to take home a point from both matches, each requiring two 10-minute overtime periods before the final whistle was blown.

In the match against UNCC, Elon trailed for 56 long minutes before freshman midfielder Ronnie Mleczkovicz leveled the score at one with an 88th min-

ute equalizer, effectively forcing the contest into two extra time periods which the Phoenix was able to survive.

Later in the week, Elon traveled to face Hofstra, the defending regular season champion of the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA). The Phoenix was able to open the scoring in the 26th minute, thanks to a brilliantly placed free kick by Mleczkovicz that beat the Hofstra wall and keeper with ease. But the glory was short-lived, and the Hofstra attack was able to net just eight minutes later and bring the score even at one. A scoreless second half and extra time saw each team walk off the field with a point.

One triad of Elon players has been responsible for a bulk of the team's offensive success this season: Mleczkovicz, junior forward Jaiden Fortune and senior forward Elijah Agu. Each of these three in-form Phoenix footballers has tallied two goals and two assists in the first third of the season. This is a great sign for Elon, as its forwards are creating goals at will while freshman Mleczkovicz, who hails from Gothenburg, Sweden, has

wasted no time getting acclimated to the style of life and soccer in the United States.

The Phoenix's experienced defense has been nearly impenetrable through six games. It has conceded just two goals, and both were allowed on the road against formidable opponents. While Elon was also impressive defensively during the first half of last season, it lost its footing in the final stretch and ended on a disappointing 0-4-1 skid that eliminated all hope of winning the conference title. Coach Reeves will surely be looking to avoid a similar fate this season, and finish on a strong note despite a challenging succession of oppositions to end the campaign. The Phoenix will take on Wake Forest University (ranked #4 in the country and defending ACC tournament champion) before matching up against Davidson College (5-0-1 record) and finishing the season against the University of Delaware (defending CAA tournament champion).

The last time Elon started a season with zero losses through six matches, it proceeded to claim the CAA title and appear

in the NCAA tournament. That was just two years ago, and coach Reeves' goal to achieve similar status this season is off to a promising start. Aside from the remaining conference matches on Elon's schedule, the team also has three contests against powerful Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) sides to look forward to. The Phoenix will go toe-to-toe with North Carolina State University, No. 23 Duke University and No. 4 Wake Forest University before the regular season draws to a close in late October. Each match will be a test of the squad's strength and durability, while a trio of impressive results could boost Elon's chances of securing a spot in the NCAA tournament for the second time in three seasons.

It is tough to ask for a better start, but coaches and fans alike will be hoping the team can carry on with the sense of confidence and swagger it has been bringing into each match. With eleven matches remaining in the regular season, the Phoenix is confident in its ability to extend this six-game unbeaten run and earn a spot in the highly-competitive NCAA tournament.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Elon names new Deputy Director of Athletics

Elon University's Athletic Department has named Mike Ward as its deputy director of athletics. Ward has served as a college athletics administrator for more than 15 years. He served as senior associate athletic director for sport programs and administration at the University of Tennessee for the last six years. Prior to this, he served as the associate athletics director for compliance and administration at the University of Alabama.

### Volleyball battles at 'Tussle in Triad'

The Elon University volleyball team took to the court this weekend for a three-game tournament.

After coming back from a two-set deficit, the Phoenix forced a fifth and deciding set against Navy Friday night. In the end, Elon came out victorious for their sixth straight win.

The maroon and gold were back on the court in Alumni Gym Saturday morning, but the quick turnaround didn't seem to bother them as they swept University of North Carolina at Greensboro 3-0. An evening game the same day against High Point University saw the opposite result, as the Phoenix was swept by the Panthers.

Elon opens up in-conference play this week, as they welcome Colonial Athletic Association rivals Towson University, Delaware University and James Madison University to Alumni Gym.

### Women's tennis hosts Elon Fall Invitational

Welcoming eight schools from around the area, the Elon University women's tennis team hosted its Fall Invitational this weekend at the Jimmy Powell Tennis Center.

Sophomore Alex Koniaev led the Phoenix, advancing to the Gold Singles draw and to the Gold Doubles draw, alongside teammate Kirsten Ward.

Mia Wallace was able to advance to the semifinals for the Phoenix, but would fall to Brianna Gomez of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro 6-4, 6-3.

The women will have a couple weeks off from tournament play before heading to Winston-Salem for the Wake Forest Invitational Oct. 6-8. The men's tennis team will host its home invitational next weekend.

### Elon cross country struggles at Adidas XC Challenge

In their second meet of the season, both the Elon University men's and women's teams struggled against the tough competition at the Adidas XC Challenge in Cary this weekend.

The women's team finished in seventh place in the 5K race while the men finished 10th overall in their 6K race, a strong drop after a third and first place finish, respectively, in the first meet.

Senior Brigid Brennan was the top finisher for the women, clocking in a time of 17:54.7, which was earned 19th place. On the men's side, sophomore Richie Kasper led the maroon and gold with his time of 20:06.0, which led him to finish in 57th place.

The Phoenix won't race again until the end of the month when both teams travel to Lehigh University in Pennsylvania for the Paul Short Run.

## THE PHOENIX FOCUS

### WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

#### RESULTS 10-4

SEPT. 15	NAVY/ELON, N.C.	3-2
SEPT. 16	HIGH POINT/HIGH POINT, N.C.	0-3
SEPT. 16	UNCG/ELON, N.C.	3-0

#### SCHEDULE

SEPT. 22	TOWSON/ELON	7 P.M.
SEPT. 23	DELAWARE/ELON	7 P.M.
SEPT. 25	JAMES MADISON/ELON	7 P.M.

### MEN'S SOCCER

#### RESULTS 3-0-3

SEPT. 16	HOFSTRA/HEMPSTEAD, N.Y.	1-1
SEPT. 12	UNCC/CHARLOTTE, N.C.	1-1

#### SCHEDULE

SEPT. 19	NC STATE/ELON, N.C.	7 P.M.
SEPT. 23	JAMES MADISON/ELON, N.C.	7 P.M.
SEPT. 27	UNCW/WILMINGTON, N.C.	7 P.M.



Elon University volleyball team goes after the ball against UNCG Sept. 16.



Elon University offensive line prepares for play against Charleston Southern University Sept. 16.

### WOMEN'S SOCCER

#### RESULTS 2-7-1

SEPT. 14	UNC ASHEVILLE/ASHEVILLE, N.C.	2-1
SEPT. 10	HIGH POINT/ELON, N.C.	5-1

#### SCHEDULE

SEPT. 21	UNCW/ELON, N.C.	7 P.M.
SEPT. 24	JAMES MADISON/ELON, N.C.	1 P.M.

### FOOTBALL

#### RESULTS 2-1

SEPT. 16	CHARLESTON SOUTHERN/ELON, N.C.	19-17
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#### SCHEDULE

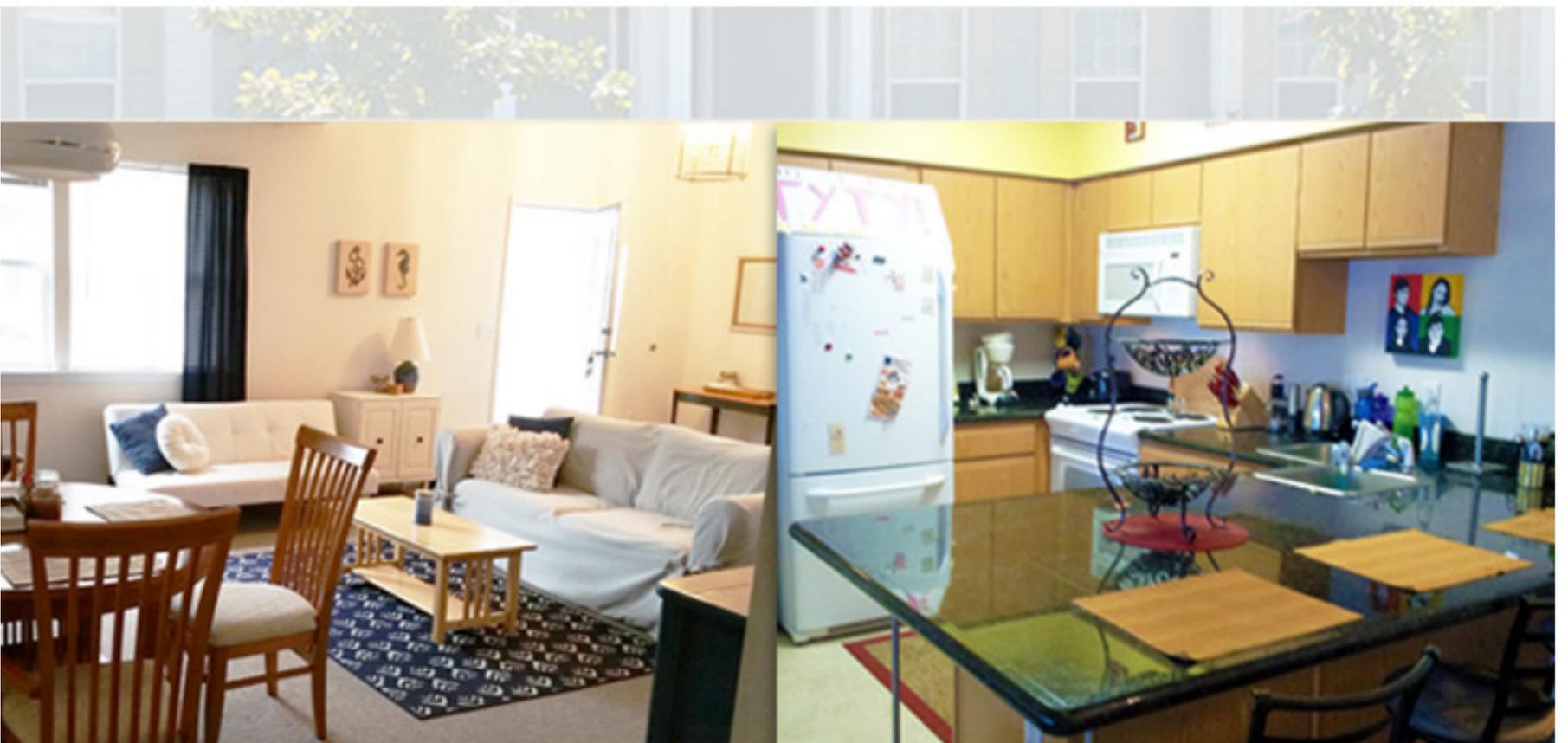
SEPT. 23	RICHMOND/RICHMOND, VA.	6 P.M.
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