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CRIME REPORT

May 17
PINEDALE DRIVE, ELON
VANDALISM

Around 8 a.m. Tuesday, an officer responded to a report of vandalism at Olde Forest Racquet Club, according to a Town of Elon Police report.

The reportee said someone had attempted to break into the Pepsi drink machine located outside the shop.

There aren't any suspects, and the case is open for further investigation.

May 8
ELON PARK DRIVE, ELON
BURGLARY

According to a Town of Elon Police report, an officer was alerted about the cabin at Beth Schmidt Park.

The caller said that the front door to the structure was standing open, and both front doors to the cabin were kicked in.

The case has been closed, leads exhausted.

May 8
WOODALE AVENUE, ELON
VANDALISM

While on patrol, an officer noticed graffiti in white paint on the roadway of the 100 block of Woodale Avenue, according to a Town of Elon Police report.

An investigation was completed, but no suspects were named and the case has been closed.

May 4
EAST HAGGARD AVENUE, ELON
BURGLARY

Two officers responded to D&G Car Wash in the 900 block of East Haggard Avenue about an alleged breaking and entering that resulted in alleged larceny, according to a Town of Elon Police report.

The owner of the shop said he possibly knew the alleged suspect. The owner reported three stolen items — a paint buffer, a hand grinder and a drill kit with a bag.

The case is open for further investigation.

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

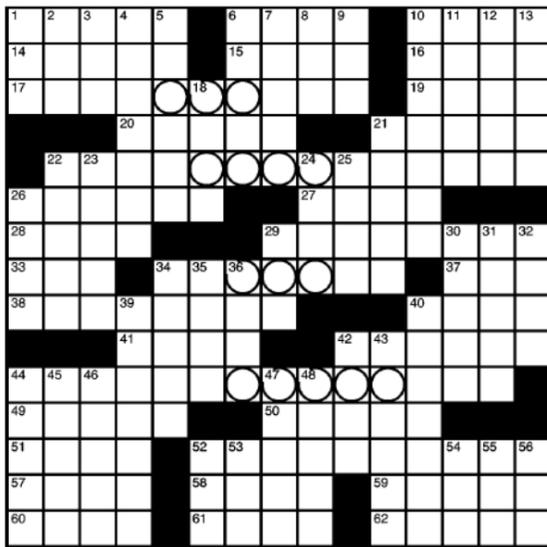
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ACROSS

- 1 Toddler coddlers
- 6 Office stock
- 10 Port container
- 14 What's made "just in case"
- 15 Follow
- 16 Eclipse, to some
- 17 Overindulged oneself
- 19 It may sweep you off your feet
- 20 "Me too"
- 21 Sleeper's malady
- 22 Communications feature since the 1870s
- 26 Breakfast choices
- 27 Spot for breakfast
- 28 El ___
- 29 They're usually covered by grilles
- 33 ___ out a living
- 34 "Don't Go Breaking My Heart" duettist
- 37 WWII battle site, for short
- 38 Just beginning to develop
- 40 Emailed a dupe to
- 41 Research ctr.
- 42 White of the eye
- 44 "Looks pretty good, huh?"
- 49 1945 meeting site
- 50 Stern with a bow
- 51 ___ marker
- 52 Psychology subject ... and what's contained in this puzzle's circles
- 57 Rapper with the debut album "Trouble"
- 58 Porch torch type
- 59 Sun: Pref.
- 60 Common allergen
- 61 Right on an atlas
- 62 A bit off

DOWN

- 1 Litter attention-getter
- 2 Hefted tool
- 3 Hood, for one: Abbr.



By Greg Johnson

5/19/16

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved



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- 4 Like Radio City Music Hall
- 5 "The Daily Show" device
- 6 Where wee ones go
- 7 Waiting room read
- 8 Just out
- 9 Case, for instance: Abbr.
- 10 Ranch hand
- 11 Its website has a range finder
- 12 Divide into parts
- 13 Prep, at a pizza parlor
- 18 Mel and Ed with World Series rings
- 21 Not subject to, as suspicion
- 22 Fault product
- 23 More learned
- 24 Plains "Queen Wheat City"
- 25 Days long gone
- 26 Photo file format
- 29 Feel poorly
- 30 Tidy (up), facetiously
- 31 Dance provocatively
- 32 Pop
- 34 Cousin of "ish"
- 35 ___ many words
- 36 Pop's Perry
- 39 Things on strings
- 40 Played-out sayings
- 42 Ratings unit
- 43 Ballroom dance
- 44 Longtime Rolling Stones bassist
- 45 17-syllable work
- 46 Livvy up
- 47 Down and dirty noises
- 48 "Can you ___ in a sentence?"
- 52 Relative of "ian"
- 53 Actress Peeples
- 54 Kind
- 55 One of a rat's pack?
- 56 Financial measure, with "the"

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COMMENCEMENT SCHEDULE: MAY 20 - 21

3 P.M. | Baccalaureate
20

5 P.M. | Celebration of leaders of the 21st Century
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7:30 A.M. | Continental Breakfast
21

8 A.M. | Graduates assemble in Alumni Gym

9:15 A.M. | 126th Commencement exercises

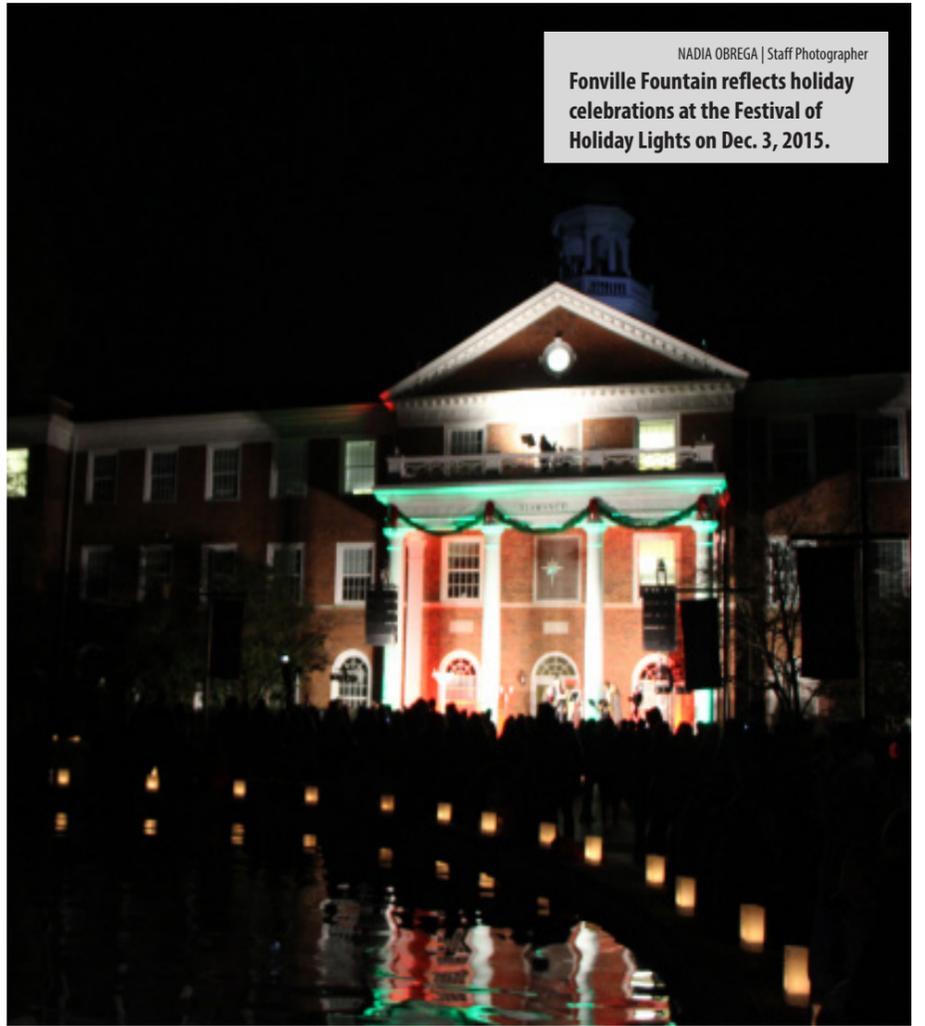
(after comm) | Reception for graduates

6 P.M. | School of Law Commencement

TOP PHOTOS OF THE YEAR



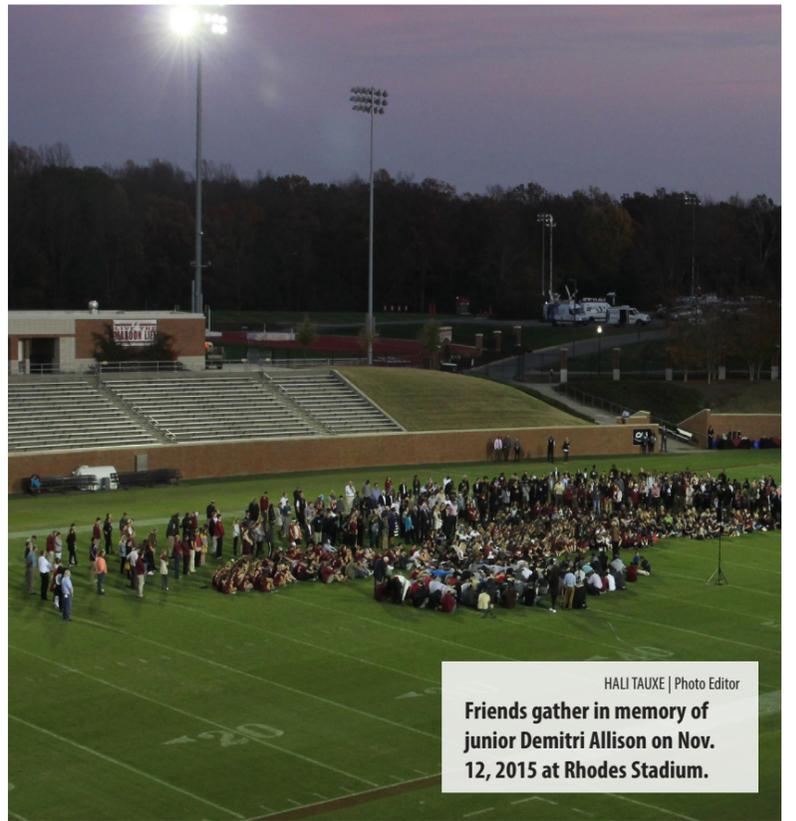
RACHEL INGERSOLL | Staff Photographer
Senior Caleigh Fidler browses flowers from DPG Farm at Elon Farmers Market on Aug. 27, 2015.



NADIA OBREGA | Staff Photographer
Fonville Fountain reflects holiday celebrations at the Festival of Holiday Lights on Dec. 3, 2015.



MEGAN KOTTKAMP | Staff Photographer
Students enjoy the Homecoming Concert on Oct. 17, 2015.



HALI TAUXE | Photo Editor
Friends gather in memory of junior Demetri Allison on Nov. 12, 2015 at Rhodes Stadium.



JACK HARTMANN | Staff Photographer
Freshman Max Pivonka takes a snow day to frolic on Jan. 22.

This is our chance as a community

This year brought its share of trying, challenging moments for the Elon University community. They've left not only a lasting image of the depth and reach of the community, but for what it's able to accomplish.



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Time and time again, we at Elon came together in difficult moments, uniting across the common thread that we're all part of this greater university community. That's something SGA President Kyle Porro told me was one of his goals, to make everyone here understand that.

Through Elon's response to the deaths of Demetri Allison and Heidi Frontani, the passing of the deplorable House Bill 2 and tragedies in Paris, Brussels and Ecuador, it's clear that many have that thought in mind already.

The night Allison, a junior football player died, more than a hundred people attended an impromptu candlelit gathering outside Rhodes Stadium in his honor.

Senior John Silas, one of Allison's teammates, said he wasn't sure who organized

the event. It didn't matter.

Hundreds more were at Rhodes Stadium, right at the 50-yard line, the next day to celebrate Allison's life, sharing stories and memories about his infectious smile and love of Subway.

When Frontani, a professor of geogra-

Hopkins now works outside Cleveland, Ohio, and was returning to campus for the funeral — his first trip back since his 2008 graduation.

There, it became more evident than ever how large the scope of the Elon community is.

THERE'S CERTAINLY MORE WORK TO DO WITH REGARD TO TOPICS LIKE RACE RELATIONS AND INCLUSIVITY ON THIS CAMPUS. BUT AS I LOOK BACK TO THE TOUGH MOMENTS WE ENCOUNTERED THIS YEAR, IT'S LEFT ME ENCOURAGED ABOUT THE CAPABILITIES WITHIN THIS COMMUNITY.

phy, died of a heart attack in late February, The Pendulum posted a story with a stock photo from 2008 supplied by University Communications. In the photo, Frontani was meeting with one of her research mentors.

On the day of her funeral, a man named Alex Hopkins came up to our office. Turns out, he's the student in that photo. A friend sent him the link asking, "Isn't that you?"

To see President Leo Lambert call House Bill 2, the discriminatory piece of legislation signed by Gov. Pat McCrory, "stunning and disappointing" was the solid reaffirmation of the university's strong commitment to inclusivity that we all needed during a time that many in our community felt discriminated against.

That, too, showed when the faculty passed a resolution of its own, and when SGA's reso-

lution against HB2 passed unanimously.

I recall hearing about the attacks in Paris in November, and immediately worrying for Elon students in Europe. We were quickly assured of their safety, a credit to the work of the Global Education Center.

Then, in March, I woke up in a Brussels apartment to news that ISIS had attacked the airport I had flown into three days prior and a metro station I walked by the night before.

We heard from the GEC that afternoon, and received an outpouring of support — and much-needed comic relief — from Elon faculty, staff and students as we eventually made our way out of the city the next day.

After earthquakes in Ecuador, freshman Lucia Jervis, whose bright personality has shone on The Pendulum's staff this year, organized a fundraiser to help victims of the tragedy in her home country.

All of this has reminded me how far the Elon community reaches, and how many people it touches on a daily basis. For those of you graduating, don't forget that.

There's certainly more work to do with regard to topics like race relations and inclusivity on this campus. But as I look back to the tough moments we encountered this year, it's left me encouraged about the capabilities within this community.

Frequently asked questions about Commencement

When is the continental breakfast?

The breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m. at MacMahon Terrace at the Inman Admissions Welcome Center, and ends at 8:45 a.m.

When should graduates arrive?

Graduates are required to be dressed in full attire at Alumni Gym by 8 a.m. They should check in on the Williamson Avenue side of Koury Athletic Center.

What's the rain plan?

Rain is in the forecast for commencement. Should the rain plan be implemented, two separate ceremonies will be held in Alumni Gym. Students receiving Bachelor of Arts degrees will attend a ceremony at 9:15 a.m., and the ceremony for those receiving Bachelor of Fine Arts, Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Science in Business Administration will start at 1:15 p.m. Each graduate is allotted two rain tickets.

What if I have family who I can't give a rain ticket to?

If the rain plan is implemented, guests without rain tickets will be able to watch the ceremony on television at five different locations: Oaks 212 in McCoy Commons, McCrary Theatre and Yeager Hall, second floor of Lakeside Dining Hall, the Great Hall in Global Commons and various classrooms in McMichael Science Center.

When will we know if the rain plan will be implemented?

If at all possible, Elon University has said the decision to implement the rain plan will be announced via E-Net, social media, the Commencement website and in a pre-recorded message at 336-278-RAIN(7246) at 8 p.m. Friday. Should the forecast change overnight, it's also possible that the decision is announced at 6 a.m. Saturday.

Are professional photographs still available?

Yes, GradImages is Elon's official commencement photographer. GradImages will take photos of each graduate receiving his or her diploma, and proofs of those images will be ready to view online as soon as 48 hours after Commencement. They ask that you pre-register to ensure you can view your proofs as soon as possible.

Are any on-campus dining or retail options open?

Winter Garden Café in Lakeside will be open 7 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday.

When is the bookstore open?

Barnes & Noble at Elon University will be open 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday.

Where do I meet my graduate after the ceremony?

Receptions will be held Under the Oaks. Plan to meet your graduate at the reception corresponding to his or her major. Signs will be set up as to which location each major is at. Information about the Alumni Association will also be available in front of West.

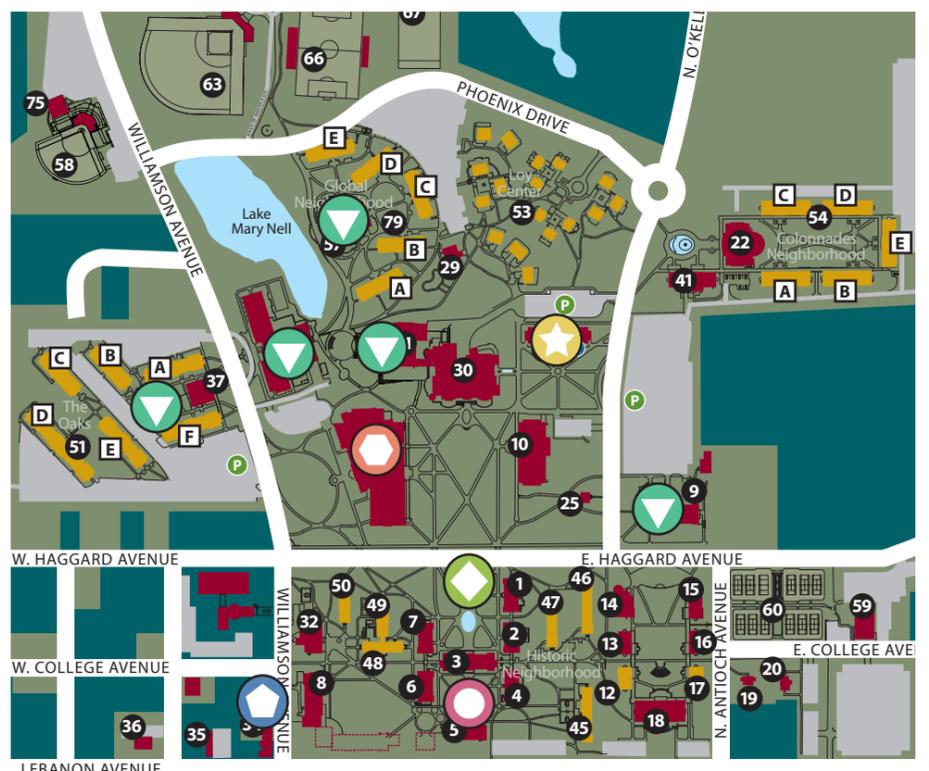
What hearing assistance aid is available?

Commencement will have a limited number of hearing assistance devices and Spanish interpretation devices available on a first-come, first-served basis. Headsets can be picked up at the information table starting at 7:30 a.m. Saturday. A sign language interpreter will be present near the stage during Commencement.

Where can I get more information?

What, The Pendulum hasn't given you all you need? Visit the Commencement page on Elon's website at www.elon.edu/commencement.

COMMENCEMENT LOCATIONS



- Commencement location
- Alumni Gym
- Continental Breakfast location
- Commencement reception
- Places to watch Commencement on Television
- Barnes & Noble bookstore



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Commencement moved over lack of space

90 percent chance of rain for Saturday's ceremony

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Elon University experienced backlash from students and families after sending a letter last fall explaining that because of School of Communications construction, seniors' families would be limited to four Commencement tickets.

Commencement ceremonies will begin at 9:15 a.m. Saturday, May 21 in front of Alamance Building.

After receiving an overwhelmingly negative response to the announcement, Elon moved Commencement in front of Alamance Building. The stage will be set up in front of the flagpoles facing Haggard Avenue, and the seats will be set up directly across on the lawn in front of Moseley.

"I have a big family, and my twin brother, my parents, my aunt and my grandma all wanted to come," said senior Elle Thompson. "They said we'd only have four, which was kind of a bummer. I was definitely a fan of moving it, just because of the fact that there would be more tickets available. I do love the tradition of under the oaks, but I think that it's a nice ceremony no matter where it is, and I'd rather have everyone there."

Some people's desire to uphold

the Commencement tradition outweighed their anger over the ticket limitations.



CHRISTINA ELIAS | Assistant News Editor

The stage for Commencement ceremonies is set up in front of Alamance building. Graduates and guests will sit on the Moseley lawn across Haggard Avenue.

"A lot of my friends were really upset about the move," said senior Courtney Crowell. "I do agree the break in tradition is not ideal, but I think Elon has such a beautiful campus that it didn't really matter where the ceremony actually was as long as my friends and family were there to enjoy the experience with me. Obviously I would prefer under the oaks for tradition, but I think it's kind of cool that we are the first class to be in the new location."

After the backlash over ticket limitations, the university sent out a survey to the Class of 2016 to see what the soon-to-graduates preferred.

"I don't know how much they actually took it into account, but I thought it was really nice how they sent out a survey," Thompson said. "That gave us a voice, and everyone's really opinionated, so that was very cool that they cared to ask us."

Crowell agreed and said she appreciated SGA including the student body in the decision-making. She said being able to have a voice about where she wanted to graduate was "very indicative of my Elon experience overall."

"I knew my family was coming in from several states, so I didn't want them travelling so far if they couldn't see me graduate," she said.

There is rain in the forecast for Commencement, though.

According to the National Weather Service, there is a 90 percent chance of rain Friday night and Saturday with showers and a chance of thunderstorms in the forecast.

This report is as of Wednesday afternoon.

Should rain make it impossible to hold Commencement outside, the university hopes to announce if the rain plan will be implemented at 8 p.m. Friday.

Of course, with the unpredictability of the weather, the university acknowledged that the decision might not be made until 6 a.m. Saturday.

Should the rain plan be implemented, there will be two separate, identical Commencement ceremonies based on degree. Students

graduating with a Bachelor of the Arts degree will graduate at 9:15 a.m. in Alumni Gym, while students receiving Bachelor of Fine Arts, Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Science in Business Administration will graduate at 1:15 p.m. in Alumni Gym.

If rain isn't a factor, Commencement will begin at 9:15 a.m. Saturday, May 21 in front of Alamance Building. CNN political analyst David Gergen will deliver the undergraduate Commencement address. Retired Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court Henry E. Frye will deliver Elon's Baccalaureate address to graduates and their families at 3 p.m. Friday, May 20 in Alumni Gym.

Local businesses feel summer's impact

Owners, employees think of more ways to attract summer customers

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For local businesses that rely on Elon University students for most of their capital, the summer months can be extremely challenging.

Because their main customer base leaves for three months of the year, local eateries experience fall in business and profits.

With students making up the majority of the Town of Elon population, having so many potential customers away from campus can be devastating. Ashraf Ahmed, chief manager of Subway on West Lebanon Avenue, said there is a drastic difference in the profit during the school year versus the summer.

"Half of the business we get now doesn't come in," Ahmed said.

Ahmed said there is little he and his staff can do combat the drop in revenue every year. While small establishments are forced to withstand major setbacks because of lack of manpower, more seasoned, fan favorite companies are able to off balance the summer struggle with creative ways. Peter Ustach, co-owner of Fat Frogg and

Pandora's Pies, said even though his eateries' profits fall by about 40 percent, he enlists the help of special events such as trivia night to keep his business afloat.

"Both Pandora's and Fat Frogg do fall off because its seasonal," Ustach said. "But it's not as much as a drop-off as people assume."

Ustach said keeps his staff busy and remains prevalent in the community by operating a concession stand by a local community pool. This pool is only open in the summer and helps average out the effect of a loss of students and faculty on profits. Ustach also said Elon summer camps, such as basketball and football, also help keep staff busy during the summer.

"This is always great because instead of cutting staff, I can just send some of them over there," Ustach said. "That way they can keep full time employment hours and gain a little extra income."

Ustach said business begins to pick up again around mid-August, but for other institutions around Alamance County, the hit from summer vacation is not felt as severely. Footlocker, located in the Alamance Crossing Shopping Center, sees more shoppers and buyers in the summer instead of the school year. Kendal, a sales associate at Footlocker who wouldn't disclose his last name, said the summer months are when most new shoe releases occur, which leads to more commerce.

"In the summer, we see a little more traffic," Kendal said. "It's true that college may be out, but high schools also play a really big factor."



FILE PHOTO BY THE PENDULUM

Pandora's Pies experiences a drop in business every summer when students are home for the summer.

Elon to partner with dual degree program in Madrid

*Sophomore to pioneer
Elon's newest partnership
with Spanish university*

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Sophomore Dylan Zanker grew up surrounded by travel, going on family trips across the world and living abroad. This passion has grown into an integral part of his college experience.

Zanker is set to embark on journey across the ocean to Spain in the fall where he will spend the following two years studying at one of Spain's top business schools, ICADE.

Many students at Elon have some sort of study abroad experience by the time they graduate, but Zanker's experience is unique in that the reason for his travel is to complete Elon's Business Dual Degree Program.

In previous years this program has brought students to partnering universities in France, Germany and Italy, but Zanker will be the first student to study at Elon's newest partner in Madrid, Spain.

"One of the reasons [the program] works at Elon is because we do have a mission for global education as well as fostering global citizens," said Mark Kurt, associate professor of economics, who runs the program as well as serves as Zanker's adviser. "[We've] been working on this partnership [with ICADE] for a few years."

By the end of his two years in Spain, Zanker will have both an Undergraduates Bachelor's Degree from Elon in Business Administration as well as a Bachelors of Science in International Management from ICADE. He will not receive either degree until he completes all four years of schooling.

His classes has been meant to prepare him for the program.

"It's intensive, I've had to overload the past few semesters and do 20 credit hours, but it's still pretty manageable," Zanker said of his past two years of business classes at Elon in preparation for his move. "What the program



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Elon will partner with ICADE, one of Spain's top business schools, for a dual degree program. Sophomore Dylan Zanker is heading there this fall.

tries to do is it tries to get you to understand business in all different senses, so studying finance, marketing, management and then just like you would do it here at Elon, you choose something you want to specialize in for the two years that I'll be abroad."

Students in the past who have partaken in the program at the other three partnering universities often struggle with tackling the language and sometimes even fail to complete their two years abroad.

"It's not for every student," Kurt said.

Usually students come to Elon already knowing about the program, and if it is something they're interested in, they begin the pre-requisites as soon as possible.

"I tell students if you think you're interested, you can get on the train at the first stop — it's very hard to get on after that, but you can [also] get off at any time," Kurt said.

All of the classes at ICADE will be taught solely in Spanish. Zanker was able to pick up a lot of Spanish throughout his gap year after

high school in Latin America where he traveled and worked.

But in order to polish his skills he plans to meet with a tutor a few times a week over the summer.

The program is also recommended that students arrive a few months before the start of school to make sure they are in good shape in terms of learning the language.

As part of the program, Zanker has to complete two internships — one here in the states and one for six months while he is abroad. Last summer he completed his first requirement by interning at a tech incubator in California that helped start-ups grow.

Zanker is now in the process of finding an internship in Spain as well as searching for an apartment to share with other students next year.

Moving forward, Zanker has two objectives both socially and professionally to obtain during his time in Madrid.

"First of all it's Europe, I think I'm going

to have a blast traveling to different places and meeting international as well as Spanish students," he said. "Professionally, there are not many people have this degree, so not only will I learn so many different skills from an international mindset and learn a new language, a new culture and new international businesses. I think [having these] two degrees — professionally — will set me up as someone that employers will really like."

Other students have told Zanker that it is tricky being so far from home, but in the end it is well worth it and sets you up to be in a really good place.

Zanker is aware that being the pioneer student from Elon studying at ICADE may pose some challenges, but Kurt said they will cross those bridges as they come.

"We talked about it," he said. "Some little things are going to come up and we are just going to work them out. We have good people both here and there that will work on these things."

Senior chooses personal development over job

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For most college seniors, the final year of undergraduate school is spent scouring for jobs in the dreaded "real world." Students obsess over landing the job of their dreams; the job they have worked their entire college career to get.

But for senior Jaelyn DeVincant, finding a job for her post-college life had not yet crossed her mind. Unlike the majority of her peers, DeVincant has other plans, plans that do not include getting a job right away.

A double major in Chemistry and Applied Mathematics, DeVincant was no lazy student. She worked as an ELITE consult (Emerging Leader in Technology at Elon) and served as the team leader of training and development for this academic year. DeVincant also worked four semesters as a laboratory assistant for Elon's Chemistry Department. In her four years at Elon, she was able to complete undergraduate research in both Mathematics and Chemistry and was given the opportunity to present her chemistry research on the electrochemiluminescent quenching of TNT at the National American Chemical Society's annual conference in San Diego this past March.

But despite DeVincant's impressive academic achievements, she has chosen to follow a different path.

She's taking a year off school after graduation.

"In the fall, I will begin applying for PhD programs in Chemistry, likely Inorganic or Analytical Chemistry," she said.

Like many students majoring in the sciences, DeVincant has aspirations to attend graduate school. She explains that taking a year off will allow her to take a mental break from the rigors of college as well as enable her to focus on planning her upcoming wedding.

"On June 25, I'm getting married," DeVincant said. "Crazy? Yeah, I know. I've been engaged for over a year now, and my fiancé and I are so excited."

DeVincant's fiancé graduated from the University of North Dakota last August with a Bachelor's degree in Commercial Aviation. He recently accepted a job with a regional airline but is still unsure of where he will be located. Though the couple plans to move briefly to North Dakota after the wedding, DeVincant says that this uncertainty played a role in her deci-

sion to not look for a job.

"I'm not really sure where in the U.S. I will be living," DeVincant said. "If I applied for a job in my hometown or in North Dakota, there would be no guarantee about how long I will be able to stay in that city."

Despite her decision to not look for a job, DeVincant knows she made the best decision for her. With marriage a couple of months away, and the pros-

**SOMETIMES WE MAY NEED
PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, TIME
OFF, MORE EDUCATION BEFORE
BEGINNING OUR CAREERS.**

**JACLYN DEVINCANT
GRADUATING SENIOR**

pect of graduate school in her future, accepting a job she would not be able to fully commit to did not seem logical or ethical.

"I felt it was better for me to abstain from employment instead of flaking out of a job after a few months," she said. "I also did not want a job to detract me from going back to school."

Landing a job immediately after graduation has always been the

expectation for college students. Students are pressured to apply for jobs and are often made to feel inadequate when they haven't secured a position before they graduate. For the most part, DeVincant has received nothing but support for her decision from friends, family, and faculty. But, since taking a break after graduation is considered a societal taboo, she has experienced hesitation and concern from some.

"I still get warned by many to stay focused and go back to school," DeVincant said. "I think they're afraid that after I take a break I will no longer want to return."

But receiving a quality education has been a top priority for DeVincant. Earning a PhD has always been a lifelong goal as it would only further her career. Her ultimate goal is to become a specialized chemist before she even considers searching for a job in her field. For students in the sciences, graduate school is a common first step before starting a career in the workforce. DeVincant emphasizes that every undergraduate follows a different path, and that it is acceptable to do what others aren't.

DeVincant is incredibly excited for

her friends that have been offered jobs immediately after graduation. "I am so proud of them," she said. "I think it is an exceptional accomplishment and it should be well celebrated."

Even though DeVincant is happy with her decision to abstain from immediate employment unlike many Elon students, she sometimes wishes she had a different response when asked about her post-graduate plans. She says everyone responds differently, but the reactions generally go one of two ways.

"I'm either congratulated or lectured," DeVincant said. "Adults who got married out of college, or those with similar backgrounds, generally share their stories and excitement for me while the rest lecture me on being too young [to get married]."

Every college student has that one special dream job in mind, but for seniors like DeVincant, there is no rush to get there. Whether it is graduate school, marriage, or another life experience, jumping straight into the working world isn't in the cards for every college senior post-graduation.

"In today's world, we are pushed toward a career driven lifestyle," DeVincant said. "But sometimes we may need personal development, time off, more education before beginning our careers."

Caring for an oak sapling

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Every year, Elon University seniors are given an oak sapling at Commencement as a part of a 25 year tradition. Starting in

1991, Furman Moseley, who gave the commencement address, gave each graduate a redwood sapling because of his career in the timber business. The year after that, President Fred Young decided to make it a permanent tradition, but chose to give graduates an oak sap-

ling instead to honor the Hebrew origin of Elon's name.

But after seniors receive their oak sapling, the next step is learning where to plant it and how to care for it. So follow these steps to ensure that the sapling grows into a strong and healthy oak tree.



1 CHOOSE A LOCATION

Trees need lots of room for their roots to grow, so make sure to find a spot that isn't too close to roads, sidewalks or building.

2 HARDEN OFF (OPTIONAL)

Place the pot outside for a few hours every day during the afternoon. Slowly increase the time it remains outside during the day, but make sure to move the tree inside in the evening. After three to four weeks of hardening off, the sapling will be ready to be transplanted.

3 DIG A HOLE

Dig a hole that has a width three times larger than the root ball. But make sure the depth is a few inches smaller than the root ball. Also make sure to inspect the soil, and check for pests or fungus that could potentially damage the roots of the sapling.

4 USE MULCH

Spread organic mulch 2-3 inches deep around the tree but make sure the mulch doesn't come into contact with the base of the tree.

5 REMEMBER TO WATER IT

The oak sapling will need to be watered regularly for the first year of its life outdoors. This will help it establish its root system in the soil which will enable it to grow into a strong tree. Water the oak sapling for 10 minutes every other day during the summer, once a week during the fall, and stop watering during the winter. After this first year, just water the tree on hot summer days.

6 PROTECT THE TREE

There are many different kinds of tree guards to use to protect the tree from being eaten by animals. Use a tree cage at first, and then replace the cage with a chicken wire fence as it grows. Once the tree is five feet tall, it no longer needs protection.

TIP: Keep the water source a few inches away from the sapling, and be careful not to overwater. Overwatering can cause root rot.

Seniors decide to stay at Elon for graduate programs

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Graduate programs have become a popular post-grad option for many undergraduate students facing the real world. While some choose to further their education at schools

Elon has seven different graduate programs with more than 700 enrolled students.

scattered across the nation known for medicinal research, communications, or psychology, some choose to stay a little closer to home — actually,

they choose to stay at home.

Elon University is home to seven graduate programs — Business, Management, Interactive Media, Education, Physician Assistant Studies, Physical Therapy, and Law. Elon has over 700 graduate students enrolled across these programs, and while many of them are from schools across the nation, some did attend Elon as their undergraduate school as well.

Bethany Coats, a member of the Interactive Media class of 2016, chose to stay at Elon because of the specific program she was going to be involved with.

"I decided to participate in the iMedia program because of the condensed length of 10 months and the different skills that were taught throughout the course," Coats said.

Coats found, through the program, that she can focus on her specific interests while also expanding her general knowledge on commu-

nications. She also enjoys the aspects of the program that make it unique to Elon.

"My favorite part of the program was the winter term fly-ins," Coats said. "This experience is something that, to my knowledge, is unique to Elon's program. I feel that the experience really played a role in shaping me as a student in the program and as a young professional."

The 36 students that make up the iMedia Class of 2016 have varied interests ranging from journalism to marketing. They may all pursue different areas of study and employment after graduating from the masters program, but Coats knows one thing for sure, she's "loved continuing as a Phoenix."

But Coats isn't the only Elon undergraduate that chose to continue her educational career at Elon University. Shannon Moree actually chose to come to Elon undergrad based on its graduate physical therapy program.

"I have kind of a unique story because I kind of specifically chose Elon undergrad for the PT school," Moree said. "I'm one of the few people that knew I wanted to do PT, so I knew if I wanted to go to Elon for grad school, I should go to them for undergrad too."

Moree graduated a semester early from Elon in order to begin her schooling in the physical therapy graduate program offered by Elon. The three-year program begins in January and runs the full year until December. Students are required to spend 48 weeks in clinical practicums where they can learn more about the profession and the specific environment

they would like to be in.

"I'm interested in going into personally acute care, which means I'd be dealing with patients after going through major traumatic events," Moree said. "A lot of my classmates don't agree with that — most of them want to go into outpatient care, but this is what sparks my interests and I'm hoping to continue with it."

Both Coats and Moree agree that things would be different if they went outside of Elon for their graduate programs, but they like the comfort of being in a familiar place.

"I felt like grad school is such a big change in general, [staying at Elon] I had the luxury of not having to adapt as much," Moree said.

Some things remain the same from undergrad to graduate school, at least as far as Elon is concerned. Undergraduate students are told that the teacher to student relationship is very beneficial to student's successes, and graduate students feel the same way.

"Elon doesn't have a large graduate population like some schools do and because of that, I think there is a lot of care that goes into the programs," Coats said.

"The professors really do care, which is consistent in undergrad as well," Moree said. "They want you to do well — they're wanting you to succeed."

Undergraduate graduation can be an overwhelming time for students trying to decide what to do with their lives. Whether graduate school is in the cards for some students is unknown, but many undergraduate Elon students who have found their home at Elon can con-

ELON'S GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Business

- Receive an M.B.A. in business
- Sessions begin in September, January and March
- Can receive a degree in either 33 months, or 21 months depending on whether you take one or two classes a session

Management

- Receive an M.S. in management
- Can be finished in less than a year
- Classes begin in the fall, and students graduate in May

Interactive Media

- Receive an M.A. in Interactive Media
- Requires 11 courses to be taken from Summer II through Spring term

Education

- Receive an M.Ed. in Education
- Majority of courses are taken over the summer while

remaining courses are taking during intervening school years

- Includes three specialty programs: Elementary Education, Gifted Education and Special Education

Physician Assistant Studies

- Receive an M.S. in Physician Assistant Studies
- It's a full-time 27 month program that enrolls in January

Physical Therapy

- Receive a D.P.T. in Physical Therapy
- Three year full-time program that begins in January.
- Includes 48 weeks of hands-on clinical practicums

Law

- Receive a Law degree
- Full-time 2.5-year program
- Each student will complete a full-time residency during one trimester during their second year of study

tinue into grad school. Though some students do choose to continue their education at other schools, Elon will always be dedicated to providing its

students, undergrad and grad, with a beneficial education supported by dedicated professors and state of the art equipment.

TOP 10 STORIES

1. UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY UNITES DURING TRAGEDY



Elon University came together in November after the death of junior football player Demetri Allison, and again in March when Professor of Geography Heidi Frontani died.

Hundreds convened at Gathering of Friends for both Allison and Frontani, sharing memories and stories about their loved ones.

Days after Allison died, the football team went on the road and beat the University of Maine in an emotional game. Allison's No. 10 jersey sat on a chair in the locker room that day.

Donations after Frontani's death went to ScholarCHIPS, an organization started by Frontani and Yasmine Arrington '15.

2. ELON STANDS AGAINST HOUSE BILL 2



Elon University, President Leo Lambert, the faculty and SGA were all swift in voicing their disdain of House Bill 2, a discriminatory piece of legislation that garnered national attention after North Carolina and the Department of Justice sued each other.

The university released a statement reinforcing its commitment to inclusivity days after Gov. Pat McCrory passed the law, otherwise known as the "bathroom bill." It requires people to use the bathroom of their biological sex, and is seen as discriminating against

LGBTQIA and transgender people.

Lambert wrote a letter to the editor in the Burlington Times-News calling HB2 "stunning and discriminatory," while Elon's faculty released a resolution condemning the bill. SGA did the same.

3. STUDENTS RAISE MONEY FOR ACORN EMPLOYEE'S DISNEY WORLD TRIP



Junior Taylor Zisholtz and freshman Lucy Smith-Williams struck up a conversation with Acorn Coffee Shop employee Kathryn Thompson one day, and soon after, the trio was in Disney World.

Zisholtz and Smith-

Williams raised money to send Thompson and her family, including her Autistic grandson, on their dream vacation to Disney World. They raised more than \$6,000, and the two students ended up on The Ellen Show, too.

4. ANDY GRAMMER SNUBS ELON

Pop star Andy Grammer canceled on Elon University's Homecoming Concert less than two weeks before the scheduled performance because of his commitment with "Dancing with the Stars."

He canceled all his October concerts, and refunded the appearance fee to SGA. The Student Union Board planned a Spring Concert to make up for Grammer's absence, bringing Misterwives to campus in May.

5. ELON CONTINUES COMMITMENT TO EXPANSION



In August, Elon University purchased land for the proposed convocation center, and in March received the naming gift for the School of Business expansion.

The convocation center, to be built west of Hunt Softball Park, will be named the Schar Center for donors and Elon parents Dwight and Martha Schar. The land was purchased with a gift from Furman Moseley '56 and

his wife Susan, for whom the Moseley Center is named after.

Elon parents Jim and Beth Sankey donated the naming gift for the School of Business expansion, a 30,000-square-foot facility to be named for Jim Sankey's late father, Richard W. Sankey. It'll be located at the north end of the McMichael Science Center parking lot. No timeline of construction has been announced.

OF THE YEAR

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6. MORE FOOD OPTIONS OPEN AROUND CAMPUS



The fall brought Tangent and Einstein Bros. Bagels to the Town of Elon and Elon University, respectively, adding to dining options around Elon's campus.

Tangent, under the same ownership as The Root, is located on West Lebanon Avenue. Einstein Bros. Bagels, the popular national chain, is an Elon Dining location that's in the remodeled Daniel Commons.



7. ISIS ATTACKS SHAKE PARIS, BRUSSELS; ELON STUDENTS SAFE

The Islamic State attacked Paris in November and Brussels in March, suicide bombings that killed hundreds and injured countless more. Elon students were studying in both cities during the attacks, but all were

safe.

The Global Education Center communicated with the students abroad soon after the attacks, and was prompt in informing the university community that those abroad were safe.

8. ELON UPDATES BRANDING, SIGNS WITH UNDER ARMOUR



Elon University rolled out an updated logo and signature on Elon Day. The monogram "E" is new, as is the leaf shield that's with the signature.

Elon is hoping to be identified just by the "E," using that as

its main logo.

The athletic department in May also signed a deal with Under Armour, which will outfit all Phoenix teams beginning next school year.

9. DIALOGUE ON RACE RELATIONS CONTINUES



A Presidential Task Force on Black Student, Faculty and Staff Experience, released in the fall, led the ongoing discussion on race relations at Elon. It found that just 16.3 percent of Black respondents see Elon's campus as positive and inclusive, and that 65 percent of black student respondents said they've had incidents of disparaging race-related

comments directed at them.

The Community Connections forum in September, hosted by Elon University and the Burlington Times-News, also focused on race relations. SGA had a spirited discussion regarding the same topic in April, questioning if the organization is doing enough to promote inclusivity.

10. ALUMNAE PERFORM ON BROADWAY

Two alumnae earned their way into Broadway productions during the year, as Ginna Claire Mason '13 served as the stand-by role of Glinda in "Wicked" and Nasia Thomas '15 played Little Eva in "Beautiful: The Carole King Musical."

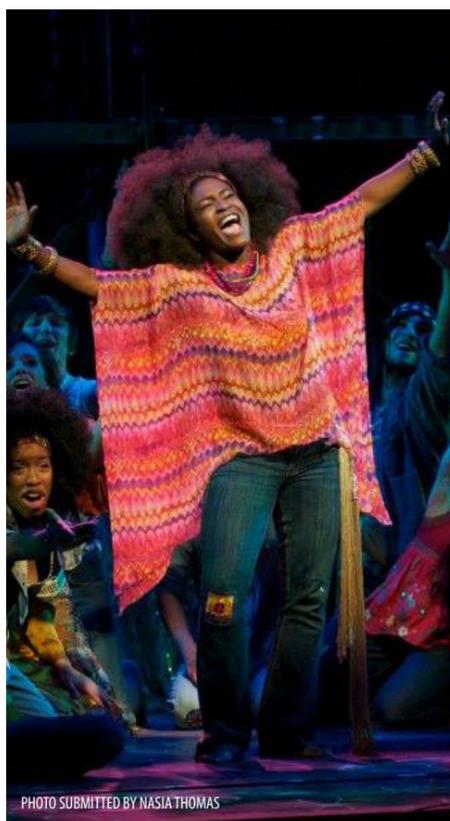


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ADVICE FROM FACULTY

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Be sure to get involved in your local community. Get to know people in your neighborhood who aren't affiliated with your work. Volunteer, play a musical instrument, join a book club or kickball team. Become a tourist in your own town. Find organizations that have a wide-variety of people of different ages, races, and beliefs. The rich and varied life you lead outside your profession will become its own reward.

WHITNEY GREGORY



Director of Health Promotion &
Student Concerns Outreach

Do not wait to become the person you hope to be. Live your values each day, in every choice you make. Even if the job you have this year is not the job you wish to have in twenty years, be the person this year that you wish to be in twenty years. Be creative, a risk-taker, a detail person, an advocate, a big-picture thinker, or a calm voice of support. Be all of these. Or something else completely. But always be fully, authentically, messily, fiercely you.

RISSA TRACHMAN



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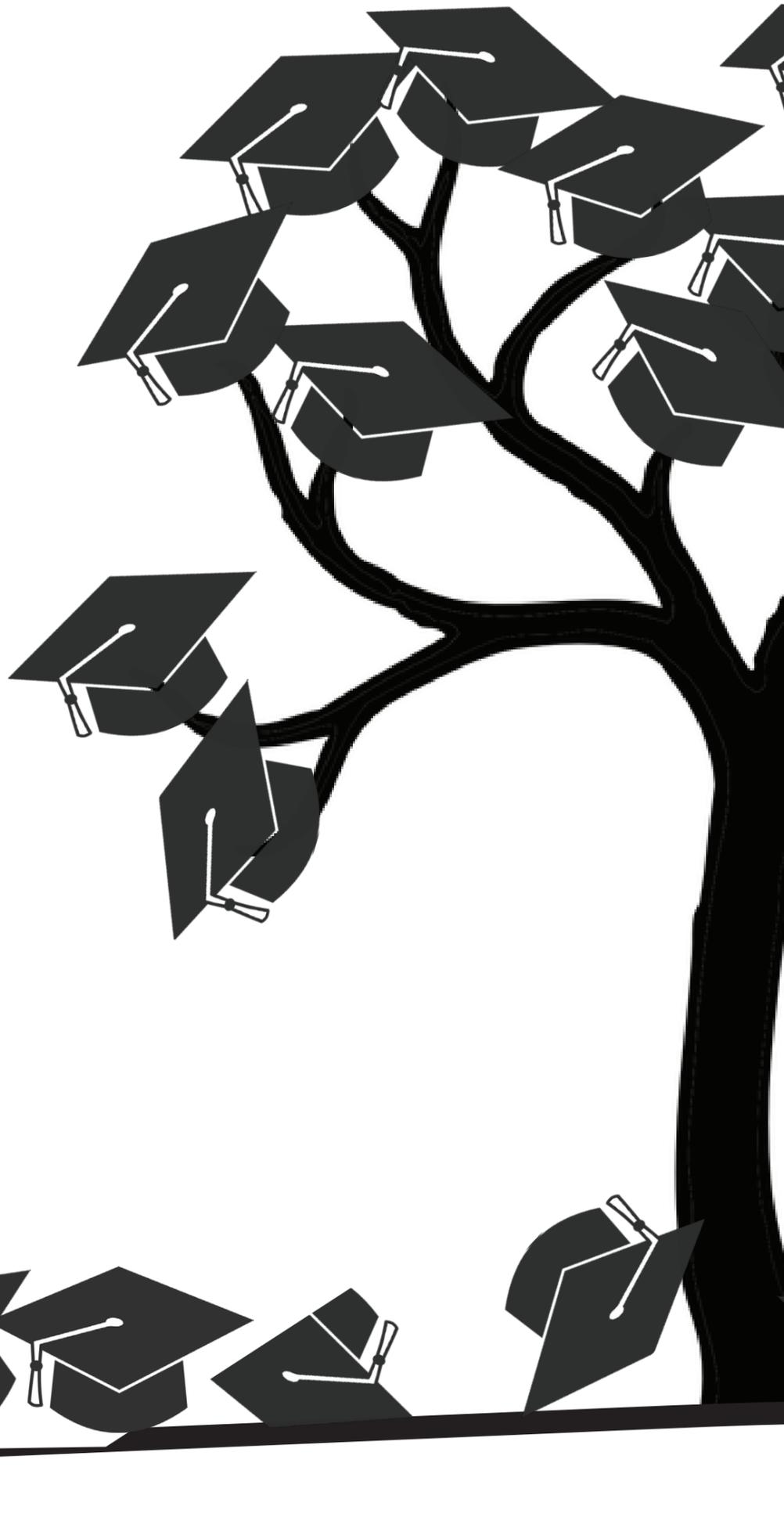
It is time for the next exciting stages of your life! I encourage you to embrace this time of change and face it with a spirit of adventure as if you are off to explore all the possibilities you can imagine for yourself. I encourage you to try something you have never done before even if you fear you might fail. As humans we often learn more about ourselves from failing than from succeeding. I encourage you to fly, to be happy with yourself no matter what your choices may be. I encourage you to succeed in being distinctly human, caring, ethical, beings. Congratulations, you are beginning your new journey!

JEFFREY COKER



Director of Elon Core Curriculum

How you treat individual people will be the measure of your life. In life after college, most people work in organizations of various sorts, and organizations can be unfair, amoral, or even immoral. It is cowardly to use the structures and processes of an organization as an excuse for treating people poorly. Being an ethical leader means doing the right thing regardless of what those around you are doing.



OLIVIA CHOPLIN



Associate Professor of French

I would encourage seniors to reach out to the faculty and staff with whom they have developed relationships, have a coffee or lunch, and seek individual and specific advice related to their own chosen path or paths. The people who know you best and the people you trust are the ones most likely to help you find your own path, even if it isn't yet clearly defined. Remember as well that starting off on a path does not mean that you have to stay on it forever—college has taught you a lot about yourself, but the first five years after college might teach you even more. Take every opportunity to keep learning, both inside and outside of academic settings.

GREG ZAISER



Vice President of Admissions and Financial Planning

My best advice is this: Regardless of your achievements in life, take your work seriously but never yourself.

PAUL GEIS



Senior Associate Director of Study Abroad

Always remember that a big salary will not be the key to personal and professional fulfillment. Stay true to yourself and pursue your passions. That is the key to success. Pretty basic, but that's my two cents.

JAN FULLER



University Chaplain

I will see you at commencement. It might be the first and only time we've ever met each other, there on the right corner of the commencement platform.

You might think I'm just traffic control as you come up the ramp, that it is my job to stop you there and to send you at the right time. I'll hold you at the black line for a second, then send you across the stage. But, while it is all about the flow of graduates across the platform, in my own mind, heart, and intention, it's about much more than that.

President Leo Lambert uses the phrase "a tap on the shoulder" to describe the experience of some of our students when they singled out for a distinct leadership, an opportunity to do research, a special recognition, or an occasion to join a community. That tap is an indication that a student is capable, honored, chosen, or expected to excel. Most of you have had such an experience in your Elon days and years.

As I send you across the graduation stage, with a very literal tap on the shoulder, I will push you across with my best blessing. I will know that you are capable, honored, loved, expected to excel. In that small touch on your shoulder, I will bless you with the strength to be your best, to take on the shortcomings of this world, to serve those in need. I will tap you with a sure sense that you will make a difference in the world. I will breathe a prayer of courage and blessing for the life ahead of you.

It won't matter if you see or know me. In one split second, I will lay a light hand on your shoulder, in the form of a wish, a hope, and a blessing, and then, will whisper to you, "Go!" And you will.



Signing in plain sight

Interpreter forms bond with Elon, Commencement

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She's standing near the stage in plain sight of everyone at Commencement. She's wearing colors that



Bethany Hamm-Whitfield

contrast with her skin tone, as dictated by her discipline's ethical guidelines, to make her hands and face stand out even to audience members seated far away. But do you see her?

"You want to blend into the background," she said. "You want the focus to be on the event."

Her name is Bethany Hamm-Whitfield, and she is the American Sign Language interpreter who has been interpreting Elon University Commencement and other large public events for more than a decade. She tries as best as she can to be invisible and visible at the same time, though it's sometimes harder than she thinks.

"We're not as invisible as we think we are," Hamm-Whitfield said. "A lot of people come up and are like, 'Oh, it's fascinating to watch you.' And I'm like, 'I hope you heard what they were saying, too.'"

The journey to discovering her passion and talent for interpreting began with a change in her major at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and intersected Elon in 1999, where she has stayed in touch in a number of roles. Through the years, she keeps coming back to Elon, which she calls "the most accessible university that I've ever worked with."

'A long and short journey'

Hamm-Whitfield described her path to ASL interpreting as "a long and short journey." She was pursuing a degree in nutrition from UNCG when that career aspiration came to abrupt halt.

"I had to take my first organic

chemistry class, and I was like, 'Oh, this may not be a good fit for me,'" she said.

With a career in nutrition out of the picture, Hamm-Whitfield looked around her for inspiration — and found it. Her cousin had just given birth to a deaf daughter, and a nearby deaf school with a strong deaf education program sent several graduates to UNCG, where Hamm-Whitfield encountered in-class interpreters for the first time.

Then, at the same time she was interacting with the deaf community more than she had before, UNCG launched a deaf education program. The switch in her major finally made sense, and in a few years, Hamm-Whitfield earned her Bachelor of Science degree in the Education of the Deaf with a concentration in Educational Interpreting.

Once she entered the job world, she encountered a host of other hurdles to leap before she could begin practicing.

To enter the North Carolina job market as an interpreter a four-year degree isn't enough, though it is a requirement. Interpreters in North Carolina are licensed through the Registry for Interpreters for the Deaf (RID) exam, called the NIC (National Interpreter Certification) Knowledge Exam, a national exam administered on the state level. If a graduate of a four-year degree

To become a certified interpreter in North Carolina, applicants must earn a four-year degree and pass the NIC knowledge Exam.

program sits for and passes the NIC exam, the state can issue a license to allow the interpreter to work independently. According to the RID website, the NIC Certificate guarantees the interpreters who earned it have "demonstrated general knowledge in the field of interpreting, ethical decision making and interpreting skills ... necessary to perform in a broad range of interpretation and transliteration assignments." The RID has been issuing certificates since 2005, just a few years after the Americans with Disabilities Act was passed in 1990.

As Hamm-Whitfield explained,

the ADA changed the landscape of the United States, and not just by requiring the installation of wheelchair ramps on the outside of public buildings.

"Hospitals and schools and businesses are required to provide accessibility," she said. "They're required to provide wheelchair ramps, things in Braille and also sign language interpreters. So whenever anybody goes to the hospital or goes to take a class at the community college, that place is actually forced to provide interpreters and provide accessibility for that population."

The passage of the ADA introduced the need for a way to standardize the way interpreters get certified, which the RID developed. Though the process may take longer, Hamm-Whitfield said she thinks it helps the deaf community.

"Used to be, your mom would interpret for you at the doctor," Hamm-Whitfield said. "Can you imagine that? Having to rely on your mom to interpret this weird stuff that's happening at the doctor's office? So now, we're licensed through the state of North Carolina."

Finding the Phoenix

After her graduation from UNCG, Hamm-Whitfield knew she didn't feel ready to sit for the NIC exam yet. So she did some interpreting for a public school system in Guilford County until 1999, when the deaf student she had been paired with graduated. She was then faced with another career decision to make.

"I was like, 'What am I gonna do now?'" Hamm-Whitfield said. "They called me and said, 'Hey, we have this great opportunity, there's a kindergartener that needs an interpreter.' And I'm like, 'All the way from senior of high school, going back to work with a kindergartener? I don't think I can do that.'"

In another defining moment in her life, an opportunity arose that she couldn't overlook: Elon admitted its first deaf student ever.

"They called me to come for an interview, and I think we all fell in love with each other," she said. "I really love the campus, I love the teachers, my student and I got along really well."

Making the switch to a universi-

ty setting could have been a painful one, but Hamm-Whitfield said she couldn't have wished for a more supportive and accessible environment at Elon.

She said that when she was interpreting for the deaf student during classes, professors always provided her with the books before the semester even started so she could read through the material she would have to relay to the student.

Interpreting, she explained, is different from just translating, so it meant a lot when professors reached out to make sure she had everything she needed.

"Several of the teachers [and I] would go out for lunch, and [I would] be like, 'OK, when you say 'mitosis,' what does that mean?' Because I forget a lot of my high school science," Hamm-Whitfield said. "You have to understand the concept before you can really interpret it clearly."

To accommodate her, especially in subjects she had no experience in, professors also sent her lecture notes and materials. The university even gave her her own office.

"For me, it's been the most accessible place I've ever worked, to have that prep time, those materials, to have the teachers be excited about having me in the classroom," Hamm-Whitfield said. "I wasn't a hindrance, I was an asset."

She also felt like an asset outside the classroom, especially as the university's mindset changed. With a deaf student enrolled, Hamm-Whitfield said, Elon saw a need to make big events more accessible.

Associate Director of Cultural and Special Programs Patti Gibbons explained the change in Elon's mindset with regard to disability services in the past decade or so.

In the 10 graduations she has been involved in planning, she said, the university at first just extended the invitation to students to ask if they needed an ASL interpreter or any other disability service, such as a Spanish interpreter. But then the process changed.

"At first it was upon request, but about three years ago we decided we were gonna go with an automatic presence at graduation," she said. "So while we do a little bit more in terms of inviting students to let us know if they need to have those services, we just plan to have it anyway."

When asked what her most interesting story about interpreting at Elon was, this is what Hamm-Whitfield had to say:

"I think that my most challenging class here that I interpreted was when they were doing gross dissections on human cadavers.

"Of course, I'm a liberal arts person, so I don't have that background in science. My first organic chem class, I was like, 'See ya, I'm gonna switch majors.' So just to be in there and that first cut of the cadaver was like... [she leaned back in her chair, eyes wide, hands in front of her as if she were pushing away a zombie corpse]

"And if I was sick and I had to get a sub, no other interpreter wanted to come because they were like, 'That's a little too much.' So that was probably my most challenging.

"My most challenging is all those Latin terms, all the bones and everything in your body, and having to do that at the same time while ignoring that there's a dead body right there."

Gibbons said the decision to provide ASL interpreting automatically has been a good move for Elon.

"[Hamm-Whitfield] can tell, I think, as she works, that there may be people who haven't requested the service that benefit from it," she said.

Hamm-Whitfield definitely sees the benefit of automatically providing interpreting services.

"They might have deaf parents or deaf family members that might want to come to things like graduation or baccalaureate or other teacher meetings," she said. "So when that student was here, they started making all their events accessible, and they are the most accessible university that I've ever worked with. I mean, they are phenomenal."

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SNAPPING PORTRAITS

Graduating seniors seek out ways to preserve Elon memories

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Friends, families and faculty will join together to celebrate the graduation of the Elon University Class of 2016 on May 21. In 2015, about 1,400 students graduated with relatives and peers in tow. The large crowds prove difficult to navigate, leaving graduates unsure if they can find their friends for one final picture together in their caps and gowns.

For many graduating seniors, the chaos of commencement is not something they want to combat. Instead, many reach out to current students, alumni and professionals to take their portraits during the spring semester.

Seniors Rebecca Rosenblat and Emily Usher reached out to Chanelle Smith '15 for their senior portraits after seeing a previous graduate's portraits, which Smith had taken. As a college student, Rosenblat wanted photos done at a

cheaper price.

"I just knew the quality of Chanelle's photos and after getting a price quote from her and realizing it was in all of our budgets, we went with her," Rosenblat said. I've also heard great things about the way she runs her sessions, so my friends and I decided it would be a great fit for us."

Rosenblat was encouraged to get senior portraits early on by her parents in order to send out graduation announcements to family

and friends on time.

Since graduation, Smith has created her own photography business, Chanelle Smith Photography, with clients comprising mainly of Elon students and some from universities in Greensboro. This semester alone, Smith has done more than 15 senior portrait sessions for Elon seniors.

"Graduation is a momentous occasion that should be remembered by photographs,"

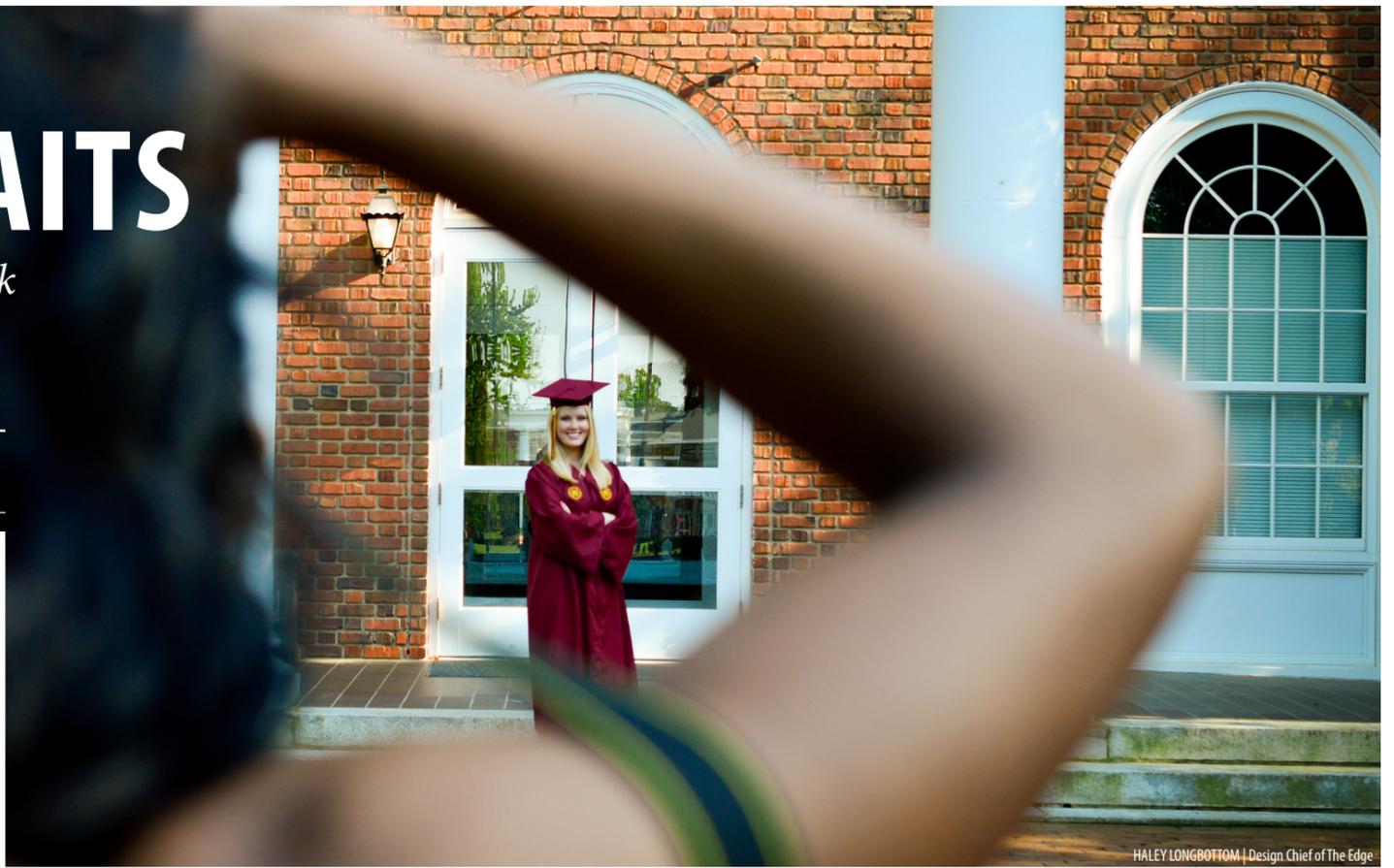
Smith said.

A small handful of students have also contacted junior Nic Nelson for their senior portraits. Nelson occasionally photographs Elon events, including many a cappella concerts, making his professional presence well known on campus. His love for photography began during his sophomore year in high school when a friend approached him to take her pictures, which started his desire to take more senior portraits through

his college career.

While some students opt for older professional photographers as opposed to students on campus, Nelson believes as long as good photos are taken, it shouldn't matter who takes them.

"I mean, I don't necessarily think it matters how old a photographer is," Nelson said. "Yes, it is possible that someone who's older has more experience but if you're good at something, why should the age matter?"



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Students stay on campus for work, research

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As many students begin packing the contents of dorms and apartments to leave Elon for the summer — or forever — there are some sticking around campus in the off-season. Whether to work or complete undergraduate research, some students find an empty campus to be a more productive environment.

Junior Michelle Reissig is utilizing the campus resources to complete research for her Honors fellow thesis and as a final project as a 2015 Lumen scholar. Reissig, a Public Health Studies major, is excited to complete her project, entitled "Childbirth Self-efficacy and Birth Experiences of Primiparous African-American Women: The Influence of Birth Stories Heard during Pregnancy."

"This summer I will be conducting interviews with pregnant African-American women and analyzing data from these interviews," Reissig said. "I am recruiting participants from and working in partnership with Central Carolina OB/GYN in Greensboro."

Reissig is participating in the Summer Undergraduate Research Experience program this summer. The SURE program provides researchers and faculty mentors with a stipend for the eight weeks research is being conducted. A 3.0 GPA is required, and researchers are also required to submit their work to be presented at the Spring Undergraduate Research Forum

(SURF) the following spring.

"Undergraduate research has been my favorite part of my Elon experience," Reissig said. "I plan to attend graduate school after leaving Elon and continue researching issues related to this research project, so the opportunity to work on my research full-time while being compensated will prepare me for my future."

Other students simply feel the opportunities for work are better in Burlington than at home.

"I am starting an art therapy internship in local Burlington a few days after my last exam," said sophomore Maddie Hines, a human service studies major. "This is one of the few art therapy internships available on the east coast. So while I would have liked to go home this experience to learn and grow is what influenced me to stay. I'll basically be helping an adult day program build their art therapy program from the ground up. Its really an amazing opportunity to help the community and gain experience in the field."

Thanks to University housing policies for her apartment in the Oaks complex, she will be able to continue living in her apartment and not move out or sublet. Although her friends will be going home for the break, Hines is optimistic about the summer.

"I expect it will be odd having the campus so empty at first," she said. "But after a while I'm hoping to meet some new people also stay on campus over the summer to hang out with."

Freshman internships spike in popularity

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More and more freshman students are seeking internship opportunities to start off their careers

According to Elon's SPDC, only an average of 15 students per year complete internships for credit after their first year.

early on — even without school credit. According to Elon University's Student Professional Development Center (SPDC), only an average of 15 students per year complete internships for credit after their first year. In order for an internship to be counted towards school credit, a student must get pre-approved by a faculty mentor who believes the student is ready for the internship experience. This mentor helps to facilitate the process by guiding the student through reflection and academic assignments, which the student will receive a letter grade for at the end of the semester.

As freshman students are new on campus, it is more difficult to get a faculty member to mentor them. More and more students are choosing to start interning as soon as possible to help build a network of connections for their future

while receiving no school credit.

For freshman Connor Meehan, getting an internship was just a matter of having a full resume and getting in contact with the right internship program.

"I knew that reaching out and getting experience in an actual office early on will have lasting effects for my job search and performance after college," he said.

Meehan will be working for Science Systems and Applications, Inc. (SSAI), a company that helps fund his school scholarship, in their human resources department for the entire summer, starting in May. He will be performing various jobs like editing new company handbooks and setting up for employee events. Meehan chose not to receive credit for his internship because it is outside of his major.

For some, an internship is just a valuable summer job. Matt Stranzl's parents told him he needed a job for the summer, so he figured considering a paid internship his major would be a beneficial way to spend his time.

"I hope to get connections in the politics field, general work experience, and the ability to secure future internships," he said. "My advice is just to put yourself out there."

Freshman Eva Simmons will be working an un-paid internship as a legal intern for the Wake County

District Attorney's office in Raleigh.

Simmons had been working at the attorney's office since her freshman year of high school as a regular intern. A few of her connections suggested she apply for a position as a legal intern, and so Simmons went through a series of interviews before she found out she got the position.

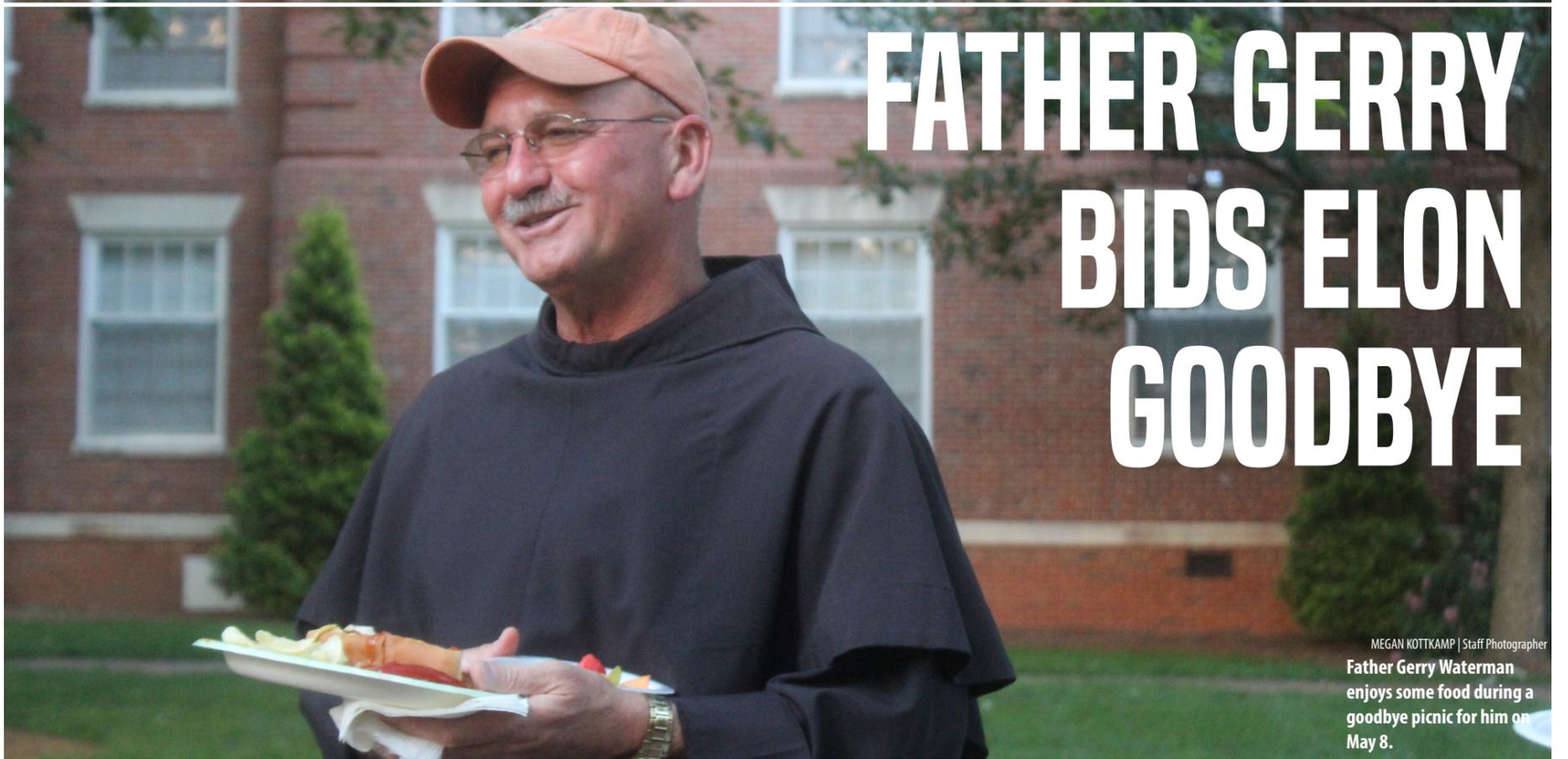
"I had a lot of trouble finding an internship in law due to the fact that I'm not in law school," she said. "The Wake County Sheriff's Department was considering myself and many law students, but due to my experience, I got the job."

Although Simmons will not be allowed to do any legal paperwork due to lack of experience, she gets to work three days a week with prisoners who are unhappy with their sentence.

While she will be interning for no credit, Simmons still believes she will benefit from the experience in her future. She hopes to use this experience to give an inside look on the things she could do if she goes to law school.

"I would suggest making connections as early as possible, and using those connections. As soon as you get one job, it will help you get the next," she said. "I believe that internships are a great way to narrow down your field of interest, build your resume and gain experience."

FATHER GERRY BIDS ELON GOODBYE

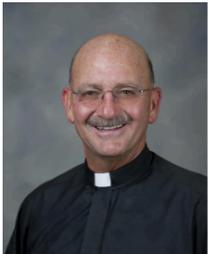


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Father Gerry Waterman enjoys some food during a goodbye picnic for him on May 8.

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Speaking in front of executive members of Elon University's Catholic Campus Ministry at an April retreat in Asheboro, Father Gerry delivered disappointing news. After 11 years of serving the local community, he announced he would leave the university at the end of the academic year to become Catholic Chaplain at Syracuse University.



Father Gerry Waterman

"It was awful," said Father Gerry Waterman, Catholic campus minister and associate chaplain for Catholic Life. "I cried. I cried terribly."

"You promised that you would be here until our senior year," said a heartbroken Amanda Corso, CCM servant leader and freshman.

"Amanda, that was certainly my will, but I believe this is God's will," Waterman replied.

The bond between Waterman and the students he serves is evident in the way he carries himself on campus every day. When meeting people for the first time, he asks for their first and last name and their hometown.

As he meanders across campus, he can often be spotted chatting with colleagues and students. An extroverted figure, Waterman often introduces strangers to one another in an effort to bring people together.

From leading Sunday services to offering guidance to those who ask for it, Waterman has loved working at Elon.

"He's been such an important role model for me at Elon," said Chelsea Semeraro, CCM president and senior. "Elon means so much to me because of Fr. Gerry. It's hard to imagine Elon without him, but I understand that if it was his choice, he'd stay here."

Getting the phone call

Though Waterman ultimately decided to make the transition to Syracuse, he said he did not want to leave Elon. Waterman's provincial superior, the same person who handed him an airplane ticket to visit Elon in 2005, called him on Feb. 5 to see if he would be willing to consider being the new Syracuse Catholic Chaplain.

Waterman received the phone call in the middle of an auction function at Blessed Sacrament School and was immediately skeptical of the idea of working at Syracuse. He was happy at Elon and enjoyed his work with the university. Considering a move to Syracuse filled him with much anxiety, forcing him to have many sleepless nights.

"I kind of put it out of my mind," Waterman said. "I was happy here, and I didn't want to give it too much thought. But it pervaded my whole being. I was probably sleeping about three hours a night."

His gut instinct was to say to decline the offer. Having served as pastor at Sacred Heart Jesus Parish in Danbury, Connecticut, before coming to Elon, Waterman had no desire to return to the chilly East Coast. Sensing an obligation to at least visit the place that was interested in hiring him, Waterman planned a four-day trip to Syracuse in April.

"I heard God saying, 'This is really what you need to look at, and you need to look at it well,'" Waterman said. "So I planned a trip. I said if I'm going to do my due diligence, I need to see what I'm refusing. My heart said, 'No, no, no.' My head said 'no.' But I have to see it with my own eyes."

Waterman does not believe in coincidences. He does not believe in irony. He believes in God incidences.

What happened in Syracuse was what Waterman calls a "God incidence."

The two students who gave him a tour at Syracuse were former altar servers while he was a pastor in Connecticut. This was a sign.

On a Tuesday evening, Waterman's second day of his four-day trip, he found himself penning his refusal. When he went to bed that night, he said he would need a major sign from God the following morning to have a change of heart.

The next morning, he met with the chancellor and the episcopal vicar for the Diocese of Syracuse.

"Father, you could probably rest on your laurels for the next few years at Elon University," the chancellor said. "But I offer you a challenge — probably the same challenge you faced when you went to Elon 11 years ago. I believe that God has work for you to do here."

Waterman said the chancellor convinced him to change his mind. When Waterman walked out of the office, he decided he would accept the position.

"Once I said 'yes,' I started to sleep my regular six hours a night without interruption, and I felt totally at peace," Waterman said.

Remembering the past

It is difficult to condense the 11-year impact of a prominent figure within the Elon community. But one place to start is to reflect on the memorable moments through the voices of those Waterman has touched.

University Chaplain Jan Fuller shared some memories that stand out to her when thinking about Waterman's legacy.

On March 16, 2015, freshman Gabriela Rosales was in critical condition after a car hit

her on North Williamson Avenue. Surgeons weren't sure if she would survive the night.

Nearly five months after the incident, Rosales visited Elon's campus for the first time since the car struck her.

"She is a member of the Catholic community," Fuller said. "Fr. Gerry and I tag teamed on spending time with her at the hospital. I have in my mind a series of pictures. Every time he was with Gabby, he would get a picture of her or her family."

Fuller said this experience reflects Waterman's love for taking pictures of the students he is with.

Winemaking and tasting a major passion

Waterman's love for wine is infectious.

Fuller told a story about a dinner party she had at her house with staff members. A major wine aficionado, Waterman decided to bring his own fine piece of wine to share with the group. Fuller remembers how she and her staff members enjoyed sampling the different wines people brought. But it was Waterman's that was the group's favorite.

Elon President Leo Lambert said Waterman helped him become a wine fan as well. From time to time, they met up with one another to share a bottle.

"He's been a good personal friend of mine," Lambert said. "We happen to both like wine. Fr. Gerry and I would occasionally get together to share a bottle at The Oak House. I'm really going to miss that because he's taught me a lot about wine over the last several years."

When all is said done, it is the students Waterman has touched the most.

Thinking about how she'll remember Waterman, former CCM President Erin Robertson '16 said the words "kind," "intentional" and "love" enters her mind.

A memory that stands to her is a new tradition formed with Waterman of going to The Oak House for a Bible study over wine with fellow CCM members.

"For any CCM member that's over 21, we have what's called the Upper Room," Robertson said. "We'll meet one to three times a semester, go to the Oak House and we'll all get a glass of wine and have a theological discussion together. It's just one of my favorite things that we've done."

Acceptance at cornerstone of Waterman's legacy

Waterman has had a major influence in the Catholic community. He's made concerted efforts to be accessible to those seeking his advice. He's also worked to increase student engagement in on-campus service.

But it is his openness and acceptance of multiple faiths that distinguishes from others.

"While he's built a strong Catholic Campus Ministry, he's also been a great partner in our multi-faith initiative," Lambert said. "He's been a great colleague with our friends in Protestant Life, Jewish Life and Muslim Life. He's been a real team player."

According to Waterman, it is important to embrace students regardless of their religious affiliation or level of participation.

He said he occasionally sees students around campus approach him and apologize if they haven't attended church regularly.

"What happens when I go through campus sometimes is a student who maybe I haven't seen in months in church says, 'Oh Father, I meant to come to church,'" Waterman said. "And I say, 'Wait a minute, I'm not your parents. I'm not your judge. I'm the welcome wagon.'"

"I want you to know that if you ever do come, you feel welcomed. I'm going to put my arms around you.' That's what it's about."

Semeraro said she has witnessed that acceptance since she joined CCM.

"He doesn't make you feel guilty," Semeraro said. "He's there to help you."

Looking to the future

As Waterman prepares to assume his new role at Syracuse, he grows emotional at the thought of leaving Elon.

Since making the announcement in late April, he has been flooded with emails and warm wishes from students and colleagues.

"I did my Ph.D. at Syracuse, and I know he's going to do really well," Lambert said. "It's a great university and I think they have a wonderful new chancellor up there. We're going to miss him terribly. But I've warned Fr. Gerry to get ready for 60 days of sun and a winter that goes until the end of April."

Though Fuller is sad to see Waterman go, she is also confident he will succeed at Syracuse.

"We wish him wonderful years at Syracuse," Fuller said. "He's clearly the one who's able to go there and heal the wounds of the community there that lost their chaplain. He has the strength and joy to do what needs to be done there, and we wish him many wonderful, wonderful blessed years."

Referring to himself as "nobody," Waterman insists he is just one person walking the same journey as everybody else in the world.

He said he will be the same person going into Syracuse and looks forward to the experiences that lie ahead.

"I hope it comes across how much I love Elon, how much Elon is going to be a part of me forever," Waterman said. "It's never going to leave me. I may be taking on orange, but maroon and gold is what I'll bleed for a while."

Danieley retires from teaching



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Danieley headlined Spring Convocation with Elon President Leo Lambert in Spring 2014. Danieley retired from teaching this spring.

The president emeritus will leave after this year

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James Earl Danieley, a member of the Elon University faculty since 1946, will retire from teaching at the end of the 2015-2016 academic year, according to family members and university sources.



Dr. James Earl Danieley

Danieley, 91, spent time in the hospital this semester. He's been present around campus recently, though, attending spring

convocation March 31 and the 125th anniversary of Elon Community Church celebration April 17. This spring, he co-taught "Elon Past Present Future," with Professor of History Nancy Midgette.

A native of Alamance County, Danieley graduated from Elon in 1946 and was offered a position as a chemistry instructor shortly after graduation. He's been on the faculty ever since, teaching mostly chemistry courses but also public speaking during his term as president from 1957 to 1973.

Early in his career, Danieley briefly left Elon to earn a doctorate in organic chemistry at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He then completed post-graduate research at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore.

Danieley returned to Elon College in 1953 to once again teach chemistry and was named dean of the college. He has held this position for four years.

Elon Poll Director leaving university

Assistant Director of the Elon Poll will take over position next year

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After four years of working as the Director of Elon Poll and as an Assistant Professor of Political Science, Kenneth Fernandez is moving to Las Vegas for family reasons.



Kenneth Fernandez

"It really is just family driving me there," Fernandez said. "I'm extremely happy at Elon. My four years here have been the most interesting, challenging, the most rewarding of my entire career."

Fernandez said Elon University is different from any other institution he's worked at before because Elon takes care of professors "very well."

While he says he wishes he could be here another year and sees his career as an important priority, Fernandez said he must prioritize family over polling and politics.

"I've found a fantastic career here at Elon, but I was offered a position closer to family I just couldn't turn down," Fernandez said.

He will be teaching political science at the College of Southern Nevada.

He will not be polling in Nevada, but said the Elon Poll will have an exciting and busy year with the 2016 presidential election as well as local North Carolina elections.

"Part of me will be kind of relieved that I'm not going to deal with the stress," Fernandez said. "But it's just so exciting to be on the front line of collecting information and finding out what people think."

He takes time to work on the survey and methodology to ensure the poll is going to work the way he hopes. Fernandez couldn't determine what he enjoyed most.

"[By] just talking to people and [hearing] what they think and how they feel about politics and the state of the economy and

the state of our political system," Fernandez said. "It's just an amazing experience."

He is sad to be leaving the Poll since he feels his skill has improved over the past four years.

"It's sad to leave something you've gotten good at, but I think organizations thrive when you get new blood every now and then," Fernandez said.

Jason Husser, currently the assistant director, will take over for Fernandez.

"Luckily, it's [the Elon Poll] is going to be in great hands with Dr. Husser. He's just an incredible colleague," Fernandez said.

He says the time has flown by since he recalls his first 2012 national election during his first semester polling and teaching at Elon.

But it's not the poll he's going to miss most.

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KENNETH FERNANDEZ

ELON POLL DIRECTOR AND ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

"The culture here it really is sort of like a family," Fernandez said.

He remember his first Elon Poll and needing to get the poll results before school had begun. He and other organizations and departments recruited students such as the band and orientation leaders to help conduct an election survey. And they filled the seats.

"It was really a team effort," Fernandez recalls.

He was scheduled to teach two classes and conduct the poll in the fall.

"I'm really going to miss it," Fernandez said. "Elon is a remarkable place and I feel very, very lucky to have had this opportunity."

Future McEwen Dining renovations halted



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Next year's renovations for McEwen Dining Hall are expected to be delayed because of financial reasons.

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After much anticipation for fully renovated McEwen Dining Hall facilities, construction plans have been halted for a year. The delays will allow the dining facilities to remain open next academic year with renovation scheduled for the 2017-2018 academic year, according to a statement from Elon University.

"The new construction schedule for McEwen Dining Hall will allow the university and Aramark, Elon's campus dining vendor, to refine design plans and construction budgets for the project," said Gerald Whittington, senior vice president for business, finance and technology returns to campus.

In the statement, Whittington also said 87 days of rain has forced a delay for construction of Schar Hall and the Steers Pavilion.

"We do not anticipate that the new communications facilities, which includes a renovation of the McEwen communications building, will be completed until early fall," Whittington said. "This change in the timetable will allow us to fully complete the academic facilities on this quad before beginning work on the dining hall."

Though the statement cited inclement weather as a reason for the timetable shift on

the McEwen Dining Hall construction, the weather affected construction on the School of Communications. Paul Parsons, dean of the School of Communications, said the dining construction had no relation to the delays in dining facility construction.

"There's no connection between the McEwen Communications renovation and McEwen Dining Hall," Parsons said. "My understanding is that the dining hall renovation concept was more expensive than expected, and that project has been pushed back a year in order to develop a more reasonably priced concept."

According to Chris Fulkerson, assistant vice president for Administrative Services and assistant professor of communications, Whittington "has the final say on all construction timelines."

Whittington said the one-year delay on McEwen Dining Hall construction "will allow the university and Aramark, Elon's campus dining vendor, to refine design plans and construction budgets for the project."

Elon and Aramark announced its plans in early March for the \$12 million construction project during the 2016-2017 academic year to overhaul McEwen's existing dining facilities.

The proposed project comes at a time when fewer and fewer students are going to the McEwen Dining Hall. Recent university projections revealed the main upstairs dining hall hosts just 250 customers a day.

Where are they now?



Tiffany Atkins

Elon Law class of 2011

J.D. in Law

Staff Attorney at Legal Aid of North Carolina

"Find a way to help people even if it's inconvenient for you."

Tiffany Atkins '11 landed a staff attorney position at the Greensboro branch for Legal Aid of North Carolina — the site she interned at while studying at the Elon University School of Law.

With a focus in public interest law and an active membership in Elon Law's Black Lives Student Association, Atkins has pursued her passion for serving groups in need of legal assistance.

"I represent women in domestic vio-

lence cases, and they don't have a voice for a lot of different reasons," Atkins said. "It's very important to me to be able to use my talents to help people who didn't have access to justice for whatever reason."

Her advice to students aspiring to follow a similar career path is to volunteer. Atkins said she was willing to take unpaid internships because they eventually led her to the place she wanted to be. Though

she would have loved to make a larger salary, she examined her bigger picture goals of helping people receive the legal counsel they need.

"Find a way to help people even if it's inconvenient for you," Atkins said.

Though she doesn't have too much spare time in her line of work, she enjoys spending time with her family whenever she can, writing poems and reading novels.



Scott Camp

Class of 1991

Business Administration major

Founder at Atlas International

Consulting

"I'm finally pursuing some goals of self-employment and creating my own company with my own culture and my own brand."

After working for Fastenal, the largest fastener distributor in North America based in Minnesota, for 23 years, Scott Camp '91 recently decided to embrace his entrepreneurial spirit and start his own company. Camp is the founder and practice leader at Atlas International Consulting.

Camp entered Elon College with the view of the school as a stepping stone toward getting into the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. But upon arrival, he quickly learned Elon was the place for him.

"Once I got on campus, I was really impressed with the classroom environment and just the whole school," Camp said. "I fell in love with it, so I never left. It was one of the best decisions I ever made."

A business administration major with minors in management and marketing, Camp knew he wanted to do something in business. After graduating, he stayed away from the university for a long time because he was traveling, engulfed in his career and raising a family.

He said he was blessed to enter the workforce two weeks after graduating.

"The job market in 1991 was really, really horrible," Camp said. "I'd been trying to get internships and jobs since my junior year. Graduating in '91, I graduated and was fortunate enough to find Fastenal."

With Fastenal, Camp managed the Burlington branch and helped build presence in the South. 23 years later, he decided to leave the company to start his own business.

"I'm finally pursuing some goals of self-employment and creating my own company with my own culture and my own brand," he said. "It really wrapped up a great career with a great company, left on great terms, and time to move forward. I'm 47 and it was time to move on and do other things."

He said he wanted a business his three kids could enter into. Outside of work, his main priorities are spending time with family, going to church, and volunteering with a local rotary club.

Preparing for his 25th anniversary after graduating from Elon, Camp now realizes how much of a role Elon played in shaping who he is.

"Many of the teachers and faculty that I got close with believed in me more than I believed in myself," he said. "I never really realized until later how much of an impact they really had, and how they took an interest in my life and challenged to become better than I thought I could be. That hit me many years later"



Chelsea Helms

Class of 2013

Finance major

Central liaison at Bernstein Global Wealth Management

"I definitely feel like my success in school came from engaging with professors and engaging with the class."

Chelsea Helms '13 works with Bernstein Global Wealth Management in San Francisco.

A finance major and economics minor, Helms pursued a rigorous course load. Reflecting on her time at Elon, she advises students to reach out to professors and form connections with them.

"I definitely feel like my success in school came from engaging with professors and engaging with the class," Helms said.

Before working with Bernstein, Helms served as an investment management

consultant for FactSet Research Systems, Inc. from July 2013 to April 2015. At Factset, she advised wealth managers, hedge fund managers and traditional asset managers.

With Bernstein, she acts as the central liaison between the client, advisors, senior management, portfolio managers, traders and wealth planning specialists. She also partners with a team of three financial advisors in managing more than \$1.5 billion in assets under management.

"I wanted to try something new and

prove to myself that I could make it on my own," Helms said, explaining the decision behind moving further from her family living on the East Coast.

Helms said she loves working in San Francisco because there is so much to do outside of her work.

"My life is just so much more full out here," she said. "Every other weekend it'll either be surfing or hiking or going skiing in Lake Tahoe or going to Napa. There's all sorts of things to do here, and I feel like I have such a more active lifestyle."



Ashley McCulloch

Class of 2013

Strategic Communications major

Senior analyst at the Music Entertainment Group at Viacom

"Take advantage of student media and become as involved as possible."

Ashlee McCulloch '13 works as a senior analyst on the Audience, Strategy, Insights and Innovation team at the Music Entertainment Group at Viacom.

A proud strategic communication alum, McCulloch pursued her passion for conducting research. While attending Elon, she interned at MTV. Having networked and met a lot of people within Viacom during her internship, she was able to leverage her experiences to earn a full-time research position shortly after graduation.

While in college, she was served as station manager of ESTV and became a

member of the School of Communications chapter of Lambda Pi Eta.

She recommends students work with student media organizations and become heavily involved if they intent to have an important role in the media industry.

"Take advantage of student media, and become as involved as possible," McCulloch said. "You never know when the people you're working with in student media are going to be the people out getting jobs in the industry. You're already going to build a network and get experience that way."

She also encouraged students studying

strategic communications to take courses within the Media Analytics major.

"Arguably all communications majors should have some media analytics in their back pocket," McCulloch said. "People need an understanding of media analytics and how we measure content online because that's the way the majority of content is viewed and distributed today."

In her spare time, McCulloch enjoys traveling, meeting new people and watching television shows. She said two of her most recent favorite shows are "The Americans" and "Game of Thrones."

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TOP 10 SPORTS STORIES OF THE YEAR

Compiled by Alex Simon, Sports Editor

1 The women's track and field team set its goal of repeating as CAA champions long before the May weekend it hosted the championship meet. But it was able to do just that, winning its second CAA title in as many tries. Elon won by 30 points, highlighted by senior Sydney Griffin's two individual titles, a sweep of the relay races, and a sweep of the 400m hurdles race. The season isn't over for some, as five athletes will participate in the NCAA East Regionals next week.



6 It took late 3-pointers at the end of regulation and the first overtime to get the women's basketball team's game against the University of Delaware to a second overtime. With the ball under Elon's basket, the game tied and 1.6 seconds left, sophomore guard Shay Burnett inbounded the ball off of the defender's turned back and made a layup at the buzzer to win the game, 66-64. Video of the play was named the No. 1 play on SportsCenter's Top-Ten the next night.

2 The late-season struggles in the CAA did not keep the men's soccer team out of the NCAA Tournament, receiving an at-large bid and a home match against Winthrop University on Nov. 19. The Phoenix earned its first NCAA Tournament win thanks to redshirt freshman goalkeeper Matthew Jegier's eight saves and clean sheet and three goals, from senior midfielders James Brace, Miguel Salazar and senior forward Cooper Vandermaas-Peeler. Elon lost in the next round to Clemson University 5-2.



7 An improbable comeback Nov. 30 sparked a six-game winning streak for the men's basketball team. The Phoenix scored eight points in the final 18.9 seconds against Kennesaw State University to force overtime, and eventually a 103-93 win. Elon would go on to win its next five games, not losing until Dec. 28 at No. 15 Duke University. It was the best stretch of Elon's season.

3 Following the death of teammate Demetri Allison, the football team had to choose whether or not they wanted to play. The team chose to play — even though some stayed behind — and the Phoenix traveled to the University of Maine. Elon jumped out to a 17-0 lead at half and held on despite a furious rally, defeating the Black Bears 27-22. It was Elon's third win in the CAA, a major improvement over 2014's winless campaign in conference. But it meant so much more to the team than that.



8 On her Senior Day April 30, pitcher Kayla Caruso threw one of the best games in Elon history and helped the softball team beat No. 6 James Madison University 5-4 in 15 innings. In Elon's second 15-inning game in a week, Caruso threw a complete game, striking out seven and walking just one on 197 pitches. Fellow senior and Kennesaw, Georgia native, infielder Emily Cameron, scored the winning run. It was the only loss in CAA play for the Dukes in 2016.

4 When Luis Vargas '15 departed the men's cross country program with a CAA championship, it didn't seem likely that Elon would have an athlete that could repeat his feat. Enter freshman Nick Ciolkowski. His mad-dash to pass College of William & Mary junior Faris Sakallah gave Elon its second CAA men's individual championship in its two years in the conference.



9 While most Senior Days are emotional, there was something extra special about the women's soccer team's Senior Day on Oct. 11. Nicole Dennion returned for her final collegiate match, her first since being diagnosed with cancer. Dennion started and kicked off the game before being substituted out. Elon won the game 2-0 over the College of Charleston thanks to two late goals, and Dennion was named as the CAA's Randolph Inspiration Award winner May 9.

5 In just its third year as a program, the women's lacrosse team earned its first signature win, earning a road win over No. 10 Duke University 7-6 Feb. 25. Sophomore midfielder Shelby Scanlin scored the winning goal with six seconds left after receiving a pass from junior attacker Sloane Kessler, and Elon tallied its first win over a ranked program in its history, and earned one of its 10 wins on the year — also a first.



10 Through 30 games, the baseball team found itself with a record of 10-20, and 2-7 in the CAA. But Elon got hot at the right time, beating Northeastern University twice, then sweeping Towson University and Hofstra University in consecutive weekends. The conference sweeps propelled Elon to a 13-10 conference record and a berth in the CAA tournament next weekend. And, thanks to a 15-5 record in its last 20 games, the Phoenix was back to .500 as of May 18.

A WORLD OF POSSIBILITIES



Football player leaving Elon without a plan — yet

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While most seniors or graduate students have tried to set up their jobs post-commencement, Alexander Dawson '15, MBA '16 has never tried to be like the typical college student.



Alex Dawson

After five years with the Elon University football team — four years of undergrad, and a year getting his MBA — Dawson is ready to move on to his next phase of life.

But, right now, he has no idea what he's doing next.

"I'll say, 'Well, I could start working right now and start building my wealth and see what I can do,'" Dawson said. "But at the same time, I think there's a lot of value in taking my time and really feeling out the things I'm really interested in. I don't want to rush into a career path."

Instead, Dawson has left every door wide open, exploring each of them thoroughly now before having to make a decision. He's been able to get his graduate school degree because of a medical redshirt in 2012, giving him an extra year of eligibility.

Back in 2010, head coach Rich Skrosky was still in his first stint at Elon, and his area of recruiting was the local schools. Dawson was at Eastern Alamance High School in Mebane, and Skrosky had known him since the 10th grade.

Skrosky left with then-head coach Pete Lembo to go to Ball State University, and the whole staff departed from Elon except for assistant coach Scott Brown. When Skrosky found out Dawson was still without a scholarship, he called Brown.

"I said, 'Listen, I know you've still got some kids that decommitted and I know you've still got some scholarships available,'" Skrosky said. "I said, 'You're crazy if you don't take Alex Dawson.' So I like to think I had something to do with Alex going to Elon from the beginning."

Dawson didn't play much in 2011, and he got hurt in 2012. But he shone for Elon the past three years, playing in 45 of 47 games and tallying 161 total tackles. He 18.5 tackles for loss, of which six were sacks, and two blocked kicks.

In 2015, Dawson was one of three players to stay with the team for a fifth year, joining his roommate Miles Williams '15 and Rob Sullivan '16. With a lack of leadership on his young team, Skrosky challenged Dawson to step up.

"I thought, 'Alex, you need to do this, because if you don't. You're not getting the most out of your ability and you're not giving the most to your team.' I really think, earlier in his career, he could have been even more of a leader and at the end he ended up kind of embracing that role," Skrosky said. "I think, in his last year, Alex became a leader for us in that I think he mentored young kids and he took that role upon himself."

But Dawson has always been a leader off the field, earning a Carolina Panthers Community Captain nod in high school and being named to the All-Academic teams numerous times in college.

And the Community Captain nod was an honor in a field that Dawson has deeply cared about for a while, and wants to explore more in-depth

now that he's done with school.

"While I'm relatively young and I don't have a family or a traditional job, I want to do some traveling and community service type of work," Dawson said. "I feel like this is the time of my life that would be the best to pursue something like that."

Dawson first caught interest in the world beyond the United States in high school, when he found an interest in Spanish. Dawson says his Spanish is decent, but added that everyone told him the best way to truly learn the language is to immerse in it.

While the world may seem out-of-reach to a Washington D.C. born, Alamance County-bred kid, Dawson said that changed once he got to Elon.

"It's such a study-abroad driven university, it seemed so much more attainable because of the programs that are constantly being pushed and encouraged," Dawson said. "I thought, 'Man, this is really possible. I could go abroad and make an impact.'"

Dawson was able to study abroad in South Africa in Jan. 2014, as he and Williams were the first two football players to study abroad at the school. The three weeks spent in South Africa continue to invigorate Dawson to go forward with international travel.

"It's given me the confidence that I could spend a year abroad, or two years abroad," Dawson said. "I'm glad I got that experience, because now I'm not scared to go abroad."

Dawson had stated his intentions to join the Peace Corps in Colombia, but was not accepted into the economic development program, being told his Spanish wasn't good enough. While that could discourage some, it's actually motivating Dawson even more.

"In a way, it's more encouragement for me to know how important learning a second language could be, whether you're going into international business or not," Dawson said.

"That's something I wish I did even earlier than I tried to."

From here, Dawson is playing a waiting game. He is continuing his internship as a human resource officer with Volvo Trucks in Greensboro, while simultaneously studying for the LSAT test, which he is due to take in September.

Then, he wants to head to Costa Rica for the start of the spring semester in 2017, where he has a potential opportunity to teach English to the local community. And he doesn't want to restrict himself to a certain amount of time in the country.

"When I've talked to people who have done something similar, a lot of times, what starts out as a short term plan is stretched," Dawson said. "They've said, 'I thought I would only be in Costa Rica for three months, but it turns out I've been here three years.' I have the freedom to get into a situation abroad where, if I fall in love with the people, the culture or things like that, I have the choice to say, 'I'm going to stay here.'"

But, should he score as well as he plans to on the LSAT, Dawson will have the strong resume to come back and study international law and go into the working world. He just doesn't want to do that yet, as he wants to experience all that life has to offer before he gets his career going.

"I think that real business-world experience matters, and it's a key contributor to what people look for," Dawson said. "But I also think that there's a lot to be said for experiences outside of the business realm, or outside of a traditional employment path that really can set you apart when it is time to look for a job."

Dawson still doesn't know what's ahead. But, unlike so many students leaving Elon, that puts him at ease.

"We'll see, man," Dawson said. "But I'm excited about it, and I'm looking forward to it."

LEAVE A POSITIVE IMPACT

Before seniors fasten their caps, wrap themselves up in their robes and make room for a spot to plant their baby oak tree, certain rites of passage must be accomplished in order to say they were true Elon grads. While there are various forms of bucket lists that students create their freshmen year so that they live the typical Elon college experience, this list is unique in that it will help Elon seniors leave a positive legacy.

1 REPLACE EVERY BRICK YOU STOLE IN THE PAST FOUR YEARS.

Every Elon student knows that one can't leave campus without illegally confiscating a piece of Elon's many brick paths. But, this "accomplishment" for students actually adds onto the work that Physical Plant conducts every day at 6 a.m. to replace the stolen bricks. Out of respect for Physical Plant workers, seniors should grab a wheelbarrow and tug all of their stolen bricks to empty spaces on Elon's paths, because honestly who has room in their cars for stacks of bricks?

2 VISIT EVERY DINING LOCATION JUST TO THANK THE WORKERS.

These hardworking individuals have been serving rambunctious, starving, stressed college students for months and deserve some recognition for their patience. Since many students have leftover Meal Swipes and Meal Dollars at the end of the year, they can show their respect even further by purchasing a coffee, sandwich or Acorn cookie for the workers. This small gesture will definitely be remembered and appreciated by these Elon Dining employees.

3 DONATE ALL OF YOUR UNNEEDED CLOTHES AND OTHER ITEMS TO ALLIED CHURCHES OF ALAMANCE COUNTY.

After four years, that free XL t-shirt every freshman received in the mail is most likely a little worn. Instead of tossing it in the overflowing trash bin, seniors should send it and the rest of the possessions they no longer need to the less fortunate like Allied Churches.

4 GIVE COMPLETELY HONEST REVIEWS OF EVERY PROFESSOR YOU HAVE HAD ON RATEMYPROFESSOR.COM.

It would benefit all underclassmen for every senior to comment on past classes they have taken because those 120 credit hours didn't just earn themselves. Although it's helpful to be transparent on the quality of the class, it's also best to keep in mind the work professors put into each of their classes and keep one's personal opinion of them in check.

5 POST ON EVERY SOCIAL MEDIA SITE POSSIBLE ABOUT THE BEAUTY OF ELON.

How else do prospective students learn about Elon's gorgeous botanical garden campus, but through Snapchat, Instagram and YikYak? If seniors are disappointed to leave Elon's heaven-like campus, they should promote the reasons why they chose Elon for their undergraduate education to encourage others to carry on their legacy so they can visit them after graduation.

6 SPEND A WEEKEND NIGHT DRIVING FOR SAFERIDES.

Ask any individual who has graciously offered their free time to drive around non-sober college students: these nights give Elon grads some interesting stories. Not only does SafeRides prevent the danger of students driving under the influence, but reminds the drivers that they should be making conscious decisions of always having a designated driver.

7 JUMP IN A FOUNTAIN AND CAPTURE THE MOMENT.

Although this is on every Elon bucket list, no senior can resist lifting their gowns and taking a quick picture with their closest friends in one of Elon's esteemed fountains. It never hurts to be a cliché and have a lasting memory as a reminder that Elon University is a magical campus.

