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With CAA regular season championship in tow, Elon hunts for bigger prize in Harrisonburg

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The tears had started to stream down senior forward Jenifer Rhodes' face. In what could be her final game in Alumni Gym, Rhodes had tied her career-high with 21 points, leading Elon to a 82-48 win

over the University of North Carolina at Wilmington March 1 and, with it, the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) regular season title.

That title, and all the work that was put in to get it, had Rhodes emotional. But she said she quickly stopped the tears because there is still work to be done.

"I was just so happy and so proud of my teammates, and also a little somber

because it's the last time I'll be in this gym," Rhodes said. "But to know that next week, we have to get it done because we're not done. That's why I was able to hold back the tears — because I was like, 'It's not over. We're not done. There's still business to take care of.'"

The CAA Tournament is that busi-

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Senior forward Jenifer Rhodes (left), senior guard Essence Baucom (center) and freshman forward Ra'Shika White (right) celebrate after Elon clinched the Colonial Athletic Association regular season title March 1.

Elon reacts to national uptick in anti-Semitic threats

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Though a heightened atmosphere of anti-Semitism has not physically manifested itself at Elon University, Jewish students and faculty on campus view the increased discrimination against the Jewish community nationwide as a cause for concern.

In recent months, Americans

At least 69 threats have been called to Jewish Community Centers in 27 states as well as a Canadian province since Jan. 1, according to the National Review.

have witnessed a surge in anti-Semitism with the desecration of Jewish cemeteries and bomb threats against Jewish communities. At least 69 threats have been called in to Jewish Community Centers in 27 states as well as a Canadian province since Jan. 1, according to the National Review.

As Jewish students and faculty at Elon come to terms with the causes of this sudden rise in anti-Semitism, they are also thinking about actions

that could be taken to ease what has become a pervasive problem.

"It scares me," said freshman Julia Goldstein. "I take it seriously. This is an actual issue, and something needs to be done about it."

Freshman Daniela Nasser has become more aware of her own sense of self when walking around campus because of the rise in anti-Semitic threats.

"I think with the recent threats, it's definitely just made me a lot

more cautious about how I act in public because I have been a little nervous about things like that," she said.

Rabbi Meir Goldstein, associate chaplain for Jewish Life, said the recent rise in anti-Semitism comes during a time when other forms of prejudice, such as anti-Muslim attacks and acts of racism, are on

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CRIME REPORT

Feb. 26
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Crime

An Elon University Campus Safety and Police officer responded to a report at 8:32 a.m. Feb. 26 that derogatory statements had been painted on the spirit rock in Loy Center.

March 3
MANNING AVENUE
ELON
Drug Violations

A Town of Elon police officer charged an individual with possession of marijuana and possession of marijuana paraphernalia at 10:49 p.m. March 3 on North Manning Avenue. When the officer made contact with the vehicle, which was reported to be traveling suspiciously slowly, he noticed the strong scent of marijuana. Two suspects were detained, and the car was searched when other officers arrived. A small amount of marijuana, a grinder and a cigar were found in the vehicle.

GAMES

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

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 - 9 Golden Arches pork sandwich
 - 14 ___ jacket
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 - 16 Muse for Millay
 - 17 Ambitious aspiration
 - 19 Industry bigwig
 - 20 Hotel breakfast buffet offering
 - 21 "Evita" role
 - 23 River near the Sphinx
 - 24 Hush-hush govt. org.
 - 25 "We're off to a strong start"
 - 28 Lauren of fashion
 - 30 Mystery man John
 - 31 Uninteresting
 - 33 "Yippee!"
 - 36 Flapper's accessory
 - 39 A city council is part of it
 - 43 Typical "Blue's Clues" watcher
 - 44 Davenport resident
 - 45 Gossip column twosome
 - 46 Stop
 - 47 Stop
 - 50 Aphrodite or Venus
 - 55 ___ King Cole
 - 58 "Not sure yet"
 - 59 Road cover
 - 60 Sole role in the play "Tru"
 - 62 Place for short cuts
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 - 66 Pointed remark?
 - 67 Always
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 - 70 Email status
 - 71 What a successful dieter weighs
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 - 2 Matter makeup
 - 3 2002 legislation that protects whistleblowers, familiarly
 - 4 Like some waters: Abbr.
 - 5 Convertible, in slang
 - 6 Prefix with friendly
 - 7 Song on a CD
 - 8 Indian metropolis
 - 9 Got together
 - 10 Shrink in fear
 - 11 Probability expression
 - 12 Author Calvino
 - 13 Like fillets
 - 18 Cry out
 - 22 Home of the Ewoks
 - 26 "I'm impressed!"
 - 27 Hired hood
 - 29 Puzzle solver's cry
 - 31 Lunchtime fave
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- 40 Lisa who hosts CNN's "This Is Life"
- 41 Beckett no-show
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- 49 PDQ
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- 51 D-Day beach
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- 53 Lowlands
- 54 Used the car
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Dancers perform at a dress rehearsal for Decennium in McCrary Theatre March 7.

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ASHLEY KING | Staff Photographer
Elon University President Leo Lambert shakes the hand of women's basketball head coach Charlotte Smith after the Phoenix's win March 1.



AJ MANDELL | Staff Photographer
Workers in the Elon landscaping department enjoyed a special Elon Day College Coffee by Fonville Fountain March 7.



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The Elon community gathered around Fonville Fountain for a special Elon Day College Coffee March 7.

Elon emerging as leader in engaged learning

LLCs provide opportunities to connect with faculty as university grows

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Elon University's transition from a relatively unknown school to a prestigious private university has been primarily a student-focused venture. Part of this transition has included a commitment to providing students with a living environment that fosters analytical thinking and community involvement.

Approximately 2,880 of Elon's 6,000 undergraduates live on campus. Elon's goal is to have 75 percent of its students live on campus.

Junior Martin Sharp Jr. is one beneficiary of this commitment, an initiative titled "Living and Learning at Elon." For the last two years, Sharp has lived in the Elon Innovation House, a living space that provides the community with a workspace intended to support the creation of new business ventures.

"I've definitely met a lot of people that I normally wouldn't have met from living here," Sharp said. "None of these people are really in my normal friend group, but they're great people."

The Elon Innovation House, founded in 2015, is described on Elon's website as a student-directed, themed community. In all, the university has 22 living learning communities (LLCs) and four student-directed communities that each have a unique theme and are designed to house students with similar interests.

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Jennifer Zinchuk
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH AND FACULTY DIRECTOR OF GLOBAL NEIGHBORHOOD

"LLCs have been proven to help students adjust to the university better, find a cohort faster and make transitions smoother," said MarQuita Barker, senior associate director of Residence Life at Elon. "They also provide opportunities for students to interact with faculty and staff on a different level."

This style of living is a distinct change from the experience for Elon's past students. Each LLC has a syllabus that outlines a schedule of events and activities the LLC residents are expected to take part in with their faculty adviser.

"As Elon gets bigger and bigger, it becomes evermore important for us to be able to offer students a smaller, cohort-style community, especially as first-years," said Shannon Lundeen, director of academic initia-



Four students hang out in a dorm room in a Living Learning Community in Global Neighborhood, which houses five LLCs.

PHOTO COURTESY OF KIM WALKER

tives for the residential campus.

Elon enrolls more than 6,000 undergraduate students and approximately 2,880 of them — 48 percent of Elon's student body — live on campus, according to statistics from Residence Life. The school's goal is to have 75 percent of its students live on campus. According to Lundeen, LLCs have allowed students to ease their transition to college.

"[An LLC] provides them with a small, tightly knit group of students who bring a wide range of ideas into the community," Lundeen said. "They share either a passion for or a commitment to the particular topic or theme that LLC is named after."

To foster this learning environment, Elon has integrated its faculty into residences to serve as a bridge between academic and residence life. Elon currently has eight residential neighborhoods — Colonades, Danieleley Center, Global Neighborhood, Historic Neighborhood, Loy Center, The Oaks, Park Place and the Station at Mill Point.

"This connection between academic life and residence life allows me to mentor students and help residence life think of opportunities to have fun, neighborhood programming that might also be a little bit academic," said Jennifer Zinchuk, assistant professor of English and faculty director of Global Neighborhood. "There's a stronger role of the faculty and staff at the university kind of getting to know the students in a more casual way."

Zinchuk is in her first year as a faculty director and currently lives with her son in Global, a neighborhood that houses five different LLCs. According to Zinchuk, the opportunity to live on campus has allowed her to make a deeper connection with students.

"The students who are in my class, if they're also in the neighborhood with me, it's really fun to run into them around campus," Zinchuk said. "They see me as a person who has a child, who has kind of a real life. I kind of know what's going on and can be a more compassionate mentor and teacher."

Elon's growth as a university can be seen in the way that its peer institutions view the residence life model. Elon has more LLCs than any of the 15 colleges and universities that Elon has listed as peers, according to its website.

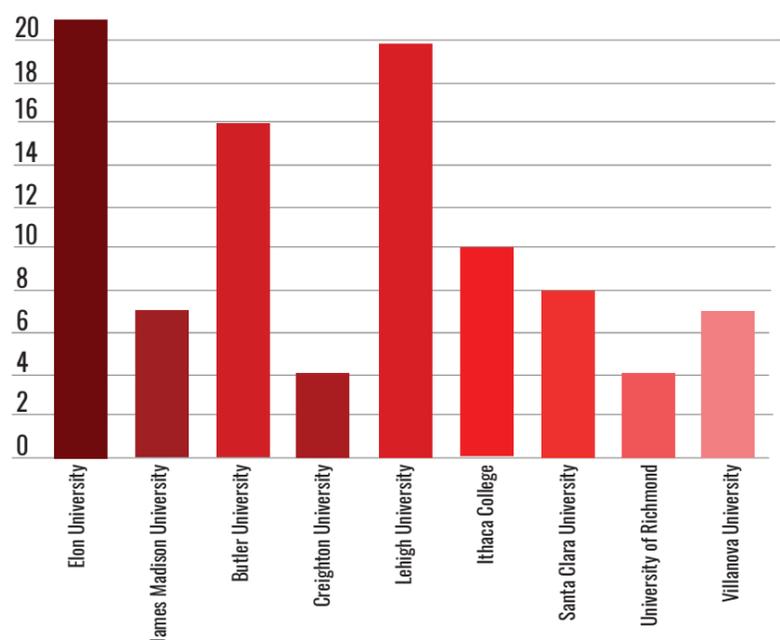
"It's something that everyone at Elon is quite proud of," Lundeen said. "We've actually emerged as a leader in terms of that experience of academic — social and res-



West Hall, opened in 1905, is the oldest building on campus and one of the few buildings not burned in 1923.

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Living Learning Communities



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idential integration throughout the entire campus. Now, people come to us and ask us questions about how we did the neighborhood concept."

This way of thinking has allowed students like Sharp, among others, to grow in ways that students of Elon's past weren't able to.

"People have real conversations and talk

about real issues," Sharp said. "We try to foster that kind of environment. We try to foster an environment where you're innovating in everything that you do."

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Bodenarain joins presidential search committee

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Before moving into her new office, SGA Executive President-Elect junior Morgan Bodenarain already has some big decisions to make.

In an email sent out to all students, Wes Elingburg P'11, chair of the Presidential Search Committee, announced two students who were appointed to the Presidential Search Committee to find Elon University's ninth president — Bodenarain is one of them.

Though the committee doesn't officially meet until March 15, Bodenarain already has an idea as to who she would like to see succeed President Leo Lambert.

"A preference of whether they taught or have been a professor," Bodenarain said. "I think that kind of relationship with students makes you very highly qualified to run a university, once you have those kinds of interactions with students and are comfortable with interacting with students on that level."

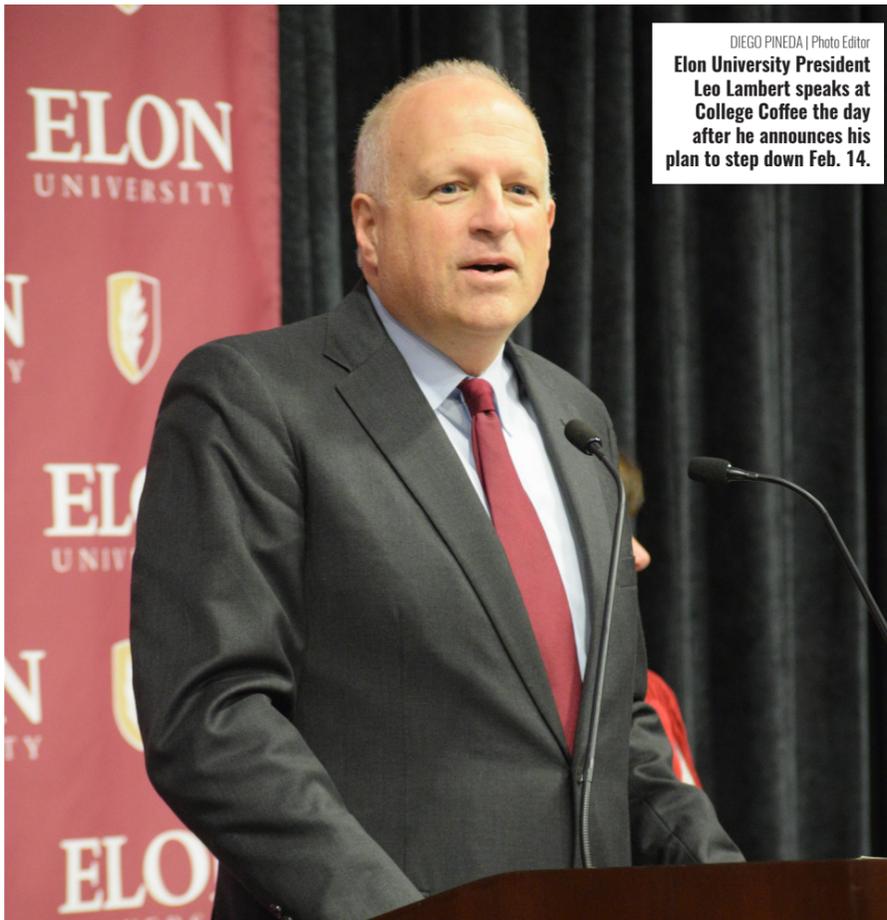
Throughout his tenure at Elon, Lambert has implemented policies that have expanded Elon's national brand, policies that Bodenarain would like to see continued by the next university president.

"Inclusivity and diversity — I think that Dr. Lambert was very open to initiatives, especially initiatives coming from the students because it's different when it's coming from senior staff," she said. "I think it means more when it's student-led."

The new president could come from anywhere across the state, country or even the world. Bodenarain weighed the pros and cons of looking for a president from within Elon or from outside of the university.

"I think it would be an asset that someone would be coming from Elon because Elon's community is so unique, and it would be nice to have that growth from inside Elon," Bodenarain said.

But she also recognizes the benefits of an outsider's view.



"I also think that a different perspective is always necessary, so if someone is coming in from the outside and sees the potential growth that Elon's campus could have that someone couldn't see at Elon, I would also agree to that," she said.

While the Presidential Search Committee is looking to fill the office located in Powell Hall, students can still give their input in a survey sent out by the university.

Sophomore Kayla Ervin is not only looking for someone who can "keep up sponsors," but also someone who is "multi-faceted."

"Someone who is able to work with staff but also with students," Ervin said.

Senior Adam Freudenstein said he has had "the privilege of having [Lambert] for

four years and [thinks] that he did a great job of speaking in the interests of the students."

Elon freshman Sarah Barron wants someone with "a lot of passion" and someone who is "excited to meet the students."

"I think that's something that President Lambert was really good about," Barron said. "He really wanted a relationship with the students at Elon."

Moving forward, Bodenarain hopes to hire a new president who can match or exceed Lambert's legacy.

"Everyone else who is a part of the Elon community is looking for the same thing, so hopefully, we'll get someone who is just as great as Dr. Lambert — if possible — because he is so amazing," she said.

Community embraces role in presidential search

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Elon University President Leo Lambert's announcement about the ending of his term mentioned the work the community has ahead to find the school's ninth president.

"I look forward to our work together in the months ahead as we achieve our goals, celebrate our shared accomplishments and anticipate the arrival of Elon's ninth president," Lambert said.

To find Lambert's successor, the Board of Trustees created the Presidential Search Committee. This committee's first primary focus is to gather community input and incorporate it into their decision-making process.

According to the search committee, "input from the entire Elon community is essential at this stage of the search."

The committee is hoping to learn Elon community members' thoughts on the university's priorities and the qualities, skills and experiences that they are looking for in the next president.

To achieve this goal of gathering community input, the search committee sent out a "Elon Presidential Search Survey" to the entire school March 1. The personalized email sent to all Elon constituents requested the community to complete a confidential, three-question survey that would be recorded and later analyzed.

"The survey was a great idea and is incredibly valuable. Students have a special relationship to the president that the Board of Trustees might not understand," said junior James Burnham. "But they recognized that, and catered to it with this survey which is simply incredible."

Two days later on March 3, the search committee sent out another email to those that had not yet completed the survey. This second email asked them once again to complete the survey so that their input could be considered in the search.

"If people choose not to complete the survey, they are forfeiting their chance to impact the school, and not just let the school impact them," Burnham said. "It might be a little time consuming but it is totally worth expressing your opinions."

Freshman Remy Benzel is one of the students that chose not to complete the survey sent out by the search committee.

"I've been very busy with all of my homework, and the two emails that they sent out honestly just got buried underneath all of my other emails," Benzel said.

Despite the emails being lost in his inbox, Benzel did not have the most faith in the search process.

"I don't know how my opinion could have really made a difference in the search process," Benzel said. "I don't know what powers the president has, or really anything about the searching situation, so how could me completing a survey make a difference?"

The deadline for completing the survey was 9 p.m. on Sunday. The search committee is now moving onto the next phase of the search process, which will be forums held March 14-15 to gather more community input.

Even if students were unable to complete the survey, there is still a chance to express their opinions to the search committee during these forums.

ANTI-SEMITISM from cover

the rise as well.

"It's all coming in the space of time where folks who are filled with hate and are acting on the hate that they have for other people," Meir Goldstein said. "It's the greater context of what's going on right now."

According to Meir Goldstein, the rise of hate crimes in the United States is connected to the recent change in government administration.

"I would say that it seems clear that the 2016 presidential election and the rollout of the new presidential administration played on fears and xenophobia that folks had prior to the campaign," Meir Goldstein said. "However, it seems that the way the campaign was run has emboldened folks to feel that it's permissible to act on behavior, bigotry and prejudice that in the past may have felt inappropriate."

Nasser agrees the recent acts of prejudice can be linked to the current political climate.

"I'm not saying necessarily that Trump has sparked this because he wants this to happen, but I think it's more the idea that with his radical sense of demeanor, people have taken that and interpreted and applied it to their own radical beliefs," Nasser said.

Despite President Donald Trump's public statement against anti-Semitism Feb. 21, Meir Goldstein would like to see Trump do much more to prevent the further spread of hate moving forward.

Map of Jewish Center Bomb Threats in North Carolina



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"I would like to see more rhetoric, and I would like to see President Trump take a more vocal and prophetic position against prejudice and bias and violence," Meir Goldstein said. "And even more so, I'd like to see policy that would push the community in that direction."

Julia Goldstein agreed and said the government needs to take action.

"I think that Congress needs to step up, and something needs to be done because throughout history, there have been waves of anti-Semitic acts in every single country," she said.

Outside of government policy and legislation, students and faculty advocated for other methods to prevent the further spread of inclusive causes.

"I think things just like the Women's March need to be taking place right now," Nasser said. "On an individual level, it's

important to stay alert and educated so you can have conversations with other people."

According to Meir Goldstein, the most critical task is building relationships between Jewish and non-Jewish people along with forging coalitions between religious communities. Meir Goldstein referenced the relationship between the Jewish community and the Muslim community in Greensboro as an example. Since 2015, the two groups have met to discuss topics related to inclusion.

During a time when acts of hatred and prejudice are widespread, Goldstein emphasized the importance of people working together across religious boundaries.

"As we get to know each other, then it's harder to have preconceived notions and prejudices because we're no longer some strange 'other' that we can dehumanize," he said.

Construction sparks curiosity for Elon Elementary students

Construction near East Haggard Avenue is close to the school

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Elon University is continuing to grow its campus with the expansion of the Love School of Business and the Schar Center.

Its latest expansion effort can be seen with the construction of a new parking lot adjacent to the McMichael Building. The parking lot is set to have 165 parking spaces available for faculty, staff and visitors, according to a February interview with Dan Anderson, vice president of University Communications.

The new parking place will replace some existing parking spaces between the Colonnades Neighborhood and McMichael. The spaces being eliminated will be used for Sankey Hall. The construction of the parking lot is set to be complete by the end of the 2017 spring semester, which is when Sankey Hall will begin to be built.

“For this new parking lot, there is no access off of Haggard Avenue,” Anderson said. “You will come around McMichael and come into



CORY WELLER | Staff Photographer

Next door to Elon Elementary School, construction continues on expansion of the Martha and Spencer Love School of Business.

Newest Elon University parking lot is set to have 165 spaces available for visitors, faculty and staff members

that lot.”

Anderson said the new lot will not be readily accessible for Elon Elementary School parents. Instead, the lot is meant for university parking with parking permits.

Elon Elementary Principal Jack Davern said students enjoy watching as the development progresses. The expansion of the parking lot is only separated by one street, but it is directly next to the elementary school. When the construction first began, there was a lot of wonder from the students.

“The impact it has on us start-

ed with curiosity,” Davern said. “Everyone was asking what it was going to be. We soon found out it was a parking lot.”

During recess, the kids go outside and watch as construction workers get the parking lot finished.

“The kids at recess were fascinated,” Davern said. “They watched those tractors, rollers and trucks clear and level the area. They watch every day. They can’t wait to see the final product.”

The playground is enclosed by a fence to keep the students from getting too close to the construction

site. Teachers also supervise kids to keep them safe.

Though there may be some concerns among parents about their ability to easily access the school, Davern sees no immediate drawbacks from the construction.

“I have not thought much about the lot and implications or impact on our school campus when it does open,” Davern said. “We will cross that bridge when we get there. In the meantime, the kids will continue to watch the work being done.”

QUICK FACTS

Start date: February 2017

Completion date: May 2017

Why: New parking lot will be replacing spaces between Colonnades and McMichael

Free speech controversy ignites over NC sex offenders social media ban

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The North Carolina General Assembly’s law banning the use of social media by registered sexual offenders has stirred up both local and national controversy. The G.S. 14-202.5 law was put into place to protect the high numbers of minors that frequent the sites. If they violated the law, offenders can be charged with a Class 1 felony.

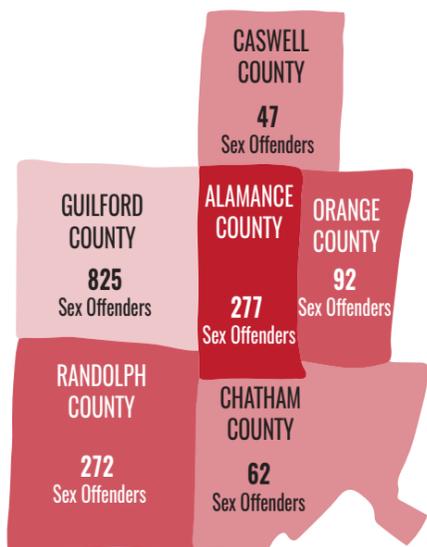
But North Carolina is not the only state to enforce such a law. A famous case took place in Indiana just a few years ago on the same grounds: The Doe v. Prosecutor Marion County, Indiana, case.

Some argue that making social media use illegal for offenders takes away their First Amendment rights and denies them access to news about current events, which is often available through social media sites, such as Facebook and Twitter. Meanwhile, others claim that there are plenty of outlets besides social media for news and media consumption.

Jonathan Jones, director of the North Carolina Open Government Coalition and media law professor at Elon University, said he feels the law violates the First Amendment.

“I think that my personal view is that it is unconstitutional that to say

SEX OFFENDERS IN ALAMANCE AND NEIGHBORING COUNTIES



- Alamance County has the **13th largest** sex offender population in North Carolina.
- Neighboring Guilford County has the **2nd largest population.**
- Mecklenburg County has the **largest sex offender population in the state, at 905 sex offenders.**

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to a class of people that you are not allowed to express yourself or use this tool of communication in any way for the rest of your life,” Jones said. “To me, that is a pretty clear constitutional violation.”

Jones said an argument for sex offenders being able to use social media was its role in the 2016 election. Jones noted President Donald Trump’s frequent Twitter activity

and said curtailing sex offenders. Others, like freshman Kelsey Milo, agreed.

“I feel like [the law] is a harsh punishment given this day and age,” Milo said. “There are different levels of what people can do to become a registered sexual offender, and cutting everyone off completely is a lot.”

Freshman Jennifer Peluso believes there is room for revision

in the law. She suggests that over time, with good behavior, offenders should be allowed back on social media.

“There are a lot of minors on social media, and they need to feel safe and free of danger. I don’t think that the law violates the First Amendment, and if you break the law there are consequences to that,” Peluso said. “[But] people change,

I’M SURE IT’S EASY TO SAY THE FOUNDERS DIDN’T INTEND TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF SEX OFFENDERS, BUT THE FOUNDERS DID CLEARLY INTEND TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF CITIZENS.

JONATHAN JONES
PROFESSOR OF MEDIA LAW

and I don’t like life-lasting labels.”

While many views are represented on the issue, Jones said that the law is for everyone.

“I’m sure it’s easy to say the founders didn’t intend to protect the rights of sex offenders, but the founders did clearly intend to protect the rights of citizens to participate in the political process and to participate in political speech,” Jones said. “Fast forward 200 and some years, social media is incredibly important to that participation in the political process and so by excluding sex offenders from that, the state of North Carolina has infringed their First Amendment rights.”

Bug denies some students Philo access

Roku glitch disrupts new residential TV service

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Some Elon University students living on campus may be unable to watch live television broadcasts via the school's new digital cable provider, Philo, because of a bug in a recent Roku software update.

Roku released a firmware update that makes it impossible for some Elon students to enjoy Philo services. Users are unable to load live broadcasts and previously recorded shows.

Last December, students were informed via email that the university was transitioning “from traditional cable television to a new, state-of-the-art system that delivers live television over the data network.” Students were also told they would be able to access the service through their laptops, desktop computers, Apple TVs and Rokus.

On Jan. 9, Roku released a firmware update that has been causing

the school's new digital cable provider, Philo, because of a bug in a recent Roku software update.

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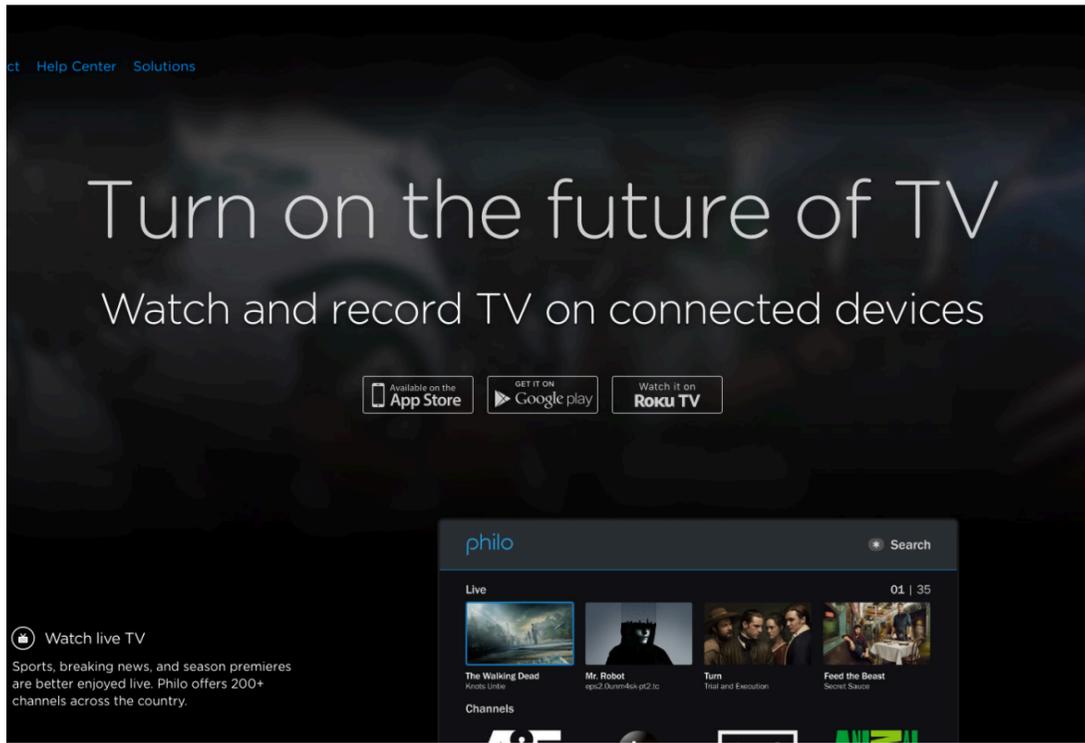


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Philo, Elon's new TV provider, is in the process of fixing bugs denying access to students.

some issues for Philo streamers. According to a Feb. 23 email from Philo tech support, Roku Express, Roku Express+, Roku Premiere, Roku Primere+ and Roku Ultra models are affected by the bug.

The bug makes it so that users are unable to load live broadcasts and previously recorded shows.

Freshman Caitie Marie Bell, a Roku Express owner, has been experiencing that exact issue.

“Now I can't watch any TV, and

it's really sad because I just wasted money on a Roku. And the school knows there is a problem, and they still got rid of it,” Bell said.

According to the same email from Philo tech support, Roku's next software update does not contain the bug, but that update is not supposed to be released until April.

“That's a good deal longer than we were hoping. We're terribly sorry for the prolonged inconvenience and frustration. As we are unable to

fix their bug ourselves, we've been focusing our efforts on tightening our partnership with Roku to ensure this never happens again,” said Chris, a technical assistant at Philo, in an email.

Other students have not experienced issues with Philo and said they are happy with the new service and 59 channels it boasts. Philo also provides users the ability to record up to 20 hours per account, and unlike with most TV providers, users

PHILO PROVIDES

- Easy access to **59 channels**
- Ability to record **two shows** at the same time
- Up to **20 hours** of recordings per account

can record more than two shows at a time.

Sophomore Jack Hamilton has never had a problem with Philo.

“I really like Philo,” Hamilton said. “I am currently working with campus technology to get a Roku on my floor so I can implement my programming as a resident assistant.”

“With my busy schedule with classes and extracurriculars, it's difficult for me to kind of catch up on my shows, but it's important to treat myself and kind of have a mental health time. So the ability to use Philo and catch up on my shows is a plus for me.”

Like Hamilton, sophomore transfer student Dyanmond Howell was happy with Philo. Howell had it at her former university and was excited to find out that she could continue the service here.

“You can get reminders when the shows come on through text message, that is my favorite feature.”

Elon's alumni engagement initiative recognized nationally

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A phone call is no longer the most efficient way to contact an Elon University alumnus.

According to Tricia Teter '13, alumni engagement officer at the Martin Alumni Center, new methods of outreach, such as sending text or video messages, have proven to be more successful than just phone calls.

For the past seven years, Elon has committed to improving its alumni network, and the results are being nationally recognized. A recent article in The Chronicle of Higher Education holds Elon University as “an example of new thinking around alumni affairs” and highlights the university's efforts to be “hands on and personal” with its young alumni.

The sixth theme of the Elon Commitment Strategic Plan, “developing innovative alumni programs to advance and support the Elon graduate,” echoes this high praise.

Some of the key objectives of this theme are to launch a new alumni service and engagement programs and to promote a culture of philanthropy within alumni.

As a result of this, the university has made efforts to increase alumni engagement with the opening of the Martin Alumni Center and the development of new staff roles, such as Teter's, along with new programming. There are three alumni engagement officers — Teter, Matthias



AJ MANDELL | Staff Photographer

Michael Spencer and Dana Carnes, interim assistant and interim director of the Center for Leadership, respectively, pose with an Instagram cutout at the special Elon Day College Coffee by Fonville Fountain March 7.

Bouska '16 and Conner Croxson '15. “Alumni engagement officers provide an individual point of contact for our alumni,” Teter said. “Our alumni engagement officers help to spread the partner, advocate and investor message individually to alumni across the country.”

Besides the partner, advocate

and investor message that seeks alumni participation, another way Elon seeks alumni participation is by traveling to visit alumni in their regions. Teter, along with the two other alumni engagement officers, explained there are 37 alumni chapters in the United States and one in London. These

chapters host different ways for alumni to network and socialize while continuing to interact with the university.

Brintha Renganathan '16 is part of the Atlanta alumni network and finds out about local alumni events through Facebook and email. She feels connected to Elon through so-

cial media posts of current students.

“I would feel much more connected to the school if I continued to get alerts on campus issues or innovations,” she said.

For Renganathan, the most important thing for her is to give back enthusiasm, support and advice to current students and alumni.

“There is a connection between all Elon students, alum and faculty, and it is super important to keep those connections alive once you graduate,” Renganathan said. “Especially in Atlanta, it is not often that you run into other Elon students, so enthusiasm is important to get together at alumni events when possible.”

Teter believes that individual relationships, such as the one Renganathan has with her alumni network in Atlanta, increase involvement. By developing relationships like these, alumni engagement officers are able to assist alumni in staying involved in regional events, volunteer opportunities and philanthropic campaigns.

One of the largest alumni engagement campaigns is Elon Day. This year's Elon Day featured 37 events throughout all of the chapters. There will also be secret donation challenges that will take place.

“These challenges encourage giving because every donation leads to a bigger impact for Elon,” Teter said. “We want to remind people that we are Elon, and that any part we play, no matter how small, in Elon Day contributes to something much bigger — to the success of Elon, a place that we all call home.”



MARITZA GONZALEZ | Staff Photographer
Construction workers use their machines to construct the new parking lot next to McMichael Building.

Elon balances construction, environmental concerns

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As Elon University continues to expand its campus, trees are being cut down to make room for new buildings and facilities.

Last month, the university began construction of a new parking lot next to the McMichael building.

This new parking lot will add 165 parking spots for faculty, staff and visitors.

Construction is set to begin on Sankey Hall this summer. The new building will take the

place of many parking spots in the existing visitors' lot.

To begin construction on this new parking lot, the university had to cut down a number of trees adjacent to the McMichael building. Several of these trees were also used in labs for environmental studies classes.

The university also recently began construction on the Schar Center, a 161,000-square-foot convocation center that will be able to seat approximately 5,500 people. This new building is being built on the 19.5-acre parcel of land next to the Hunt Softball Park. To begin construction on this building, the university had to remove almost nine acres of trees.

For many, physical expansion is of great value to the university. But according to Paul Moersdorf, adjunct assistant professor of physics, it is often easy to overlook the value that trees have on campus as well.

"What's the value of a single tree? That's hard to say," Moersdorf said. "If you're a human being, and it's where you want to put a driveway, the tree has no value at all. Or if it's where you want to put a communications building, and you're talking about a dozen trees, the trees have no value. The communications building is more important."

"However, if you are the squirrels that rely on the nuts from those trees, or the birds that put a nest in the trees, or all of the thousands of species of life that lives in the bark, on the bark, on the leaves, in the root system of the tree — to those, the value is infinite."

Over the past few decades, Elon has expanded its campus significantly, adding more than 100 buildings in less than 20 years. With each new building on campus, more trees are being cut down.

According to Tom Flood, assistant director of Physical Plant and director of landscaping and grounds, the university recognizes this issue and continuously adds more trees during construction.

"Construction inevitably has to remove some trees sometimes," Flood said. "But we are very cognizant and careful to go back with a large number of trees in the planting."

Flood offered many examples, saying that before beginning the construction of Global Neighborhood, Physical Plant had to remove around 100 trees. But after construction was completed, 313 trees were added in the new neighborhood.

Similarly, construction for Schar Hall caused about 10 large oak trees to be cut down, but through landscaping, Physical Plant added 54 new trees — 28 percent of which were oak trees.

Though the plans have not yet been finalized, Flood said the construction team plans to add more trees in and around the new parking lot near the McMichael Building.

"We will probably have, I imagine, in the range of 40 to 45 smaller,

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new trees go back in on that project," Flood said. "So we will line the street on Haggard Avenue with them and also adjacent to the elementary school. There's a bioretention base for storm water management on the north side of the parking lot that will have trees in it and around it. And then in the landscape buffer between the parking lot and the McMichael Science Building, there will be more trees in there as well."

Flood also added that more trees will be planted around Sankey Hall.

Regardless of upcoming construction, he said that Elon is still committed to making sure that trees remain across campus.

"It's part of the ethic of who we are. Elon means 'oak.' Our logo is an oak leaf. And so that sets the standard for what our campus will be," Flood said. "We have always envisioned and designed this campus as sort of a 'southern garden,' if you will, set in a grove of oaks — so that still guides the landscape architecture that we do today in all of our projects."



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NEWS BRIEFS

Elon Day reaches new students with social media push

Elon University raised more than 2,200 gifts March 7 for its fourth annual Elon Day, a 24-hour period designated to promote alumni philanthropy. As of 5 p.m. March 7, Elon raised more than \$360,000. This year, Elon launched a strategic social media push to promote Elon Day, according to Keren Rivas, assistant director of University Communications for Alumni Communications. The day began with a special College Coffee in front of Alamance Fountain, and a special website, elon.edu/elonday, was launched to track metrics and for patrons to easily give to the department of their choice. Elon President Leo Lambert spoke at College Coffee and said that Elon Day is a symbolic day to represent Elon's commitment to its community.

"We are Elon together. Whether here on campus or our alumni throughout the world, we commit to making the world a better place using the habits of mind and heart that are cultivated at Elon," Lambert said.

Elon student contracts meningitis

An Elon University student has contracted meningitis, according to an email from Smith Jackson, vice president for Student Life.

The Alamance County Health Department and University Personnel have contacted individuals who may have come in close contact with the diagnosed student, and preventative antibiotics have been administered to those individuals.

No other cases have been reported.

Meningitis is a medical condition characterized by inflammation of the protective membranes in the brain and spinal cord. It can be spread by direct contact with the saliva of an infected individual, and symptoms may be detected within 2-10 days of exposure. Common symptoms can include high fever, rash, severe headache, stomach pain, nausea or vomiting.

Preventative antibiotic treatment is only recommended for those who might have had contact with the ill student's saliva, according to the email.

Dr. Ginette Archinal, medical director of Elon Student Health Services, says any individuals experiencing one or more of these symptoms should contact their physician immediately. Further questions can be directed to the Office of Student Health and Wellness at 336-278-7200.

President Donald Trump used his personal Twitter account last Saturday to allege that former President Barack Obama had ordered the phones in Trump Tower to be "wire tapped" in the weeks leading up to the 2016 presidential election.

President Donald Trump and former President Barack Obama have had numerous skirmishes in the past, most notably Trump's birther controversy.

In a follow-up tweet, Trump likened the situation to Watergate and called Obama a "bad (or sick) guy!"

House Intelligence Committee chair Devin Nunes released a statement that said, "the Committee will make inquiries into whether the government was conducting surveillance activities on any political party's campaign officials or surrogates, and we will continue to investigate this issue if the evidence warrants it."

During an interview with CNN, House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Cal., said Trump's accusations are an attempt to distract the public from the investigations into his own relationship with Russia.

"You make up something, and then you have the press write about it, and then you say, 'Everybody's writing about this charge,'" Pelosi said. "It's a tool of an authoritarian, to just have you always be talking about what you want to be talking about."

She also suggested that Trump's request for Congress to launch a formal investigation was insincere.

"And then to take it to the Congress and say, 'You investigate this,' when he's been not in favor of Congress investigating anything — including what do the Russians have on Donald Trump, politically, financially or personally," Pelosi said.

Aside from a statement White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer



After a contentious election, President Barack Obama meets with then President-Elect Donald Trump at the White House Nov. 10, 2016.

released on Twitter Sunday, neither Trump nor anyone from his administration have elaborated on what evidence prompted Trump to write those tweets.

"Reports concerning potentially politically motivated investigations immediately ahead of the 2016 election are very troubling," Spicer said. "President Trump is requesting that, as part of their investigation into Russian activity, the congressional intelligence committees exercise their oversight authority to determine whether executive branch investigative powers were abused in 2016."

According to an article from the Washington Post, a White House spokesman said Trump's tweets were prompted by a collection of news articles from BBC, Heat Street, the New York Times and Fox News.

Louise Mensch, an independent journalist, is the author of



Donald J. Trump @realDonaldTrump · Mar 4

How low has President Obama gone to tapp my phones during the very sacred election process. This is Nixon/Watergate. Bad (or sick) guy!

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Donald J. Trump @realDonaldTrump · Mar 4

I'd bet a good lawyer could make a great case out of the fact that President Obama was tapping my phones in October, just prior to Election!

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Donald J. Trump @realDonaldTrump · Mar 4

Is it legal for a sitting President to be "wire tapping" a race for president prior to an election? Turned down by court earlier. A NEW LOW!

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On his Twitter profile, Trump accused Obama of wiretapping Trump Tower.

the Heat Street article referenced by the White House spokesman. According to Mensch, "Two separate sources with links to the counterintelligence community have confirmed to Heat Street that the FBI sought, and was granted, a FISA court warrant in October, giving counter-intelligence permission to examine the activities of 'U.S. persons' in Donald Trump's campaign with ties to Russia."

James Clapper, director of national intelligence during Obama's presidency, addressed the accusations on NBC's "Meet the Press" and denied that a Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act had ever been filed.

"There was no such wiretap activity mounted against the president — the president-elect at the time — as a candidate or against his campaign," Clapper said.

Elon student hit by car, taken to UNC hospital

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Freshman Molly Offstein was hit by a car at 7:30 a.m. March 6 on University Drive at O'Kelly Avenue. This information was confirmed by law enforcement officers. Offstein was taken to UNC Medical Center with life-threatening injuries, according to



Molly Offstein

Freshman Molly Offstein was hit by a car at 7:30 a.m. March 6 on University Drive at O'Kelly Avenue. As of 3:45 p.m. Monday afternoon, Offstein was in critical condition.

Lt. Mark Sweat of the Town of Elon Police.

According to UNC Hospital, as of 3:45 p.m. Monday afternoon, Offstein was in critical condition.

Vice President of Student Life Smith Jackson sent an email to students asking for help identifying the student. She did not have identification on her but was described as a tall woman with reddish hair wearing a sweatshirt and spandex pants.

According to Sweat, the driver, who was not a student, was traveling east on University Drive, had a green light and

was going below the speed limit. Sweat also noted there are no crosswalks at that intersection.

Sweat said there are no plans to press charges and the incident was not a hit-and-run. Offstein, of Frostburg, Maryland, is a runner on the women's cross country team and an Honors Fellow.

Offstein was one of three students that President Lambert highlighted at new student convocation last August.

The incident is still under investigation, according to a news release from the Town of Elon Police Department.

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 **STAFF EDITORIAL**

Diversity in senior staff should reflect student body

HOW WE SEE IT

Elon University should make diversity a priority when recruiting and hiring the next president and other positions on senior staff.

Of Elon University's 15-member senior staff, four (26.6 percent) are women, two (13.3 percent) are people of color and only one (6.6 percent) is a woman of color. These 15 people seated in the highest positions at our university are simply not representative of our student body, which is 59 percent female and 19.4 percent racially or ethnically diverse.

Though Elon prides itself on its "unprecedented commitment to diversity," if our university's highest offices are still primarily filled by white men, then we are not truly amplifying the voices of diverse perspectives.

The university has come a long way in its efforts to not only recruit students of diverse backgrounds, but also make them feel like they belong at Elon. But as Elon's student body continues to grow in diversity, this commitment must be reflected in its most senior positions.

With the search for Elon's next

president beginning and several members of senior staff changing positions, now is an optimal time to recruit qualified and diverse professionals to fill these positions.

The members of Elon's current senior staff have done an impressive job of listening to underrepresented students and creating initiatives that support them. But if these policies are still coming from the perspectives of white men, they are not representing the experiences of our students.

Members of senior staff are responsible for creating policies that will inevitably affect our students. To do this job well, they must be able to empathize with the student body.

Of course, Elon is not unique in this issue and it is not the fault of the current senior staff. Historically and across the nation, senior staff positions within higher education are overwhelmingly filled by middle-aged white men. A 2012 survey conducted by the

American Council on Education found that diversity in university presidents has actually decreased by 1 percent point from 2006 to 2012.

The same study found that though the proportion of U.S. college students from racial and ethnic minorities have increased from 20 to 34 percent from 1990 to 2009, racial and ethnic diversity among university presidents has only increased from 8 to 13 percent from 1986 to 2011.

And even though women represent half of the nation's undergraduate population, only 26 percent of university presidents are women.

Not only do these statistics show that university leadership does not typically reflect the diversity within student bodies, but it also doesn't reflect the workplaces within which these graduates will need to navigate.

According to the U.S. News & World Report, "the percentage of America's working-age population comprised of members of minority groups is expected to increase from 34 percent to 55 percent." Learning from and engaging with people of diverse background better prepares students for the diversity they are likely to

encounter in the workplace.

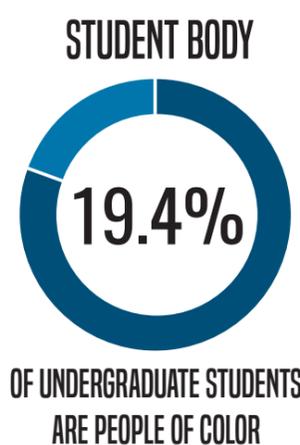
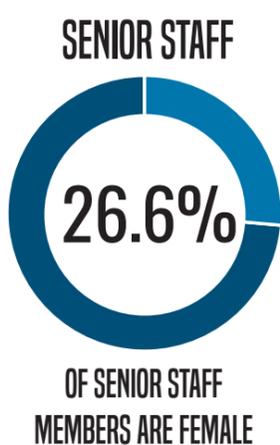
When recruiting and hiring the next president of Elon — or any future senior staff position — those hiring should be looking for the most qualified campus, while considering diversity as one of their top priorities.

There are many reasons why diversity is a vital part of the college experience. Diversity helps to enhance worldliness, promote self-reflection and allow students to learn from multiple perspectives.

Most importantly, students deserve to feel represented by their university's administration. Elon places great importance on mentoring relationships between faculty or staff members and students. It is important for students of diverse backgrounds to find mentors who can relate to their experiences and are able to guide them based on those experienced.

Elon must take this opportunity to diversify the university's administration to better reflect the growing diversity on our campus. A more diverse staff will positively impact our campus by bringing new perspectives and experiences to the table when creating policies for our university.

CRUNCHING THE NUMBERS



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#SeeMeElon aims to promote inclusivity on campus



Jessica Rapfogel
Sophomore

Diversity demographics can be quantitatively defined. Elon University has made significant strides in becoming more diverse, with the percentage of students of color increasing from only 8 percent in 1999 to 20 percent in the Class of 2020.

Inclusion, on the other hand, is a feeling and sense of belonging that cannot be compiled into a statistic. It is not easy to attain, nor does it mean the same to every person — and with a wide range of definitions comes varied perspectives.

Will McAvoy, a character on the HBO show, “The Newsroom,” made a powerful statement in saying that “the first step in solving a problem is recognizing there is one.”

When surveying students on campus, there was a consistent acknowledgment that Elon is taking initiatives to educate its students. Sophomore Nicole Harrison said she consistently receives notifications of various opportunities that “both inform and invite the student body to gain an

“Elon has provided me with so many opportunities to thrive as a leader, and to help me in finding myself and my identity. Still, it definitely isn’t a straight and narrow path.” – Alonzo Cee

WE ARE COLLECTING STUDENT STORIES ABOUT INCLUSIVITY ON ELON’S CAMPUS.

Share yours by sending it to elonseesme@gmail.com



The #SeeMeElon campaign will provide a platform for students to share their stories of inclusivity.

appreciation for more perspectives and become more involved, accepting people as a whole.”

Yet the issue of inclusivity still remains. According to the 2015 Social Climate Student Survey Executive Summary, LGBTQIA and ALANAM students reported that Elon was less welcoming and less belonging compared to their peers.

It seems that the lack of recognition of this problem comes from the students. Those who feel

included are not forced to see the issue, while for others, it may be all they see.

If the goal is to change the campus culture, not just its demographics, then support from administration and personally-affected students is not enough.

Sophomore Bree Statesman added that, though students have been educated on “what inclusiveness looks like,” it is up to the student body as a whole to take

initiative. All members of campus contribute to the university’s environment and culture, thus all members of campus must unite to accomplish change. It is imperative for students that feel included to not make it about themselves, but rather recognize what their peers are feeling and what their part is in changing Elon’s social climate.

A student-run campaign called #SeeMeElon may be exactly what Elon needs to propel this mission

forward. It will launch throughout campus and on Humans of Elon University’s Facebook page next week to spark more discussion and allow Elon students to share their stories of inclusivity — whether they are positive or negative. This authentic, unscripted content will display the truths of peers and provoke individuals to analyze the wide range of experiences others have had.

The campaign could have the potential to inspire people enough to join in the movement toward increased inclusiveness. Admittedly, that’s a large leap to make. At the very least, it could move Elon a step in the right direction — one that exposes students to the reality of the diverse voices and experiences had by their peers.

See me, Elon, as a woman who is fortunate enough to have found organizations and formed relationships that have pushed me toward the path of belongingness, but allows the beauty, brains and confidence of my peers to inhabit my own.

I urge you to join the campaign, whether it’s by sharing your story or by opening your mind. I hope you will engage in conversations and try and see those who make their voices heard.

Realize the greater implications of warmer weather



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Part of the reason I was initially interested in attending Elon University was to get away from Chicago winters. When I visited almost exactly four years ago, it was sunny and warm compared to the cold, oppressive gray of early March back home in Illinois.

My appreciation for warm weather makes me smile when I see highs in the 60s and 70s as I check my weather app each morning. I like the warm weather, but it’s difficult to keep a smile on my face when I remember that part of the reason it’s been so warm is climate change.

It’s easy to be happy about warmer temperatures when the only change you notice is being able to forgo a coat in the middle of winter. But climate change is also causing changes in where species live, global precipitation patterns, ocean acidification and a rising sea level.

We may not notice sea levels rising, but the Bramble Cay melomys has. It’s an Australian rodent who has disappeared from its only known habitat on a small Queensland island, possibly becoming the first mammal extinction that scientists attribute to climate change.

Maybe you don’t care for rodents, but these changes affect people, too.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), North Carolina is expected to experience a sea level rise up to four feet in the next century, submerging important coastal wetlands and threatening coastal towns.

These changes can be made worse by policy inaction — or in the case of North Carolina, banning evidence in policy-making. In 2012, North Carolina banned the consideration of sea level rise in coastal policy decision-making until 2016 through House Bill 819. But hey, at least the drive on those weekend trips to the beach will be slightly shorter, right?

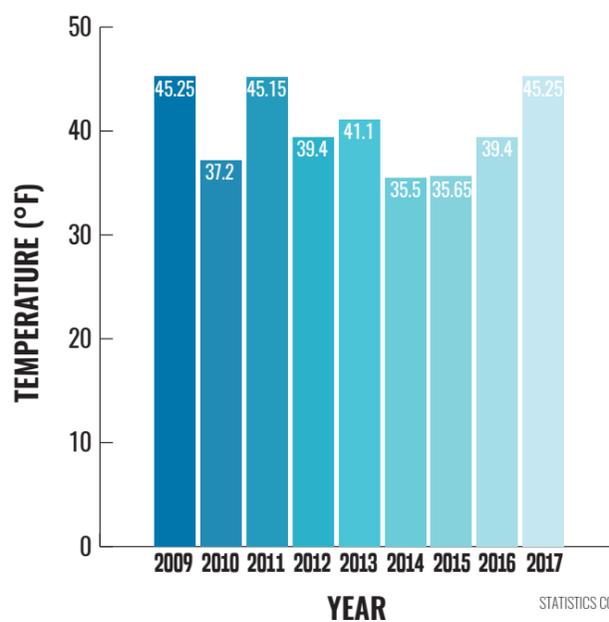
Maybe you don’t care as much because you don’t spend time on the coast. Unluckily for you, you’ll still be affected. The EPA predicts North Carolina will have two to four times more days with temperatures above 95 degrees

in 70 years. This means that more people will be at risk for heat-related conditions, such as dehydration and heat stroke. Yeah, we’ll be pretty old by then, but the elderly are especially at risk for these conditions, along with young people, sick people and poor people.

These are just a few examples of the widespread effects of climate change. Of course, these examples assume you are willing to look at the evidence supporting climate change and make the logical decision to accept it.

Yes, there is some uncertainty in exactly what will happen over the next century. But, the uncertainty among scientists isn’t about whether climate change is

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ALEX TOMA | Designer

real and happening. It’s in the details of their models and projections, like how the population growth rate and our fossil fuel emissions will change over the next few years, and how this will affect cloud formation and carbon uptake by plants.

Climate models are incredibly complex, and there is disagreement over which models are most accurate. But these scientists are still saying it doesn’t look good — and they’d love for it to look good. Studying the destruction of Earth’s ecological systems has lead scientists to experience what forensic psychiatrist Lise Van Susteren refers to as “pre-traumatic stress disorder.”

I’m not telling you this because I don’t want you to enjoy the nice weather. I’m just asking you to make small decisions that are better for the environment. I’m

not asking you to go vegan, but you can probably participate in meatless Mondays (or any other day of the week that works for you) to reduce your carbon footprint. If you’re getting rid of waste, try to recycle and compost what you can.

If you’re confused because you’ve never composted before, you can always reach out to the Office of Sustainability. Bring reusable grocery bags when you go shopping. It only takes a short phone call to let your representatives know that what happens to the environment is important to you and that they shouldn’t support House Bill 861 to terminate the EPA.

Do your part to keep this planet for us and generations to come. And if you still want weather even warmer than North Carolina, the Global Education Center can help you out.

WITH MIDTERMS LOOMING, STUDENTS TACKLE STRESS

There is a way to remedy stress from midterms



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On the first day of class, I read the course syllabus to search for the scheduled exam dates. I delayed my thoughts on the midterm until I realized that Spring Break is in a few short weeks. This fast-approaching date consumes me to a point where I wish time would stop.

It's sad to say that I sometimes spend more energy worrying about an assignment than I do preparing for the assignment. But I know I am not alone on this island called "stress."

We generally consider stress to be a physical or emotional response to anything that poses a threat to our well-being. Positive stress is exciting, but its negative

form is far more challenging to cope with.

The originator of the term "stress," Hans Selye, once told reporters, "Everybody knows what stress is, but nobody really knows." In other words, the term "stress" is hard to define because we experience it in different ways.

Stress from school and work is all too real. Pressures to take on heavy workloads and expectations to excel in these courses contribute to mental fatigue and poor sleeping schedules. Ask almost any college student, and they will tell you it is challenging to plan for midterms. In the classroom, we are stressed out even before we begin an assignment. And when it comes to exam times, the psychological burden of work can seem too much to manage.

If you suffer from stress or anxiety, trust me when I say: You are not alone. According to the

2015 National College Health Assessment, 30 percent of students reported stress and 21.9 percent of students reported anxiety as negative factors affecting their academic performance. Though it is no small task, there are strategies to help you handle your stress levels.

YOUR STUDIES ARE IMPORTANT, BUT DON'T SACRIFICE YOUR MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH FOR A GRADE.

A recent publication of the Harvard Health Letter suggests methods to elicit relaxation responses and reverse stress-related health problems. Their recommendations are simple and easy to do: Focus

on slow, deep breaths. Concentrate on one part of the body and imagine you are releasing tensions from this area. Repeat on a different body part. Create a soothing scene in your mind that makes you relax. Repeat a favorite prayer from your faith.

At this moment you might ask: What does the university recommend for dealing with stress? Thankfully, Elon University has resources available to us. If you are in need of additional support, you can make an appointment with Counseling Services. They will provide you with appropriate tools to manage your stress or anxieties. If you find someone in a stressful situation, lend a helping hand. It is no secret that in difficult times, we work best when we work together.

So, please, breathe in deep and take some time off in the calm before the "exam storm." Your studies are important, but don't

sacrifice your mental and physical health for a grade. Try to engage in activities that excite you in between study breaks.

For example, watching movies or engaging in cardiovascular activities help me decompress. Taking a study break will not only help you relax but also help you re-energize for your next study session.

Throughout this busy season, commit to memory the Swahili phrase, "Hakuna Matata," which roughly translates to "no worries." The popular Lion King reference is slightly comical in song lyric, but is truly a great message to anyone dealing with internal and external pressures to perform in social, academic or workplace settings.

Of course, I know a Disney movie will not solve all your study problems, but it will help you relax. Keep in mind that the exam dates will pass — and your high stress will, too.

Our goal should be to thrive, not just to survive



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It's safe to say Elon University brings to mind a specific kind of person — typically someone way over-involved, over-committed and who responds to the question, "How are you?" with "You know. . . I'm alive. Surviving."

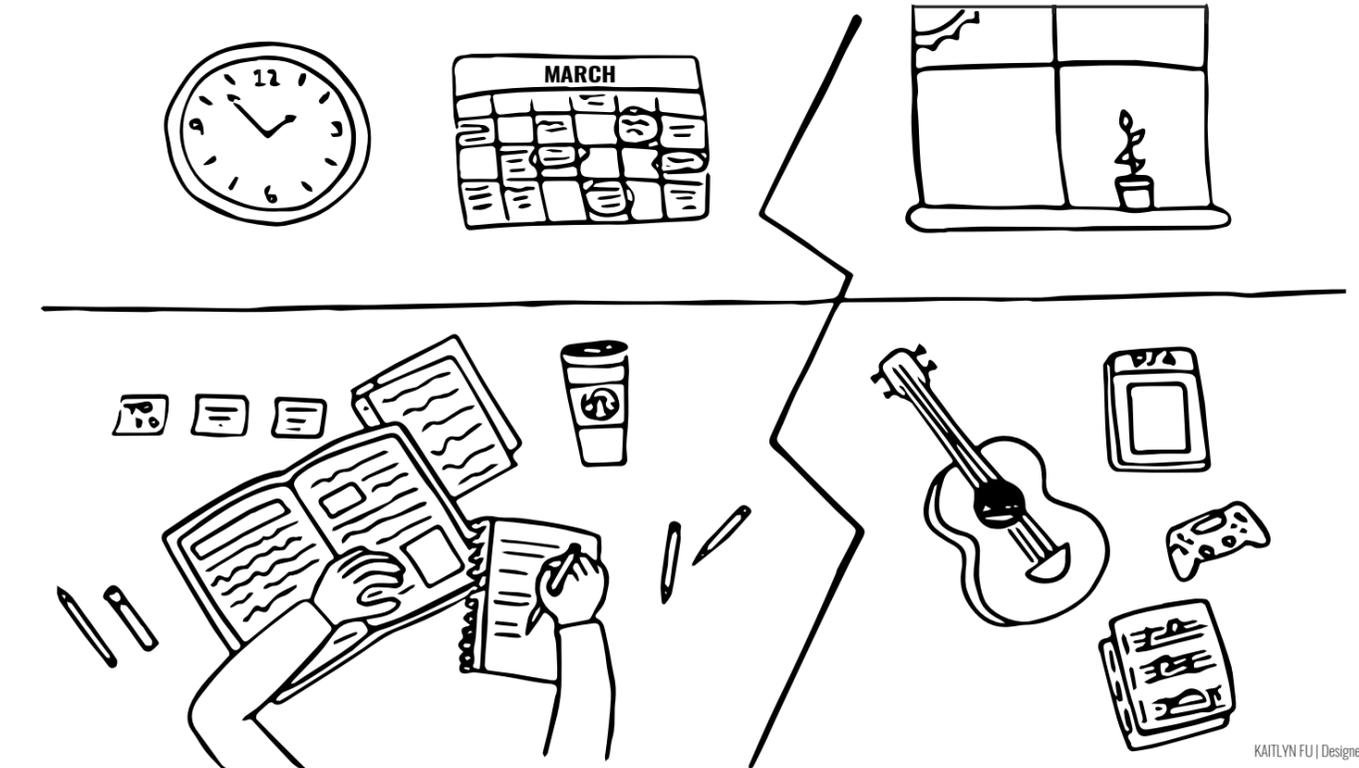
"I'm alive"? I'm sorry, but when did "I'm alive" become an acceptable response? When did "surviving" become the new "I'm fine"?

Our undergraduate years are supposed to be some of the best of our lives. That's not to say being involved and a part of various organizations is a bad thing, but it's when you're "surviving" and not "thriving" that you have to step back and realize, "Huh. You know, maybe something isn't entirely right here."

You could say I recently had this moment of self-realization. I realized that every time someone asked me how I'm doing, I responded with, "I'm not dead, so it could be worse," and then sped off to whatever meeting, class or activity I had next in my more-disorganized-than-an-episode-of-"Hoarders" planner.

I stopped using words such as "great," "well" or even "good" to describe my general well-being. Yeah, that's an issue. Then I realized I was consistently going through each day on fewer than five hours of sleep. Then, even worse, I realized I couldn't even feel bad about it because everyone else I know is going through the exact same thing.

Most people I know are running around nonstop from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. before even getting the chance to start their homework — then they stay up another three hours to finish said homework. And chances are, if you're reading this, you know exactly what I'm talking about.



More often than not, I'm up until 2 or 3 a.m. sitting on my bed doing work, hearing doors around my hall open and close. It was during one of those times when I had my first — and most likely not my last — breakdown.

I've broken down an unreasonable amount of times throughout just the first month of this semester because of the weight of all the items I have to check off my to-do list and the little amount of time I have to complete them. It doesn't help that my ukulele sits in a corner of my room, sadly untouched for a few weeks now.

I have officially crossed that line where I can't even do the things I love because I simply don't have time. For me, this means I don't have time to play the new song I learned on my ukulele or try out the new PS4 game that I've been waiting for since last summer. One of my best friends constantly

reminds me to practice self-care, and every time I tell him I will, but then don't because — say it with me now — I don't have time.

If you're the kind of person who excels with zero free time and a full calendar, I applaud you, and I envy you. It's fine to stay busy. I encourage you to stay busy — but if you find yourself unable to do the things you love, that make you happy, do yourself a favor and take a moment to yourself to really think. If you find yourself responding, "I'm surviving," to every person who asks about your well-being, really take a moment to reflect. And if you feel like you have to remind yourself to just sit there and breathe for a moment, please take that moment and breathe.

For lack of a better term, we are in our prime — our golden days, the ones we're going to look back on in 50 years and say,

"Oh man, those were the days."

It shouldn't be the norm to remain in a constant state of chaos and misery. It shouldn't be the norm to have nervous breakdowns every other day because we feel consistently overwhelmed. Whether that be organizations, favors for friends, class load, preparing for the future, the to-do list you have that resembles a hydra more than it does a list — in the sense that you seem to have to add two items for every one you check off — just remember, you can say no.

Yes, your activities, classes, friends, organizations and commitments are important, but so is your own mental health. If you feel in any way that your mental health is in danger, take a moment and reflect. Practice self-care, do the things you love, learn to say no. Let's stop surviving. Let's actually thrive.

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Sigma Kappa sister takes a hard fall at big/little reveal

LIFESTYLE



FILMING FACEMASK

Senior's thesis project to educate about the trans experience

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Since Elon University senior Zach Bocian was a kid, he has struggled with masculinity and what it means to “be a man.”

“Facemask” follows the story of a transgender female football player who is grappling with identity.

or go to the gym all the time if I don’t want to or don’t like to, to prove I’m a man,” he said.

It was that realization and fascination with gender, along with his interest in the trans community, that led him to begin research for his BFA thesis project: a film package for a feature film called “Facemask.” The package includes a screenplay, trailer, a projected budget and schedule, visual references and a business plan.

“Facemask” is the story of a closeted transgender female named Tyler grappling with coming out as her true self as well as maintaining her passion: football.

Getting the background

During the fall of his junior year, Bocian, a double major in political science and cinema and television arts, participated in the Elon in Los Angeles Study USA program, and he resumed his stay again through summer 2016.

He went to various trans pride events and met many individuals spanning the whole spectrum of transgender from male to female,

female to male and gender non-conforming.

“They’re such incredible people,” Bocian said. “The community — although private in many respects and sensitive in many respects, rightfully so — are some of the most accepting people I’ve ever met.”

“It made me feel really incredible. I was so grateful to them because they proved to me that gender is such a social construct.”

After the passing of HB2, Bocian was “all in” for the project and began researching intensively.

As a cisgendered, heterosexual, white male, Bocian has been very careful to create an authentic portrayal of the trans experience as an outsider.

“The trans experience is so varied,” he said. “There’s not one checklist. There are different things that all trans people usually go through, but the way they go about them, and how they get to them, and what is considered ‘presenting’ is different for everyone.”

Bocian reached out to various psychiatrists, psychologists, surgeons and specialists both in LA and in the Triad area when he returned to Elon. While still in LA, Bocian met with a surgeon who specialized in gender-affirming surgeries and told him he needed approval from the Institutional Review Board (IRB), which approves all scholarly research projects that use human sources.

So, in addition to the 10-page proposal needed for the School of Communications at Elon, he also had to draft a 20-page paper for the IRB.

An accurate portrayal

Once back in North Carolina, he met with psychiatrists and specialists, hoping one would mentor him and share their clients with him to interview. After visiting a few group sessions and meeting various professionals, Bocian met Shana Gordon-Cole, a gender specialist working with Tree of Life counseling in Greensboro.

“After going through her thousands of clients — because we needed to choose subjects who were at the same age as Tyler, played sports, were both female to male and male to female because you want both perspectives and also related to her plight in some way,” Bocian said. “Then I needed to pitch them on this idea. And tell them that a lot of what they went through I want to use for her because it needs to feel authentic.”

They eventually picked 15 individuals and seven agreed to be a part of the project, some of whom were even football players.

Professor Muriel Vernon, assistant professor of anthropology with expertise in transgender health and culture, helped Bocian compose his IRB proposal and has been advising him for the duration of his project. She says Bocian has done a good job of balancing authenticity and maintaining accessibility to a mainstream audience.

“It’s good that he needs to know the details of hormone treatments and how they work and how they don’t work,” Vernon said. “Because I think he had a point where he wanted to show the progressive changes of the body with hormones, and I said ‘That’s fine, but this person would not be playing football competitively with these changes A., not visible and B., not affecting the game’”

Bocian made it clear that the screenplay and the recently produced trailer are not the final product of his project. His goal is to have the feature film made and reach the widest audience possible, but only on his terms.

If his film were to be produced, Bocian wants the lead to be a transgender actor. Yet, for the trailer, Bocian does not have the money or legal backing to ensure a transgender actor’s safety.

“If this movie were to get made, it would be with a trans-actor,” he said. “It is going to be made with a LGBTQIA-inclusive cast and crew, and it is going to be made in the proper sense. And that is something



PHOTOS COURTESY OF ZACH BOCIAN

1 Junior Lauren Duncan helps film a scene on the football field for the trailer.

2 Junior Patrick Mobley and other cast members film the trailer of “Facemask.”

3 Senior Zach Bocian directs the trailer for “Facemask,” a film about a transgender female football player.

everyone needs to understand — especially the gender and LGBTQIA community.”

Hiring an inclusive cast

More than 40 percent of the cast and crew for the trailer identified somewhere on the LGBTQIA spectrum, and the other 60 percent fell into another under-represented minority. A majority of the budget thus far has come from the Gender and LGBTQIA Center (GLC) at Elon and its alumni network, which asked about the demographics of the cast and crew when Bocian and his two producers, juniors Katie Shannon and Hunter Strauch, pitched the idea.

“When we pitched the alumni board for the LGBTQIA center, they asked about that. And we said yes, that’s exactly the point of the project, because you don’t want a bunch of white people telling the story of a minority,” he said. “That’s what happens in Hollywood, and that’s wrong and we see it. Yes, it’s my project, and [I am not a minority], but if you surround yourself with the right people and listen and collaborate, hopefully you’re going to get an authentic piece of work.”

Bocian hopes to bring his script to people in the industry he admires who have worked on projects such as “Transparent” and “Boys Don’t Cry” and to make a movie that will reach as many people as possible.

“I’m hoping that the mass audience of this entire country are inter-

ested in it because it is about a modern American society,” he said. “I want them to say, ‘Oh cool, it’s a football drama. Oh my gosh, I’m learning about this incredible new topic.’ I go to the cinema to be educated and learn about people, so that’s what I want it to be.”

Bocian says the hardest part of the project so far has been proving to people his authenticity and passion for this topic.

“And I do not want sympathy for that,” he said. “Because it is hard and because why the heck should I be caring for this — but on the opposite, why shouldn’t I?”

This is why Bocian has ensured his research is thorough. He continues to get notes from the transgender individuals he has spoken to throughout the process and has asked five professors and mentors to read through each draft of his script.

Mathew Antonio Bosch, the director of the GLC, said Bocian’s commitment to receiving feedback throughout his process is confirming a more authentic final result.

“An added bonus for the Gender and LGBTQIA Center was Zach’s ability to share with us, and his thesis panel, drafts of the full script throughout the writing process to ensure that the language and content chosen felt authentic and true to the experiences many of us face around gender expectations,” Bosch said. “Which helps to avoid the tokenization that so many trans characters experience in today’s TV shows and films.”



Elon Eats: Diversifying Latino restaurant scene

Colombian Cravings brings cultural understanding with home-cooked meals

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Cruising down Huffman Mill Road, the towering neon Cook Out sign stands out as a landmark to the Elon University community. But looking past its shadow to the building right next door, there's a cultural experience waiting that many don't know about.

Enter Colombian Cravings, Burlington's newest addition to its collection of Hispanic restaurants, and you'll be greeted with a warm smile and the sight of cheesy bunuelos rising in the oven, mixed with the smell of Colombian cooking spices wafting in from the back kitchen.

Sit down and take in the colorful wall art that depicts food, coffee and the spirit of Colombia as the soft sounds of Shakira, Juanes and Carlos Vives reverberate throughout the cozy atmosphere.

The restaurant opened last November because owner Melba Aguirre saw a unique need for diversity in the Burlington food scene.

"Around here, we have a lot of Hispanic restaurants, but they are mostly Mexican, so the picture of Latina food is Mexico," Aguirre said. "And actually, in South America, we have a lot of places and a lot of diversity."

With Colombian Cravings, she hopes



Colombian Cravings serves a delicious variety of grilled and fried foods, including this entree of grilled chicken with mango sauce, fried yuca and plantanos maduros, with freshly squeezed mango juice.

to shed light on that diversity while celebrating her own unique culture. Her sister, Maria Sarmiento, is the chef and uses family recipes to make dishes from various regions of her home country, especially Cali and Medellin.

Of all the pictures hanging on the wall, Aguirre's favorite sits right at the entrance: the quintessential photograph of a farmer's dirty hands holding freshly picked coffee cherries.

Upon arriving to the United States, she received judgment from Americans whose only association with Colombia was the Pablo Escobar cartel and the drug wars.

"The cherries represent what Colombia

is," Aguirre said. "This is what we make, this is what people live from — the coffee, not the drugs."

Contrary to the southern perception of Latino food, Colombian Cravings doesn't bring too much heat, and everything is made from scratch.

"We don't cook with hot spices," Aguirre said. "We just cook with a lot of flavor. We cook. We don't open cans. And that's what makes a good place."

The most popular menu item is the bandeja paisa, a collection of steak, chorizo, rice, fried eggs, pork and fried plantains. Chicken, seafood and soups can also be found for a reasonable price of

COLOMBIAN CRAVINGS

Where: 404 Huffman Mill Rd.
When: Monday and Tuesday | closed
Wednesday-Friday | 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Saturday | 9 a.m.-9 p.m.
Sunday | 9 a.m.- 6 p.m.
Cuisine: Colombian
Cost: \$10-\$20

\$10-\$15 per entree, especially considering the portion sizes.

"In Colombia, we eat a lot," Aguirre said.

While many times drinks are overlooked, freshly squeezed juices are a staple in Colombian culture. It is well worth the \$4 for a glass of exotic juice unlike any supermarket carton available.

Family is central to the lives of Colombians, and Aguirre hopes to recreate that family feeling for the Burlington community in her restaurant. At the end of every meal, customers are served a cup of Colombia's world-famous coffee, just like you would receive at your abuela's.

"In Colombia, we don't eat lunch. We come home for lunch," Aguirre said.

The perfect combination of ambiance and flavor are no accident. This is Aguirre's first time owning a business, and she thinks about the restaurant 24/7 and loves it.

"I work a lot because I want everything to be perfect," she said. "I want people to walk out of here happy and say 'This is really great,' and not 'Hmmm, alright.'"

Cancer diagnosis derails student's Elon dream

After recovering from treatment, student will join Class of 2021

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Incoming freshman Hannah Korycinski told her Facebook friends in September 2015 that Elon Uni-

Hannah Korycinski was diagnosed with a type of cancer caused by a genetic disorder she was born with that affects the body's nerves.

versity was her Hogwarts equivalent — mandatory heart emoji included. But when Korycinski graduated from James Hubert High School in Colesville, Maryland, the following year, she packed her bags for the hospital instead of her new dorm.

Korycinski had been diagnosed with cancer.

One surgery, six cycles of chemotherapy and countless hours spent in the hospital later, Korycinski will be starting at Elon this upcoming fall semester. She plans to major in elementary education and psychology.

"I was diagnosed only a couple weeks before we were supposed to leave for Elon. It really took a toll on me, and it was really difficult,"

she said.

Korycinski's cancer was caused by neurofibromatosis Type 1, a genetic disorder she was born with. This condition causes the growth of potentially cancerous tumors along the nerves in the skin, brain and other parts of the body.

According to the National Institutes of Health, this genetic disorder affects one in every 3,000-4,000 people worldwide.

She said the hardest part of growing up with her condition was feeling different and not being able to do some of the things that others her age were able to.

At age five, she underwent surgery on her spinal cord and was told she could not participate in contact sports.

"That was difficult. When people would be like 'Oh, why can't you do this sport?' or whatever, and I had to explain, and it was hard for me to do that," Korycinski said.

In July 2016, a biopsy revealed that the 18-year-old had a malignant peripheral nerve sheath tumor. She underwent surgery at Johns Hopkins Hospital in November.

The surgery went better than Korycinski and her doctors expected.

"The surgeon originally thought I was going to lose all function in my left arm, but I have full, 100 percent function in my left arm,"

Korycinski said. "The surgeon was very, very happy about that, and I am very happy about that, too."

Korycinski's mother, Abby Sandler, said she, too, is pleased with the results of her daughter's surgery and proud of Korycinski's outlook.

"She's had such a positive attitude about how she's faced this and always tried to keep her eyes on what she's looking forward to," Sandler said.

Korycinski and her family knew her diagnosis meant college would have to wait a while.

"It upended our whole world," Sandler said. "I think, to her, she was more upset about the fact

that she wasn't going to make it to Elon this year than she was about the cancer diagnosis. She had been counting the days until we packed the car and headed down there."

Instead, Korycinski submitted a deferral.

Elon receives fewer than 20 deferral requests each year, according to Vice President of Admissions Greg Zaiser, but that number is increasing. Applicants may request a deferral to pursue a gap year to travel or work or, such as Korycinski, for health reasons.

"Requests are considered on a case-by-case basis and must be submitted in writing to the dean of admissions," Zaiser said in an email.

"We have to watch this number carefully so we can make sure we meet enrollment goals appropriately."

But this deferral wasn't the end for Korycinski.

"She was putting her life on hold for a year so she could have it back," Sandler said.

Korycinski is a "bright young woman," according to her mother. Korycinski will happily share how much she enjoys writing short stories and reading "Harry Potter." While she was undergoing chemotherapy at the hospital, she began reading the "Percy Jackson and the Olympians" series.

Though she will have to return home to Maryland for follow-up MRIs after the fall 2017 semester begins, Korycinski said she does not expect that her condition will cause her any trouble at Elon, nor does she want to delay her arrival any further.

She said she is looking forward to her arrival "100 percent."

Sandler knows it will be difficult for her to send her daughter off to college but said it would be difficult regardless of the circumstances.

"In some ways, it might be a little easier knowing everything she's been through this year," she said. "It has definitely been a perspective-changing experience for all of us."

Korycinski has no intention of letting what she has undergone limit her.

"I definitely think I'm going to bounce back," she said. "I think, because of all of this, I'm going to become a stronger person and have a more open outlook on life."

HER BATTLE AGAINST CANCER

2003

Spinal cord surgery

Sept. 2015

Discovers Elon, which becomes her dream school

July 2016

Biopsy of malignant peripheral nerve sheath tumor

Nov. 2016

Surgery to remove tumor and begins chemotherapy

Aug. 2017

Plans to begin attending Elon University

PHOENIX PIANO TRIO RISES AGAIN

Concert group performs with new member after hiatus

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The Elon University Phoenix Piano Trio will come together after a three-year hiatus to perform once again. Cellist Meaghan Skogen, adjunct assistant professor of music, pianist Victoria Fischer Faw, professor of music and Andy Bonner, adjunct assistant professor of music and newest violinist member, will take to the stage to perform a diverse program.

The concert will take place at 7:30 p.m. March 9 in Whitley Auditorium.

The group will perform three trios of songs dating from 1788 to 1933. The trios are by Austrian composer Joseph Haydn, German composer Ludwig van Beethoven and Spanish composer Joaquin Turina.

"You have your classical type, you have your monumental Beethoven and your Romantic 20th century trio," Fischer said.

"It's going to be a colorful performance."

Fischer has been playing piano since the age of four and said she was "born a musician." She started teaching piano in high school when her piano teacher asked her to take on some of her overload work. At Elon, Fischer teaches several piano classes, — including applied piano and piano pedagogy.

"I've never had a job that wasn't music," Fischer said.

In 2009, Fischer and Skogen started the trio. Their original violinist

The Trio is made up of three Elon University professors of music. They have been on hiatus for a few years.

was a chamber group upon arriving at Elon, he was excited to join.

"I think when anyone is obsessed enough with something, they want to share it," he said. "When you love a TV show, you live for an opportunity to tell somebody about it. Well music has been the biggest part of my life for most of my life, and it's a natural outgrowth from making music to helping others make it. Victoria and Meaghan are delightful people to make music with."

Collaboration

is an important part of performing as a trio. Leading up to the performance, the three met twice a week during the spring to exchange, accept and reject each other's ideas to make the program the best it could be.

"When you bring it together, it's a real conversation, which makes it so much fun," Fischer said. "It's a blast to play on stage."

WE DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN ONSTAGE, AND THAT'S WHERE THE MAGIC LIES.

VICTORIA FISCHER FAW
PIANIST,
PROFESSOR OF
MUSIC

CONCERTS

Where: Whitley Auditorium

When: 7:30 p.m. March 9

Where: Soundbite Gallery in Greensboro

When: March 16

What: Raise awareness of Elon's music department

Though the three spent a lot of time preparing, improvisation is a key part of performing.

"We don't know what's going to happen onstage, and that's where the magic lies," Fischer said. "That's the beauty of live performance."

The three are excited to revive the trio and to play in Whitley. According to Fischer, the space is ideal for chamber music and contains an exceptional concert piano.

The trio will also perform at the Soundbite Gallery in Greensboro March 16. The performance will be part of an initiative to bring better pianos to Elon and spread the word about the university's music department.

Taking the stage for their last dance concert

Six seniors highlighted in 'Decennium' before senior showcase

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For the annual spring dance concert titled "Decennium," six Elon University seniors will take the McCrary Theatre stage for the final time. They will be accompanied by the rest of the dance department, performing pieces by artistic director Lauren Kearns, professor of dance.

According to senior Allison Dyke, the dance program has a few shows a year, but the two biggest performances are the fall and

spring dance concerts.

The Spring Dance Concert "Decennium" is choreographed by Elon University faculty and students will perform six different pieces that are mostly contemporary.

"There are six pieces, and they are mostly contemporary," Dyke said. "There is one contemporary ballet piece that [Assistant Professor of dance] Jennifer Guy always choreographs."

The spring dance concert per-

DECENNium

What: "Decennium" spring dance concert

When: March 10-12

7:30 p.m. Friday

2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday

2 p.m. Sunday

Where: McCrary Theatre

formances run March 10-12 at 7:30 p.m. Friday, 7:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday in McCrary Theatre.

This spring, the six senior dance majors will be prominently featured in different pieces throughout the show, demonstrating their growth that led up to this final performance.

"There are only six of us, and we are all very similar, but we are all very different," Dyke said. "We all have specific strengths, and we are really fortunate to have faculty that wanted to feature us."

This will be the first time Dyke is able to perform in the spring dance concert because she was abroad last spring.

"It is a really cool show," Dyke said. "I really respect all of the choreographers and I think all of the pieces are really interesting, and it is a really good time to do what you love."

The senior class will also present their senior thesis in May.

The senior thesis is a dance performance in which senior members present collaborative dance works they have been working on throughout the year.



Dance majors practice for upcoming performance "Decennium" at dress rehearsal in McCrary March 7.

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"This year we are basing our performance off of Dante's Inferno, which will be really cool," Dyke said. "I'm really excited about it. We are all choreographing. We are all dancing."

As a senior performing in the spring dance concert, there is a lot of responsibility that goes into being a role model for the other students in the program.

"The greatest responsibility is setting an example," Dyke said. "We're just setting expectations of how you need to behave in the rehearsal process and what the etiquette is and how to learn dance in a different way."

According to Dyke, the transition between high school and college while entering the dance

major is more competitive than what most people experience as a freshman at college.

"We need to be encouraging," Dyke said. "We try to keep a friendly environment for everyone, especially being in a small program. I really respect everyone here."

Sophomore Francesca Mancuso has been inspired by this positive example the seniors in this dance show have set for the underclassmen.

"They are incredibly welcoming and caring," Mancuso said. "They are constantly working their hardest."

After spending four years dancing in the program, Dyke believes she has learned a lot about

herself as a dancer and as a person.

"I would say in four years, I've learned a lot about professionalism," Dyke said. "I've learned how to show up and make the best of a situation — maybe the choreography is new to you and you don't know all the information or how to work to get something to fit your body better."

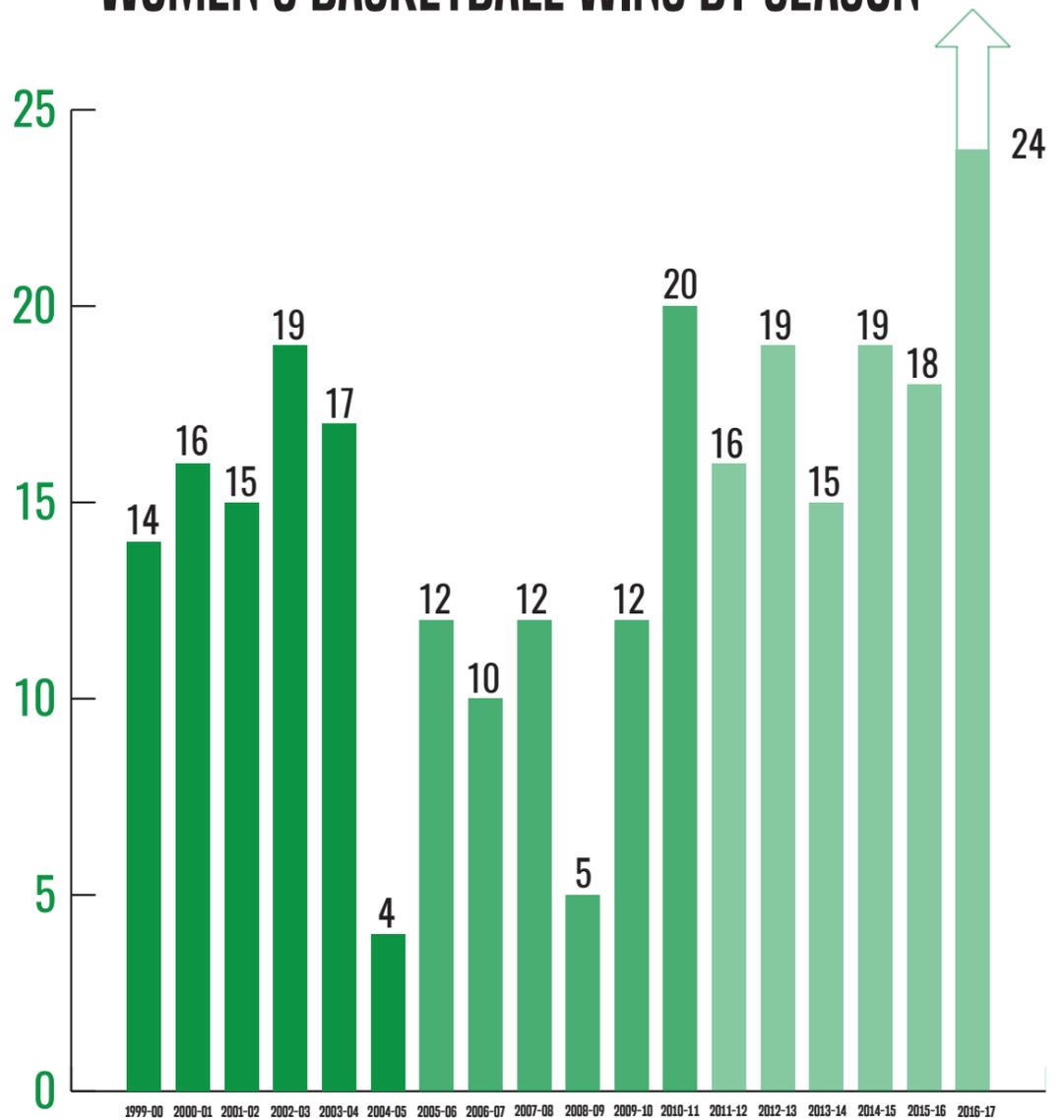
Dyke appreciates the experience Elon has given her as a performer.

"Performing is so different from taking class or being in rehearsal," Dyke said. "It is a completely different skill set — having the opportunity to perform really prepared me to not only be a dancer but be a performer."



PLAYING FOR THE

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL WINS BY SEASON



91 DAYS SINCE LAST LOSS TO A NON-JMU TEAM

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REBOUNDING DEFENSE IN CAA
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OFFENSIVE REBOUND PERCENTAGE IN CAA
DEFENSIVE REBOUND PERCENTAGE IN CAA

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11.1 THE NUMBER OF AVERAGE POINTS PER GAME THAT ELON OUTSCORED ITS OPPONENTS

CAA from cover

ness, with Elon heading to Harrisonburg, Virginia, and host James Madison University's gym as the No. 1 seed. The Phoenix will begin its title quest at noon Thursday against the winner of the 8/9 matchup of Towson University and Hofstra University. And, for head coach and CAA Coach of the Year Charlotte Smith, the team is ready to add to its trophy collection for 2016-2017.

"The telltale story will be how they come out and play, but I know they are definitely hungry for more," Smith said. "This is just one chapter of being a champion

— there's more to the story, and a bigger part of the story is conference champions, because that defines whether or not you'll be in the Big Dance, for the most part."

Elon can assure its first bid to the NCAA Tournament by winning three games in a row. But while acknowledging it'd be "miraculous" if Elon got an at-large bid, Smith feels the Phoenix deserves to be in consideration.

"We played a very challenging nonconference schedule, and we have a great nonconference record," Smith said. "We were really competitive, and a couple of those games were in our grasp to take the W. We'll see, but playing those games gave our team a lot of

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LAUREN BROWN
GUARD

confidence. We've proven that we can hang with tough competition, which I think will make a great case for an at-large bid."

By the time the Phoenix plays its first game at the CAA Tournament, it'll have been three months since Elon lost to a non-James Madison opponent. Elon's RPI has consistently been in the Top 30 all season and currently is at 27, something Smith said comes from the players grasping the importance of each game.

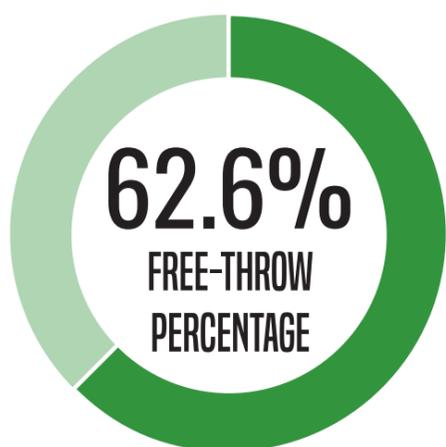
"They see the big picture, and they understand the big picture," Smith said. "We've talked about everything that goes into getting to that next level. They're understanding that stuff and they know that every win matters, and every

single game matters in regards to RPI, rankings, mid-major rankings. I think they understand the magnitude and importance of each game."

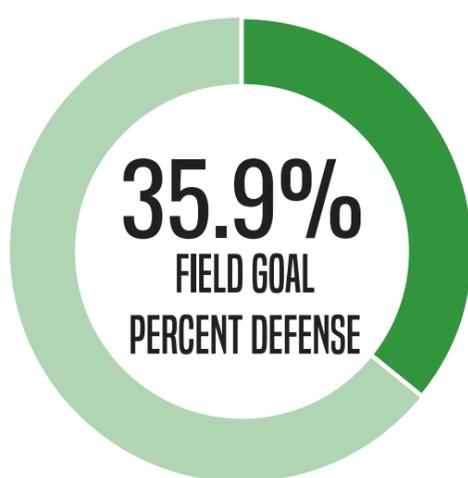
Smith believes all of that can be attributed to her five-woman senior class: Rhodes, who was selected to the All-CAA Third Team and guards Essence Baucom, Lauren Brown, Maddie McCallie and Lenaira Ruffin. In the coach's eyes, the word that embodies the group is "selfless."

"Our senior class is the foundation of this program, and they are the ones that have built what exactly it means to be a team," Smith said. "Lauren Brown was a starter her freshman year, and Maddie McCallie was a starter last

BIG DANCE



Last in the CAA
322nd in country

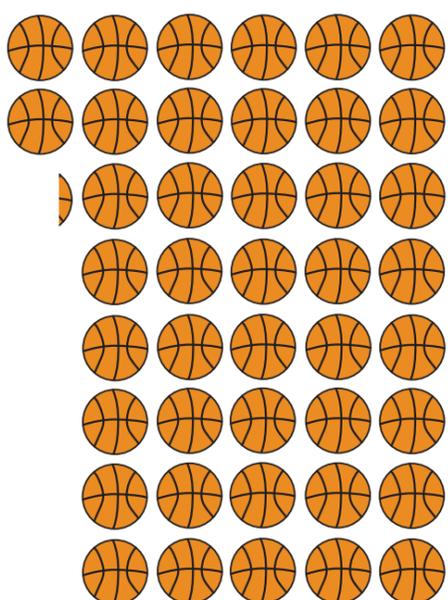


#1 in CAA
#23 in D1

42.2 ELON'S REBOUNDS
PER GAME

vs.

35.4 ELON OPPONENTS'
REBOUNDS PER GAME



WHICH MEANS

+ 6.7 ON AVERAGE, ELON GRABS 6.7 MORE REBOUNDS
PER GAME THAN ITS OPPONENT



ALL STATISTICS CURRENT AS OF MARCH 6
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year. Both have gone from a starter to a nonstarter, so their roles have changed [at times], but their attitude hasn't. They've always been positive and been mindful of the greater good of the team, and that's been one of the biggest keys to our success."

Smith also sees her two star juniors — guard Shay Burnett, who was named to her second-straight All-CAA First Team, and forward Malaya Johnson — embodying that mindset.

"Shay is one of the most selfless people on the team — almost to a fault at times, because there are times where I want her to be more aggressive and I want her to look for her shot," Smith said. "Malaya's the same way. That

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CHARLOTTE SMITH
HEAD COACH

core group, the core seven, is just selfless, and they've been a great example for those to come of what it takes to build a championship team."

Elon has that championship now, but the only way Elon can guarantee its spot in the NCAA Tournament and achieve its larger ambition is to win the conference tournament. It's what Brown, who was named the Dean Ehlers Recipient — an award from the CAA given to the women's basketball player who "embodies the highest standards of leadership, integrity and sportsmanship in conjunction with his academic athletic achievement" — has always wanted.

"Don't get me wrong. We're

so excited about the championship, but our goal is to win our conference tournament," Brown said. "This is nice to have, but this is not our ultimate goal. Just staying focused on what we want to accomplish this year will be key for our success."

And, while the path to getting there may mean Elon has to beat James Madison in its building Saturday night, the sixth-year head coach and first-time Coach of the Year trusts in her team to get it done.

"I am always confident in this team," Smith said. "I truly believe in this team. The most important thing is for them to believe in themselves and be confident in what they bring to the table."

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Top left: Junior forward Malaya Johnson (44) shoots a mid-range jumper Jan. 20.

Top right: Junior guard Shay Burnett (5) was named to the All-CAA First Team for the second straight year. Middle right: The Elon University women's basketball team meets at midcourt after clinching the CAA regular season title.

Bottom right: Rhodes (left) and Baucom (right) celebrate with senior guard Lauren Brown (center) after Brown made a 3-pointer while getting fouled.

Bottom left: Senior guards Maddie McCallie (far left) and Lenaira Ruffin (second from left) enjoy Elon's 82-48 victory March 1.

One and done in Charleston

Men's basketball's bitter end doesn't dim hope for future

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The pain was palpable after the Elon University men's basketball team's trip to the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) Tournament ended after a single game.

The Phoenix fell apart down the stretch, watching the College of William & Mary turn a six-point deficit with five minutes left into a 71-66 win Saturday afternoon in North Charleston. Disappointment was the main feeling for head coach Matt Matheny after the game.

"When you pour your heart into something and commit to it like our guys have done at the level they've done it, and you play as hard as they do and you come up short, it's heartbreaking," Matheny said. "There's a lot of love in our locker room and that's why the guys have had the success they've had this year in terms of elevating our program."

Redshirt junior forward Brian Dawkins and the Phoenix had plans to stay in Charleston until Monday night, which only compounded the feeling of frustration.

"It's disappointing for our seniors, for the guys that have worked so hard for the last four years to put themselves into position to hopefully go on a run," Dawkins said. "I think it's even more disappointing knowing that we were right there with our team. We felt we had a chance to win this game and we felt could've potentially beaten whoever we had to play going forward and potentially could've made a run to play for a championship."

While Saturday will sit in Elon's throat like a pill that can't be swallowed for months, the Phoenix already looking ahead to next season, with sophomore forward Tyler Seibring ready to start preparing immediately.

"We've got to look toward next year," Seibring said. "We appreciate all the work that seniors did for us,



Redshirt junior forward Brian Dawkins (00) makes a move in the post against William & Mary March 4.

ANDREW FEATHER | Senior Reporter

and we love those guys. Starting now, we're getting ready for next season."

And, when Elon truly looks at its chances next season, the Phoenix is likely to find a lot in its favor. Elon's entire starting five is set to return, with sophomore guards Dainan Swoope and Steven Santa Ana likely to line up next to classmates Seibring, Dawkins and junior guard Dmitri Thompson.

Elon will have one of the most experienced teams in the conference, as seven of the 14 non-Elon players on the all-conference teams were seniors this year, including two from the Tribe and two from conference champion University of North Carolina at Wilmington.

The Phoenix has a variety of players who have stepped up throughout the year, much to the chagrin of opposing coaches. William & Mary head coach Tony Shaver felt that way about Dawkins, who led Elon with 19 points Saturday and found space because of Elon's weapons around him.

"He was terrific in the first half, and our post defense wasn't good — we let him catch it on the block," Shaver said. "Second half, he caught it two, three, four steps off the lane, where we can dig a little bit, but we don't want to dig a lot on their posts because they have such great shooters surrounding them. Dawkins was really good tonight."

It became clear through the league's head coaches how much they felt Elon had improved in its third year in the CAA. For a team picked to finish eighth, Matheny felt the Phoenix earned a little street credit with its 10-8, tied-for-fourth regular season finish. But only one selection to the All-CAA teams — Seibring's second-team nod — showed him that there is still room to grow.

"We're new," Matheny said. "We're still the new kid. If we want something, you've got to earn it. We're starting to earn a little bit of respect, but we've got a long way to go."

As the program heads into its final year in Alumni Gym and prepares to move into the Schar Center, it's clear that next year will be the time to capitalize on the talent Elon has and the relative uncertainty around the conference.

Reeves ready to maximize 'truly talented' Elon

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It's fair to say that neither Marc Reeves nor the Elon University men's soccer team expected to be in this situation.

Reeves had been enjoying a run of success never before seen at Radford University, winning three straight Big South Conference regular season championships and making back-to-back NCAA Tournaments.

Meanwhile, Elon finished in the top four of the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) for the third time in its three years in the CAA. With the entire starting lineup returning, former head coach Chris Little's bunch seemed to have sights set high.

But on Feb. 22, 15 days after Little resigned to become the director of coaching at the Seattle Sounders FC's academy, Reeves accepted the Elon job, taking the reins of the Phoenix from one of his better friends in college soccer.

"As opportunities arise, especially in a mid-semester, you have to jump on it to find out whether the opportunity is right for you," Reeves said. "Elon certainly had so many appealing things that it seemed like a great fit, and I'm fortunate they chose me as the head coach."

Reeves — who goes by "Reevo" to all around him — says the decision was made with family in mind, as he consulted with Little and the previous head coach, Darren Powell, about how supportive Elon was for it. He also saw the competition in the CAA as appealing.

"I think it's a truly great opportunity in the CAA — it's a strong league with great coaches," Reeves said. "I have huge respect, and

some of my best friends in college soccer coach at programs in the CAA. It has really successful programs top-to-bottom that are well-coached and talented."

OUR FOCUS WILL BE TO RESPECT AND PREPARE FOR EACH OPPONENT REGARDLESS OF THEIR NAME.

MARC REEVES
HEAD COACH

Reeves got to know Elon well during his years at Radford, facing off with the Phoenix in each of his seven years in charge. For Director of Athletics Dave Blank, that direct competition — which, in the past two years, has been two Radford wins — was "definitely a factor" in Reeves' hire.

"One of the benefits of having a really good program that's been built by some really good coaches is that you get to play some good competition," Blank said. "We did play Radford several times, and they built themselves into being a Top-30 program. It's not by happenstance that we're playing them, and it certainly wasn't ever a thought of, 'Well, that's a win, check that off,' because he had built a good program."

Reeves doesn't need to do as much building at Elon, as he evaluated the current team as "truly talented." Instead, Reeves is focusing on putting the talent around the pitch in the best position to succeed.

"Our job as a coaching staff is to find ways to maximize their full potential," Reeves said. "Anytime there's a change in leadership, there's a clean slate on many things, and it allows people to be refreshed. The formula is quite strong already, so you base off of that and try and improve in some

areas as you evaluate and assess the group the more you're with them."

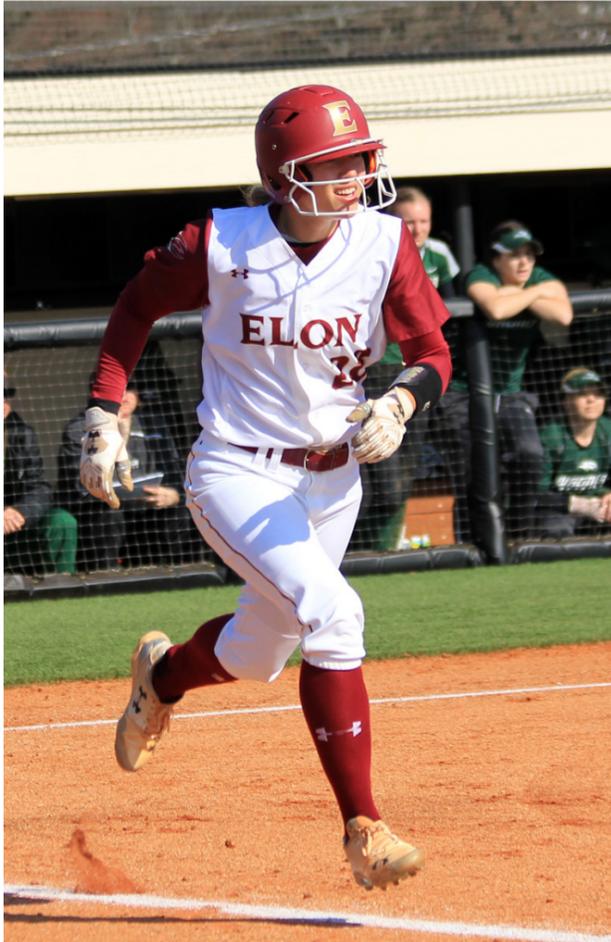
Assistant coach Brad Franks is being retained on the coaching staff, with Reeves saying he's "fortunate" that the Elon alum is sticking with the program. Joining Franks will be Maciej (pronounced like Magic) Sliwinski, who spent five seasons with Reeves at Radford before spending the past two years at Fairfield University.

"[Sliwinski] has a wealth of recruiting experience and a wealth of coaching experience," Reeves said. "The most important piece to both of them is that they're hard-working, loyal, trustworthy guys who I'll enjoy being with every day. College soccer is fantastic, but it can also be grueling and time-consuming, so you want to be with people you enjoy. Franks and Maciej are going to be close friends and I'll enjoy it."

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SOFTBALL

RESULTS & SCHEDULE **10-7**



Mar. 3-5
Elon Softball
Tournament
3 W, 1 L



Mar. 7
LATE



Home

Mar. 11-12
Elon Phoenix
Tournament
5 Games



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

RESULTS & SCHEDULE **24-6 (16-2)**



Mar. 1
82-48



Neutral

Mar. 9
12 p.m.



If Elon wins March 9

Neutral

Mar. 10
4:30 p.m.



If Elon wins March 10

Neutral

Mar. 11
7 p.m.



BASEBALL

RESULTS & SCHEDULE **6-6**



Mar. 1
2-7



Mar. 3-5
3 W, 0 L



Mar. 7
LATE



Home

Mar. 10-12
3 games



Home

Mar. 14
4 p.m.



WOMEN'S LAX

RESULTS & SCHEDULE **5-1**



Mar. 1
13-12



Home

Mar. 8
6 p.m.



MEN'S BASKETBALL

RESULTS & SCHEDULE **18-14 (10-8)**



Mar. 4
66-71



WOMEN'S TENNIS

RESULTS & SCHEDULE **9-5**



Mar. 3
4-1



Mar. 4
1-6



Mar. 7
LATE



Home

Mar. 11
9:30 a.m.



Home

Mar. 11
1 p.m.



Home

Mar. 12
1 p.m.



MEN'S TENNIS

RESULTS & SCHEDULE **6-8**



Mar. 2
6-1



Mar. 5
1-6



Home

Mar. 10
3 p.m.



Home

Mar. 12
1 p.m.



SPORTS BRIEFS

Women's lacrosse ranked for 1st time ever

In just its fourth year of existence as a program, the Elon University women's lacrosse team is ranked in a national poll, the first such occurrence in program history.

The Phoenix checked in at No. 16 in the Cascade Lacrosse and Inside Lacrosse poll after spending the previous three weeks in the receiving votes category. Elon did not reach the Top 20 in the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association Poll, but is one of two teams receiving votes.

The Phoenix earned its spot with its second win over a ranked opponent of the season, defeating then-No. 19 Virginia Tech 13-12 in overtime.

Women's track and field finishes in Top 10 at ECAC

The Elon University women's lacrosse team finished in the top 10 at the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Division I Indoor Championships March 3-5 in Boston.

The Phoenix took ninth place in the meet, with its 23 points registering as its highest-ever finish at the indoor championships.

Elon shone brightest in the shot put, where redshirt junior Bre'anna Warren took fifth place with a heave of 13.91 meters and junior Bryanna Hames took sixth at 13.90m.

In the one-mile race, Melissa Anastasakis took eighth place with a run of 4:57.01.

Elon begins its outdoor season at the High Point University Invitational March 17.

Stephenson announces CAA Tournament games

Former Elon University women's basketball player Zora Stephenson '15 announced two Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) men's basketball tournament games in North Charleston, South Carolina last weekend.

Stephenson, who was a part of ENN's Elon Local News when she was a student at Elon, worked as a sideline reporter on the CAA.TV broadcast for the two Friday games.

Currently a broadcast news reporter for WNCT in Greenville, Stephenson will also announce a total of six games at the women's tournament in Harrisonburg, Virginia this weekend, working four games as a sideline reporter and two as a color commentator.

Asher gets 2nd CAA Player of the Week nod

For the second time this season, Elon University women's lacrosse junior attacker Stephanie Asher earned Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) Player of the Week honors March 7.

Asher scored five goals and had an assist to help lead Elon to a 13-12 overtime win over No. 19 Virginia Tech March 1. She also had a draw control and picked up two ground balls.

Asher's 23 goals on the season leads all CAA players. She crossed the 100-goal mark in her career this season, becoming the first Phoenix player to do so.



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