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Five students robbed at gunpoint in Costa Rica

Andie Diemer
News Editor

After just a few days exploring their new home in Costa Rica, five Elon students spending a semester in the country were faced with the harsh reality of being targeted as tourists on Aug. 30 when they were held at gunpoint and robbed by three local men.

None of the students were harmed, but among the items lost in the incident were backpacks, cameras, iPods, wallets, money and credit cards. None of them were carrying travel documents at the time.

Laurence Basirico, dean of International Programs, said the students had just returned from a portion of their orientation at Poas in La Paz before a bus dropped five of the seven Elon students studying abroad there off at the grocery store. This is where their shopping is usually done.

They then decided to walk back to their homestays and said they felt comfortable doing so, since they were in a group and it was a nice neighborhood, Basirico said.

It was then that the men confronted the group.

"They were as close to shock as you could be at that point," he said.

Immediately, measures were taken by Elon to lend students money before more could be wired to them, cancel credit cards and arrange for individual conversations with an Elon counselor. The students then spent the night with Elon Philosophy Professor Anthony Weston and his family in his apartment, Basirico said.

Basirico contacted Dean of Students Smith Jackson and also spent time having "lengthy conversations" with each student's parents.

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Lighthouse reopens Friday



DAVID WELLS | PHOTO EDITOR

Lighthouse Tavern, which has been under construction for several months, will reopen on Friday. Although some aesthetic changes were made during the construction process, university administrators said they strived to maintain the bar's original atmosphere.

Bar will open for the first time since January 2008

Whitney Bossie
News Editor

On Friday, the speculation can come to an end. Lighthouse will make its long-awaited return to Elon's social scene, and students will finally have the chance to see what all the hype is about — and decide if the bar was worth the wait.

Many of the most popular aspects of the old Lighthouse, which was purchased by the university in January 2008, will be the same. Karaoke night will remain a Thursday night tradition, live music will still be a staple (Anonymous is playing at the grand reopening) and a selection of regular and premium

beers will be sold.

Elon senior Tim Graham has acted as a go-between for students and the administration during the restructuring period. He created a Facebook group called "New Lighthouse, Still Loyal" in an effort to keep students updated and drum up support.

His efforts have been successful. The group currently has 682 members.

"A great majority of students are really happy that they're keeping the same atmosphere," Graham said.

Although the university is striving to present a Lighthouse similar to the one students frequented in the past, the venue will not be exactly the same. Jodean

Schmiederer, assistant dean of students, noted that most of the changes that were made aren't instantly noticeable.

"A lot of it is stuff you can't see, like the sprinkler system," she said. "There's a fresh coat of paint, but the colors are the same — just more consistent. Before, there were three or four different shades of brandy."

Other physical changes, however, will immediately catch the attention of Lighthouse fans. The game area in the back corner of the venue was converted to handicap-accessible bathrooms, a small outdoor patio was built, the bar was extended and a walkway replaced the entrance stairs.

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Wilmington leads nation in digital television switch



Olivia Hubert-Allen
Editor-in-Chief

WILMINGTON - A countdown: Five. Four. Three. Two. One. In an instant, at noon on Sept. 8, the people of Wilmington, N.C. got something that other communities will have to wait five months for - universal digital television.

The five county region surrounding Wilmington is the first market in the United States to move from analog television to digital. The FCC decided to test how the switch would go in the area five months before the nationwide switch on Feb. 17.

"Digital television uses the spectrum more efficiently. It will free up space for new channels and more products,"

said Connie Book, the Elon professor who is heading up the study on the digital switch.

She says other countries have been able to make advances and provide more features to television viewers because they have more space on the spectrum. The digital switch will open the door to new options such as watching television on a cell phone and seeing more channels on a television set.

Eleven Elon students went down with Book to help collect data and assist people who were experiencing problems. They were the only group who went to Wilmington to document the historic event.

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Mary Pearson was one of the over-the-air television users who experienced problems after the digital switch. PHOTO COURTESY OF UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

All eyes on coastal town following the switch

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"We took calls from people that had different issues with the switch and recorded the information to see what kinds of problems we can expect on a greater scale when they switch the entire country over to DTV in February 2009," said Kat Stroschio, a senior Cinema major on the trip.

Though cable and satellite subscribers don't have to do anything to pick up the new digital signal, people who are still using over-the-air analog sets must buy a DTV converter. The converter box interprets the digital signal and allows it to be displayed on a non-digital television.

Wilmington was chosen for the test because of its optimal size, proximity to Washington D.C., and the willingness of lawmakers and broadcasters in the area to go ahead with the switch. Unlike many markets across America, all the broadcast stations in Wilmington opted to stay on their former analog channels.

The switch went without interruption or distress for over 99 percent of the population, but there were some who encountered problems after the digital switch. Several broadcasters in Wilmington were bombarded with calls during the evening from people who were unable to receive certain channels or see a clear picture on their over-the-air connections.

"If this is what it's like here in Wilmington, I can't imagine what next February will be like for the whole nation," said Danielle Jorgensen, Sales Operator at Best Buy. She worked in



PHOTO COURTESY OF UNIVERSITY RELATIONS
Dan Ullmer, the Chief Engineer at WECT/SWFX in Wilmington switches the cords to make the transition from analog broadcasting to digital. Elon students and other news media documented the switch which took place at noon on Sept. 8.

the hours after the switch to digital and said calls kept coming in with questions. "It is a mess."

Still, others were impressed with how well the digital transition went.

"A friend told me the other day, 'You had to be under a rock to not know about this transition,'" said

Wilmington Mayor Bill Saffo, praising the huge community effort the city underwent to inform and prepare the community.

American's weren't the only people interested in the switch to digital television. Japan plans to switch to digital in 2011, so reporters from the

country were in Wilmington following the story.

To learn more about digital television and the trip that eleven Elon students took, log on to E-net or visit the class blog at <http://wilmingtondtvtest.wordpress.com>.

Students opting to remain in study abroad program

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A complaint was not filed with the local police department.

The group requested to speak with Basirico to learn more about their options. Some were wondering if they would be able to transfer into classes back at Elon if they chose to return to campus.

"I didn't try to talk anyone into staying," Basirico said. "I talked about things to get them to be more secure so they could feel more confident. I said we would do as much as we possibly could and I think they were happy about that and that Elon was supporting them and that they had an option."

None of the parents requested that their children return home. Their responses ranged from wishing their student wouldn't come home and see this as a valuable experience to respecting the student's decision to return or not.

"This was a really unfortunate event," Basirico said. "We didn't try to trivialize or minimize it at all, but unfortunately this world is a scary place and this can happen anywhere. It happened at Elon a week before."

The week buffer that students were given to make a decision about returning home has passed and Basirico has not heard any of them express a desire to leave.

"I think it's admirable, and I'm very happy

they're staying because I think the program is fantastic," he said. "In some ways, it was a really important thing to have happen because it will make them aware of, and sensitive of the world, and make them be able to be responsible for their behavior."

While Basirico acknowledges the students did not do anything wrong, he said foreigners aren't normally interested in harming their targets but in intimidating them. If they don't have the right items, they're usually off to the next tourist victim.

With about 15 students registered to study abroad in Costa Rica in the spring and another 54 ready to take off for Winter Term, Basirico said plans remain intact to continue to send students. After 19 years of the running the program and more than 700 students later, Basirico said having only four travelers mugged in the past was a solid track record. But it's one that the administration is not taking lightly.

Before any students study abroad they are made very aware of the risks involved, he said. Every precaution is taken to ensure their safety and students will never travel if they are going to an unsafe area or a State Department Travel warning is posted. Last Winter Term a trip to Sri Lanka was canceled due to a warning.

"We try to minimize all the possibility, but the risk is real," he said. "We're completely upfront with the students when they prepared for this program. We hide nothing. We want them to know because we don't want them to be uncomfortable and we think it's best for them to know beforehand what they're getting into."

Though safety is his top concern, Basirico said

WHEREVER YOU ARE, STAY SAFE:

- Travel with a group
- Never go out at night alone
- Take a cab home at night
- Trust your instincts, they are usually correct
- Stay away from bad neighborhoods
- Stay in lighted, visible areas
- Don't take the same path daily
- Try not to look like a tourist
- Don't carry a lot of items
- Keep a credit card in your shoe and \$20 in your pocket

the administration would be canceling programs left and right if student safety had to be guaranteed.

"We still encourage people to study abroad," he said. "We think it's a valuable experience. We can't ensure anybody's safety, but we'll take as many steps as possible to minimize anything bad happening. But unfortunately they happen around the world and at home as well."

He said because the students are often surrounded by other Elon students they feel like they are at campus and let their guard down. But he hopes that every student studying abroad will take a lesson from this incident.

"These students really worked hard to overcome this fear that they had and that is just such an important aspect of their growth," Basirico said.

Correction:

"McBride makes a mark on National Public Radio"
Due to space restrictions, The Pendulum is unable to run the

complete story on immigration in Alamance county as stated in last weeks article, "McBride makes a mark on National Public Radio." The story will run in the Sept. 17 issue of The Pendulum. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.



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In order to keep bathroom graffiti (an always-present fixture in the old Lighthouse) to a minimum, the stall walls are black.

"We chose that color specifically so that Sharpies

wouldn't show up," Schmiederer said.

Still, administrators realized that, for some, old habits may die hard. For that reason, a chalkboard hangs on the wall outside of the

THE SCHEDULE

Lighthouse will be open from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. on the following nights:

- **Wednesday:** Live music or DJ
- **Thursday:** Karaoke night
- **Friday:** Live music or DJ
- **Saturday:** Available for rent by university organizations

bathrooms, where lines will likely grow long.

ARAMARK now operates the venue's food and drink services. A limited food menu will be offered, with simple, appetizer-like options. Since space limitations prevented the installation of a kitchen, the food will be prepared in McEwen and transferred to Lighthouse.

Brian O'Shea, assistant to the vice president for student

life, said that the university could not find a suitable third party to operate the bar.

"It's not just that it [ARAMARK] is the best choice; it became the only choice when we considered the needs of our students," he said.

A mix of students and ARAMARK employees will staff the bar. It will be open exclusively to Elon students and their guests, which means a Phoenix card will be

required upon entry. Students who bring guests must provide their names before entering, as well.

The university has invested large amounts of time, money and manpower into Lighthouse's reopening, and everyone involved is confident that effort will be well-received.

Schmiederer said she is impressed with the final product, and O'Shea added that he thinks students will be pleased with the university's effort to preserve the original atmosphere of Lighthouse. Graham's outlook is equally positive.

"I think we'll have a great turnout on opening night," Graham said. "You'll have your people who are curious, your loyals and people who just don't want to go to West End."

WHAT STAYED

- DJ booth
- flooring
- the stage
- the name
- Lighthouse mural

WHAT WENT

- pool tables
- back game room
- trough in men's bathroom
- entrance stairs
- Chad Snyder

WHAT'S NEW

- Phoenix cash
- sprinkler system
- food
- lighting and sound system
- outside patio



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Resolution for library location remains undecided

More citizens asked for input before final plot is chosen

Andie Diemer
News Editor

After years of waiting, to be or not to be is no longer the question. Elon Mayor Jerry Tolley and the Board of Alderman have already been given the green light on constructing the first public library in the Town of Elon, but just one problem troubles them: Where to start digging?

The town lobbied for a library 12 years ago but did not get approved, according to Judy Cobb, director of Alamance County public libraries. The decision to construct now follows the approval of the Alamance County Board of Commissioners to build a new public library branch to serve western Alamance County.

Although this decision was made more than a year ago, Alderman Mark Greene said the planning process has been intense and required a lot of community input.

"There's been some feedback, but not widespread," Greene said at a Sept. 2 Elon Town Hall meeting.

After careful research and feedback, the debate has been narrowed down to two potential locations: Beth Schmidt Park on Cook Road and Comer Field, better known as Firehouse Field, across from the fire station on Williamson Avenue.

The building program is funded by a planning grant from the Federal Institute of Museum and Library Services in conjunction with the State Library of North Carolina, according to the Town of Elon's Web site.

Alderman Davis Montgomery said a portion of the grant was set toward hiring Phillip Barton, a leading consultant for planning libraries in North Carolina.

In February, residents were invited to two gatherings, directed by Barton, to discuss the final touches of the project such as potential locations and uses for the library. They were also

encouraged to offer any additional input.

"We're blessed with having the problem of having two excellent sites for this library," Montgomery said. "We really, as best as we could, tried to look at all the various angles."

Sheri James, an Elon resident and member of Elon's appearance commission, said she is concerned about the university location. She said the roads are already experiencing excess traffic and she does not want to concentrate everything downtown, especially since the town is growing more toward the north.

Also, the park would provide a quieter, more serene atmosphere, she said. But she said she just wants it done right.

"Apparently the citizens of Elon are going to be paying for a lot of stuff pretty soon," James said. "I really want a library, but I don't want to pay extra taxes."

While a \$500,000 private donation has already been made, the only other money set aside for the library is about \$80,000 for books, according to Cobb.

The construction will ring up to about \$200 a square foot, resulting in roughly \$3 million investment by the community. Though the burden of the price tag for the physical building will come from the citizens of Elon regardless of location, the cost of staffing and running the library will fall on the county.

Montgomery said his team researched recently built libraries around the area before looking into the possibilities and weighing the pros and cons of the two final sites.

The board and residents discussed parking situations, proximity to streets, design and architecture, pathways, traffic congestion, how it would fit in with the community and safety concerns for each plot of land.

"[Planned development in Comer Field] would have

activity that would allow for a more vibrant downtown: restaurants, ice cream shops, drugstores," Ken Mullen, Elon University representative and assistant vice president for business and finance, said. "We thought a library would be an excellent addition to that. It would bring a lot of people to the area."

This includes a range of citizens, from Boy Scout troops to Elon University students to seniors from Twin Lakes.

Montgomery said from the 50 or so e-mails he has received with citizen input, an overwhelming amount of citizens are in favor of the park location. He was hoping to hear from more people.

"I think people like the vision of the park and library side-by-side and the synergy that it ties together," Montgomery said. "I would have liked to hear more about people talking about the park location. It would be interesting to do a town survey on that location."

Alderman Ron Klepcyk expressed concern that widening the space by the park in order to construct the building would place the road closer to the playground and community center, which poses a safety issue.

"I think we need to have other conversations with the Department of Transportation about those issues to guarantee safety," Klepcyk said. "That's really critical in this planning process."

They also took the land-use plan of the town into consideration.

While Comer Field currently belongs to Elon University, Mullen said the school is eager to share the property.

Similar to the situation with the current fire station northeast of campus on Powerline Road, the university would "loan" the property to the Town of Elon, with a restriction on the deed or a written contract that states in the occasion of the library no longer existing the land would be returned to the



DAVID WELLS | PHOTO EDITOR

The town board has narrowed down the location of Elon's first library to two locations: Beth Schmidt Park and Comer Field, better known as Firehouse Field. They postponed voting on the issue indefinitely.

university.

The library is also being built with expansion in mind, whether it is up or out, Montgomery said.

The 13-acre university area, which has already been appraised, would need to be configured for a water and sewer system first, Mullen said. But he also said the university is very close, if not completely ready, to begin the planning process.

"If you come to us and take us up on the offer, we're ready to pretty much go," he said. "You know how the university works. We'd put 100 percent of our efforts behind that and go as quickly as we could."

He said when the planning for the field is complete it would take about two years from the time ground is broken to the time the ribbon is cut.

Mullen said regardless of the library being constructed

or not, the university plans to develop the land soon.

Since the meeting was an agenda session, no vote was taken. Tolley moved to pass putting the issue on the Sept. 9 agenda to be voted for. He wanted to allow time for more research.

"I don't think that we feel we have all the information we need to make that decision," Tolley said. "But we really enjoyed everybody's input."

Greene suggested sending out a survey with the pros and cons of each location attached to get a better idea of the citizens' stances.

Cobb thinks the Beth Schmidt Park location will come out on top, but in her mind it's all about just getting the library built.

"It was denied in the '90s," Cobb said. "Folks have waited a long time for this library."

Burlington considers use of public transport system

Kristin Feeney
Reporter

Nearly 10 years after establishing a Community Council Public Transit Task Force, the City of Burlington is revisiting the community's need for a centralized public transportation system.

The Burlington City Council met Sept. 2 to listen to committee findings and the concerns of state transit executives.

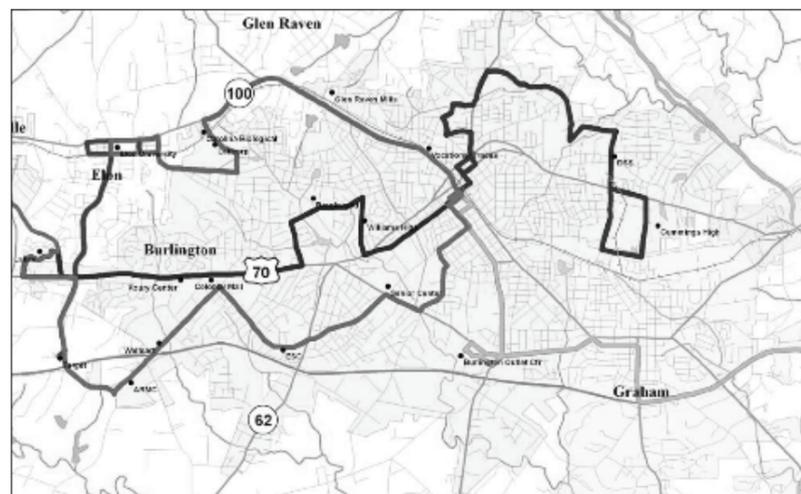
"From everything we've heard, people are generally positive about having public transportation," Patrick Harman, task force chair, told the council. "We have over 20,000 commuters who do so daily ... look no further, the need is here and now."

Harman cited nearby transit systems such as Wilson and Hickory as exemplary models as to what direction Burlington could head in.

"If Hickory can have four counties come together and integrate a system there's no reason we can't," Harman said.

Executives from Alamance County Transit Authority and Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation mentioned the success of existing transit systems in the area.

"Currently, our dial-a-ride system averages 87,000 trips a year," Dennis Williams, executive director of Alamance County Transit Authority said. "We take passengers to Raleigh-



MAP COURTESY OF THE BURLINGTON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION FEASIBILITY STUDY

A map of Burlington and surrounding areas shows the anticipated routes to be offered by a public transportation system.

Durham, Chapel Hill, Piedmont-Triad and even Elon University."

Williams noted the need to expand operations.

"We're facing a major demand to connect the area," Williams said. "If Burlington integrates another fixed-transit system, we're talking major efficiency."

Miriam Perry, director of the Public Transportation Division of the North Carolina Department of Transportation, echoed Williams'

concerns.

"Our mission at the Department of Transportation is to connect all the major municipalities in the state and do so resourcefully," Perry said. "We want to get people out of single occupancy vehicles and into eco-friendly transit lines."

Perry also addressed available economic resources.

"There's over \$1.5 million available for Burlington's fixed-transit needs that's currently going to other

municipalities," Perry said. "That's 17 other places where your tax dollars are going."

Perry further cited a high availability in federal funding grants that could double or even triple Burlington's transit budget.

"For every state and local dollar put into this issue, we have the possibility to leverage more federal funding," she said.

Many council members expressed concern.

"This sounds all great and nice, but the devil's in the details," Councilman James Butler said. "It's going to be the burden of the council to execute this. Capital funds are here now, but historically funding changes over time."

Butler was not alone in his concerns about sustainability in implementation.

"It's obvious we're not too small to do this," Councilman David Maynard said. "But the reality is we're not big enough to do this by ourselves. We're going to need help."

With nearby colleges such as UNC-Greensboro having already collaborated with Greensboro Transit Authority, the council may not have to look further than neighboring Elon.

"University transportation is the fastest growing transit system," Perry said. "I welcome the possibility of a collaboration between Elon University and Burlington."

College Republican sees GOP in action

Whitney Bossie
News Editor

Republicans headed to St. Paul last week full of mixed emotions: Excitement for the experience that lie ahead; fear of the potentially devastating effects of Hurricane Gustav; and, for many, genuine surprise at McCain's vice-presidential pick of Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin.

Elon sophomore Nick Ochsner felt all of these emotions as he prepared to attend the convention. In a blog entry posted the day before he left for St. Paul, Ochsner wrote: "After today's shocking announcement by John McCain about his VP pick, I expect this trip to Minnesota to be quite an experience. Will party faithful finally warm up to the maverick with newly tapped conservative Alaskan Gov. Sarah Palin at his side? Can the GOP manage to have a successful convention while a hurricane is hitting the Gulf Coast?"

The answers to both of Ochsner's questions proved

to be overwhelmingly affirmative. Gustav swept through the Gulf Coast causing far less damage than originally feared, and Palin proved to be an energizing force for the Republican Party. Ochsner, who is the acting president of Elon's College Republicans group, said that the atmosphere became "electric" when Palin took the stage last Wednesday.

"Whenever her name is said, the applause she gets is 10 times what John McCain gets," he said. "Everyone was excited, motivated- especially after Palin spoke."

Ochsner called the experience "the opportunity of a lifetime." Ochsner is the campaign manager for North Carolina Secretary of State candidate Jack Sawyer, who is an alternate delegate. He attended the convention as the guest of a friend of Sawyer's.

Ochsner had the opportunity to hear speeches from Sen. Fred Thompson, Sen. Joe Lieberman, Mitt Romney and Rudy Giuliani. Ochsner blogged of Giuliani, "The former mayor must

have been a boxer before he launched his political career because he threw some real jabs last night."

Still, Ochsner said Palin's performance had the greatest effect on the crowd.

"I think, at first, she was met with some apprehension because nobody knew who she was," Ochsner said. "However, after they got to know her- and especially after her performance Wednesday night- they were moved by the message of conservative accountability and reform that she brings to the ticket."

Overall, the convention was a success- for the Republican Party as a whole and for Ochsner as an individual.

"I was expecting to get a great look at democracy in action," he said. "I was also hoping to meet lots of great people and come out inspired and energized to work for a Republican victory in the fall. All of my expectations were met - and most were exceeded."



Ochsner attended the Republican National Convention as the guest of a friend of Jack Sawyer, a candidate for North Carolina Secretary of State. Ochsner is Sawyer's campaign manager.

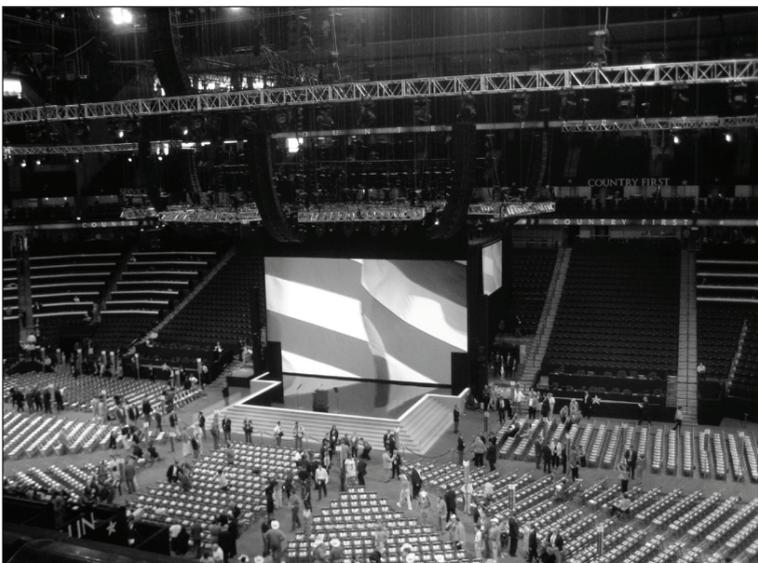
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Ochsner said the convention was an amazing experience, blogging that this year's RNC "put the 'party' back in the Grand Old Party."



The GOP convention, held in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area, re-energized the Republican base. McCain's vice-presidential pick of Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin was met with surprise and (mostly) approval from Party members.



Ochsner had the opportunity to walk down to the convention floor during his trip, which wasn't far from the seats of North Carolina delegates. He said that "excitement was in the air" as delegates and their guests listened to speakers such as Sen. Joe Lieberman, Sen. Fred Thompson and, of course, presidential nominee John McCain.

"Republicans and Americans throughout this country have a real reason to be excited about this election. Despite what liberal pundits on CNN and MSNBC may say, the issues are on our side and we have selected leaders who are not afraid to make those points. Bring it on Obama, we're ready for a fight."

– Nick Ochsner,
in his blog "Politics...According to Me"

Presidential election may be too close for predictions

Political analyst Charlie Cook made his third visit to Elon to share his views on the presidential election

Whitney Bossie
News Editor

Political analyst Charlie Cook anticipates a “really, really close race” during the remaining portion of the presidential election.

Cook, who visited Elon on Monday, is the publisher of The Cook Political Report and a political analyst for NBC. Monday marked his third trip to Elon.

During his visit, Cook attended a question-and-answer session with reporters, spoke with several classes and addressed a full house in Whitley Auditorium. During his speech at Whitley, Cook said his 24 years of experience in political analysis has almost been an impediment in analyzing this election.

“This is the strangest election campaign I’ve ever seen,” he said. “It’s as if they took the rulebook and chucked it out the window.”

Cook added that no presidential campaigns in the recent past have been as groundbreaking as the current one. He said that, in order to make an apt comparison, one would have to look back to the 1968 presidential campaign.

Cook shared his views on all of the campaign’s major players: Barack Obama, John McCain, Hillary Clinton, Joe Biden and Sarah Palin.

“The good news [for Democrats] is that the fundamentals favor Obama, but the bad news is that the fundamentals haven’t mattered so much in this election,” Cook said.

Cook said that Obama has several things working in his favor; chief of which is a general dissatisfaction among the American public with the current republican leadership. He attributes

that discontent to high unemployment rates, an unpopular war and a failing housing market.

“If you’re a Republican, it’s a challenging situation,” Cook said.

However, Cook doesn’t think Obama’s campaign is without its challenges. Cook’s main concern with the democratic nominee is his disconnect with white voters over the age of 50. The political analyst attributes this to his non-traditional background.

“For a pool of voters, there’s nothing in his biographical narrative that they can personally identify with,” Cook said. “If Obama can make that connection with white voters over 50, he can win it big. If not, we’re looking at a very close election.”

Cook thinks that McCain, who managed to win the Republican nomination after his campaign was “basically dead,” has several advantages in the upcoming election. He knows the ropes of Washington and the election system, has an “interesting” life story and has received relatively favorable media coverage.

“Both of these guys are truly, truly fascinating candidates,” Cook said.

And as for the candidates’ vice-presidential picks, Cook called Joe Biden a “reassuring” choice and Sarah Palin a “fascinating” and “risky” selection.

Cook said that Biden, while not necessarily exciting, adds a degree of stability to Obama’s campaign.

In Cook’s opinion, Palin has done something quite different for McCain’s campaign.

“What Palin has done is given an intensity and enthusiasm to the republican



Cook has 24 years of experience in political analysis. Professor Chalmers Brumbaugh introduced him at the Monday night speech by saying, “If you’re a political junkie, you’ve come to the right place this evening.”

base that John McCain didn’t have,” he said. “She’s an asset, unless or until she becomes a liability.”

While Cook thinks that Palin has energized the GOP, he added that he does not

believe she’s ready to be the vice-president.

Regardless of who wins the election, Cook said that the effect the campaign has had on young voters is invaluable. “The great news is the big

turnout that will happen on Election Day,” he said. “Young people are really showing excitement.”

Elon University: 5,620 students and counting

Although Elon’s enrollment numbers have grown, administrators insist that the university will keep its small, community-oriented feel. The recent growth is due largely to the new class of law students

Dan Rickershauser
Reporter

This incoming year, Elon University will break a record for its highest enrollment numbers ever, with 5,620 students. But before running to save a spot at the gym or to get in line for lunch it’s important to note that this number includes the students from Elon’s graduate schools in business and law.

While the total student enrollment, including graduate, has seen an increase, the number of undergraduate students on campus has grown only slightly. Elon University’s total enrollment for undergraduate students is 4,987. This number is only slightly higher than the total number of undergraduate students a year ago, which was 4,939.

“Our goal with each freshman class is at 1,275 students,” Greg Zaiser, dean of admissions, said.

While holding exactly to that number is out of the university’s control, Zaiser assured that in the past few years this number has remained unchanged. This year’s undergraduate freshman class is only slightly off this mark, with 1,290 students.

Factors taken into establishing this ideal number for a freshman class include class sizes, physical space and the annual budget, Zaiser said.

The top reason for the large increase in total students this year was the addition of the new class of law students to Elon University’s graduate law school in Greensboro.

The recent addition of Elon’s Interactive Media graduate program

is expected to further increase the size of Elon’s total enrollment by next year. The university has a target class size of 36 additional students for this program.

Although the campus has seen growth in numbers over the past few years, the things that give Elon’s sense of community have, in many cases, improved. The student-to-faculty ratio, one of Elon’s assets as a smaller school, has dropped to 14 students per every faculty member, what Zaiser said is the lowest it’s been in his 18 years here.

Elon’s sense of a smaller-school community is often cited as one of the school’s best assets, one of the many reasons students choose to attend Elon.

By the numbers:

Ideal freshman class size: 1,275
Size of current freshman class: 1,290
Total enrollment: 5,620
Undergraduate enrollment: 4,987

“I think Elon should stay about this size because it means it will keep its sense of community,” said sophomore Meg Hewitt. “It’s always nice to walk around campus and see familiar faces.”

With traditions such as College Coffee and the faculty’s Take-a-Student-to-Lunch-Program, Zaiser does not expect that Elon’s sense of community will disappear with an increasing numbers of students.

“The interesting thing about Elon is that even though it has grown so much, it still feels like a small community, which is remarkable,” Zaiser said.

Free music program causes 'Ruckus'

Crack-down on illegal downloading could have some benefits too

Keegan Calliger
Reporter

All it takes is a few clicks of a mouse. One to open Limewire. Another to search for a song. One last click to select a file to download, and just a moment later, a free, illegal song is downloaded. Sure, it's easy, but students at Elon will soon find downloading such content much harder and riskier than ever.

On Aug. 14, President Bush signed the Higher Education Opportunity Act, legislation that reauthorizes current higher education laws. Though the primary purpose of the act is to make college more affordable for all Americans, it also includes provisions regarding file sharing on college campuses.

A memo from EDUCAUSE, a non-profit organization that encourages the use of technology to support higher education, the American Council on Education, the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges and the Association of American Universities, explained the new stipulations.

"Two of these provisions are designed to reduce illegal uploading and downloading of copyrighted works through peer-to-peer [P2P] file sharing on campus networks," the memo said. "Institutions must take their obligations under the act seriously and make good faith effort to comply as they would with any new federal law. But the law is unclear in certain respects, and ambiguities will need to be clarified through the regulatory process."

While such vagueness has made the future of file sharing unclear at Elon, certainties do exist. According to Chris Fulkerson, assistant vice president for technology, the university will be taking many steps to reduce the amount of illegal file-sharing on campus.

"Once a year minimum, we must educate the population on downloading, file sharing and consequences," he said.

The school is also reducing

Ruckus: The Facts

PROS:

- Free downloads of 2.5 million tracks, 4,000 TV shows and movies
- Don't have to be on campus to access it
- 100% legal, virus free and available to anyone who has a valid school e-mail address
- Curbs illegal downloading

CONS:

- Can't burn to CDs
- Can't transfer to mp3 players
- Won't stop all illegal downloading
- User name and login required

bandwidth, the speed at which data can be transferred, to sites and programs that are popular for illegal file-sharing, such as Limewire.

"Think of it as a pipe," Fulkerson said. "It's the amount of information that can go through."

By reducing bandwidth to such sites, students will find downloading content extremely slow and difficult.

Fulkerson said that under the act, the school must also keep track of Internet Protocol addresses (IP addresses) on the campus network. Each individual computer on a network is assigned a unique IP address, which is represented numerically and tracks the user's activity.

"The act is going to tell us how long we keep network logs so that we can trace transactions such as downloading music to a certain person," Fulkerson said. The school can then be contacted and asked to provide the identity of individuals who illegally download music.

Fulkerson said that over the course of one day last week, the Recording Industry Association of America contacted the university about "six violations where someone on campus is illegally sharing copyrighted music."

"They expect us to tell them who it is and how to contact that person," he said.

In an effort to combat illegal

downloading on campus, the school is considering providing the program Ruckus or another similar site for students, which would allow them to legally download music, television shows and movies for free. Users are required to log in to the program and do not have to be on campus to use it.

According to the program's Web site, college students can enjoy "unlimited free downloads from a music library of over 2.5 million tracks and over 4,000 movies and TV programs. Ruckus music downloads are 100 percent legal, virus free and available to anyone who has a valid school [edu] e-mail address."

The university was approached to offer the service in the past, but for a fee to be borne by either the school or its students. Recently, Ruckus has entered an agreement with the North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities, and Elon can now provide the program to students for free. Advertisements will provide revenue for the program.

Though students can download music for free, they cannot burn tracks to CDs or transfer them to mp3 players. As such, some users of the program recognize its drawbacks.

John Burton, a freshman at the University of Miami, where Ruckus is provided for students, said that while he does use the program he does not think that it stops many students from illegally downloading music.

"Just because of the fact that you can't burn it to CDs, it kind of defeats the purpose," he said.

Blake Qua, a freshman at Elon, said she thinks Ruckus is a good idea and that Elon students would use it. Though she uses iTunes to download music, she thinks that those who download music illegally would recognize the benefits of Ruckus.

"I think that if I did use Limewire, I would use [Ruckus] instead," Qua said. "It sounds like a much more efficient and safer way to download music than doing it illegally."

ORGANIZATION BRIEFS

Elon Outdoors advisers needed

Elon Outdoors is looking for faculty advisors to help supervise trips. All expenses will be paid.

If you have any questions about adviser responsibilities, contact dbearley@elon.edu.

PRSA Professional Development Seminar Sept. 12

The School of Communications will host the PRSA Tar Heel Chapter Seminar, "Surviving the Flames: Crisis Communications from the Pros Who Invented It." It will feature speakers from Columbine Crisis, Tylenol Crisis and more.

Registration for annual Invisible Children Walk-A-Thon due Sept. 19

Teams of five to 10 people must register for the event, which will help build a school in Uganda. A speaker from Gulu in Uganda is also planned to appear. Registration is \$15. The walk-a-thon will take place from 4-8 p.m. on Oct. 11.

NPHC Celebration Week

Learn about the history of African American fraternities and sororities. As a part of Elon's National Pan-Hellenic Council's Celebration Week, Lawrence C. Ross Jr. will speak at 7 p.m. in Whitley Auditorium. Ross is the author of *The Divine Nine: The History of African American Fraternities and Sororities*.

Photojournalist Mark Moffet to rally for nature

The Liberal Arts Forum will host its first speaker of the semester, acclaimed photojournalist and ecologist Mark Moffett at 7:30 p.m. in the LaRose Digital Theatre in the Koury Business Center. He will present "An Engaging Look at Nature and Why It's Worth Protecting." Moffett has traveled around the world, shooting photos for multiple National Geographic covers. He has also appeared on *The Colbert Report* and *Late Night with Conan O'Brien*.

Illegal downloading: An artist's perspective

For many, it's hard to truly understand the ramifications of illegally downloading music. The recording industry has suffered greatly. According to the Institute of Policy Innovation, "projected losses from illegal downloading worldwide to U.S. record companies are at \$3.7 billion."

How do those losses affect those behind the scenes, and how do they feel about the new provisions in the Higher Education Opportunity Act? Keegan Calliger, reporter for *The Pendulum* spoke with Randy Nichols, manager for bands such as Underoath, The Starting Line, Say Anything, Hit the Lights, The Almost and Person L to find out just how illegal file sharing affects those in the music industry.

Keegan Calliger: Do you believe that college students are a large portion of those who download music illegally?

Randy Nichols: Yes, college students are one of the many growing groups of downloaders. As more people of all age groups learn the ease of stealing, it will continue to grow.

KC: What do you think about the government's push to make illegal file sharing harder and take action against those who download music illegally?

RN: It's about time! The recording industry should spend more time showing downloaders the damage that downloading does to artists' careers, rather than only spending time attacking fans. I think if fans saw some of their favorite bands having to quit touring and recording because they can't afford to do it anymore, it may start changing people's minds. The government's push is still extremely misguided though; I caught the person who

stole an Underoath record from our studio and leaked it online and the FBI didn't see that as a crime, yet a 40 year-old mom in the suburbs who's kid downloaded Soulja Boy is somehow a criminal.

KC: How are you personally affected by illegal music sharing?

RN: I'm watching my band's income drop sharply over the last few years and I take a percentage of their income to run their business, so I have less money to pay my bills. I'm now forced to manage more bands and give each of my bands less time because I need to work more in volume than quality because individual bands are making less money. If the business continues to decline I may be forced to leave the business because I won't be able to pay my bills.

KC: Do you think that college students truly understand the ramifications of downloading illegal music?

RN: They know it's illegal, but there are no real repercussions and until ISP's and the government start properly enforcing and educating, it will continue.

KC: Do you support the idea of providing free, legal music downloading for students?

RN: Only if the colleges are going to create software that can recognize what songs are downloaded and use a portion of student's tuition to pay the people who recorded those songs. Truly free music that doesn't involve artist compensation is just taking advantage of artists. I doubt any student wants to take a job that doesn't pay

them. Musicians start making music for their love of it, but at some point, they need to pay their bills, too. Students are in school to further themselves and be sure they can get great jobs. Why should their work to better themselves be at the advantage of artists?

KC: How do you think illegal file sharing has affected the music industry?

RN: It's drastically cut the amount of CDs sold. Therefore, record companies are spending less money to promote new artists. Downloading doesn't hurt major, well-known acts as much, but it makes it much harder to break new bands because no one wants to invest money into a baby band, especially when its core audience is people who will most likely steal the product. Overall, the music industry is shrinking as countless people are leaving to work in businesses that have a product people actually value. At some point, you're crazy to work in a business when your product is something that your core customer believes should be free as the air they breathe.

KC: Anything else you'd want to say to a college student about illegal file sharing?

RN: Will you let me and my bands come live in your house and feed us meals for free when we can no longer survive because our product no longer has any value?



Proposed shared-use paths give safer sidewalks, lighting

Hannah Williams
Reporter

The town of Elon is considering a plan to extend alternative commuters space on the road. Elon's Board of Aldermen decided whether to accept the Bicycle, Pedestrian and Lighting Plan that aims to create new sidewalks, bicycle lanes, shared-use paths, safer intersections and increased lighting at its regular meeting on Sept. 9.

Jesse Day, Piedmont Triad Council of Governments regional planner, presented the plan to the board during its agenda-setting meeting Sept. 2.

"This comprehensive plan will enhance walkability and bikeability of Elon and increase safety and security," said Day.

According to the plan, which would be implemented over the next 20 years, the aim is for Elon to have by 2030 "a pedestrian, bicycle and lighting system that will tie major residential areas together, providing students and residents [with] safe and well-lit access from residential areas to campus academic and recreational facilities and the downtown."

Town Planner Sean Tencer said that accepting the plan will help the town win grants to fund the developments.

Residents, committee members and interested parties prioritized plan initiatives, said alderman Ron Klepcyk.

Jean Toms, a senior who lives about a mile northeast of campus on Haggard Avenue, expressed her support for the plan.

"The way the traffic whizzes up and down that road, I really am worried about their [students'] safety. I'm anxious to see this done for the students as well as for myself."

Day projected high use of the paths proposed in the combined bicycle, pedestrian lighting plan as, "If you



DAVID WELLS | PHOTO EDITOR

Currently there is no bike path on Haggard Avenue, forcing students to choose between biking on the sidewalk with pedestrians or on the street with cars. Bicycle lanes are proposed to be installed here.

build it, they will come."

Construction costs for the proposed project total \$8.9 million to be spent over the next 20 years: \$2.6 million for 7.5 miles of sidewalk, \$3.5 million for 12.1 miles of bicycle lanes and \$2.8 million for 6.2 miles of shared use paths. The town, Elon University and Twin Lakes Retirement Community will share the cost of implementing the plan.

The plan seeks funding from multiple sources including private grants, state grants and the North Carolina Department of Transportation Improvement Program. Raises in property taxes and gas taxes may also be used to fund the project.

Top priorities identified included:

- Sidewalks along Williamson, Lebanon and Haggard avenues
- Shared-use paths for both pedestrians and cyclists along Williamson Avenue, connecting Beth Schmidt Park and Ball Park Rd. and a shared-use ramp leading from Twin Lakes to the shared use path
- Bicycle lanes on Williamson, Haggard and Westbrook avenues
- Intersection safety improvements at six locations
- Lighting improvements in various corridors, especially University Avenue

locations, and not have to get into my car and drive around," said Toms.

She hopes that the new plan would make this possible in Elon.

Board members Klepcyk and Mark Greene, Town Manager Michael Dula and Tencer said the town's budget may be unable to absorb the costs of the proposed plan along with other developments and budgetary demands.

The full plan is available on the town's Web site: www.elonnc.com.

The potential tax raise is yet to be determined and depends on the amount of grant money awarded.

Day highlighted that Elon residents would likely benefit from an improvement in quality of life and increased property values of about 5 to 7 percent if the plan were implemented.

"My ideal place to live would be in a community where there is a small grocery store, a drugstore, a coffee shop, a restaurant and a library close by and to be able to bike to those

For the board's results check out www.elon.edu/pendulum.



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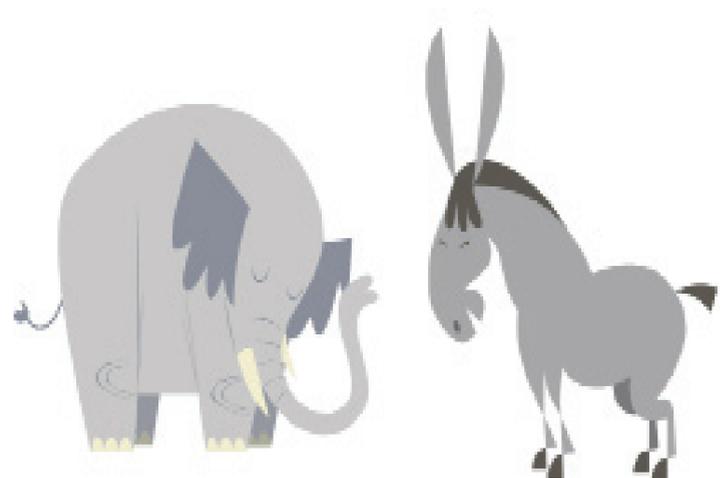
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If the Elon administration approves the project, a Starbucks may be appearing in The Zone in Moseley Center. The project, which would take between 22 and 24 weeks to complete from planning to opening, has already been tested in student focus groups.

Starbucks may be newest Moseley shake up

Andie Diemer
News Editor

The Zone may soon be serving up more than SubLive, open mic and exam jam nights. In the latest move to makeover Moseley Center, the administration is considering constructing a Starbucks where The Zone is currently located.

Director of Auxiliary Services Vickie Somers said they are in the process of working with Starbucks, which has a very specific process to follow.

"We have met with their representatives so they could evaluate

the space and they think a Starbucks would work well in the space," she said.

The next steps require the university to provide information about the electrical, plumbing and mechanical setup of the room. Electronic drawings prepared by an architect that detail the space, called CAD drawings, have also been submitted.

"Starbucks will study these drawings and submit planning documents to Elon along with a cost to proceed with the project," Somers said. "It is at this stage that Elon will decide whether or not to proceed with

the project."

If Elon approves the project it will take between 22 and 24 weeks to follow the design to completion.

"From information received from students in focus groups we were told a coffee shop in this location will be well received," Somers said. "Starbucks is a well-known brand among our students but, if the cost is prohibitive, we will certainly consider other vendors."

As with all new projects in dining services, sustainability is always taken highly into consideration, Somers said.

Why move when you can take the house with you?

Holland house to be sent to south campus next summer

Holland House, home to the Periclean Scholars, faculty and staff center, and the Leisure and Sports Management Department, will be physically moved to south campus next summer.

According to Neil Bromilow, director of construction management, the design is just starting out. It will free up room where the academic pavilions currently stand.

The house used to function as the president's home before Maynard House was constructed.

Check back in next week's issue for the full story.



DAVID WELLS | Photo Editor

Elon considers joining research campus

Duke University and NC State are among the universities that will partner with the new North Carolina Research Campus

Pam Richter
Reporter

There's no doubt about it — Elon is growing. And with a law campus recently completed in Greensboro and numerous construction projects happening on campus, its expansion does not show any signs of slowing. Now, a new possibility for growth has been located 90 miles south on Route 85.

On Aug. 18, Elon University's Academic Affairs Council traveled to the North Carolina Research Campus, located north of Charlotte in Kannapolis, N.C. Members of the council wanted to learn more about the facility, according to Paul Parsons, dean of the School of Communications.

They met with facility officials and took a tour of the campus and its surrounding area.

"From what I hear, this could someday be the beginning of a new research triangle park in the state," said Parsons, who is a member of the Academic Affairs Council.

According to the facility's Web site, it will focus on nutrition, health and biotechnology research. David Murdock, owner of Dole Foods Company, Inc., is the visionary behind the project. Murdock owns a residence in Kannapolis, near the future research campus.

The university is unsure of exactly how Elon would become involved with the facility, which is still under construction. Several sites are slated to open this year, with the rest of the planned structures opening within the next two years. Currently, Elon's presence on the campus is only a possibility.

The companies that will be present on the campus include the Dole-NC State Institute for Advanced

Fruit and Vegetable Science, the UNC Center for Excellence in Nutrition and LabCorp.

Many area schools, such as UNC Chapel Hill, NC State University and UNC Greensboro have already confirmed partnership with the campus. Appalachian State is the most recent to join. As of now, Duke University is the only private university to partner with the facility.

The campus will have state-of-the-art resources and lab equipment. Elon's involvement could potentially help the university continue to develop its already nationally-known undergraduate research program.

"We feel that this [research campus] has this potential to be big in this state," Parsons said. "Already, the flagship universities have built buildings and are creating programs there."

NEWS IN BRIEF

University looking for input for next provost

The committee that will choose a new provost is holding three forums to gain community insight. They will be held Sept. 10 from 12:15-1:30 p.m. and 3:30-4:45 p.m. and Sept. 11 from 3:30-4:45 p.m.

You can also give input by contacting a member of the committee in person or sending an email to provostsearch@elon.edu.

Sept. 16 last day to change meal plan

By 4 p.m. a request must be submitted to <https://www.elon.edu/webservices/mealplan>.

News & Record taking student submissions

The News & Record is looking for student-submitted content. The Greensboro newspaper wants short essays or videos about the ways the Internet has changed or affected your life. Send submissions to opinions@news-record.com. They'll be considered for a Sept. 21 package.

Study Abroad Forum abstract submissions due Sept. 12

Students and professors who studied or researched overseas are invited to share their work at the inaugural Study Abroad Forum Nov. 11, 4:15-7:15 p.m. in McKinnon Hall. The forum highlights academic achievements of the university community resulting from study abroad experience.

To submit an abstract or learn more, visit <http://www.elon.edu/e-web/academics/saf>.

Nancy Rutland makes endowment gift

Nancy Rutland, parent of senior Jason Spitzer, made a \$50,000 gift to establish the Nancy E. Rutland and Jason R. Spitzer Endowment to assist deserving students majoring in political science.

Spin classes now at South Campus

Group exercise cycling classes will be held at Harden Clubhouse by the south campus intramural fields.

Beginner cycling is Mondays from 12:30-1:15 p.m. Cycling is Tuesdays from 6:30-7:15 a.m. and Thursdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Interval Cycling is Fridays from 12:30-1:15 p.m.

Be "Welcomed to the City" with the Piedmont Triad Alumni Chapter on Sept. 11

New to the city? The Piedmont Triad wants to welcome you at 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 11. The event will take place at the Chop House Grille in High Point, N.C. on Meeting Way Street.

elondocs Interest Meeting Sept. 15

elondocs, a program for documentary students, will hold an informational meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 15 in Studio B of the McEwen.

The program encourages and oversees student-produced documentary productions, offers screenings and encourages collaborations.

For more information, contact J. McMerty (jmcmerty@elon.edu) or Nicole Triche (ntriche@elon.edu).

Brown & Co. extending hours

Beginning Sept. 11, Brown & Co. will extend its hours on Thursday and Friday nights until 4 a.m.

A night owl breakfast menu, including french toast, biscuits, eggs and loaded hash browns, will be available on these days from 10 p.m. until 4 a.m.

Editorial

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

Graduate schools threaten undergraduate success

Over the past few years, the university has launched graduate programs and has made announcements about those already in place with such alacrity it's amazing E-net has had enough space to contain the excitement.

Earlier this month, E-net postings crowded about Elon's newest initiative, the new graduate program in interactive media.

The hiring of faculty, class recruitment and facility preparation for the master's degree in interactive media as well as development for the School of Law are both high on the university's 2008-2009 institutional priorities.

Communications students covet the high-tech editing suites in the basement of McEwen. During the semester, they are constantly occupied by broadcast, corporate, cinema and journalism majors working on class projects and extracurricular activities. When those fill up, the next option is the computer lab upstairs, but there are only nine tape decks to allow the tedious logging and capturing of video. And it is nearly impossible to do professional voiceovers in a crowded lab.

Don't even think about trying to check out a camera for the weekend without making a reservation — they'll all be gone.

At the undergraduate level, materials required for students to complete required coursework are limited. What is going to happen to undergraduate needs when even more graduate students are given access?

“ Why should undergraduates suffer from administrations' obsession with collecting graduate schools? „

Stresses on resources are already being felt as existing graduate programs edge out undergraduates.

Undergraduates in McMichael share the building (in which space is so limited, Organic Chemistry is now being taught in Koury Business Center this semester) with the graduate physical therapy students.

There are two computers in the chemistry library on the first floor and a lab on the third floor. Students find themselves running up three flights of stairs to print an assignment when the two on the first floor are invariably occupied.

Elon now has five graduate programs, four of which reside on campus. And there have recently been rumors of a graduate pharmacology or physician's assistant school.

With the recent emphasis on graduate and endowment programs it seems that the university's concerns for undergraduate developments are being pushed by the wayside.

Elon is a small undergraduate university, which is a large part of its appeal, but despite its best efforts, it also has limited space and resources.

These problems are compounded by the addition of graduate programs and students. Why should undergraduates suffer from the administration's obsession with collecting graduate schools?

Elon administration most likely sees this new abundance of graduate schools as a way to align the university with prestigious neighbors like Duke and Wake Forest.

Elon University is Elon University, not a UNC school, not Wake. Elon copying its competitors is not going to make the university shine.

The administration is always harping about the campus' need for diversity. That war cry needs to encompass the university's uniqueness as an institution as well as its population.

Elon's exceptionalism is inherent in its traditions aggrandizing the importance of the student body and students' growth as global citizens and free-thinking individuals.

By dangerously inflating the student population and stretching the limits of school faculty and facilities, Elon is no longer doing the best thing for the student body and is not paying attention to real academia concerns like student fulfillment and resources. Elon is doing the best thing for its image, not its undergraduates.

Letters to the Editor

The office of Academic Advising appreciates the Sept. 3 Pendulum article "Elon 101 personality tests restructured." It clearly explained that the Myers-Briggs Type Instrument (MBTI) is still available to students.

However, it inadvertently gave the MBTI powers it clearly does not have. No single self-assessment of any type can match students with a major or choose professions. The Elon 101 program does not advocate using results of the MBTI in this way.

Instead, the MBTI is just one form of self-assessment that students may use to examine their preferences regarding their energy sources, what they attend to when gathering information, how they prefer to make decisions, and how they may choose to manage their day-to-day routines. As with any type of self-assessment, there are limitations to how the results may be interpreted and used.

Implications drawn from any assessment, including the MBTI, are personal, contextualized and considered in light of many more individual characteristics. Academic Advising seeks to use the MBTI responsibly.

Becky Olive-Taylor
Associate Dean of Academic Support

Earlier this year Sen. Obama finally repudiated Rev. Wright's anti-American, anti-white and anti-Israel sermons, because he had to do it to save his presidential campaign. Wright repeatedly used these sermons over the past 20 years at the Trinity United Church of Christ, where Obama has been a member for the past 20 years. Sen. Obama had to hear these sermons or discussed them with other members of the church, but he did not leave the church, he did not question Wright and his sermons, and he did not counter the sermons in any way.

Wright stated: the U.S. invented HIV to wipe out blacks, the U.S. committed terrorism when we dropped the atomic bombs over Hiroshima and Nagasaki and the U.S. brought on the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks because of our foreign policy. Wright also used the phrase "God Damn America." Wright endorses Louis Farrakhan, the leader of the Nation of Islam, who is a fanatical extremist spewing hateful remarks about whites, females, Catholics, Jews and gays.

Do we want an inexperienced and untested president who will just sit and listen to and appease the anti-U.S. ranting of Amadinejad, Assad, Chavez, Castro and Kim Jong Il? Do we want a novice dealing with China and Russia?

Donald A. Moskowitz
(political Independent)
Londonderry, NH

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Impatient campus should slow down and take a breather

Student time is precious and Elon's campus is rigged with time-sucking traps.

There is waiting in the pasta line at Pan Geos and the Campus Shop. Another ambush manifests in the agonizing torture of having precious seconds wasted away while the library computer reboots.

Others must suffer from an excruciating wait on the Brown & Co staff to finally come out with the Killer Cookie and Varsity waitress to serve the much-anticipated Burlington Bomber.

Examples of student impatience are ubiquitous throughout campus.

Octagon at peak hours is filled with young individuals shaking their Phoenix cards impatiently, rolling their eyes and tapping their feet while they wait for Chick-fil-A fries to arrive or to pay for their meal.

The unhappy grumble is audible when someone pulls out a credit card to pay for his or her meal instead of the quick easy swipe of a Phoenix card.

It is not just the students — the administration is equally affected by this chronic impatience. Look at the assortment of graduate schools the university is assembling, the constant construction projects, the harried updating and upgrading of campus.

The great organ of Elon is growing constantly and consistently, often independently of alumni and student opinion.

What is the cause of this unremitting intolerance for rest and delay? Why has stopping for a pedestrian walking across Williamson Avenue become an intolerable waste of time?

Why do students refuse to buy the books they need for class because the Campus Shop line is too long?

Yes, sometimes other time constraints are justified — late for class or there is a paper due — but this impatience is too omnipresent to be easily explained by busy schedules.

The collegiate generation is not used to waiting. It is the media and technologies that were invented and implemented to save us time that feed this disease of impatience.

Students can now receive grades instantaneously via Blackboard and track BioBuses through a GPS system, which is a fairly ridiculous luxury since trams really do not travel more than 15 minutes in any direction. We are spoiled by the innovation that helps the student body grow more efficient.

This speed-of-light technology movement is not purely an Elon phenomenon, it is fueled by society's greater dependence on electronic medium and invention.

A college student's world is defined by electronic media. Between waking up to an alarm clock radio, flipping on the television for weather updates, and scanning nytimes.com for headlines, the electronic media provides constant access.

As a result of overexposure to electronic media, the collegiate generation has evolved into consumers with demands generated by the television and the Internet that do not always translate in the real non-dial-up, non-TiVo world.

College students are accustomed to instant information and constant connection. Standing in line for 10 minutes in a grocery store or waiting the three to five business days for a package to be delivered has become almost unbearable. After all, there are no waiting lines on the Internet.

What can be done to combat this crippling impatience? Should computers be chucked and people migrate to the woods and live without Internet and electronics?

As with any addiction, acceptance and realization are the first steps. It is important to remember that the inorganic and the non-living buttons of cold technology should rule no life. Just take a deep breath and wait.

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Opinions

Palin's gender does not overshadow inexperience

After an historic and enthusiastic Democratic National Convention, whereby Sen. Barack Obama was officially nominated and practically canonized by his party, Sen. John McCain had to do several things with a vice presidential pick in order to sufficiently enthrone the Republican



Amanda Duberman
Columnist

base and lure independent voters.

He needed to shore up support among social conservatives, appeal to disaffected Clinton voters with nowhere to turn and quell fears about his age by choosing a qualified candidate for commander in chief. It seems to

Republicans, two out of three ain't bad.

But it's dangerous.

If McCain were as young and sprightly as his Democratic opponent, his vice presidential pick may have been slightly less alarming.

McCain promised to be circumspect

and honest with himself and the American people in choosing his vice presidential candidate, but the selection of Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin as his running mate suggests otherwise.

Palin appears authentic and unaffected and enjoys an unusually high approval rating in her home state. This does not give her license to partake in serious decisions regarding the most strategically important area of the world.

After less than two years of executive experience, there is scant evidence she can sustain order and promote progress in a state that the 2000 U.S. Census Bureau ranked 48th when ordered by population size, and even less to suggest she can run the world's third largest country in the throes of an economic and geopolitical quagmire.

McCain's decision is irresponsible and fraught with ulterior motives.

McCain's commitment to serving the country has been duly noted throughout the course of this campaign, but he has clearly acquiesced to the pressures of presidential politics and will continue to do so should he be elected.

Still, the move harbors more than

minimal tact. A discussion of Palin's inexperience invites a discussion of Obama's thin record.

A question about Palin's foreign policy credentials is inevitably followed by a question about Obama's. She is palatable among social conservatives.

The summer months have been rife with railing accusations against Obama's inexperience, and McCain's vice presidential choice abrogates the spirit and tenor of his entire campaign.

The Arizona senator has run an implicitly experience-driven campaign — continually flouting Obama's naiveté and promising to send a prepared ticket to the White House.

With his selection of Palin as a running mate, McCain has effectively taken the experience issue off the table, without which he will have a very difficult time luring undecided voters.

It's clear that the McCain camp made this choice in part to appeal to millions of women who were strong supporters of Sen. Clinton's bid for the presidency.

But women are not a monolith. The lack of a Y chromosome has never been paired with an inability to think independently and women have made that abundantly clear.

Sen. Hillary Clinton had more to offer than feminine pronouns. Her campaign drew those concerned with women's rights, as well as a strong gay and lesbian coalition.

Palin, on the other hand, is an amenable servant to the far right, favoring creationism based curriculums in schools and opposing a woman's right to an abortion, even in cases of rape or incest.

Furthermore, Palin strongly opposes health care reform that even approaches a single payer system, one of Clinton's most salient platforms.

Choosing to run with an individual who happens to be the same gender as many of Clinton's most ardent supporters and expecting them to jump ship is the lowest and most insulting form of pandering. Clinton loyalists will not allow an anti-choice Republican to ride on the coattails of the former first lady's historic campaign.

By choosing Palin as his potential second-in-command in the White House, McCain demonstrated a reckless abandonment of the ideals on which he has staked his entire campaign as well as a blatant disregard for national security and the common good.

Going green was not always hip and trendy

Was it Leonardo DiCaprio's "Vanity Fair" cover? Did it happen with Cameron Diaz's MTV series?

Or maybe it was when Target introduced canvas shopping bags.

When exactly did "being green" become trendy?

Just over the course of the past year, environmentalism has turned into popular culture, but there are few who can say that they actually

cared about the environment enough to do something about it before it was cool.



Rachel Cieri
Columnist

I remember being eight years old and walking down the nature trail in my neighborhood, disgusted by the beer bottles, plastic bags and cigarettes that marred what

should have been a beautiful nature sanctuary.

That's when my friend and I decided to trek down the street with gloves, trash bags and my little red wagon for our first beautification effort.

Much to the distaste of our mothers, who were sure we'd acquire deadly

diseases, we journeyed into the wild brush to drag out as much trash, as we could fit in the wagon.

In high school, I was ahead of the trend.

To put it lightly, it was not popular to be "green," but I joined a little club of next-generation hippies in their quest to beautify the campus.

We took out the recycling, which the custodial staff did not bother to separate from the general trash and pushed around gigantic green recycling bins filled with more than a hundred pounds of paper.

We scoured the campus for litter, spent weekends planting trees, and wore the ever-fashionable orange vests on our highway-cleanups.

Were we applauded for our efforts?

On the contrary, students would point and laugh at the tree-huggers lugging the recycling bins.

In those days, environmentalists didn't have witty slogan T-shirts or trendy canvas bags, nor did they care about them.

The "going green" phenomenon has become more than a movement; from the twist on Kermit the Frog's "It's not easy being green," to the "Lil Green Patch" Facebook application, it has permeated pop culture and been reduced to a trend, something that goes in and out of style.

Take, for instance, the Rock the Vote campaign of the presidential 2004 election.

It sold T-shirts by the thousands, featured celebrity endorsements and was even seen on popular programs like MTV's "Total Request Live," but the trend only lasted through the election. It made a difference, sure, but the "Rock the Vote" slogan tees have long since disappeared from the street.

How long will it take before the little canvas totes are taken off the shelves and stuffed into the backs of closets?

How long will public interest last before Styrofoam cups are once again

the norm?

For the green movement to last, it takes more than a Facebook application to sustain.

It involves an entire change of mindset and lifestyle.

It takes caring about what the earth would look like if humanity continued at the rate it is going.

It means being genuinely concerned for the fate of wildlife losing its home, and wanting to make a difference whether or not it's the popular thing to do.

So here's to the original tree-huggers, who stuck with the cause through thick and thin. They are the real trend-setters.

Tailgating policy change causes student unrest

As rain falls upon the open trunk of a blue Toyota 4Runner, one can hardly make out the words of the country song struggling to leave the car's water-filled speakers.

Some fraternity men in brightly colored shorts venture to continue their festivities in the rain, while others huddle underneath the tent with sorority girls in Lily Pulitzer dresses.



Hunter Gros
Columnist

It's depressing, not because of the rain, but because all of Elon's Greek life tailgating community can fit underneath one pitched tent. What made this once-popular event become a barren

space of asphalt and watered-down music?

It was the missing presence of the two fraternities that helped to create the vibrant tailgate atmosphere. While one fraternity did not attend the tailgate due to poor pre-event organization, the other purposely boycotted the school function.

Patrick Holloway, a well-respected member within his organization and a member of Elon's Interfraternity Council (IFC) executive council, stated that his organization boycotted the tailgate due to the way in which the administration was implementing changes.

Although a tailgating committee was formed in Spring 2008, it only had two student representatives, one of which was representing both SGA and Greek life.

Charles Griffith, another executive member of IFC and member of the organization that failed to make proper arrangements before the event stated, "I think it is pretty obvious that the Greek community was not well represented [in the committee], because during all of the [IFC] discussions we had last year on this

issue, we emphasized that there should be absolutely no change to the system as it was."

The new tailgating policy has very few actual changes, but without the proper student representation, rules such as one vehicle per organization have created uncomfortable situations for some students.

"The idea that students had to bring their own beer to the tailgate and not allowing them to put their beer in the truck caused great concern. I don't think any student, 21 or not, feels comfortable walking across campus with a cooler full of a six-pack of beer," Holloway said.

With the large turnout for the first football game, the return of both organizations for the next tailgate, and the lukewarm reception by those who went to the tailgate, many would view this boycott as a failure.

But the boycott was a success. Not only did the first tailgate feel like going to an empty rock concert, but the tailgate further proved Greek lives, which accounts for 35 percent of the student body population, disapproves of making policies with low student representation.

"You just can't drop a bomb like that right before so many people were looking to have some good old fashioned fun for their first weekend back at Elon," Holloway said.

The tailgating situation is just another example of the large changes that are occurring throughout Elon's social life on campus.

Are these changes being done for student safety? Or in order to create a positive image to the general public, and erase the images of hula-skirted students stumbling out of West End station? Maybe a little bit of both.

What is certain is that as the administration makes changes to campus life, students want to be present, involved and have more than two hand-picked students represent the student body.



Log-in rules of thumb

Shelley Russell
Special Projects Editor

Never share your password

Scam e-mails

Students have received warning e-mails about scams asking for a username and password.

"The university will never ask you for a username and password electronically," Waters said. "Why would we ask you? We already have that information in our database."

After sending out a recent warning e-mail about a scam message, Fulkerson received 25 e-mails in response, with students sending him their usernames and passwords because they had not thoroughly read the e-mail.

Last year's figures revealed that about 600,000 messages pass through the Elon networks each day, 90 percent of which are filtered out as spam.

Relationships

No matter how trusting a personal relationship may seem, it's never a good idea to give your password out. Heinrichs said she doesn't even share her password with her spouse.

"Even in the most trusting relationship, it's good to protect yourself," Heinrichs said. "The more people who are aware, the higher the risk you run."

Be careful with 'reminder questions'

Forgot your password? Just ask the computer for a question: "Mom's maiden name?" All a hacker needs to do is log on to www.familysearch.org and spend a few minutes tracking down the information.

"I would suggest avoiding questions that use information about relatives," Heinrichs said. "A lot of that information is available in the public record."

Heinrichs, who has done genealogy work for her family, finds it easy to piece together information from various sources. If a reminder question is necessary for a Web user, it should avoid any information that can be traced easily online.

Never leave your computer unattended

Locking a computer when leaving it unattended is something that should become second nature to users. Information on the desktop may not be confidential, but any saved passwords or addresses can make it very simple for a hacker to find your personal information.

For PCs, pressing "Control L" will lock the computer. The Macintosh locking command can be enabled in the utilities folder.

Learning a valuable lesson: An E-net mistake that could cost you

Amanda Keener
Reporter

When former Elon student Matt Edds decided to put his golf clubs up for sale on E-net, he was happy when Paula Yates contacted him soon after the ad went up. Yates was headed to London, so she instructed Edds to carry out the transaction with one of her financial advisors.

Edds and Yates exchanged contact information and mailing addresses so that payments could be made.

"She asked for a payment address for the purpose of sending me money for the golf clubs," Edds said. "She also gave me the name of the person who I was supposed to give the clubs to."

But when Edds received the check, he realized that Yates had paid too much money.

"When I delivered the clubs, I paid the excess over to the middle man," Edds said.

"But when I cashed the check they sent me, it bounced."

Edds, discovering that he received a fake check, was left without golf clubs and without the money that he deserved in exchange.

"E-net's want ads are just like those you would see on Craigslist," said John David Parsons, web applications developer. "There is no way to prevent people on the Internet from viewing and requesting to buy the items you have on display."

Any scams that may occur while conducting business transactions through ads on E-net or otherwise can only be regulated by the user.

"Elon can only help when you are logging in," Parsons said. "This helps when people try to pull practical jokes on their friends. They may put something under their friend's name but because they logged in, we can track it back to them."

E-net is a secure Web site, indicated by the https at the beginning of the URL. The passwords and usernames of E-net users are invisible to hackers.

"E-net survived 17,000 hacking attempts last month alone," Parsons said.

But when it comes down to selling personal products to Internet users, discretion is necessary. Parsons suggests dealing in cash or PayPal.

"Only use checks when you meet the person face-to-face and have good contact information," Parsons said. "Also, do not deal with people outside of Elon if you are using Elon's E-net."

Bugs in the system

How helpful programs can be hurtful

Shelley Russell
Special Projects Editor

The helpful weather service may be free, but it still comes at a cost to your computer.

According to Fred Melchor, director of campus technology support, free software such as Weatherbug automatically installs Spyware or Malware on the computer.

"The poorly-written software allows companies to track your computer history," Melchor said. "The process is completely legal because they are not getting any of your personal information."

Although legal, the history-tracking software slows down computers because it is always running with other programs simultaneously.

Weatherbug isn't the only software that comes with Spyware. Melchor confirmed that most pieces of free software, such as downloadable screen savers, come with the extra component.



Top-secret!

Discouraging hackers and protecting accounts

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Special Projects Editor

Password Maintenance:

As freshmen, we received our Elon e-mail addresses and passwords, consisting of a series of random numbers and letters, before coming to campus. But, many seniors still have the same one that was assigned to them as a freshman. Elon's technology department recommends a password change every 120 days, but Chris Fulkerson, assistant vice president for technology, said that every six months is also a feasible timeframe for a password change.

"I don't mind a universal password as long as you change it on a regular basis," Fulkerson said. "Keeping a password for two or three years is too long."

Dr. Lynn Heinrichs, associate professor for computing science and business administration, takes extra precaution by using different passwords for her numerous online accounts.

"You don't want to use the same password or username for everything," Heinrichs said. "I usually vary both. In order for someone to gain access to your account, they have to know both pieces of information. Using the same username makes it that much easier."

While many students may have gotten away with keeping the same Elon e-mail password, a change is imminent.

"We are looking to force a change of password for system users," said Christopher Waters, director of information systems and technology.

Although a hacker would not likely be able to guess an Elon e-mail password, Fulkerson said that many people have access to the password over time, and it is better to play it safe by changing a password more frequently.

Creating a rock-solid password:

For avid Internet users, personal information on the Web includes much more than one's e-mail address. For many people, financial, medical and personal information lie in the endless abyss of hypertext markup language, available to billions of users 24 hours a day.

Password 101

1. Take a familiar phrase:

Twinkle Twinkle Little Star

2. Use the first letter of each word:

T T L S

3. Insert a date in the middle:

Strong Password: TT2008LS

A hacker-resistant password is a must. Fulkerson immediately discouraged the idea of using a last name, birth date or office building as a password component. Instead, he recommended a longer password with a combination of letters, symbols or numbers.

In addition, Fulkerson advocated against passwords that are actual words. Hackers with time on their hands will go through the dictionary if your password is a full word.

An ideal password, described by Waters and Fulkerson, is a common phrase, such as "Mary Had A Little Lamb." This would translate into the password: "MHALL." For additional security, Waters suggested adding a year in the middle of the word.

To protect students and track activity in violation of Elon's technology policies, university computers can now only be accessed with students' e-mail log-in.

"By law, no one under 16 years of age can use the computers in the library because they are uncensored," Waters said.

An un-crackable password should be unique, complicated and completely secret.

Personal profiles on the Web:

What options are available and how many students aren't taking advantage of them

Shelley Russell
Special Projects Editor

As the world moves from snail mail and paper applications to e-mail and online banking, the importance of the Internet has increased tenfold. And with a slue of online profiles for subscriptions, health insurance and job networking to name a few, the security of one's personal information lies only in the hands of the user.

But what precautions should be taken to avoid hackers and profile sabotage? Facebook, the current reigning social networking Web site, offers a security option that only allows friends of a Facebook member to view that person's profile. While this setting will protect Elon students from unwanted guests or hackers, many students don't see the need to hide any information.

In a random search for each class year at Elon, 84 percent of freshmen left their profiles visible, compared with 71 percent of juniors, 40 percent of sophomores and 29 percent of seniors.

"I think the [social networking] servers, in terms of the infrastructure, are very secure," said Chris Fulkerson, assistant vice president for technology. "But how do you screen people who join those social networks? Now Facebook is open to anyone, not just colleges and universities."

While Fulkerson was unaware of any online stalking incidents at Elon, he said he was concerned about the prevalence of incidents at other universities.

"Revealing too much information, even your class schedule, can lead to problems," Fulkerson said.

Lynn Heinrichs, associate professor for computing science and business administration, has had her own scares with having unwanted information on the Web. While running for an office, someone put her resume out on the Internet. It included her cell phone number and personal address.

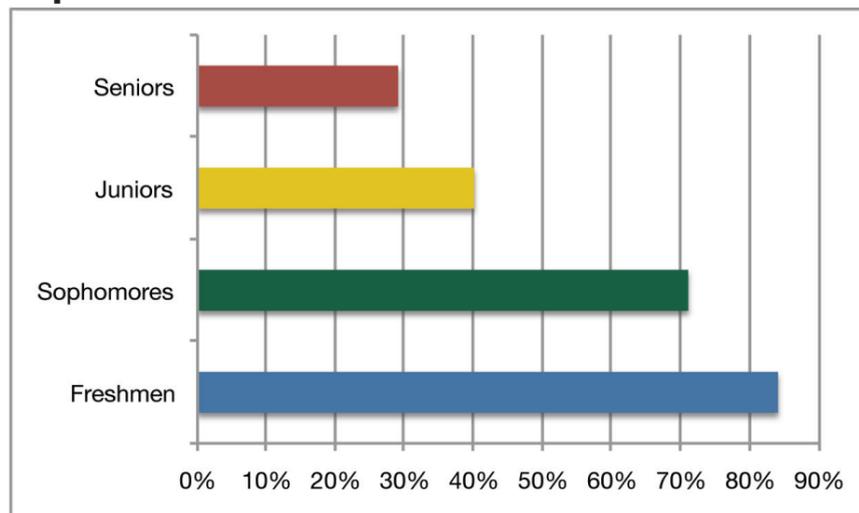
"One day, a friend from college who I hadn't talked to in 25 years, gave me a call," Heinrichs said. "I asked him, 'How in the world did you track me down and find my number?' He said that he found my resume on Google search."

Heinrichs recommends that frequent Web users search for themselves on Google periodically in order to see what information about them is available, and who else

shares their name.

"I think that whenever you put your personal information out on the Web, you always have to be careful," Heinrichs said. "You can always become more liberal with what you share, but it's harder to become more conservative once the cat's already out of the bag."

Unprotected Facebook Profiles



Data obtained according to an unscientific observational study of 754 Facebook users in the Elon University network conducted by *The Pendulum*. While 84 percent of freshmen have not yet made their profiles visible to only their Facebook friends, 29 percent of Elon seniors have implemented the security measure.

Techie Terms

When computers go on the fritz, it can be important to know the difference between one problem and the next

Shelley Russell
Special Projects Editor

Worms:

If someone's computer has a worm, the security of any personal information could be in jeopardy. Worms are parasites that find their way into a computer through holes in the system.

Fred Melchor, Director of Campus Technology Support, said that worms are created with the intention of stealing or bleeding information.

Many worms install key-loggers in computers, which will record every key pressed. This allows any bank account information, addresses, credit card numbers or passwords to become available to the worm creator.

Viruses:

These pieces of computer code are becoming outdated as worms are becoming more popular.

Viruses are pieces of computer code that are intended to do malicious or destructive things to the computer that they infect.

While Macintosh computers have not been hit as hard as PCs by worms and viruses, Melchor says it is only a matter of time.

"Mac systems are less concerned with ease of security because they haven't been in the business world for as long as PCs," Melchor said.

Now that more users have Macs, it is likely that worms and viruses will begin to appear on the computers more frequently.

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Style

Black lights and brilliant colors

Amanda Kennison
Reporter

When asked to describe a show depicting African mythology, things like black lights, puppets and multimedia shows probably would not be typical responses. But come Thursday night, this will not be the case.

Elon's Lyceum Committee, a group committed to bringing unique performances to the university, will sponsor a performance by ArcheDream for Humankind (ADHK). ADHK is a socially-conscious theater company that goes above and beyond the traditional idea of theatrical performance.

"The Lyceum Committee tries to bring shows that are different from what the university already has," said George Troxler, dean of cultural and special programs and Lyceum Committee chair. "[ADHK] is really different from anything we've ever done."

This troupe is so different because of its presentation. ADHK fuses original music, various dance forms, computer generated backdrops and handcrafted masks and costumes to tell its stories. These elements come together under black light technology, which makes the already distinctive look truly pop.

The message behind all the lights and colors proves equally important. ADHK's mission statement stresses its social efforts, and its intent for its performances "to surpass social and language barriers to reach a universal audience, both young



What: ArcheDream for Humankind
When: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11
Where: McCrary Theatre
Admission: \$12 or free with Elon ID

and old, through art."

With this in mind, ADHK strives to present ancient African myths in a way that reaches a contemporary audience. Its aim is to promote communication between the past and present by taking a colorful journey through varied cultures.

A lot of the company's shows deal with moral fables and traditional folklore that have been passed down through the centuries. Yet its showmanship provides a modern twist that the audience can relate to.

"It's important for us to understand and have an appreciation of cultures so different from our own," Troxler said. "But the show is a lot of moral fables. It's a tradition we respect, and their morals are the same as ours."

ADHK has a number of different shows that appeal to various ages. At Elon, the group will be performing "Dark Blue." The group's Web site describes the show as a "magical journey through the elements of Earth, Air, Water and Fire." As an added bonus to the visual and mythical appeal of the show, school-spirit minded people will be glad to know that a Phoenix will make an appearance in the performance.

Whether you are interested in history, culture, visual arts, performance or just a fan of pretty colors, ADHK has something for you.

"Dark Blue" is the first ticketed performance of the year. If you are interested in attending the show, pick up a ticket at the box office in the Center for the Arts. Hours are 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Tickets are free for Elon students, faculty and staff.



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More information about the group and the show can be found at their website, www.archedream.com. The site has performance clips, examples of the group's character designs, as well as music available for purchase.

Painting murals for the movement

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A&E Editor

During the last three weeks in October, Elon will host internationally renowned artist Gustavo Chavez Pavon as an artist-in-residence. Pavon, who is based in Mexico City, will paint a mural on the YMCA building on Main Street in Burlington as a collaboration between the university, the Alamance Community YMCA and the Alamance County Arts Council.

Tom Arcaro, professor of sociology and director of Project Pericles, has been working with a committee since May to arrange the project. The mural will be painted in Pavon's original style, but what the mural looks like will depend on what the community wants.

Focus groups will be conducted to determine what images are most important to and representative of the local community. The Burlington community will not only be involved in the planning, but also in the actual painting. Pavon will sketch it out, but anyone who wants to can help paint.

"We hope that it will be a positive bringing together of the community," Arcaro said.

The proposal for the project is titled "Many Visions, One Community," a concept that Pavon is familiar with. He is famous for involving youth in his projects and molding his work to different communities' values.

Pavon's paintings can be found all over the world in countries like Mexico, Germany, Spain, Denmark and the Netherlands. He was also the first artist to paint on the wall between Palestine and Israel.

"To Gustavo, art is not just a pretty picture," Arcaro said. "Art is a political or social statement."

Arcaro's connection to Pavon goes back to the Periclean Scholars Class of 2008's trip to Chiapas, Mexico last January. The class was originally supposed to work with a school in San Andreas, but political turmoil in the area made it unsafe for them to work there. They found a new two-room school close by in Chapas and ran into Pavon, who had been painting murals, at a New Year's celebration.

"The planets aligned just perfectly so that Gustavo had a five-day window when we were working at the school," Arcaro said.

The Periclean Scholars painted a mural on the outside of the school with Pavon, and they learned about the Zapatistas movement in Mexico. The group



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Class of 2008 Periclean Scholars help artist Gustavo Chavez Pavon paint a mural on the outside of the school they were working repairing. They met him during their trip to Chiapas, Mexico.

works to protect the rights of indigenous people and regain space for teaching children to be proud of their Mayan heritage. The Periclean Scholars documented the situation and their time with Pavon in their film "Painting Without Permission," which will screen while Pavon is here.

Arcaro said he thinks that Pavon's mural will be an effective way to spread the message of unity because of the visual and emotional nature of art.

"There is much that can be said through linear communication but there's much that you can't say,"

Arcaro said. "Art can evoke a message that you can't get any other way."

Arcaro is currently looking for students who want to help host Pavon and his son during their visit. They speak minimal English, so students are needed to translate. Students are also welcome to help conduct the focus groups and help paint the mural. Anyone who is interested in helping should contact Arcaro at 336-278-6442 or arcaro@elon.edu.

TUNING IN THIS FALL

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ABC

Grey's Anatomy (Sept. 25)

When the doctors at Seattle Grace last appeared on the small screen, Meredith (Ellen Pompeo) and Derek (Patrick Dempsey) finally faced their feelings and got back together. George (T.R. Knight) found out he would be able to retake the intern test he failed, and his ex-wife Callie (Sara Ramirez) planted a kiss on Erica (Brooke Smith). In the new season, Kevin McKidd (Dempsey's "Made of Honor" co-star) will have a recurring role as Cristina's (Sandra Oh) love interest.

Life on Mars (Oct. 9)

In this remake of the popular BBC series, detective Sam Tyler (Jason O'Mara) is transported back to the 1970s after a car accident. While in this new, unfamiliar time, Tyler adjusts to solving crimes without the help of modern-day technology.



◀ Jason O'Mara in "Life on Mars"

NBC



My Own Worst Enemy (Oct. 13)

Christian Slater stars in his first leading television role as two men sharing one body. One, Henry Spivey, is an efficiency expert and family man and the other, Edward Albright, is a multi-lingual covert operative. Each man is unaware of the other's existence, but when the psychological division between them breaks down, they are forced into situations that only the other man can handle.

◀ Christian Slater in "My Own Worst Enemy."

The Office (Sept. 25)

The Dunder-Mifflin gang ended last season with some major twists. Michael (Steve Carell) began to fall for new human resources representative Holly (Amy Ryan) before Jan (Melora Hardin) revealed she was pregnant. Ryan (B.J. Novak) was arrested on fraud charges. Andy (Ed Helms) thwarted Jim's (John Krasinski) plans to propose to Pam (Jenna Fischer) by proposing to Angela (Angela Kinsey), who subsequently hooked up with Dwight (Rainn Wilson). This year, Amy Ryan's Holly returns and Pam attends art school in New York.

FOX

Fringe (Sept. 9)

The new sci-fi drama from "Lost" mastermind J.J. Abrams follows FBI agent Olivia Dunham (Anna Torv) as she investigates Flight 627, which arrives in Boston with no signs of life. She enlists the help of genius father and son duo Walter and Peter Bishop (John Noble and Joshua Jackson) and soon discovers the mysterious situation may involve "fringe" science, like mind control and teleportation.



▲ Jennifer Morrison, Hugh Laurie and Omar Epps in "House."

House (Sept. 16)

In last season's two-part finale, House (Hugh Laurie) was involved in a bus crash but was too drunk to remember the details of the accident. It turned out that Amber (Anne Dudek) was with him, having gone to pick up House from a bar since Wilson (Robert Sean Leonard) was tied up at work. House and his team worked desperately to save Amber, but she ultimately succumbed to the illness the crash triggered. This season a broken-hearted Wilson blames House for Amber's death, putting a strain on their friendship.

CBS

The Ex List (Oct. 3)

This dramedy, based on an Israeli series, stars "Grey's Anatomy's" Elizabeth Reaser as Bella, a 30-something businesswoman with marriage on her mind. When a psychic tells her that she's already dated the man she is supposed to marry, she starts reconnecting with all of her exes in hopes of finding "the one."

CSI (Oct. 9)

Gary Dourdan's Warrick ended his eight-season run on "CSI" in last season's finale when the mobster he'd been chasing all season turned up dead and Warrick was found at the scene covered in blood. It was ultimately revealed that Warrick was framed and he vowed to bring down the rest of the mob, but the Las Vegas undersheriff, the mob's mole, shot him dead. This season the team will investigate Warrick's murder, Sara (Jorja Fox) will return for a guest appearance and head honcho Grissom (William Petersen) will leave the show midseason.



William Petersen in "CSI." ▶

The CW



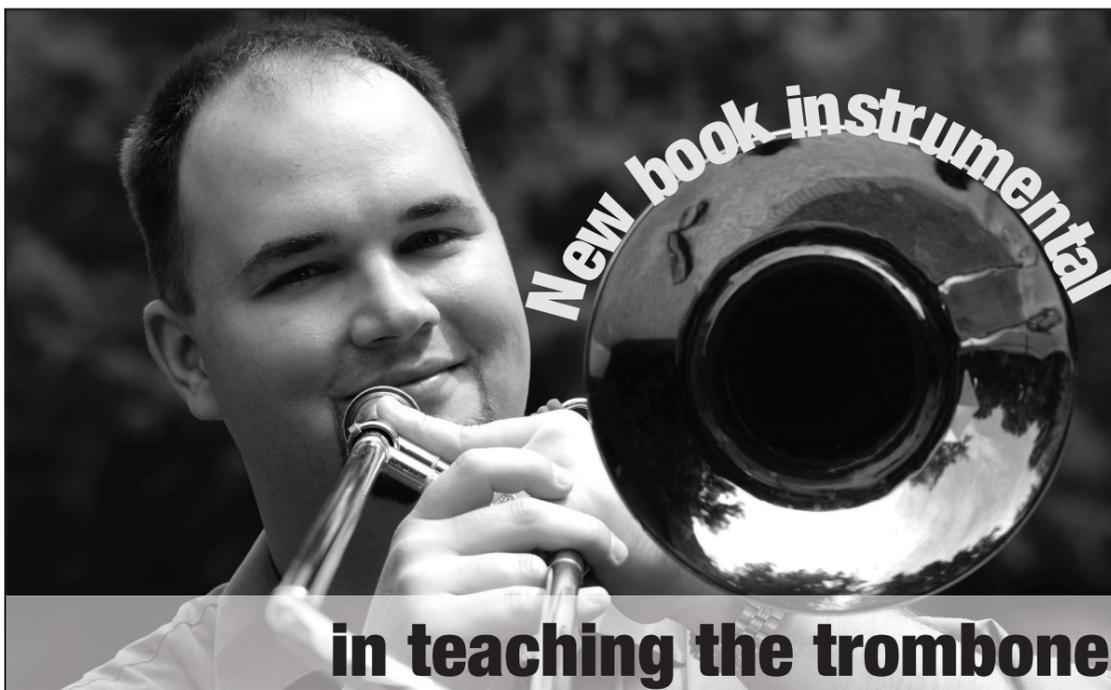
▲ Chad Michael Murray and Hilarie Burton in "One Tree Hill."

90210 (Sept. 2)

This spin-off of the original Aaron Spelling show follows a new generation of students at West Beverly Hills High School. Jennie Garth and Shannen Doherty from the original "Beverly Hills, 90210" also appear in this series.

One Tree Hill (Sept. 1)

Last season ended with two major cliff hangers: after the comatose reverend dies, leaving Dan (Paul Johansson) with a new heart, Dan is hit by a car and left in the middle of the street. At the end of the episode, Lucas (Chad Michael Murray) called a girl from the airport and asked her to come to Las Vegas with him and get married, but it was unknown if the girl was Peyton (Hilarie Burton), Brooke (Sophia Bush) or Lindsey (Michaela McManus). The Sept. 1 premiere revealed that Lucas called Peyton.



Alexa Milan
A&E Editor

As students were leaving for the summer last May, Matt Buckmaster, assistant professor of music and education, was preparing to see a project he worked on for almost two years become available to the public. Buckmaster's book, "Successful Teaching Strategies of American College Trombone Professors," was published this summer.

In what Buckmaster described as "a trombone nerd book," he chronicles three case studies he conducted while earning his doctorate in music education at the University of South Florida in Tampa. He interviewed and observed three expert teachers and looked for commonalities in their teaching methods that other programs could benefit

from.

"This is kind of a revamped version of my dissertation research," Buckmaster said.

Buckmaster wanted to use teachers in his study that had more than 30 years of experience and produced successful students who went on to teach or perform in symphonies and jazz ensembles. He also wanted teachers who received awards for excellence in teaching from the International Trombone Association, which led him to John Drew of Florida State University, John Marcellus of the Eastman School of Music and Curtis Olson of Michigan State University.

"I was interested in how music is taught in a private setting," Buckmaster said. "It's not like any other system we have."

It took about a year and a half for Buckmaster

to complete his research. A gap followed in which the work was set aside, but then Buckmaster was contacted by a company that wanted to publish the book.

Buckmaster chose to focus his study on the trombone because it is the instrument he specializes in, but that is not where he got his start. He started out taking piano lessons before switching to the saxophone. But he got into the habit of chewing on his saxophone's wooden reeds, making the instrument unplayable, so his teacher suggested he try a different instrument.

"[The trombone] was unique and it looked like fun," Buckmaster said.

He continued playing throughout high school and college, and Buckmaster said it felt natural to pursue music as a career. He was a professional musician for about a year before he started teaching. He is now in his third year of teaching at Elon.

"I realized I had been teaching in some way or another the whole time," Buckmaster said. "That's where the energy and passion is for me, in helping others with their music."

The topic of Buckmaster's study stemmed from his passion about keeping arts education in schools. He said that he wanted the book to present the most effective strategies for teaching the trombone, but he also wanted it to demonstrate the significance of music education.

"There's no question that math and language arts are important," Buckmaster said. "But when did they become so important that other subjects are sacrificed? Math and language are easily testable, but we've forgotten that there's also a cultural side to education."

Now that his research has been published, Buckmaster said he wants to expand the study to include other instruments, music teaching at multiple levels and the work of a greater number of subjects. "Successful Teaching Strategies of American College Trombone Professors" is currently available in Belk Library.

The Elon community can see Buckmaster perform with other faculty members at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 8 in Yeager Recital Hall.

MOVIE REVIEW ★★★★★

Hilarity ensues with 'Hamlet 2'

Alexa Milan
A&E Editor

With a title like "Hamlet 2" and a theme song called "Rock Me Sexy Jesus," this Sundance Film Festival favorite from the co-writer of "South Park: Bigger, Longer and Uncut" thrives off of its lunacy. This quirky comedy will not please everyone, but its off-beat story brings lots of laughs.

"Hamlet 2" follows Dana Marschz (Steve Coogan), a failed actor who has spiraled downward from bit parts on television to commercials for herpes medication to teaching high school drama in Tucson, Ariz. His staged versions of movies like "Erin Brockovich" have failed miserably, and his drama class only has two students.

His class finally increases in size when a school from the local Latino community is forced to shut down and merge with Dana's school, but his failed productions cause the school board to cut the drama program. Though Dana's offbeat nature is initially off-putting, his students ultimately find him endearing and encourage him to put on a spectacular show to convince the school board to keep the drama program alive.

Dana decides it is finally time to produce a musical he has been working on for years: a sequel to "Hamlet." His play explores what would happen if Hamlet could go back in time and prevent the deaths of his family and friends. A time machine transports Hamlet throughout history where he meets an eclectic mix of characters, including Jesus Christ, on his quest to save Denmark.

When a disgruntled student gives the script to the principal, the play is banned because of its obscene content. But with the help of his drama students, like stuck-up Epiphany Sellars

(Phoebe Strole), sharp-tongued Ivonne (Melonie Diaz) and fast-talking Vitamin J (Arnie Pantoja), Dana works to make sure "Hamlet 2" gets the chance to grace the stage.

"Hamlet 2" is not perfectly crafted. The film starts out a bit slow, but its actors keep the comedy flowing consistently. Coogan, who recently had a small role in the superior R-rated laugh-fest "Tropic Thunder," finally gets the chance to shine in a lead role. Independent film queen Catherine Keener is great as Dana's alcoholic wife, and Amy Poehler is a scene-stealer as the foul-mouthed civil liberties lawyer who takes an interest in the play.

The film also features some promising young talent, from Strole and her former "Spring Awakening" co-star Skylar Astin to Diaz and relative newcomer Joseph Julian Soria. The standout of the film, though, is Elisabeth Shue in a hilarious cameo as herself, Dana's favorite actress.

A bit of the script falls flat, but overall the dialogue is sharp and witty and the musical numbers are comical and catchy. Though song titles like "Rock Me Sexy Jesus" may be initially offensive to some, the play's obscenity fades away as the meaning behind the story becomes clear. The play's production at the end of the film is absolutely the most entertaining part.

"Hamlet 2" isn't perfect, but in the cinematic downtime between summer blockbusters and Oscar gold, the film is an entertaining ride with an original brand of humor.



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MOVIE REVIEW ★★

'Bangkok Dangerous' dangerously disappointing

Adam Constantine
Reviewer

Many times, when one sees a brilliant performance by an actor there is the lingering question of, "I wonder why they don't make more movies?" Well it is a movie like "Bangkok Dangerous" that reminds everyone why he or she doesn't.

This forgettable action film places Nicholas Cage as a cold-blooded hit man named Joe in Bangkok, Thailand, where he has four targets to take out. His work depends heavily on him being able to detach himself from his surroundings and being able to dispose of any people that will lead back to him or get in his way.

In order to complete these four jobs, he must first find a local man, Kong (Shahkrit Yamnarm), to get some of the vital information he needs to complete each objective. He has Kong do what he needs until he has no more use for him.

But when it becomes time for him to erase his tracks, he cannot do it. For some reason he cannot bring himself to kill the lowly messenger he has been using. It is after he decides this that he takes him under his wing as his student. A man who was once a lone assassin now seems to be having a complete change of heart as he also falls for a local girl who works at a pharmacy.

As he continues to track the targets, he realizes that his newfound soft spot has led to a huge conflict of interest. It ultimately leads to him having to choose whether he should save himself or the ones he has grown fond of.

Maybe it is because this has been one of the greatest movie summers in recent memory, but



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whatever the reason, when the credits rolled it left feelings of disappointment and confusion. It was not the acting or the setting. The movie had several aspects that gave it potential. But the way the plot unfolded was almost laughable.

It was a movie that was not only predictable, but it was written in a way that seemed generic and vague. It was lame, cheesy, whack, take your pick. It just did not have the elements to make a compelling movie. What this film did show was that it does not matter who is in a movie or how good the special effects are. In the end it is the plot that will make or break the movie, and the box office.

This weekend will probably be one of the lowest totals for Hollywood this year, but coming next week should be a masterpiece. "Righteous Kill," which stars Al Pacino and Robert De Niro, should be very compelling. So next weekend mark your calendars to go see it at Carousel Cinemas at Alamance Crossing.

Serious consequences for faking it

The reality of using fake IDs

Lindsay Fendt
Assistant Photo Editor

At Elon, the beginning of the year is notoriously linked with an increased crackdown on underage drinking. This year is no different. Although Alcohol Law Enforcement (ALE) did not appear for the first week of classes, the Elon Police Department has confirmed it will be working closely with ALE on Thursday looking for both underage drinking and fake IDs.

"If we're really out and looking, we catch people every weekend," said Elon Chief of Police, Lavelle Lovette. "We have a big stack of IDs in our office that we've gathered over the past few months."

According to Lovette, this stack is comprised of everything, from school IDs to driver's licenses, and even one fake Food Lion MVP card.

"Some of them are very elaborate," said Lovette of the IDs, "and some simply have a picture taped over another ID."

The Elon Police Force has ways to recognize fake IDs, but even Lovette admits that sometimes they cannot pinpoint a fake without asking for an additional ID. Bars near campus also have the challenge of weeding out fakes, and face the possibility of fines if they fail to do so. Andy Fox, a manager at West End Bar, said that they deal with fakes every weekend.

"Holograms, or lack thereof, are the best way to tell," said Fox.

Fox explained that each state has a very specific hologram, which is very hard to fake. The most obvious, he said, have too many holograms and try too hard to appear authentic.

Often, fake IDs are associated solely with purchasing alcohol, but some are used for more sinister purposes. Using a fake ID in order to open a bank account, or do other



The Elon Police has an entire pile of IDs that officers have confiscated in recent months.

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governmental or financial business, can result in being charged with a felony and serving jail time. On the other hand, being caught buying alcohol with a fake usually means having the ID revoked and being charged with being a minor in possession. If convicted in criminal court, students face punishments ranging from steep fines, community service hours, or up to 120 days in jail.

A student charged with a fake ID or underage drinking off campus can also expect some retribution from the university. Whitney Gregory from the Elon University Office of Judicial Affairs said that the most likely penalty would be disciplinary probation and restitution hours.

"If found responsible, it will stay on their record until they graduate," said Gregory.

These steep penalties and the risk of being caught by ALE have made some students wary of using fake IDs. One 20-year-old Elon junior obtained an ID three years ago through a friend and claims he rarely uses it around campus.

"I don't want to risk it being taken," he said. "I only use it about twice a month. I buy beer at gas stations."

Despite persistent fears of being caught, fakes are still used around campus, and with demand, there is always someone to supply. One anonymous Elon student said he started making fakes back in high school when he was short on money, and continued to make them once he came to Elon. To make a high-quality ID, he said he needs a laminator, photo paper, an Exacto knife, and a UV pen to do the holograms. Although he

makes quality IDs, this student said that acting confident and being at ease while using the ID is paramount.

"What makes a fake work," he said, "is not the quality of the ID but the ability of the person using it, and the stupidity of the person it is being used on. Police are automatically going to know that it's a fake."

Depending on the customer, he said he usually charged between \$40 and \$60, but if he really needed the money, as much as \$120.

Despite the profit and relative ease of making IDs, this former entrepreneur has retired from the business. After Sept. 11, laws regarding identity fraud went up significantly.

"Nowadays, it's not really worth the risk," he said.

"Ever walked in on a conversation and wish you hadn't? Overhear a comment that made you wonder just how rigorous Elon's admission process is? Here's the place to share."

Sophomore Nick Massa created "Overheard by Elon U," a Facebook group that highlights ridiculous comments made by Elon students.

The group features daily posts and hosts more than 750 members.

"Just pour beer on it. It's the same as rubbing alcohol."

-overheard by Ming Fe

"You see through me like translucent water."

-overheard by Ghenet Pinderhughes

OVERHEARD AT ELON U

Sophomore: "Hey, did you take that Myers Brigg test yet?"

Freshman: "Is that for alcohol?"

-overheard by Michelle Massie

Outside of Long: "Is it sad that I'm a junior and I really don't know where I am on campus right now?"

-overheard by Marissa Messiano

"I really like Obama, but he's a very eloquent speaker and all of the Communists were eloquent speakers, so I'm worried that if he gets elected he will become a Communist and ruin our country."

-overheard by Maggie Matthews

"Like, hello, the Internet just started to exist when I was 12."

-overheard by Susan Fetch

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Meet three freshmen standouts who grabbed the limelight at Elon's annual New Student Convocation

Evann Clingan

Reporter



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Ashley Couture

Performing onstage has inspired freshman Ashley Couture and enabled her "wildest dreams" to come true. The California native graduated from Oak Park High School in Los Angeles, and has come to Elon to pursue musical theater.

Since Couture was two, she has taken ballet, tap, jazz, lyrical, hip-hop, modern and Irish dance classes. During high school, she competed with her school's nationally-ranked dance team for four years.

"Performing has impacted my life in many ways," Couture said. "It has made me a more secure individual and given me an understanding about the human spectrum of emotion."

Her biggest role to date was playing Martha Cox in the song "Stick to the Status Quo" in the touring production of "High School Musical." The show was performed in small venues around California, as well as at the Fullerton Opera House and at UCLA's Royce Hall.

Couture also volunteered as a translator at Tarzana Hospital in the newborn intensive care unit for the Spanish-speaking parents of premature or sick infants.

She also found a way to make a difference in her community through her love of performing by starting an improvisation group called Straight Up.

"We put on mock parties, where we led parents on a tour of a house and showed them party scenarios. We've had parents in tears watching teens play beer pong, drink from beer bong, and take handfuls of pills," she said.

Couture looks forward to being a part of many productions at Elon, both on stage and behind the scenes, in hopes of pursuing a career in Los Angeles or on Broadway.

"I'll never forget when I met Kathy McNeela, head of the performing arts department, at 'West Side Story,'" said Couture. "She convinced me that Elon was where I could make my dreams come true."

David Munoz

Learning to be a global citizen is important to an Elon education, yet freshman David Muñoz has already had experience on the international level. Muñoz, a graduate of Raleigh Charter High School, in Raleigh, N.C., participated in the People to People's Future Leadership Summit on International Diplomacy.

The summit took him on a trip to visit the United Nations, the Capitol Building, the Saudi Arabian Embassy and the Holocaust Museum. Muñoz represented Bangladesh in an intense Model United Nations, where he had his resolution on strategic micro-financing passed.

"The program has many goals, some of which are expanding cultural boundaries and providing insight to international diplomacy," said Muñoz. "The most important aspect of the trip, to me, was meeting people from different places. By discussing our viewpoints and cultures, I felt much more aware of how biases and prejudices pervade our society."

Becoming more culturally aware drove Muñoz to teach himself Arabic. Eventually, he was able to read the Quran and historical literature.

Muñoz was also involved in the Honor Council and the Student Legislative Assembly. The Honor Council, where Muñoz served as the chair for two years, allowed him to help teachers prevent "honor violations," by holding hearings for students. As the co-chair for the Committee on Commerce Science and Technology for the Student Legislative Assembly, Muñoz learned how to construct bills.

Muñoz has been on mission trips to Washington D.C., Philadelphia, Mexico and Jamaica. While in Jamaica, he taught vacation Bible school and built houses.

"The greatest part of the experience was establishing friendships with the Mexicans," said Muñoz. "I enjoyed speaking to them in Spanish, but I also put a face to poverty. It is hard to realize what poverty means when living in the United States, but when you see poverty abroad, it really nurtures a heart."

During high school, Muñoz played varsity tennis for four years and participated in the Environmental Club and inline hockey, all while managing to graduate in the top 5 percent of his class. He chose Elon for its learning style, which felt similar to his high school.

"While at Elon, I want to learn the tools and understanding necessary to have a positive impact on the world," he said. "I want to fully utilize the opportunities I have been given as well as serve the people and community around me."



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Zana Milak

Freshman Zana Milak graduated from Walter Williams High School in Burlington, N.C., with a perfect grade point average. Making her academic success more astounding is the fact that Milak has only spoken English for eight years.

Milak was born in Livno, Bosnia, but in 2000, her parents applied for a visa to leave the country. Once in the United States, the First United Church of Christ supplied Milak's family with a home and paid their utility bill for three months.

"Coming to the United States was a culture shock," Milak said. "I started school right away. At first, I came home crying every day and wanted to go back to Bosnia, but a woman from the church started coming over for hours to teach my brother and I how to speak English."

In addition to her studies, Milak gave back to the community. She volunteered at the Kids' Night Out program, giving disadvantaged children a safe place to play; the Life Span daycare center, where she worked with mentally challenged children; and at school to clean the environment.

"It was such a pleasure to work with children, because I went home every day knowing I had made a difference in their lives," she said.

Milak chose Elon even before being awarded the new "most distinguished scholarship opportunity for freshmen," the Susan Scholarship. The scholarship is meant for "a young woman who is poised to take advantage of an Elon education, but for whom this possibility seems only a dream because of financial circumstances." Milak's scholarship aids both tuition and Elon Experience expenses. She hopes to study abroad in the future.

Because Milak lives ten minutes from Elon's campus, she still visits home often. She takes advantage of the quiet space to do homework and looks forward to attending her younger brother's varsity soccer games.

"It's an honor to be the first generation of the Susan Scholarship," Milak said. "At Elon, I want to help kids that need financial aid like I did, so they have an equal opportunity. I want to give back."

Old school fight club

Elon students participate in living history presentations and battle re-creations

Jordan Frederick
Reporter

Historical reenactment is more than just a hobby; for many participants, it is a lifestyle. Enthusiasts all over the world have devoted time and energy to bringing our history back to life.

Reenactment and living history is by no means a new art form. Actors dating as far back as the Middle Ages participated in staged re-creations of ancient wars for public amusement and even the Victorians had their share of fun, acting out medieval jousts at carnivals and local fairs.

Senior Victor Wisniewski has been participating in reenactments since he was 10 years old. Wisniewski's father is an active Civil War enthusiast, and together, they joined a group of men from the New Jersey and Pennsylvania area who share their interests. The group, performing under the name of the 19th Virginia Company K, regularly participates in living history presentations and battle re-creations.

Collectively, the group members strive to be as close in historical accuracy as possible. They ensure accuracy through intense study of the war and their specific regiment. The group participates in reenactments around the country where as many as 10,000 actor-soldiers converge on one field to honor the sacrifices made by their forefathers in the war of 1861.

"You can 'know' about the Civil War through books and movies, but you can only see and hear," said Wisniewski. "Reenactment allows you to see history in the present day; see, hear and touch. It appeals to all the senses and portrays history as it should be portrayed, as a living, breathing thing."

As an education major, Wisniewski hopes to bring his love of history and his experience with Civil War reenactment into the classroom after graduation.

"Only by understanding the past will you know not to make the same mistakes again," Wisniewski said.

By sharing with others what is, to him, a vitally important era of this nation's history, he hopes to encourage future generations to look at the past as relevant beyond their textbooks.

Gregory Jayson, an Elon sophomore, first found his love for reenactment two years ago when a group of his friends invited him to a Renaissance Faire event in his hometown of

Raleigh. Over the course of the afternoon he would discover his kindred spirits in the festival's actors and artisans, and began to wonder whether he too could find an outlet in this unique pastime.

"I've always been sure that I was born in the wrong time period," said Jayson. "The ideal of chivalry and the ideal of being a good person, defending the weak, has always appealed to me. When I was a little kid, in cops and robbers, I never wanted to be the bad guy. That's just the allure. I got sucked in."

It was at the 2006 faire that Jayson met a band of men from a Charlotte-based group called the Knightly Order of the Fiat Lux. The Order is a fraternal nonprofit organization that supports special needs children in the members' communities through interactive education in medieval combat, living history demonstrations and fundraising. Jayson was one of the original members of the Raleigh chapter, and has been involved in Order events ever since.

Jayson and his brothers in the Knightly Order will be demonstrating their combat skills at the Carolina Renaissance Festival in Huntersville this October and November. Dates, directions and tickets can be found at <http://www.royalfaires.com/carolina>.

Those interested can see Wisniewski and his brethren in action at a staging of the Battle of Cedar Creek in Middletown, Va., the weekend of Oct. 18. More information on this annual event can be found at <http://www.cedarcreekbattlefield.org>.

"Only by understanding the past will you know not to make the same mistakes again."

-Victor Wisniewski

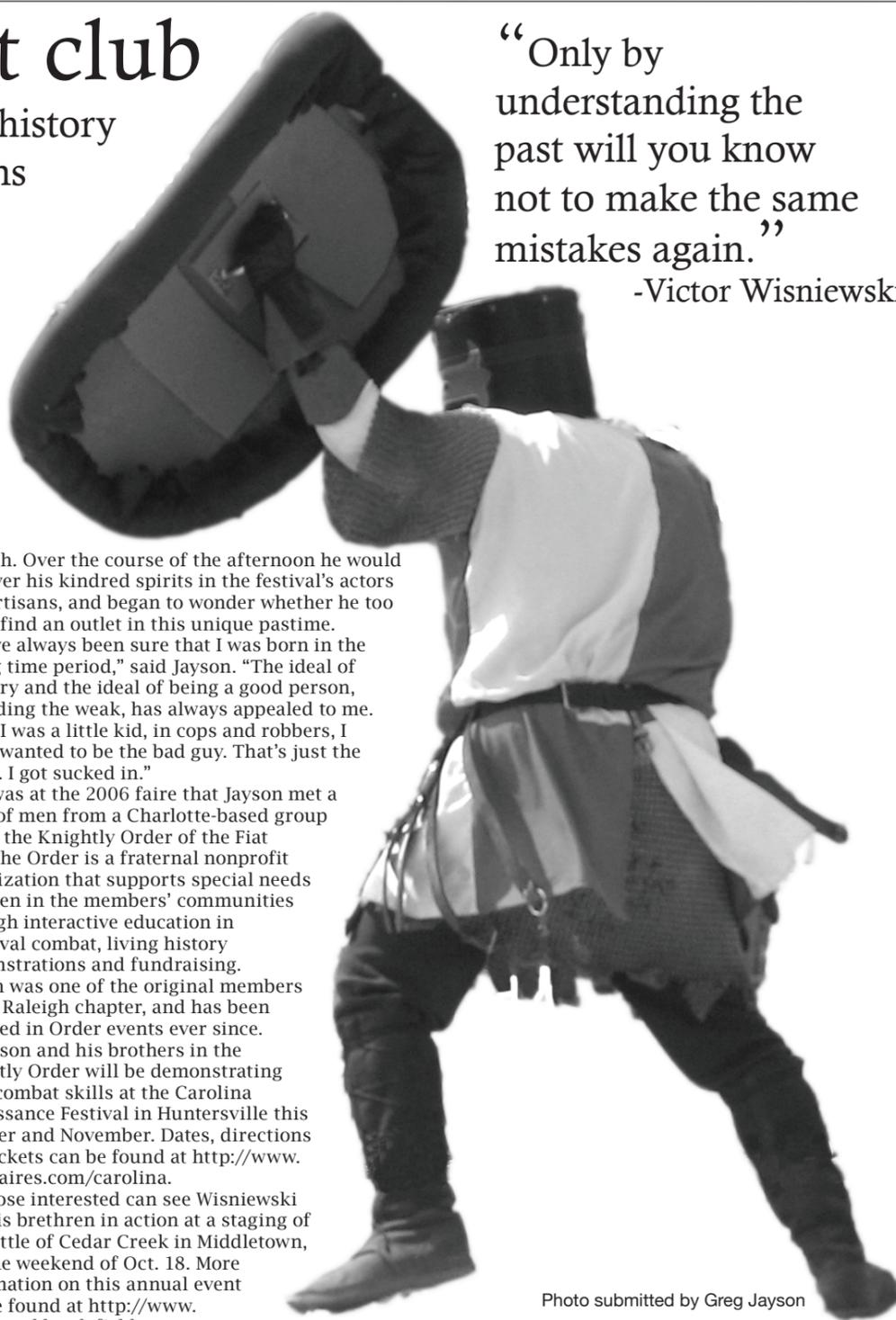


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HOW TO: Fix a wet cell phone

Jessi Dexheimer
Features Editor

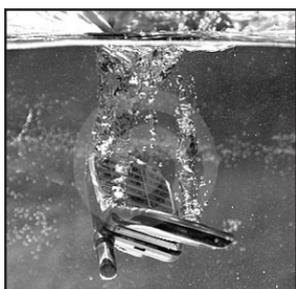


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Don't:

- Send it back to the provider. Most new cell phones have hidden "water stickers" that change color when damp, and chances are your warranty doesn't cover water damage.
- Use extreme heat. Hot hair dryers and microwave ovens can fry the phone's insides and release potentially poisonous fumes.
- Dunk the phone in rubbing alcohol, a solvent. It can destroy the adhesives inside the phone.

Do:

- Remove your battery and SIM card right away.
- Avoid the urge to plug the phone into the wall "just to see if it works."
- Keep the phone in a bowl or Ziplock bag filled with rice or silica gell packets. Rice and silica attract water, sucking it away from the phone.
- Use a vacuum, placed a few inches from the phone, to suck the moisture out.
- Use a can of compressed air, sold in many hardware and electronic stores.
- Be patient. It may take up to four days for the phone to completely dry. Meanwhile, try looking for a cheap replacement on eBay or Amazon.

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Elon gets 'Juicy'

Jessi Dexheimer
Features Editor

On Monday, Elon University became the newest campus to be part of the Web's most extensive college gossip Web site, JuicyCampus.com. The site hosts message boards for 500 college campuses, giving students the opportunity to participate in virtual gossip about anything "juicy." Viewers can access message boards for any school, and posters can anonymously comment on individuals, Greek organizations, teachers or sports teams.

Some posts seem harmless, but others have the potential to seriously damage students' reputations, especially those posts that refer to students by their first and last names or unique physical descriptions. Once posted, messages remain on the site indefinitely, though they do offer an option for viewers to reply to the original message to counter its accuracy.

"Once it's out there, it's out there," the Web site warns. "So be careful what you say."

Danieley fathers Elon sports traditions

Michelle Longo
Sports Editor

Dr. J. Earl Danieley stepped foot on the campus of Elon College in the fall of 1941 as an eager freshman seeking a degree in chemistry and education. In the fall of 2008, Danieley is right where he has always been, the only difference being 62 years and innumerable accomplishments.

On Saturday, Sept. 13, Danieley will be inducted into Elon's Sports Hall of Fame in a 1:30 p.m. ceremony in Whitley Auditorium preceding the football game. Ironically, Danieley was the one who founded Elon's Hall of Fame in 1972, when he was president of the college. Now, the very program he started is paying him back in the highest, most revered way possible.

Danieley graduated from Elon in 1946, but before he could leave he was offered a freshmen chemistry teaching position, which he gladly accepted.

"There was no question. I loved being at Elon. It was a no-brainer, you don't even have to think about that," Danieley said. "I just came right on back."

After teaching chemistry for fewer than 10 years, the Board of Trustees elected Danieley president of Elon College on July 1, 1957.

"The Board elected me president without even asking me. I didn't know I had been nominated, didn't know I was being considered," Danieley said. "They just called me up and said, 'We elected you president.' I answered, 'You're crazy.'"

The Presidential Years

During his time as the president of Elon, Danieley made the most waves in Elon athletics. He is often praised for his renewed progress in the athletic program and his expansion of women's sports.

"Elon was co-ed from day one. When I became president I was aware of the fact in many ways that women were equal in the eyes of Elon College but in athletics they were not," Danieley said. "And I thought this was an inadequacy, it was a weakness and it was something we needed to do something about. And it worked."

In 1972, Danieley hired Kay Yow, a high school coach from Gibsonville, to coach the first women's basketball team authorized for intercollegiate participation. Within a few years, she went on to organize the first women's volleyball and softball teams. Currently, Yow serves as N.C. State University's head women's basketball coach, but still owns the best winning percentage among Elon's all-time coaches in both volleyball and women's basketball.

"Kay [Yow] was a very able high school coach. I couldn't get anyone that required a big salary because I didn't have any money, but I could get this high school coach to come," Danieley said. "When [I'm] in a group, I always tell them I taught her how to coach college ball and she is so sweet and always says, 'That's right.'"

Among his eye for talent, Danieley hired "Red" Wilson as the head football coach, who brought with him Jerry Tolley as an assistant. Alan White

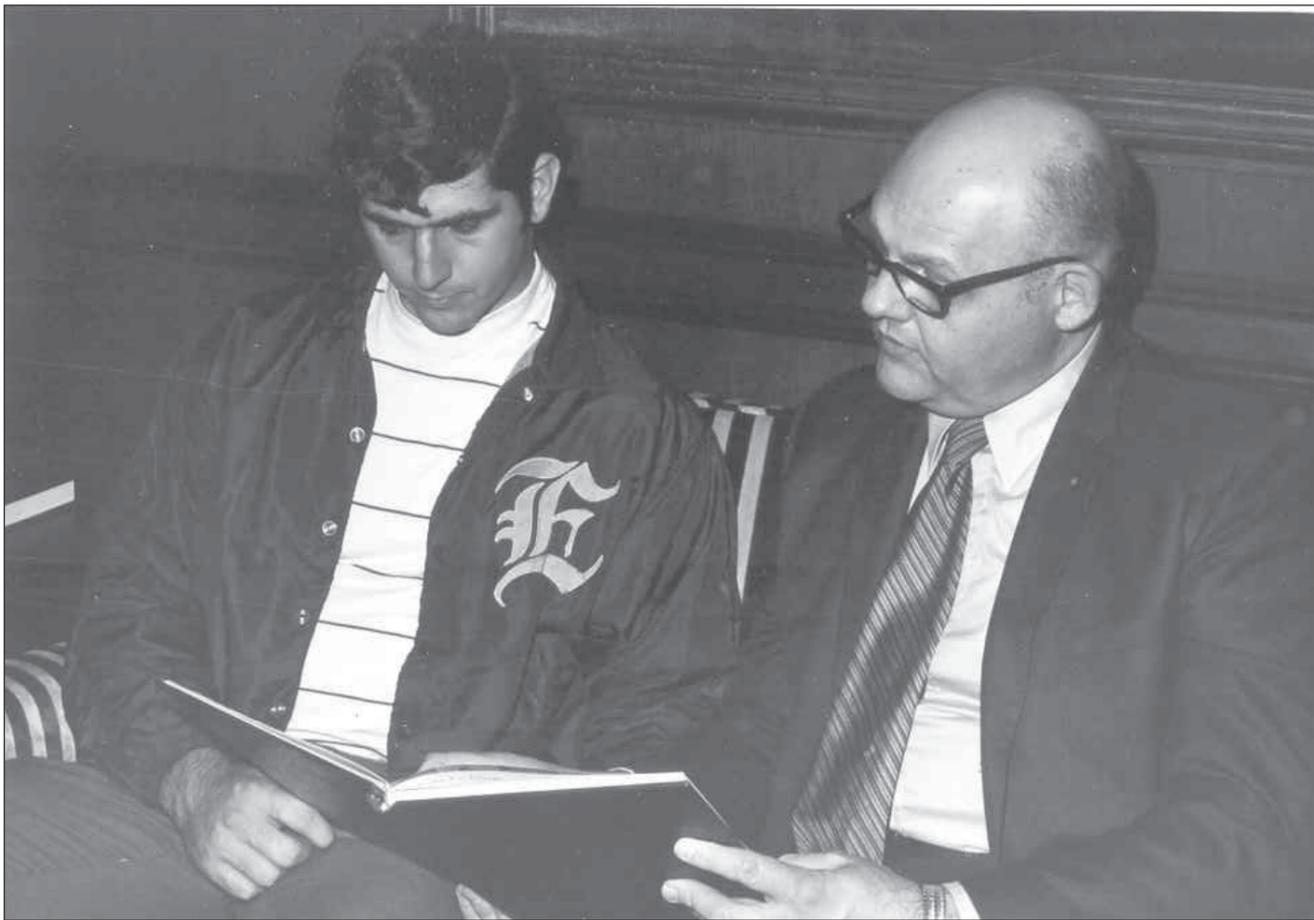


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Because of his devotion to student-athletes, Danieley gave as much time as possible to guide his students through the busy demands of school work and the athletic program.

was also hired by Danieley as a faculty member but became an associate coach on the new staff.

Wilson went on to become the director of athletics at both Elon and Duke University and remains Elon's all-time winningest football coach.

Tolley took over as head coach and led the football team to two national championships. He would follow in the steps of the man who hired him and choose to never leave Elon. Tolley now serves as the mayor of the Town of Elon and is still highly involved with Elon athletics.

White left a legacy from the moment he started at Elon. Called on to become athletic director of the then-NAIA athletic program, White would guide Elon through Division II and into the ranks of Division I as a member of the Big South Conference before joining the Southern Conference. He retired in 2006 after 27 years as the Elon athletic director.

After providing the foundation for soccer, cross country, wrestling and every women's sport, as well as being recognized all over for establishing a supportive, well-rounded athletic program, Danieley made the decision to leave the presidency, but not Elon.

"I quit being president after 16 years for primarily three reasons. One, I had accomplished basically what I had set out to do and number two, I was tired and number three, I wanted to teach."

A Sports Beginning

Growing up in a poor family, Danieley was the eldest son, so when his father became ill, it was up to him to run the family farm and provide for his siblings. Always having to work, Danieley was never able to participate in sports as a boy.

"I saw my first football game at Elon in the fall of '41," Danieley said. "We didn't have football in high school so I had never seen a football game. Elon didn't have a place

to play so they played at the old firehouse fields. We had a good team."

From that moment on, an obsession was born.

In 1942, all the men had gone off to war, joining different infantry units. On the first day of winter practice, the football coach realized enrollment had plummeted so badly that he did not have a large enough team and he needed to recruit more student-athletes. The coach passed Danieley in the hall one day and immediately asked him if he would like to join the team.

"He had not asked, 'Are you interested in ball? Do you know anything about football?' He just saw a healthy 300-pounder and he figured that would stop up part of the line," Danieley said.

After talking with his father, Danieley excitedly made the decision to give football a try. The next practice was canceled because it was too cold and the day after the board decided to cancel all intercollegiate sports for the duration of the war.

"My version of that story is the trustees saved my life because I probably would have been killed on the football field," Danieley joked.

Ever since almost making the Elon football team, the field, the team and the players have never been far from Danieley's heart. On tough days at the office, he would head to the fields to watch football practice. It was there he found "a field full of friends to give [him] a lift."

"In fact, there was a group of defensive backs who were so close to me that the other boys on the team called them the Danieley Boys. Instead of saying no we're not, they said, 'That's right, that is what we are,'" Danieley said.

The then-dubbed Danieley Boys even started wearing white shoes to mimic the steps of their mentor, who was never without his own white tennis shoes.

And thus, a tradition and long-time legacy was born.



PHOTO COURTESY OF ROBERT WICKER

Danieley places the men's basketball trophy into Elon's trophy case. Under his guidance, the athletics program soared to new heights.

Why the white towel?

Three years ago, at a men's home basketball game, with 10 minutes to go in the second half, all the students began to chant, 'Dr. Danieley.'

"I said, 'Why, they're saying my name.' Then they said it again and again, I knew I had to acknowledge it some way so I stood up and waved to them," Danieley said. "Then the next game I brought a towel. I didn't know if they would do it again or not. They did, so I waved the towel. Every time since then I had been equipped with a towel."

Danieley only missed one men's basketball game last season and he even bailed on a law school meeting so as to not miss another one.

"I love basketball, but it is more than that," Danieley said. "Several of the basketball players have been in my class so I am going to see my boys, not just to see basketball. And, that makes it really special."

Junior forward Adam Constantine is close to Danieley.

"I know a lot of people who come to some of our home games," Constantine said. "But with Dr. Danieley, it is not some games. It is all of the games. He is Elon basketball's biggest fan, and seeing him stand up and wave that towel every game is inspiring as we head down the stretch of the game. It shows that through thick or thin, he will be there no matter what."

Tennis star's future lets her live in the moment



FILE PHOTO

Whitney Butcher claimed the singles title in a summer tournament hosted on the campus of UVA Wise. Butcher, partnered with her father, also advanced to the final round of the doubles tournament.

Michelle Longo
Sports Editor

"I am a senior this year and I am starting to think about the future, law schools and stuff, and for the first time in a long time tennis is not going to be a part of that future," senior tennis star Whitney Butcher said. "I have been playing tennis since I was 7 or 8 years old and I am starting to really have pains about it. I am going to miss it so much."

This summer, to deal with the rapidly-approaching end of her tennis career, Butcher decided to spend as much time on the tennis court as she could.

She also wanted to spend some time at home with her family. So, she combined the two.

Butcher and her father competed as doubles in the summer tennis tournament at the University of Virginia Wise campus.

She also went on to compete and win the singles bout of the tournament.

"[My dad] and I are both competitive so our number one goal was to not get in a fight and be angry with one another, number two goal was to win some matches, which we did, and I think we surprised ourselves," Butcher said.

Playing together, the

Butchers advanced to the final game of the mixed doubles bracket, but fell to a pair of male tennis athletes.

Neither Butcher knew what to expect going into the tournament. The competition ranged from former pro tennis stars to athletes in the top-50 of the tennis nation.

"My dad doesn't play tennis competitively so it was the power of positive reinforcement because I had never seen him play so well," Butcher said.

"I made him talk to me a lot because he got really nervous. I tried to talk to him and just say it's not a big deal, were going to do it."

Solo, Butcher dispatched two tennis players before claiming the crown, shutting out her opponent in the final round 6-0, 6-0.

Last season, with Butcher's help, the Phoenix women's tennis team advanced to the Southern Conference Tournament semifinals for the first time in the program's five-year history in the league.

Last season, Butcher went 6-12 overall and 3-4 in conference play in singles, playing most of her matches as the No. 5 seed. In doubles, partnered with junior Paige Kensrue, the duo posted a 9-12 overall, 4-5 SoCon record.

In the past two years, the

team has not finished below fifth place in the SoCon standings.

"With my teammates, it is more of an equal footing. With [my dad], the disparity in experience put more pressure on me to know that I have to step up and bring him with me."

Butcher, originally from Kentucky, is pursuing a major in political science and beginning the process of applying for law schools.

The Intercollegiate Tennis Association honored the senior as an ITA Scholar-Athlete for accumulating a 3.50 or better GPA for last year.

Butcher said it was the prospect of figuring out her future that really coaxed her into playing tennis this summer, she wanted to savor every last moment of it before it was gone and it was time for the real world to run its own course.

"There is a certain mindset you have during the summer but you still know you have to come back in good shape because you need to be ready for the team," Butcher said.

"You know you have to be physically ready and this is the last summer I have to be physically ready for anything so it is bittersweet. Doing the work is sort of a pain but I am going to miss it, it's going to be a hole."

Elon alumna runs toward Olympic dream in Beijing

Pam Richter
Reporter

Although many will remember the 2008 Olympics for the triumphant success of Michael Phelps, the U.S. Men's Basketball team redeeming gold and the historic nature of protest and controversy surrounding the ordeal, for one Elon grad, it is a different case.

For Blake Russell, the Olympic Games stood as a testament for all her hard work, her failure as well as her success. She will remember these games as her first Olympics, but hopefully not her last. Russell, an Elon alumna, finished 27th overall in the women's marathon at the Beijing Olympics. She recorded a time of 2:33:13.

"I definitely can't complain about my time. All things considered, it was solid, it wasn't stellar," said Russell, who graduated from Elon's physical therapy program in 2001. "I would have liked to finish in the top 10 or 15, but hindsight is 20/20. It was my first experience."

In Beijing, Russell was the only American to complete the marathon. Through the early part of the race she ran with the lead pack of runners.

Russell was close to qualifying for the 2004 games in Athens, but missed the Games by 35 seconds. She was passed in the last half mile and had to wait a long four years for another shot to make the Olympics.

"It is devastating," Russell said. "At the same time it was kind of encouraging. I knew that if I put a little more time and energy into it I could make the team the next time around."

Winning races is something that is in Russell's

history. While she attended undergraduate school at UNC Chapel Hill, Russell won the Atlantic Coastal Conference Championship in the 1500-meters. She also ran the 3000-meters and the 5K a few times in college.

Gradually, she made the transition to running marathons. She didn't run her first marathon until 2003, a year before she ran her first Olympic qualifying race.

"It was a fluke," Russell said. "Being a distance runner, you get the marathon bug. I always wanted to do one before I turned 30."

She was first sponsored by New Balance and received free equipment and a travel budget. Now, Russell has a full sponsorship with Reebok and is a full-time marathon runner.

Before she focused solely on running, Russell was a part time physical therapist and put her Elon degree to good use.

"It was a new program [Elon's physical therapy program] and I was interested in it," she said. "I heard from students before that they really loved it. It was a more innovative program."

Russell, a native from Winston-Salem, N.C., had never been to the campus before she applied to the school. She immediately was impressed with all Elon had to offer her.

In the short time since she's graduated from Elon, Russell has accomplished a lot. Her Beijing experience was a spectacle that she will never forget.

"I didn't know what to expect," she said. "It was a lot more grand and exciting than I ever expected it to be. The whole atmosphere was amazing."

With her family and



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Elon alumna Blake Russell, runner number 3228, was the only marathon runner from the U.S. at the 2008 Olympics to finish.

friends supporting her along the way, Russell said she enjoyed running the race that went through some of the most beautiful parts of the country.

After she completed her race, she had time to enjoy some of the track and field events and supported her teammates.

Russell did not medal at these Olympics, but only trailed the leader by a little over seven minutes. She hopes to race in London in the 2012 Summer Olympics.

"I'm not satisfied with my marathon time yet," she said. "London would be awesome. It would be my goal."

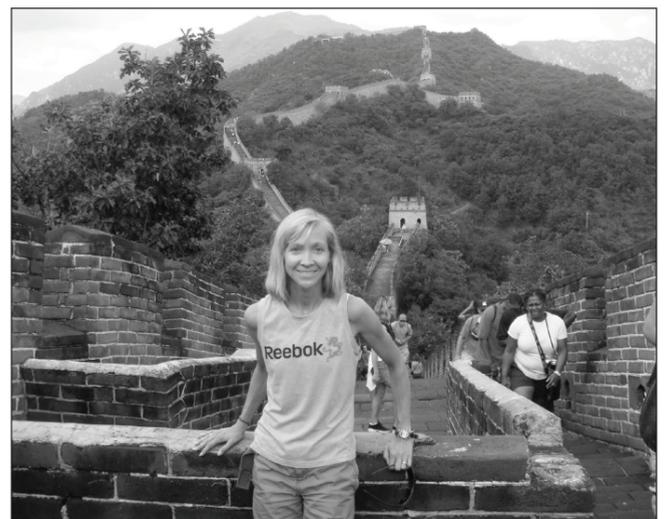


PHOTO COURTESY OF BLAKE RUSSELL

Blake Russell visits the Great Wall during her time in China. Russell ran her first marathon in 2003, a year before she ran her first Olympic qualifying race.

Colts or Chargers? Peterson or Tomlinson for MVP?

This week's 'One on One' discussion with Joey and Chris

Joey Accordino and Chris Bunn
Sports Commentators

Super Bowl Predictions

Chris: The NFL season kicked off this weekend and all 32 teams still have a shot at the Super Bowl. Joey and I already know who is going to be playing for the Vince Lombardi trophy. The Dallas Cowboys with their newest addition, cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones will come out of the NFC. The AFC is a bit tougher to predict. I like Indianapolis to come out on top in that dogfight (no Michael Vick pun intended).

Joey: Well, we actually agree about something. I see Dallas coming out of the NFC as well on the strength of a superior running attack. And it is there that they will face the best running back of them all, LaDainian Tomlinson of the San Diego Chargers. The Bolts have been on the cusp of breaking through for a few years, but this could be the year they finally fulfill their potential and win it all.

Chris: You just like the Chargers because LT is on your fantasy team. You need to forget San Diego, it's the Colts that will face the 'Boys. In that matchup, give me the QB with more rings and fewer Jessica Simpson distractions. Indy wins its second title in three years and continues the Manning legacy.

Joey: The Patriots and the Colts are just too old. The

past is the past, and for the Chargers, the future is now. Say hello to your next Super Bowl Champs, San Diego.

MVP: L.T. vs. A.P.

Chris: There are so many worthy guys that could win this year but I'm going with the guy that will put up more legendary numbers this year to add to his already Hall of Fame resume.

LaDainian Tomlinson, with the help of an improved Philip Rivers, will run for over 2,000 yards and 20 touchdowns, assuring him the coveted trophy.

Joey: I'm assuming you won't let me choose anybody on my fantasy team. Fine, give me Adrian Peterson, the second year running back of the Minnesota Vikings. Peterson showed off his prodigious skill as a rookie when he rushed for 296 yards...in one game! If he can somehow avoid injury this year, he'll take home his first of what will be many MVP trophies.

Chris: Ever heard of the "Sophomore Slump?" Not only will Peterson finish far behind his numbers from last year, his team will also fail to make the playoffs. I can't remember the last time an MVP came from a team that didn't make the playoffs.

Joey: The Vikings are actually a solid team, with their only glaring weakness being a subpar passing attack. But that just means more rushing attempts for Peterson. LT's days as the best running back in the NFL are numbered. Get ready to move over and crown A.P. as the new rushing king.



SPORTS IN BRIEF

Sullivan grabs SoCon Player of the Week honors

Elon junior return specialist and cornerback Karlos Sullivan was declared Southern Conference Special Player of the Week Monday afternoon.

In the midst of Tropical Storm Hanna, Sullivan posted a career-high 130 return yards, 106 on five punt returns and 24 on a kickoff return, as well as an interception in the Phoenix's 30-20 victory over Stony Brook last weekend. He averaged 21.2 yards per punt return, powered by a career-long 81-yard return for a touchdown.

Elon shutout in women's soccer contest

Elon's lack of offense continued as Old Dominion posted its third shutout victory of the season with a 6-0 win. ODU outshot the Phoenix 18-5. With the loss, Elon drops to 1-2-1 for the 2008 season.

In the final 10 minutes, ODU sent three goals flying past Elon's goalie Lizz Johnson.

Elon was led by Alanna Winsper, who took two shots, while Alix Heinicke took one shot-on-goal. Sydney Little gave up two goals and tallied one save in the first half, while Johnson played the second 45 minutes, giving up four goals but recording six saves.

Men's soccer still in search of first win

The Phoenix suffered its second consecutive overtime loss Sunday to the Winthrop Eagles 2-1. Elon dropped to 0-2-1 for the 2008 season.

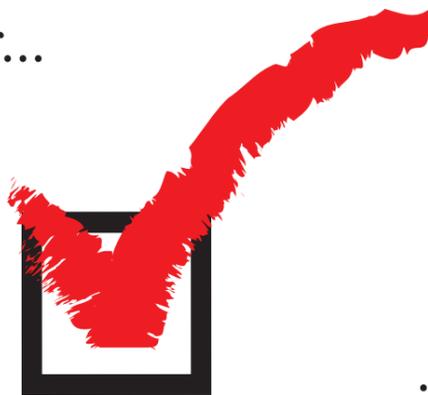
Both teams scored in the first half, with Elon's only goal coming just before halftime, compliments of Stephen Dilger. It was the sophomore's first goal of his career.

After a scoreless second half, the Eagles scored the game-winner just over three minutes into overtime.

The Phoenix out shot Winthrop 14-8. Goalkeeper Kyle Boerner made one save.

Elon will next play on Friday when it hosts the inaugural Elon Classic. The Phoenix will take the pitch at 7:30 p.m. against UNC Asheville on Friday night.

It's an election year...



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Sports for everyone

Compiled by Michelle Longo, Sports Editor

Club Sports

If intramurals do not satisfy your competitive quota but varsity is out of the question, club sports may be a good answer. The program allows students to be a part of a team while taking on rough competition from other similar schools.

Club sports teams compete against other collegiate club teams throughout the east coast, from as far north as Massachusetts all the way down to sunny Florida.

For every team, there are elected leaders, a president and assistant president who report back to the Club Sports

Council. Club presidents take care of scheduling practices, tournaments and team meetings.

Most teams practice three times a week and have tournaments as often as possible, depending on the sport.

For information regarding club sports in general, visit www.elon.edu/campusrec and click on the appropriate links. To inquire about a specific sport, contact the club president at the e-mail address listed for the sport.



- Aiki Bujitsu
- Baseball
- Cycling
- Equestrian
- Field Hockey
- Golf
- Men's Lacrosse
- Men's Rugby
- Men's Soccer
- Roller Hockey
- Softball
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Triathlon
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Volleyball
- Water Skiing
- Women's Basketball
- Women's Lacrosse
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ABOVE: The women's rugby team forms a scrum during a game. Men's and women's rugby are both Elon club sports.



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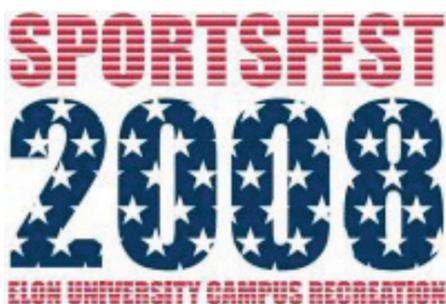
LEFT: Members of the men's ultimate frisbee team reach for a pass during a snowy practice. The ultimate frisbee team competes against teams from other local colleges.

Sportsfest 2008

Sportsfest has been a tradition at Elon since 1999. It pits friends against friends, friends against enemies, RAs against TAs, etc. Students are put to the ultimate test of endurance, teamwork and dedication but only one team may emerge victorious and hold the bragging rights, as well as the crown, for the year.

This year, Sportsfest athletes will compete in nine treacherous, stomach-turning, muscle-aching events:

- Tug of War
- Homerun Derby
- Jenga
- Bocce
- Putting Contest
- Cornhole
- Flag football
- Volleyball
- Dodgeball



All teams must include five males and five females. Extra points will be awarded to teams that include TAs, OLs, RAs, head residents and faculty or staff. A mandatory captains' meeting will be held today at 6 p.m. in Harden Clubhouse.

Intramurals



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LEFT: Members of the men's 2007 intramural ultimate frisbee team pose for a team photo after winning the championship game.

Intramural sports are an important part of the Elon student's life. More than 2,800 students participated in intramural sports last year. Athletes use intramurals as an escape from their work, fun and games, some competitive action, to stay or get in shape and some good-quality bonding time with friends.

Elon offers 21 intramural sports that are divided into three separate leagues: women's, men's and co-ed. In some sports, intramural champions are given the opportunity to participate at the state, regional, and national level.

Campus Rec offers flag football, team tennis, walleyball, cornhole, outdoor soccer, racquetball, volleyball and four-on-four basketball in the fall.

Sports

Phoenix nearly grabs Classic crown

Michelle Longo
Sports Editor

The Phoenix volleyball squad set out last weekend to do the one thing they have never accomplished under Head Coach Mary Tendler: win the Elon Phoenix Volleyball Classic. However, the UNC Wilmington Seahawks had a different plan.

The Seahawks blanked Elon 0-3 in the championship game Saturday night at Alumni Gym, stalling the Phoenix drive for a second consecutive tournament trophy and killing the dreams of an Elon Classic win.

"We set team goals in the preseason and the first thing we wanted to win [was] the Phoenix Classic," Tendler said. "We haven't won it since I have been here, so at least six years. It was definitely a goal for us."

Although that particular goal was not accomplished, it was not a weekend of sorrows for the squad. The women posted a 2-1 record during the classic, downing Campbell University and North Carolina A&T before falling to the Seahawks.

Elon's overall record improved to 5-2 on the season and the freshmen once again shined, proving they are prepared and ready to take on the collegiate volleyball world.

"Last year we had a rough start," sophomore Sarah Schermerhorn said. "We need to build off of our good foundations now. Our team is very supportive of one another and we need to stay in front and let [the wins] carry us through the season."

For the second consecutive tournament, freshman Traci Stewart picked up all-tournament accolades with 30 kills, 27 digs, three service aces and four assisted blocks during tournament play.

"We were watching [the freshmen] for so long and we knew what they were capable of, but you never know how they will play once they're here.

Luckily for us, they have really showed up and played well," Tendler said.

Last tournament's MVP, freshman Caroline Lemke, currently leads the team with 65 kills and is second in blocks, with 16 total, including one solo.

"We are all out there trying to achieve our best," Lemke said. "I would be happy if I was just sitting on the bench every game. I just feel very fortunate to be out there and I am glad I can make a difference."

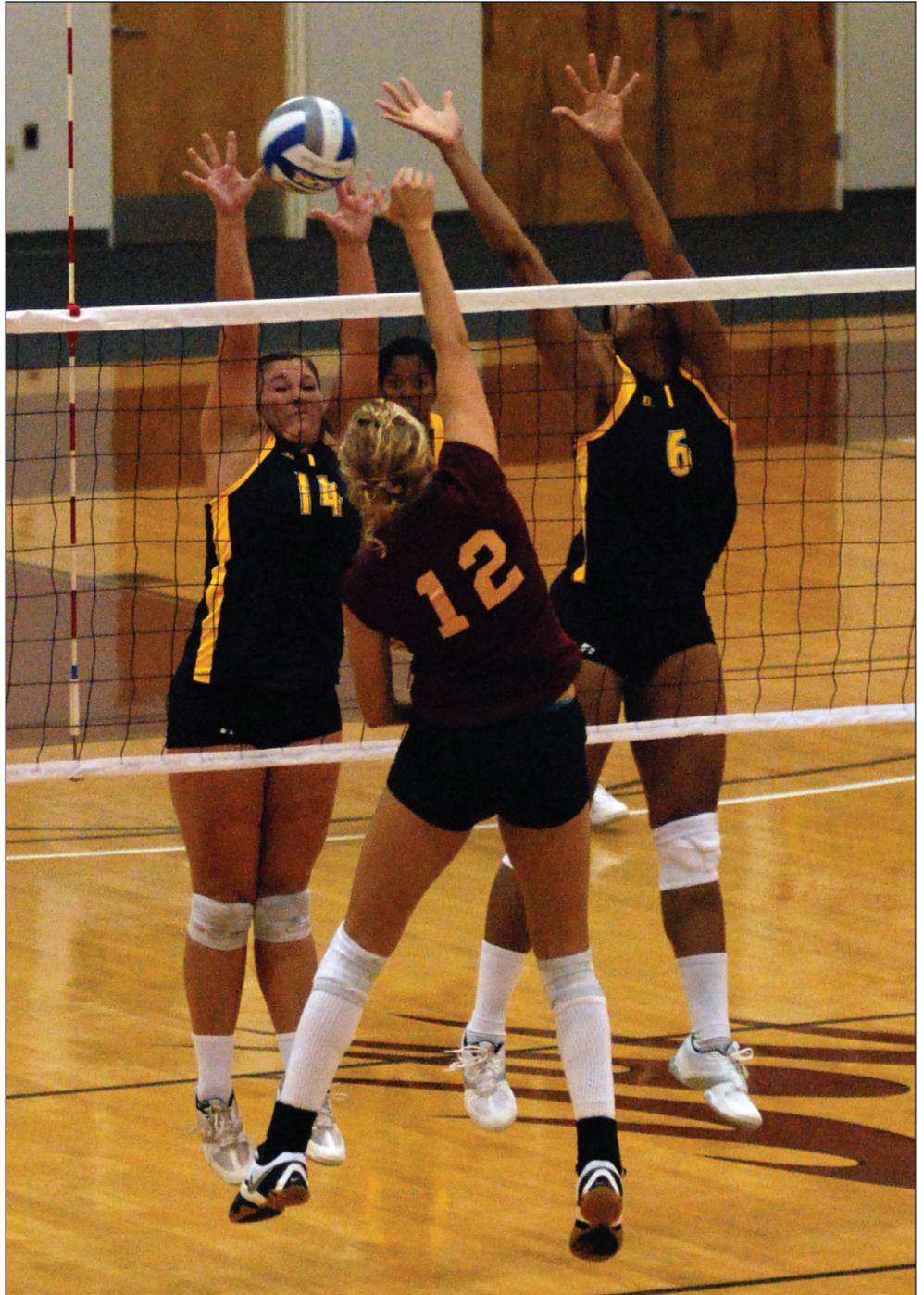
Within the first 15 points of Elon's 2008 campaign, sophomore hitter Lauren Copenhagen went down with an ankle injury. She is currently sidelined with a walking cast but said she hopes to be back within a few games.

"We have a couple hurt players so it's huge [when everyone is playing well]," Schermerhorn said. "We had to ask players to switch and just pick up and start playing a new position. We have good players, so it worked out."

In all of the games at the Elon Classic, the Phoenix showed big offensive power as well as good defensive moves. Schermerhorn, Stewart and senior Stefanie Meyers all stepped up to score big blocks in tight situations, while Lemke, Schermerhorn and Mandy Wilson tallied the kills.

In the championship game against UNC-W, the Phoenix never gave up as they forced the first match into overtime and went on to score at least 20 points in the two remaining sets. In the afternoon game on Saturday, Elon shut out North Carolina A&T. The Phoenix defense did not allow the Aggies to score more than 18 points in a set, once keeping them to as little as 14 points.

"We have such a balanced team, someone different steps up each time," Tendler said. "We have so many weapons the opponents never know who we're going to go to. That is one of [our major strengths]."



LINDSAY FENDT | Assistant Photo Editor

Junior Mandy Wilson tallies one of her six kills in a three-set win against North Carolina A&T at the Phoenix Volleyball Classic on Friday and Saturday. Elon won two games before falling in the championship game.



LINDSAY FENDT | Assistant Photo Editor

With two wins in the Elon Classic, the volleyball team improved to 5-2 to start off the 2008 campaign.

Upcoming games

Sept. 12: Robert Morris University, Moon Township, Pa.

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Sept. 13: Howard University, Moon Township, Pa.

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Sept. 16: Winston-Salem State @ Elon

Sept. 19: Radford University, Williamsburg, Va.

Sept. 20: MD-Eastern Shore, Williamsburg, Va.

Sept. 20: William & Mary, Williamsburg, Va.

Sept. 24: High Point University @ Elon

Sept. 27: Appalachian State, Boone, N.C.

Sept. 28: Western Carolina, Cullowhee, N.C.

Oct. 4: Furman @ Elon

Oct. 5: Wofford @ Elon