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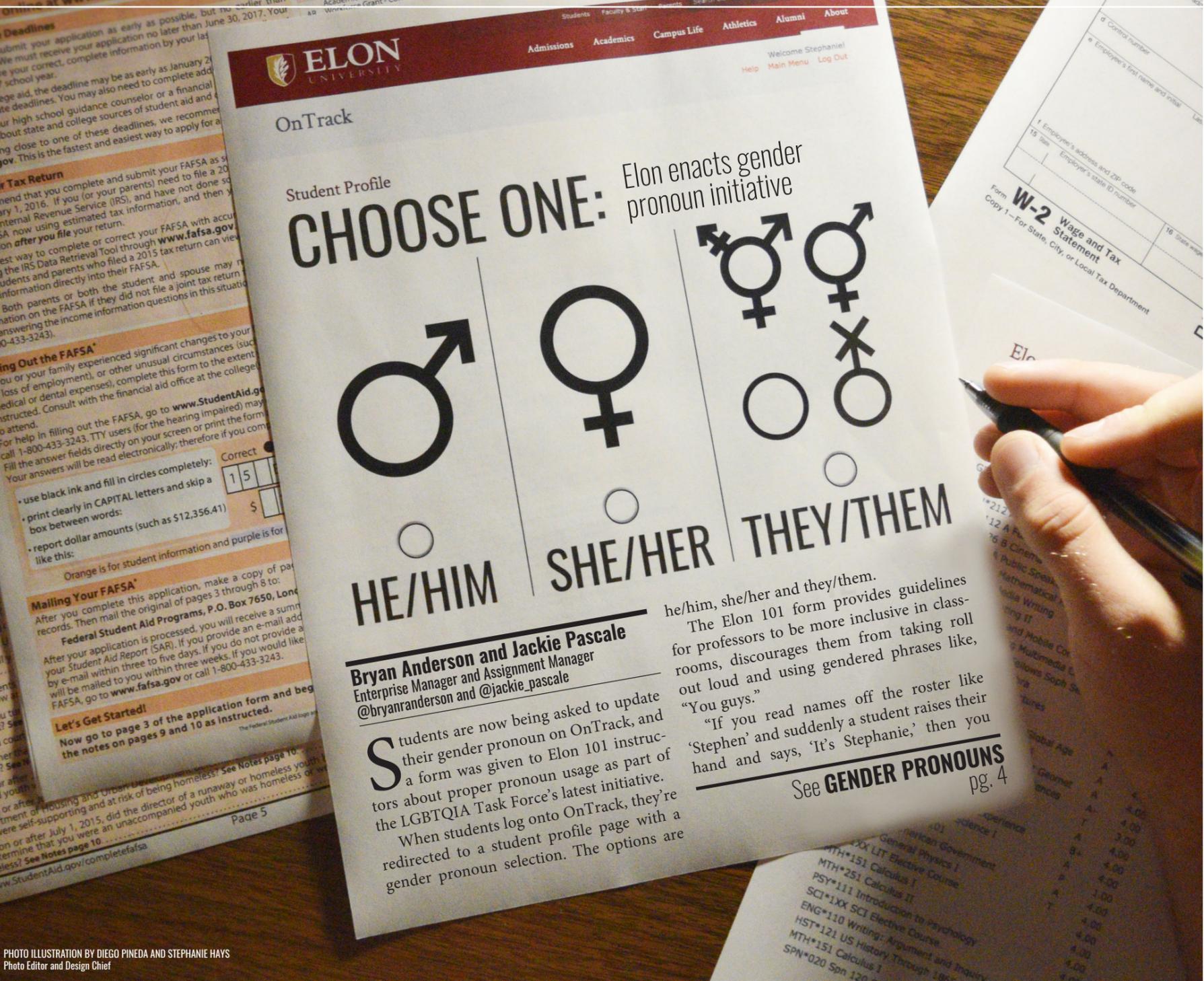


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Do you actually bELONg?

PhoenixCONNECT a result of social climate task force

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The Presidential Task Force on Social Climate and Out-of-Class Engagement has written 42 recommendations to assist in strengthening Elon University's reach outside the walls of classrooms, looking specifically at how students identify with like-minded cohorts that include clubs and organizations.

In response to the find-

ings, Elon has created PhoenixCONNECT, an online resource that displays many of Elon's clubs and organizations, and will also open an office in Moseley Center to act as a hub for students.

The app and office are intended to encourage more involvement among students. Two of the most recurring themes identified by the Task Force had to do with slipping through the cracks as a result of either missing the Organization Fair or not joining Fraternity & Sorority Life, which about 35 percent of students are actively part of.

"We're looking at it because, for most of our students, they do actually have great experiences

at Elon and a really strong sense of belonging," said Jon Dooley, assistant vice president for Student Life and dean of Campus Life, who co-chaired the Task Force with Associate Professor of Communications Naeemah Clark. "What that means is that when a student doesn't find that connection, it's even more glaring to us as an institution.

"Elon is a place that is restless — that is really growing and wanting to improve and this is just a process of improvement."

President Leo Lambert appointed Dooley and Clark in August 2015 to lead the 29-mem-

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Elon institutes new on-campus dining hours

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As a result of a Presidential Task Force and SUB findings on an analysis of students' experiences, number of different dining options will debut around campus this fall.

Pulkit Vigg, resident district manager of Elon Dining, said this wasn't founded on anyone's personal opinion and that, "it is based on feedback and data that we have

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Acorn: Open 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Late Night: 10 p.m. - 3 a.m.
Thursdays | Lakeside
Fridays | Tap House
Saturdays | McEwen
Varsity Sports Grill:
Open 5 p.m. - 1 a.m.
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Saturday - Sunday

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CRIME REPORT

September 4
COLONNADES DRIVE, ELON
BURGLARY

An Elon man reported to the Town of Elon Police that a breaking and entering occurred at his residence.

Among the items alleged missing were \$5,000 worth of jewelry, a \$600 watch and \$5,000 in cash.

The case is open for further investigation.

September 1
CENTRAL DRIVE, ELON
VANDALISM

A Burlington man reported that his wife, who was staying the night with her mother, heard a loud "bang" sound overnight and in the morning noticed damage to her vehicle.

According to a Town of Elon Police report, the woman heard the noise around 4 a.m., but didn't get out of bed to investi-

gate because she only heard it once. When she went to the store later that day, she noticed a dent on the driver's side of the car.

The case is closed, leads exhausted.

August 29
TRUITT DRIVE, ELON
LARCENY

An Elon student reported to Town of Elon Police that he had a baseball jersey delivered to his residence by UPS, but the package had been stolen.

The student said he called UPS and confirmed that the package was delivered and placed on the front porch of his residence.

The report states that the student wasn't necessarily worried about the jersey — it cost \$55, according to the report — but that someone stole it from his residence.

There aren't any suspects at this time, according to the report.

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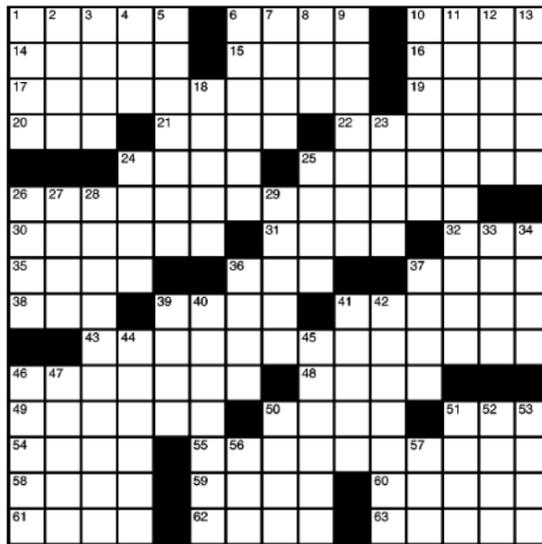
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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

- ACROSS**
1 Bucks in the woods
6 Flattened out the bad guys
10 Dept. store stock
14 Condor's condo?
15 Prefix with logical
16 Dry as a desert
17 Cold weather groundswell that can cause pavement damage
19 Go for the worm
20 Wind down or wind up
21 Name in Cold War news
22 Wright who wondered, "What's another word for 'thesaurus'?"
24 Ball catcher
25 Needing wheels
26 Ancient siege weapon
30 "Knock it off!"
31 Architectural curve
32 L.A. NFLer
35 Tax-free govt. bond
36 Good feller?
37 "One day only!" event
38 Boomer that no longer booms, briefly
39 ___ Valley: Reagan Library locale
41 Warring factions
43 Manufacturer's coming-out event
46 Woofers partner
48 Landed
49 Film boxer Rocky
50 Black, to a bard
51 Syst. for the deaf
54 Islamic branch
55 Reversions ... or what 17-, 26- and 43-Across all have?
58 Bard
59 Capital of Belgium
60 Good-sized wedding band
61 Kind of spot or loser
62 Cong. meeting
63 Lawn spoilers



By Pam Amick Klawitter

9/7/16

- DOWN**
1 Heist target
2 Beach bird
3 Five-time A.L. home run champ, familiarly
4 APO mail addressees
5 Gem mount
6 Midday snooze
7 Some govt. lawyers
8 Calif. neighbor
9 Loses one's cool
10 Pre-1985 communications nickname
11 Car's engine-to-wheels connector
12 Surfers visit them
13 Paradieses
18 Sub access
23 ___-blue
24 View from Molokai's south shore
25 Lab rat's home
26 Radiation units
27 Taxing task
28 New England capital
29 Needing a skull-and-crossbones label

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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34 Screen door material
36 Russia-China border river
37 X-rated stuff
39 Explorer
Hernando de ___
40 Conceptualizes
41 Permit
42 Post-shower display
44 Mail-in incentive
45 They're off-limits
46 Recipe amts.
47 "Yippee!"
50 Gets an "I'm sorry" from Alex Trebek, say
51 Entr'___
52 Short agenda?
53 Iwo Jima troop carriers: Abbr.
56 Tint
57 Blackjack component

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UPCOMING EVENTS: SEPTEMBER 7 - SEPTEMBER 13

5:30 P.M. | Syrian rep. to UN to speak
7

6 P.M. | Town of Elon summer outdoor concert
8

4 P.M. | Organization Fair
9

6 P.M. | Football at Charlotte
10

2 P.M. | Gathering for anniversary of 9/11
11

3 P.M. | Voter registration assistance session
12

7 P.M. | Alamance County's Science Cafe
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TOP PHOTOS



JACK HARTMANN | Staff Photographer
Senior linebacker John Silas (50) jumps in the air and yells before Elon's football game against Gardner-Webb University.



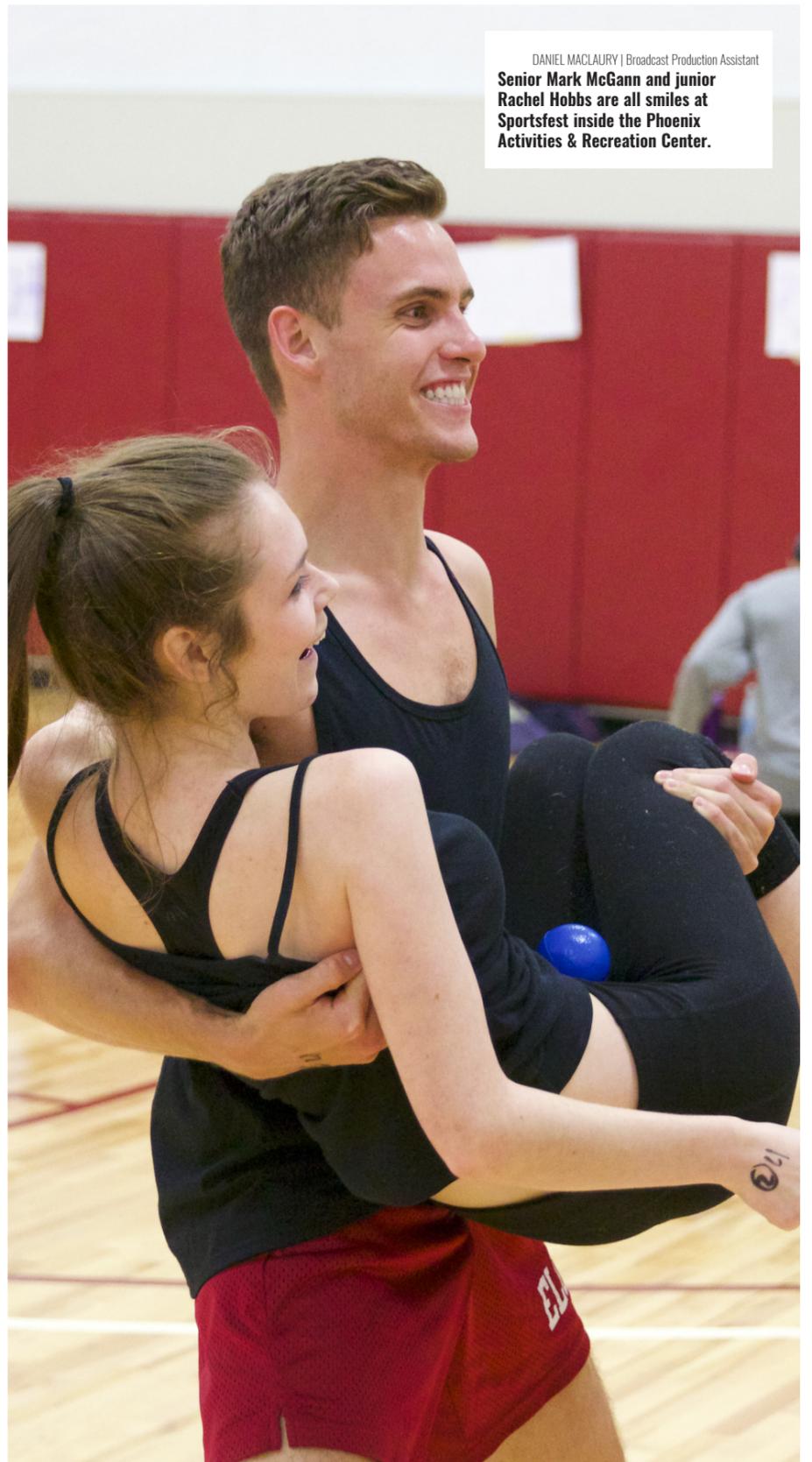
JACK HARTMANN | Staff Photographer
Junior running back Brandon Gentry stiff-arms a defender Sept. 3.



JACK HARTMANN | Staff Photographer
Fans celebrate a moment of hope before a reality check as Gardner-Webb trounces Elon 31-6 Saturday.



ASHLEY KING | Staff Photographer
Freshman linebacker T.J. Speight dives to make a tackle Saturday afternoon.



DANIEL MACLAURY | Broadcast Production Assistant
Senior Mark McGann and junior Rachel Hobbs are all smiles at Sportsfest inside the Phoenix Activities & Recreation Center.



GENDER PRONOUNS
from cover

might have unintentionally outed a trans student to the entire class," the form reads.

Brooke Barnett, associate provost for Inclusive Community and professor of communications, said pronouns are helpful in ensuring all students are treated respectfully.

"Elon includes pronouns and correct names on class rosters because we want to make sure we address students accurately," Barnett said. "We believe it common courtesy and a sign of respect to call a person by their correct name and with a pronoun matching their gender identity."

The fight to strike a balance between inclusivity and hypersensitivity has been an area of much debate on college campuses, and Elon has proven to be no exception.

The pronouns initiative has been praised and criticized from faculty and students as some confront the question for the first time.

Michael Skube, associate professor of communications and former Elon 101 professor, described his initial reaction to the form in two words: "Beyond parody."

"We either believe in free speech or we don't," Skube said. "But we should decide. We can't honor it in the abstract and deny it in concrete reality."

The Gender & LGBTQIA Center was not available for comment. Barnett said the GLC provided a short training session to Elon 101 professors about pronouns and shared the handout. She said the form was designed to raise awareness about pronouns.

"The handout was a way to provide some context on gender identity to instructors and answer questions that the GLC often receives," Barnett said in an email. "It is in no way a limit to speech, but rather an

DIEGO PINEDA | Photo Editor
Blocks in the Gender & LGBTQIA Center publicly display Elon's inclusive mindset.

effort to help create a more inclusive and welcoming environment for all students."

Sophomore Amy Belfer, RA of the Gender and Sexuality LLC and the Hall for Change, said conversations about gender pronouns started to gain traction after the passage of House Bill 2, a bill passed by the North Carolina state legislature that, among many things, requires people to use restrooms of the sex on their birth certificate.

The bill received much backlash at Elon, which students like Belfer took as a nod to the university's commitment to inclusivity.

Shortly thereafter, conversations about gender pronoun usage turned into action.

Incoming freshmen were instructed to provide their preferred pronouns throughout New Student Orientation. For example, a student might have said something along the lines of, "My name is Mike and my preferred pronoun is he/him."

"It can be really, really hurtful to someone if they're boxed into a category where they don't feel like they fit or where they don't

fit," Belfer said. "If you're referring to someone by the wrong gender pronoun or the wrong gender identity, that can really damage their self-esteem. We just want to make sure that we're including everyone and accepting everyone for who they are."

Rodney Parks, university registrar, said students like Belfer are why the initiative was put into place.

"Students could see this and use



DIEGO PINEDA | Photo Editor
The Gender & LGBTQIA center acts as a safe haven for students.

it effectively and really begin to think about, maybe not so much themselves," Parks said. "But about others and their classmates and how they won't fit that straight binary."

Though several exercises were intended to make students feel comfortable, some questioned the necessity of using pronouns.

"I'm very politically incorrect to some extent," said freshman Keeva Schneider. "I've learned in my first three days here that it's a very politically correct place. We got here and it immediately was, 'Let's hear your pronouns, let's hear your name,' and it was for each class.

"Every icebreaker I've done, I've had to do my pronouns. I think it's a good thing, but for someone who's politically incorrect most of the time, it's just an adjustment."

The form said, "The overwhelming majority of students will use gender binary pronouns." Even so, it noted there is "a growing number of students who identify as transgender, genderfluid, or non binary who use they/them or additional pronouns."

GENDER AND LANGUAGE*

Acceptable things to say:

- I use he/him pronouns
- My gender pronouns are she/her
- The gender pronouns I use are they/them

Acceptable (genderless) ways to address a group of people:

- Y'all
- Hey folks/friends
- Everyone

What not to say:

- I'm a he/him
- I use traditionally male pronouns
- Transgendered
- You guys/hey guys
- I know a trans person, her name is Susie but she was born as ___ (deadname)

*ACCORDING TO A FORM SUPPLIED TO ELON 101 PROFESSORS BY THE GLC

WE BELIEVE IT COMMON COURTESY AND A SIGN OF RESPECT TO CALL A PERSON BY THEIR CORRECT NAME AND WITH A PRONOUN THAT MATCHES THEIR GENDER IDENTITY.

BROOKE BARNETT
ASSOCIATE PROVOST FOR INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY

SOCIAL CLIMATE

from cover

ber Task Force, charging them to “examine the student experience and recommend ways for all students to be fully connected to the university’s academic, intellectual and social opportunities in a manner that is healthy, engaging and meaningful.”

Phoenix CONNECT provides contact information for student leaders and directs users to events with an interactive map.

Collecting data for the Task Force took eight months, and the methods ranged from surveys to town hall meetings.

In conjunction with the Task Force, an implementation team will look through the recommendations and advice each department on how to proceed.

In past years, Elon has launched two other Presidential Task Forces involving African-American and LGBTQIA experiences on campus to examine itself in light of national conversations and incidents on campus.

But there has not been a publicly recognized incident involving student disengagement on Elon’s campus, and the mid-sized institution has held at least an 89 percent first-year student retention rate since 1989.

Considering that context, Jana Lynn Patterson, dean of Student Health and Wellness, called some of the recommendations “bold,” but agrees with them because they “opened a lot of people’s eyes.”

PhoenixCONNECT provides contact information for student leaders and directs users to events with an interactive map. To go along with the website, Corq, an

app available for Android and iPhone, was launched and will include the same information found on PhoenixCONNECT.

The Moseley office is planned to open in the coming weeks, according to senior James Fariello, who was heavily involved with the launch of PhoenixCONNECT.

“I’m really excited to have those one-on-one conversations with students and figure out what they really want to do with their time here at Elon, and be able to help them accomplish those goals,” Fariello

said. “I think getting involved across campus can really change the nature of your time at Elon because, if you get involved early, you can have much more deep connection and develop really strong mentors.”

Mentorship and shared common spaces were also addressed in Clark and Dooley’s recommendations. But Clark said those parts of their suggestions won’t be incorporated into campus culture overnight.

Lambert echoed those same sentiments in earnest during the first

SGA meeting of the school year when he outlined the school’s plan for advancement.

Clark said the wording and content of her authored propositions were mostly broad and universal in context because she said less specificity and fewer details often evoke more discussion, which will then generate change.

Randy Williams, associate vice president for campus engagement and co-chair of the implementation team, said he and his staff will know more about the recommen-

ation report’s progress in October or November.

“I’m excited to see [the end result], but for me, my mission was to gather really good information, present it in a way that was challenging to different departments,” Clark said. “And now, I just want to see what happens. I feel like my work is done and now I want to see other people take up this charge.”

If students want to see the recommendations, they can visit <https://www.elon.edu/e/administration/taskforce/socialclimate>.

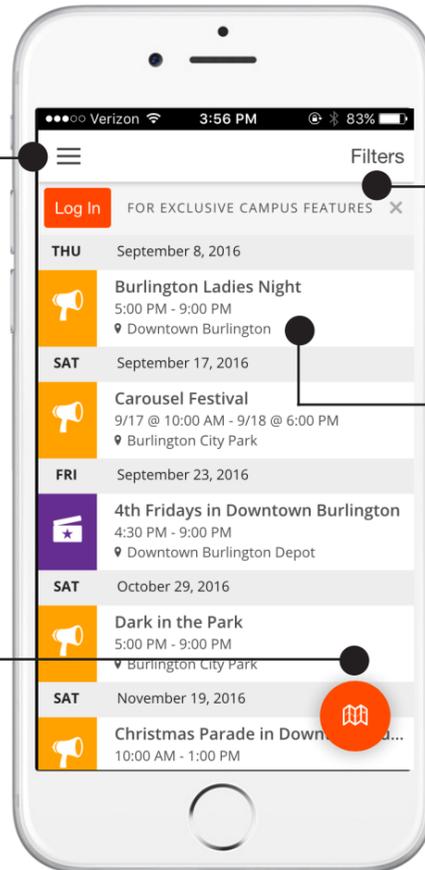
HOW TO USE CORQ

MENU

Log into your campus, browse the event list, scroll through campus organizations profiles or open the Elon campus map.

MAPS

Click on the orange button for a map of each event location.



FILTERS

Choose different categories to narrow down which events can be seen. Some filters include arts & music, athletics and free food.

EVENTS

Click on the event to see who’s hosting, read a brief summary, add to your calendar and RSVP.

STEPHANIE HAYS | Design Chief

SOCIAL CLIMATE BREAKDOWN

The Presidential Task Force offered 42 recommendations broken down into five main categories. Here’s what you need to know:

2. ACCESS TO MENTORING EXPERIENCES

- Promote the value of mentoring and invest in students to help them find mentors in faculty, staff or older students.

4. ENHANCE PHYSICAL CAMPUS ENVIRONMENT

- Work to create a common space where students can socialize.
- Advertise community events with kiosks and posters.

1. FIRST-YEAR STUDENT TRANSITION

- Work with Elon 101 faculty to better accommodate freshmen.
- Reach out to students in the summer to help ease the adjustment process.
- Help students create meaningful conversations in their organizations.

3. ENHANCING TRADITIONS

- Work with athletics to promote school spirit.
- Support prior task force findings of LGBTQIA and black students.

5. REVIEWING AND REVISING INSTITUTIONAL POLICIES

- Encourage discussion for each department to evaluate their own policies to help students.

STEPHANIE HAYS | Design Chief

Lambert outlines plan for advancement at 1st SGA meeting

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Elon University President Leo Lambert has so much on his mind that he forgot to send a planned video presentation to SGA's executive staff — a mistake that was met with laughs and lightheartedness at the first 2016-2017 SGA meeting in its inaugural town hall format.

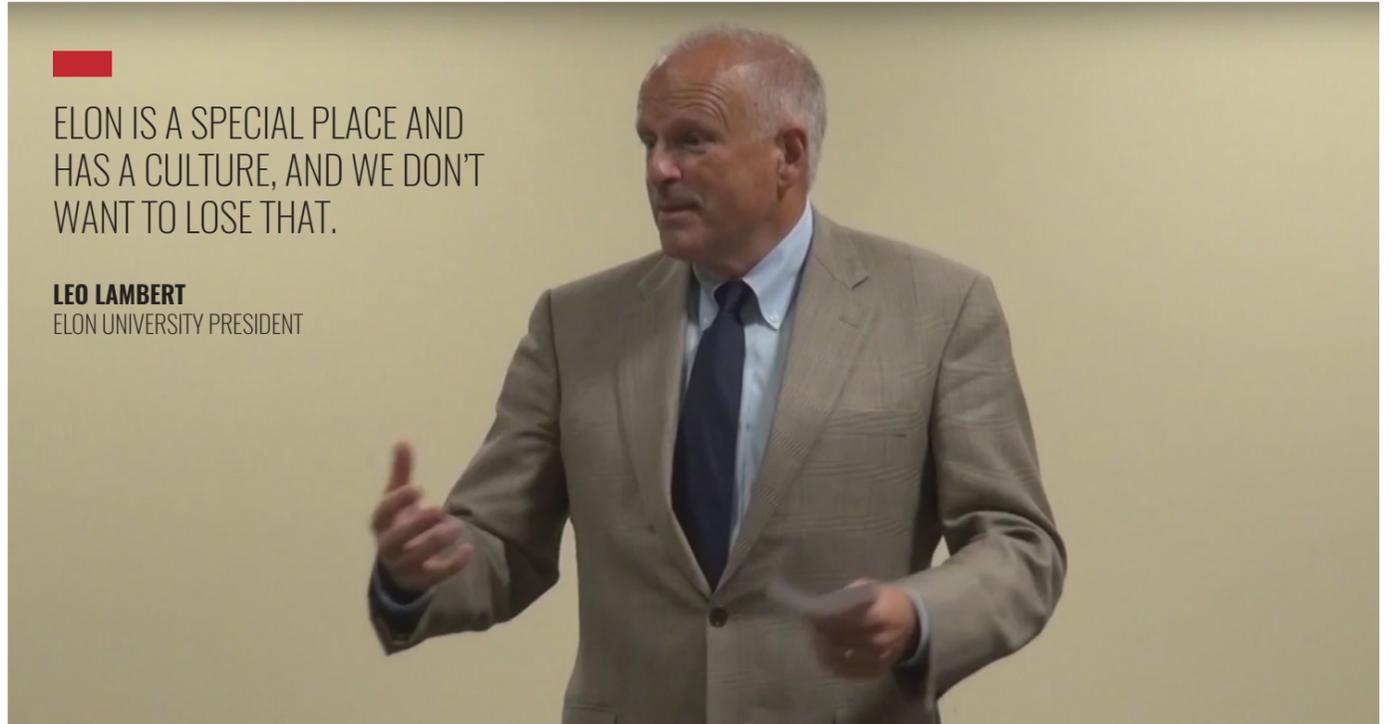
"I'll be sure to show this to you next time," Lambert said, as his face turned red against his suit.

That forward, anticipatory thinking has encapsulated Lambert's mindset for months. Lambert, the university's eighth president, addressed SGA's senate in depth on Thursday, outlining Elon's plan for developing growth and answering questions ranging from study abroad safety to parking. Elon is currently in the waning phase of its Strategic Commitment Plan, with goals of initiating a similar one at the start of 2018.

To bolster this plan of raising Elon's prominence and stature in the national arena, Lambert and his staff have recently trekked across the country from New York to Washington D.C., acting as ambassadors to potential donors for fundraising. Lambert said this program is a "bridge" between the two strategic plans, explaining that the funds will not only help the university expand, but also spearhead new scholarships to appeal to low-income families in the future.

"We're a peculiar university because we're thinking 10 years ahead," Lambert said. "We have stretched out long-term goals that can't be done next week. If you're not thinking long-term and how things evolve, things can get messed up, so we have to make this a priority."

Lambert said he doesn't want prospective students to not attend Elon because of financial burdens, adding that he wants to create more fellowships to the six that already exist, and



ELON IS A SPECIAL PLACE AND HAS A CULTURE, AND WE DON'T WANT TO LOSE THAT.

LEO LAMBERT
ELON UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT

PAUL LEBLANC | Breaking News Manager

Elon University President Leo Lambert talked for two hours with SGA about the future of the school in a town hall format Sept. 1.

wants 100 Watson Odyssey scholars per class, rather than 100 in total. He also noted that the recent construction on campus is a marketing tool as well as an improvement project to benefit current students. He plans to announce a major gift for a Historic Neighborhood commons building within the month, and said Dwight C. Schar Hall and Richard W. Sankey Hall will boost the intake and reputation of the School of Communications and School of Business, respectively.

"We're competing with Vanderbilt and Wake Forest, and we want to be more competitive," Lambert said. "Elon is a special place and has a culture, and we don't want to lose that. We want this place to be a university where people can meet each other across differences and scores of experiences."

The Q&A session lasted for almost an

hour, addressing a wide variety of topics and concerns. In the coming weeks, Elon News Network will cover most of the subjects discussed, ranging from Elon's hopes of expanding its engineering program to how the university will react to the possibility of an active shooter scenario in light of the Orlando massacre.

SGA Executive President and senior Kyle Porro said he was pleased with how the night went and how Lambert was exceedingly transparent.

"Tonight was interesting because it was the first meeting that we did like this style, but I always enjoy hearing from President Lambert and where the future of the school is going," Porro said. "I think he has a lot of respect for what we do, and I think he looks to SGA to be the voice of the students."

PLANS FOR ADVANCEMENT

- Increased number of student fellowships
- 100 Watson & Odyssey scholarships per class instead of 100 total
- Major gift for a Historic Neighborhood commons building
- Schar Hall and Sankey Hall to boost intake and reputation of School of Communications and School of Business

HOURS

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collected throughout the year."

The Presidential Task Force felt that many students wanted to have after-hours dining options in each neighborhood on campus. Late Night, which runs 10 p.m. - 3 a.m., will now be offered at Lakeside on Thursdays, Tap House on Fridays and McEwen on Saturdays.

Vigg hopes that students will appreciate the consolidation of Elon Dining and SUB events to help benefit everyone on campus.

WE SAW IT AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO PARTNER WITH THE SCHOOL... WHILE ALSO HAVING A DIVERSE RANGE OF EVENTS THAT WELCOME STUDENTS FROM ALL DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE WORLD."

COLTON CADARETTE

CREATIVE DESIGN, MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR OF SUB

"We were doing late-night events and [SUB was] doing late-night events. So at the end of it, we decided, 'Why do two separate events and confuse everyone? Why don't we do it together?'" Vigg said.



DIEGO PINEDA | Photo Editor

Acorn Coffee Shop now closes at 8 p.m. instead of 1 a.m.. Now Varsity, Qdoba and Topio's are all open until 1 a.m..

Additionally, Varsity Sports Grill now serves grass-fed burgers and milkshakes. It will now be open 5 p.m. - 1 a.m. every night. This will provide an alternative late study spot for students, as opposed to the popular Acorn Coffee Shop, which now closes at 8 p.m.

Other changes include a brunch option

available for students at Colonnades on Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. This will provide additional location choices for people not in the Global Neighborhood.

Colton Cadarette, sophomore creative design, marketing and communications chair of SUB, thinks the new changes will be beneficial for the Elon Community.

"We saw it as an opportunity to partner with the school and some other organizations here at Elon to create those environments, while also having a diverse range of events that welcome students from all different parts of the world and all different beliefs, interests and backgrounds," Cadarette said.

Elon admissions continues to expand to West Coast

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Greg Zaiser's job as Vice President of Admissions and financial at Elon University has given him more than just a tangible income.

According to Zaiser, admissions has found a 39 percent increase in admissions from California.

Earlier in his career, the Elon alumnus traveled across the country with frequent trips out west, became an avid St. Louis Cardinals fan and now displays memorabilia from the team's 2011 World Series Championship in his office, even though he isn't a native Missourian.

As he and his staff compile statistics from the current freshmen class, a notable trend of more students every year are from the west coast — particularly California — and he credits that to Elon's reach beginning to create a "Manifest Destiny" of sorts.

"The more time you spend in a territory, the more relationships you can build, the more students who attend the university or college, friends find out," Zaiser said. "In terms of our applications, our applications have been growing moderately each year we have found a nice increase—a 39 percent increase in students from the state of California in

admissions."

The Golden State is the 10th most represented state among the class of 2020. While North Carolina and Massachusetts continue to dominate the top spots on Elon's state of origins list, Zaiser said he was really pleased with California's representation considering the Office of Admissions only has one worker in the west coast.

Brittany Werts Slaughter, also an Elon alumna, lives and works in California full time. She treks up and down the state, and even ventures into Oregon and Washington as needed to recruit prospective students for four years.

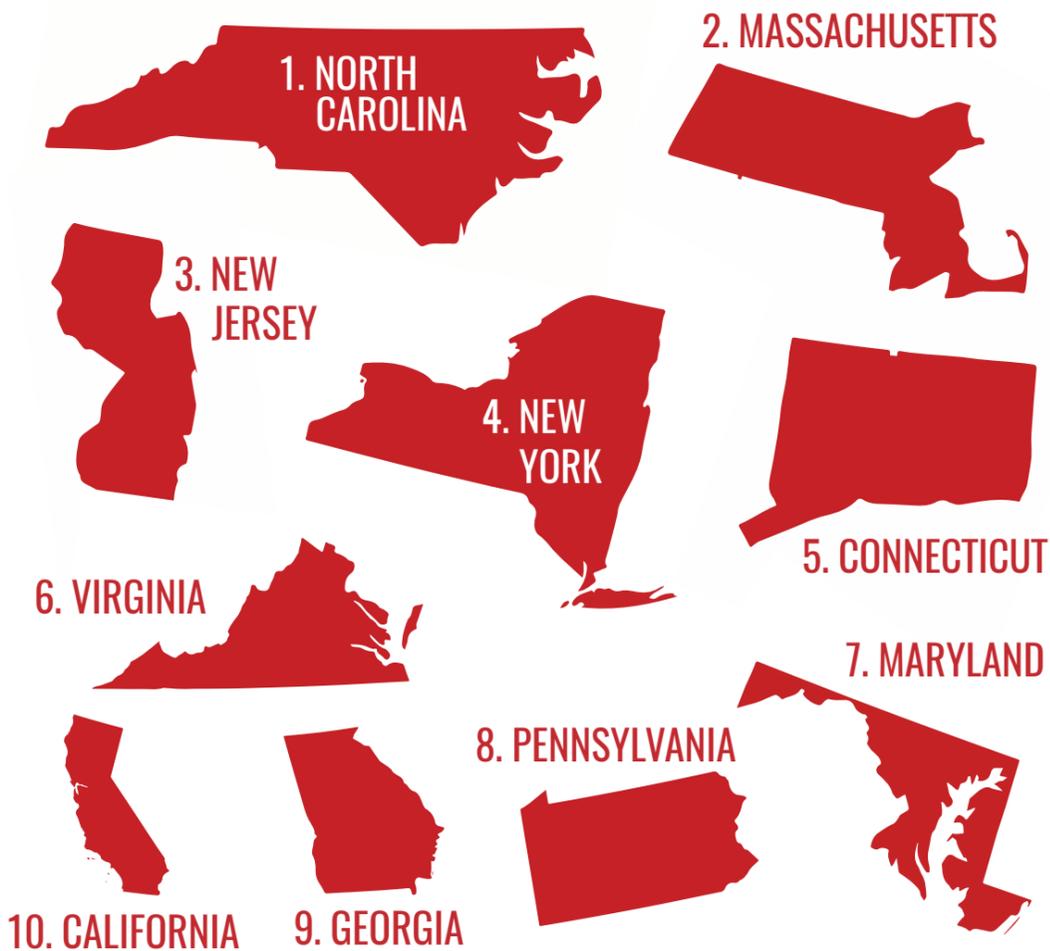
Zaiser said he intends send more staff members to those areas to help Slaughter, but is incredibly pleased with her work considering she is singlehandedly inspiring students to fly three hours east for college.

"The fact that we have been able to invest in California for four full years, and we now have someone living out there, traveling the entire state in addition to Washington and the state of Oregon, she is very professional."

Zaiser said the Elon in Los Angeles program is another spark for admissions in California, causing Elon's reputation among students — particularly more in the School of Communications — to spread through word of mouth.

While California's stock rose, numerous other states that consistently have high representation at Elon either leveled off or

TOP 10 REPRESENTED STATES IN ELON CLASS OF 2020



STEPHANIE HAYS | Design Chief

sunk. Zaiser noted that the Class of 2020 was not kind to Illinois or Florida like it was in years past. Maryland also declined, but Zaiser said every year has its own ebb and flow and "what goes up, must come down."

He also said he and his staff

want to continue to expand their reaches to bring in as many students as possible from a variety of different backgrounds.

"We'd like to have as much diversity as possible, but it's really hard to draw students from some of the states where the population

is small," Zaiser said. "If you take the population of the Dakotas compared to a student from, say, Massachusetts, or Texas, it's very different, so it's harder to draw the students from some of those states. But I really want to have all the states represented."

UberPERKS student loyalty program rolls out at Elon



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Uber has been trying to garner customer loyalty to compete with rival ride-sharing services such as Lyft.

The screenshot shows the UberPERKS website. At the top, it says "UberPERKS" and "Uber's student loyalty program". Below that is a "HOW TO JOIN" button with a right-pointing arrow. The main content area features the text "UberPERKS" and "Ride discounts, exclusive promotions, and local deals—just for students". At the bottom, it says "We're launching a new loyalty program, UberPERKS, just for students. This special VIP".

Students can register for the UberPERKS program which offers discounts to to local restaurants through the Uber website.

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Uber, the ride-sharing service, has announced a new student loyalty program rewarding students for using Uber's app regularly. Already a popular app for college students on a night out, Uber is looking to strengthen its foothold in the college demographic with its new UberPERKS program.

By signing up for the loyalty program, students can earn discounts on Uber rides and deals at local businesses.

To register for the program, students can visit Uber's website. To maintain Perks status each month, a student has to take at least four Uber rides or get two new students to sign up for Uber.

According to Uber's website, the rewards for Elon students include a handful of local businesses. Taaza Bistro, Redefinery & Co., Harris Teeter and Stokely's BBQ are among the Burlington businesses offering discounts to students using UberPERKS.

In addition to the local businesses, the rewards program offers a number of online savings.

Deborah Pryor, an Uber driver from Burlington, is confident that students will be taking enough trips to earn the rewards.

UBER REWARDS

To register: Sign up on Uber's website: uber.com/info/uber-perks

To maintain: A student must take four Uber rides or get two new students a month to sign up for Uber

Rewards locations: Taaza Bistro, Redefinery & Co., Harris Teeter, Stokely's BBQ and more

"I think I've made six trips to Target today," Pryor said. "But a lot of times, it's just from one end of campus to the other."

Pryor regularly drives near Elon's campus and said that she can make \$200-350 per week.

Uber has launched and expanded a number of new services in the past year, including UberEats, a food delivery service that is not yet available in the Elon area. The inception of a loyalty program may be an attempt to keep customers using Uber as other ride-sharing services, such as Lyft, gain popularity.

According to Uber's website, UberPERKS is currently only available to students at select universities in North Carolina.

Professor to bring lessons from Olympics to class



Max Negin helped with NBC's Rio Olympics coverage this summer

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Max Negin had a unique view of this summer's Olympic Games, one that'll surely translate to some compelling lectures and lessons in his classes this fall at Elon University.

He worked his fifth Olympics for NBC this summer, spending 12-hour days at the International Broadcast Center in Rio de Janeiro as a digital media manager, acting as a gatekeeper of sorts for all the content that would be distributed across NBC's platforms.

Negin, an assistant professor of communications, helped facilitate the process of content coming into the system to when it was edited and sent out to the desired network.

And now, he'll be able to share those experiences with the students in his classes this fall, including a sports broadcasting course.

He visited with a friend in the studio and saw the way it was wired. He learned about NBC's lower-thirds style and hopes to bring that particular experience to Elon Phoenix Weekly this fall. He was also able to stand in the back of an edit suite as clips were cut together for NBC's prime-time coverage.

"I'm a cog in the machine that gets to look around everywhere and see these cool stories being made and the process happening and the technology that goes on," Negin said. "That view of the process, I don't get that view any other way other than being that fly on the wall."

Negin first worked the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing and has been to every Games since. A lot has changed in those eight years, particularly with the process.

NBC is no longer using physical media — it's strictly digital. And every year is a new challenge, considering it's typically a group of folks who have never met trying

to learn, get trained on and teach a new system and workflow.

So in Rio, the media management team tried five different workflows the first five days of competition. Only then did they find a process that gelled, and with some tweaks, everyone was generally on the same page by day 10.

It's a lesson of resourcefulness and team-building that Negin wants to emphasize to his students.

"It's a very huge challenge to get a team together that works well," Negin said. "Part of why it works is there are great people with great attitudes."

Negin worked with a group of NBC interns — college students — as they figured out the system, too. It became a mentoring opportunity for the professor who won Emmys for his work at the London and Vancouver games.

"We're constantly looking for a good story, a good shot," Negin said. "We don't edit those things, but when the producer who's been in the edit room all day says, 'Hey, what's the best reaction of the day?' the interns are all over it. It's about pride in your work."

Negin had a friend travel with him to Rio, too — a four-inch tall, white polka-dotted stuffed animal rabbit named "Peep," after the

PHOTOS COURTESY OF MAX NEGIN
(Clockwise from left) Elon professor Max Negin holds an Elon banner outside the Olympic sign in Rio de Janeiro. Negin poses next to the Olympics logo. Peep, Negin's stuffed animal, hangs in Rio during the Olympics. Peep checks out the scenery in Rio.

marshmallow candy.

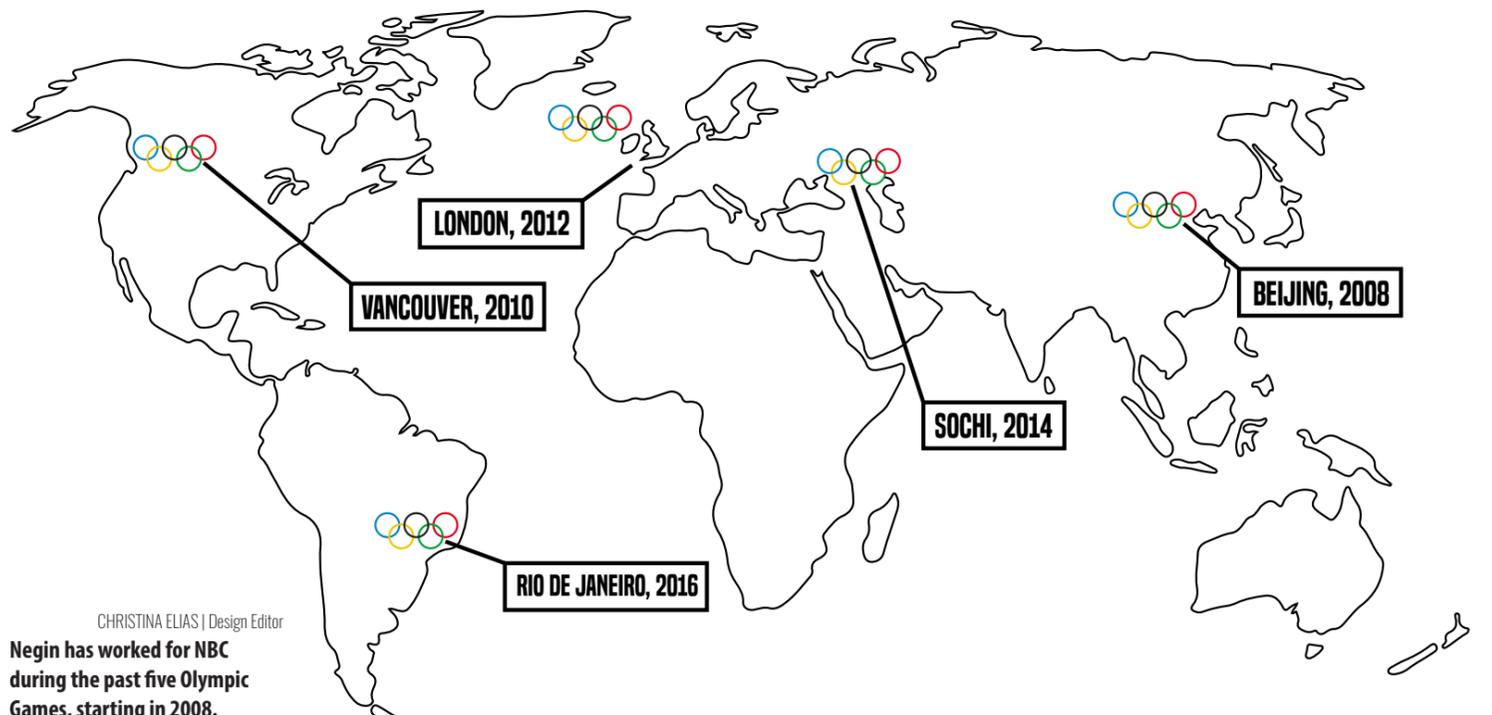
Peep went along with Negin to Beijing in 2008, as his kids insisted he take photos with Peep in them. As Negin prepared to leave for Rio, his kids — now starting high school — wanted Peep to make a return trip.

So Negin posted Instagram photos throughout his trip with Peep on the beach, next to the Christ the Redeemer statue and even with former NFL coach Tony Dungy.

"It was a way to connect with my kids and have some fun," Negin said. "Peep went all over the place."

Reflecting on his work, Negin tries to wrap his mind around the large scale of work that goes into producing for the Olympics.

"There's no way to know how other people are doing it unless you observe other people doing it," Negin said. "That's how I'm bringing it back [to Elon]. I can back it up by saying, this isn't just my opinion — I witnessed how one of the greatest networks in the world produces content."



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Negin has worked for NBC during the past five Olympic Games, starting in 2008.

CHEAT SHEET: TRUMP'S TAXES

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The Republican Presidential Ticket is conflicted, as vice president candidate Gov. Mike Pence said he would release his tax returns before the election, while Donald Trump said he would not do so before Nov. 8.

This move has garnered harsh criticism against the real estate tycoon, especially because Democrat candidates former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Gov. Tim Kaine revealed their tax returns earlier in August.

Are presidential candidates required to release their tax returns?

There is no law mandating candidates to release their tax returns, but Richard Nixon created a precedent for doing so when he released his in 1972.

Since 1976, every major party candidate has released their tax returns, usually around April, the height of tax season and several months before their conventions and elections.

In past elections, delaying the release of tax forms to the public has made the public suspect of dodgy tax payment practices or failure to pay taxes entirely.

Why is Trump refusing to release his forms?

Trump has claimed that his taxes are under IRS audit and said he will not release his tax returns until the audit is completed. Trump said that he expects the audit to be done after Election Day on November 8, and he said he'd release his financial statements then, though the IRS has stated that he can release his tax returns even while he is being audited.

But Trump said in an ABC News



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Trump has said he will not release his tax returns until after the general election because he is currently undergoing an IRS audit.

interview in May, that his tax rate was "none of your business."

Why is Trump's tax return situation important to voters?

When Trump releases his tax returns, voters will find out a sev-

eral things. First, they will know if he even pays taxes. Trump has a self-proclaimed net worth of \$10 billion, and people want to know if he is paying his fair share. Another piece of information voters will know is how much money Trump donates to charity.

Throughout his campaign,

Trump has been labeled as a bigot, engaging in several controversies involving Hispanics, Africans-Americans, Muslims, Gold Star families and women.

If it is found that he is donating to charitable causes, the perception of his campaign may change. It certainly would help his 58.6

percent unfavorability rating, according to a CNN/ORC poll.

Although it is not explicitly required for him to release his tax forms, the fact that he would be willing to do so would show he is willing to display to Americans that he is completing his civic duty just like everybody else.

NEWS BRIEFS

Coker to step down as Director of Elon Core Curriculum

Jeffery Coker, associate professor of biology at Elon University, will be stepping down as director of Elon Core Curriculum at the end of the academic year. Coker served as director since 2011, and was a key player in revising the First-Year Foundations courses and creating new advising materials for core requirements. He also implemented a number of capstone projects for students of all ages. Coker said he currently plans to continue as a professor.

Elon's Physical Therapy Program reaccredited

The Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education of the American Physical Therapy Association voted to reaffirm Elon University's Doctor of Physical Therapy program under an extensive review this summer. The accreditation will expand for another 10 years. Elon's program started as a master program in 1998 and a Doctor of Physical Education in 2003. The program was first accredited

in 2006. Stephen Folger, department chair and professor of physical therapy, said this accreditation is another step forward in this department's advancement and reaffirms that they are doing their work correctly.

"The accreditation process is a very important part of physical therapy education," Folger said. "Accreditation establishes that your program is meeting the requirements set out by the profession."

Major cultural event tickets up for sale shortly

Tickets to three major Elon University events on the 2016 Cultural Calendar will be up for sale within the next two weeks.

Two-time Pulitzer Prize-winner and journalist Bob Woodward, who is widely known for his investigative reports on the Watergate scandal, will headline Fall Convocation at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29 in Alumni Gym.

Vint Cerf, often referred to as one of the "Fathers of the Internet," will discuss how everyday devices communicate with each other. He will also talk about security and privacy issues posed in a connected world. The event is scheduled to take place at 3:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30 in Mc-

Crary Theatre.

One event that has sparked some debate on Elon's campus is the visit from Washington Post conservative-leaning columnist Kathleen Parker. Parker will address politics, culture and contemporary issues through common sense and humor at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4 in McCrary Theatre.

Tickets for Woodward and Cerf will go on sale at the Center for the Arts Box Office Thursday, Sept. 8, while seats for Parker will be available Tuesday, Sept. 13. Admission is \$13 for the general public but free for those with valid Elon ID. The box office is open Monday-Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Hours are subject to change for holidays and dates of major university events.

Elon debuts new Labor Day celebration

Labor Day, a federal holiday for which Elon University normally doesn't cancel classes, was celebrated on campus with public renditions and remarks about the current workforce in the United States and beyond. Elon chooses not to take off Labor day because of the closeness between the holiday and the start of classes, but more than 100 people gathered in Whitley Auditorium Monday for an event organized by Jason Husser, assistant professor of political science, and Brooke Barnett, asso-

ciate provost for inclusive community and professor of communications. The event lasted 75 minutes and speakers touched on topics such as labor unions, child labor and the evolution of work in the evolution of working Americans since the 1950s.

Elon Academy celebrates 10-year anniversary

Since 2006, Elon University and the Alamance-Burlington School System have partnered to create the Elon Academy, a program to help students from underrepresented backgrounds. The program has assisted in giving almost 250 students the tools they need to achieve higher education. 6 p.m. Sept 15 in McCrary Theatre, Elon faculty and staff are invited to celebrate the 10-year anniversary with Elon academy families, donors and community leaders. The reception will feature a jazz ensemble, food and family entertainment.

The Elon Academy 10-year anniversary celebration will be held 6 p.m. Sept. 15 in McCrary Theatre.


STAFF EDITORIAL

Make conversations about change less exclusive on campus

HOW WE SEE IT

The administration needs to value the opinions of less-involved students just as much as the hyper-involved.

In its messaging surrounding campus growth, Elon University has emphasized one clear theme: Student voices have been central to creating change.

But whose voices are really being accounted for?

Yes, it was the Presidential Student Leadership Advisory Council (PSLAC), a group of campus leaders who meet regularly with administrative staff to discuss student issues and concerns, who pushed for bean bag chairs to be brought to Moseley.

And yes, it was the students who served on the Social Climate and Out of Class Engagement who helped draft the 42 recommendations that highlighted issues ranging from enhancing the physical campus environment to revising institutional policies and practices.

But most of the students who are a part of these conversations and committees represent the most hyper-involved in the student body. They are leaders of several organizations, they are class presidents, they are vice presidents — they can't and don't represent the needs of students who aren't adjusting to the campus environment. And it's inherently problematic to ask

some of the most involved students how to better campus climate for the less-involved students.

Why do these conversations have to seem so exclusive? For the university's stamp of student approval to be more authentic and genuine, the administration needs to move beyond leadership titles and make these conversations more accessible to the general student body.

According to Associate Professor of Communications Naeemah Clark, who co-chaired the task force, administrative staff requested, "a list of students who were involved on campus and would be able to be effective in dealing with faculty, staff as well as students," and invited students to the task force based on that list.

The three students who served on the task force were already members of the Presidential Student Leadership Advisory Council and hold a variety of leadership titles on campus.

Similarly, the PSLAC appointed student members through organizational venues in an effort to represent a variety of Elon students. As a result, most students who serve on the council hold titles that reflect the top of their organization's leadership hierarchy.

TOWN HALL MEETING:

When: Oct. 6, 2016 | 7:30 p.m.

Where: Moseley 215

Open invitations for students to apply for such positions can reach a more diverse campus community — one that reflects student opinions that may not already have organizational venues to support them.

Still, the fact that the administration values student voices — to the extent that there is a stamp of student approval in almost every proposed initiative — is rare and commendable.

Considering other college presidents have dismissed student concerns — for example, Everett Piper, president of Oklahoma Wesleyan University, called on students to "grow up" after he received a complaint from an undergraduate who felt "victimized" following a conversation on campus about love — Elon's efforts are much appreciated. But whose voices are really being accounted for in these discussions?

SGA has responded to this concern by scheduling an open town hall meeting for the first Thursday of every month. This initiative invites students from across campus to discuss a variety of topics in an open, safe forum.

These meetings are a step in the

right direction, but the idea needs some work.

During the first meeting, President Leo Lambert began speaking at 7:30 p.m. and asked or responded to questions until 8:45 p.m. He shared information about upcoming projects and asked students questions like, "If you don't have a mentor on campus, why?"

When the questions were open to the floor after the first 30 minutes, it was mostly SGA representatives — who comprised a vast majority of the audience — asking or responding to questions.

While Kyle Porro, executive president of SGA, stressed that the structure for future town hall meetings would be different, the evening still closed with a series of announcements pertaining only to SGA. Porro emphasized SGA will continue to work on a meeting structure that allows for more student-led discussion.

But the direction of the conversation can only change when more students attend and support these initiatives. And getting students there is on the administration. Until the administration begins making its top-level conversations more open to all students, these town hall meetings seem like the most accessible forum for them — regardless of their organizational affiliation or title — to be heard.

A huge success for feminism that you probably don't know about



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I love professional wrestling. I realize that my stock as an eligible bachelor just plummeted for writing that, but it's the

In recent years, WWE has taken steps to address the way in which women are portrayed in their programming.

truth. I can already hear the multitude of voices yelling at me: Kevin, you nincompoop. It's fake!

Of course, they're right. "Game of Thrones" is also fake, but I don't enjoy it any less because of that fact. I've been a follower of World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE) for eight years now.

Admittedly, my viewership was on and off at certain points depending on whether I thought I was "too cool" for wrestling. Now, I've accepted my place in the fandom and don't plan on leaving anytime soon.

The odd combination of in-the-round theater, professional athleticism, ludicrous violence and rock-concert atmosphere makes sports entertainment exactly what it sets out to be — entertaining.

For the longest time, however, there was

very little entertainment to be had when it came to watching female wrestlers.

While the men were called "superstars," the women were referred to as "divas."

Whatever talent these women possessed in the ring and on the microphone was washed out by blatant sexism and objectification. There were gimmicks such as "bra and panties" and "lingerie pillow fight" matches.

Scripts and rivalries set up by show's creative teams were demeaning and lacked much substance. Divas would be lucky to get a 20-minute segment on a three-hour show.

Overall, there was no respect given to the female talent.

In a perverse sort of way, this made sense. WWE programming had a TV-14 rating until mid-2008. The company naturally leaned toward entertaining hormonal boys between the ages of 14 and 30 who didn't possess the brainpower to stop and think about things like gender equality.

I can say this because, admittedly, I was one of them. However, with a new TV-PG rating and shifted focus on its values as a company, WWE has been aiming to please every member of the family for almost a decade now, and fans have learned to either adapt and grow alongside the company or dump it altogether.

While there have been many pioneers in women's wrestling who helped elevate the level of respect that female talent deserves, the true Women's Revolution — as it is affect-

tionately called by both the WWE and its fans — didn't begin until last year.

The increase in talent was exponential with the debut of new women. Matches were becoming exciting and impressive to watch, while promos and storylines were invigorating and possessed many marks of great storytelling.

This all reached a climax when it was decided that those in the women's division would no longer be referred to as "divas" but as "superstars," like their male counterparts. A new Women's Championship was introduced, and women have been stealing shows and exciting crowds since.

Why does this matter? Well, the fact of the matter is the WWE is a company that, much like any other company, has employees who do their job in a work environment.

Sure, plenty of the employees are muscled-out freaks of nature, the job sometimes involves jumping off ladders, and the work environment is a sold-out arena of screaming fans — but you get the point.

The fact that WWE has gone to such lengths to demonstrate a newly found and overdue respect and appreciation for its female employees is proof of success for the feminist movement.

Workplace equality is occurring within the company as fans become more and more convinced that women are just as capable of being competent professional wrestlers as men.

If you told me eight years ago that

women wrestlers would be co-headlining pay-per-views, telling some of the most engaging stories on the programs and putting on "match of the year"-caliber fights in 2016, I wouldn't have believed you.

Is everything perfect and peachy now? Is this the center of a sociocultural paradigm shift that we can expect to take place instantaneously across the planet?

Of course not. The Women's Revolution is still a work in progress, but it's a shame that the WWE doesn't have a larger, casual fan base to witness and appreciate the movement.

If they did, more people might see the WWE as the good example that it truly has become for female empowerment. Although, as fan-favorite superstar Becky Lynch said recently in a Sports Illustrated interview: "For me, it's never been about a revolution. It doesn't matter if we're women. It shouldn't matter. It's 2016 — we should be able to go out there and put out great matches, and it shouldn't be a surprise when we do."

From Lynch's perspective, perhaps the fact that wrestling fans see this Women's Revolution as "unlikely" or as "a surprise" says more about society's regressive thinking than the Revolution itself says about society's progressiveness.

As nice as it is to recognize progress, equal footing in the workplace and in society should be something that we expect rather than applaud. Let's save the clapping for when the next champion is crowned.

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Addressing tensions as a growing college is important



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On Aug. 29, Provost and Executive Vice President Steven House spoke to a group of campus organization leaders about the past and future of Elon University. He mentioned the tension between Elon's growing size and its "heart and soul" of a smart, liberal arts college.

These contradictory identities are seen in the construction on campus as we get larger and intellectual climate initiatives to create more spaces in which we can come together as a community. According to House, it is

important for us to recognize that tension as we go into this academic year.

I couldn't agree more. It's important to recognize it instead of trying to ignore it. Elon is full of it, and ignoring it doesn't do anything to make it go away.

As a university, our community is subject to so many of the same problems as the rest of the nation, and then some that are uniquely our own.

We have extensions of the racial, socio-economic and religious tensions that our country faces.

The "Elon Ratio" of feeling like there are far more women on campus than men is also one we face, and House Bill 2 further

influences how we experience gendered tensions on campus.

These conflicts are very important. If Elon were a perfect university and community, we probably wouldn't experience it the same way. The conflicts are apparent because there is still work to be done.

I love living and learning here at Elon, and I do my best to stay conscious of how special it is to have the opportunity to be here. And one of the best parts about being a part of this community is having the ability to make a difference in it. If you love Elon like me, you have the responsibility to help change our community for the better.

That starts with recognizing

where there is still work to be done. For those of you who don't see that there is room for improvement, look harder. Think about perspectives other than your own.

Instead of pretending Elon's tensions don't exist, make an effort to be aware of the them and do your best to get to the source. Maybe the problem doesn't affect you directly, but you have the skills and opportunities to fix them. As a member of the community, you have a responsibility to help others at Elon.

That doesn't mean every problem needs to be your priority, but pretending these problems don't exist is detrimental to our community.

I think that sometimes we forget that our social climate isn't as idyllic as our campus. But some students don't have the luxury to pretend they don't exist. It would be a further disservice to those members of our community to ignore that work still needs to be done.

There is tension, and they shouldn't have to be alleviating the tension on their own.

Yes, our campus has been growing and will continue to grow, and we will deal with the tensions that form as they come. In the meantime, we can focus on recognizing and addressing the ones that are present now.

No matter our size, we need to keep improving our community.

Safe spaces on campuses and why you need them



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After coming out to my parents, I packed a small bag with enough clothes to last a week and found asylum (i.e., a safe space) with a friend while displaced from my home. A week turned into two months. Two months living with five shirts, three pair of shorts, one pair of pants, five pair of underwear, two undershirts, three pairs of socks, one pair of sneakers and a hair brush. I was a nomad. I was not safe. And that trauma still lives with me until today.

My father invited me to return home after a year of sleeping on unfamiliar couches and small beds. He had asked me to leave home after I came out to him. To my surprise, the floors maintained their good condition months after I flooded the entire apartment on New Year's Eve. The tap water tasted the same: satisfyingly metallic and lukewarm. And I connected to the Wi-Fi.

Things were also different. The couch had moved. I forgot the password to our desktop computer. The doorbell actually rang. The closet that once fettered my identity no longer belonged to me — the clothes

were unrecognizable. I didn't feel safe anymore. But I still connected to the Wi-Fi.

Last week, the University of Chicago denounced so called "trigger warnings" and the establishment of safe spaces on their campus in a letter to incoming freshmen. Dean of Students Jay Ellison wrote, "We do not cancel invited speakers because their topics prove controversial, and we do not condone the creation of intellectual 'safe spaces' where individuals can retreat from ideas and perspectives at odds with their own."

This summer, Elon found itself in a similar conversation, when students spoke out against the university's Baird Pulitzer Prize Speaker Kathleen Parker, a rape apologist and supporter of racial profiling. Though a student-led petition sought to cancel the discussion, Elon maintained its position of support.

In a climate that requires political correctness and systemic measures for inclusion, University of Chicago missed the mark. And Elon barely hits the target. In 2014, concerned students at University of Chicago created a Tumblr website titled "The Hyde Park List," which indexed alleged rapists attending the university. The institution was one of many under investigation for mishandling assault cases in 2014, with Columbia University at the

forefront of the conversation about university misconduct regarding sexual assault. To say that students "retreat" to safe spaces is to assume cowardice of students who have endured trauma, often sanctioning and supporting assumptions by universities. It also fails to criticize the infrastructure that generates feelings of unsafety for students — for example, allowing rapists to continue attending school where they committed a crime.

In retrospect, I realize that when I connected to my Wi-Fi at home, it grounded me — even after months of my absence, it recognized me.

Let's think of safe spaces like Wi-Fi. There's security in connecting, in being recognized by some technological power and having access to its resources. Once you've connected with the Wi-Fi it remembers you. There's no question whether you belong or not. In the same way, safe spaces allow marginalized and traumatized people to commiserate without pressure to assim-

ilate to the normative culture that "others" them.

There is power in connecting without question, judgment or a password. Safe spaces do not serve to coddle sensitive liberals — they reassure students that their existence matters and that their voices and concerns are heard.

Safe spaces allow students to express their vulnerability in an environment protected by people who share similar experiences. Safe spaces allow victims of assault to come together and mobilize against administrations that have failed to protect them.

This is a space for communal catharsis, not unwarranted caviling. I hope that Elon students find solace in safe spaces around the university after Parker's visit.

University of Chicago, and institutions around the country, for that matter, should consider the environments they have fostered in which students no longer feel safe instead of further marginalizing them.

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White people cannot experience racism



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Most of us are familiar with the idea of "reverse racism." This concept is evident in the Supreme Court case *Fisher v. University of Texas*, where Abigail Fisher claimed that her rejection from the University of Texas at Austin was a result of the university discriminating against her because she is white.

As civil rights groups and people of color continue to fight for racial equality, there is this idea that there is a growing racism toward white people in the United States.

Things like affirmative action, Beyonce's song, *Formation* and the smash-hit musical *Hamilton's* casting call for minority actors

have been deemed as racist against white people.

These recent controversies raise the question: Can white people experience racism? The honest answer is that they cannot. White people can experience prejudice, but they cannot experience racism.

For example, if a person of color refuses to be friends with a white person simply because they are white, this is an example of prejudice.

This is not an example of racism because outside of this situation, white people are still favored and still have an advantage over people of color on a larger social

scale. Prejudice against white people — or anyone, for that matter — is still wrong, but it's fair to say that white people don't experience racism because racism is a power structure that benefits white people and

leaves people of color at a disadvantage.

I think it's ridiculous when people say that Beyonce's use of the line "Becky with the good hair" and Colin Kaepernick sitting down during the national anthem

are racist acts. It is frustrating when affirmative action, casting calls specifically for minorities or any other programs that aim to provide more opportunities for people of color are deemed racist toward white

WHITE PEOPLE CAN EXPERIENCE PREJUDICE, BUT THEY CANNOT EXPERIENCE RACISM.

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ELON EATS: UNCOVERING AN AESTHETIC



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When the founders of Press Coffee+Crepes tore down the drywall before moving in, they found an old paint-covered wall that became the inspiration for the decor.



Press Coffee+Crepes offers ambiance with breakfast

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Driving through downtown Graham, it's almost impossible to miss Press Coffee+Crepes. The exterior of the coffee and crepes shop pops out with dark blue paint, a contrast to the pastel facades that line the rest of North Main Street.

The interior is just as different — quiet indie music, stone tables, reclaimed wooden chairs and exposed brick walls, all lit with bare lightbulbs hanging on burnished copper wires from the black tiled ceiling. Menus are printed on card stock and clipped to clipboards, and baristas wear denim aprons.

Head barista Alice Bailey said that, to her surprise, the people of Graham like the difference.

"It's an insane risk, and it's great when

you have people coming into your place and thanking you for opening," she said.

Bailey said she was nervous the Graham community wouldn't appreciate a coffee shop like Press moving in alongside the rest of the "Southern charm" on Main Street. But a unique community came rolling in.

"It's the most diverse crowd I've ever seen at a coffee shop, and it's so unexpected," she said. "It was just immediate — a lot of curiosity, a lot of will to experiment and go out on a limb for people who may have otherwise been intimidated by foreign food."

"There's coffee from different places, and you have to keep in mind that, for some people, crepes are scary."

Press offers a variety of sweet and savory crepes — including the "Sweet Granny," filled with green apples and caramel sauce and topped with powdered sugar, and the "Herbivore," stuffed with a mix of vegetables and served with a choice of house seasoning.

Crepes run about \$6-8, with an extra \$2 charge for a gluten-free buckwheat crepe shell. Those with allergies should be careful to be clear when ordering, though.

A member of ENN staff who has a gluten allergy was served a regular crepe when she ordered a gluten-free one. Press remade the crepe at no extra cost.

The creperie also offers a long list of coffees and teas, both hot and iced.

Janice Murphy and her daughter Riki McGee said they had come to Press for the first time to try out a new breakfast spot in the area, and they were already impressed by the iced coffee and the decor.

"I see the new sign every day as I drive by, and then someone I clean houses for told me I should come," Murphy said. "I like that they're going back to the old stuff — the rustic look."

It's possible that the "reclaimed" aesthetic is what makes Press' ambitiously different decor work. Though it's different, it's familiar in a way — especially to Southerners.

Take the small, ceramic bathtub Press sets out for customers to return their used coffee and tea mugs. Someone from a bigger city in the North might see the wash bin as part of a recent trend toward deceptively expensive, intentionally quirky, self-aware and eclectic decorations — think the home

PRESS COFFEE+CREPES

Hours: Monday-Friday | 7 a.m.-5p.m.

Location: 133 N Main St, Graham section of Urban Outfitters.

But as a small-town Southerner myself, I see a well-repurposed hand-me-down that adds charm in a practical way, and I appreciate it so much more than a plastic bin because it seems respectful and practical at the same time.

The inspiration for the reclaimed aesthetic, according to Bailey, was the wall behind the bar, discovered when Press's Founder's father tore down the drywall that was here when Press moved in.

"What they had found was that wall, which was about 120 years of sedimented paint," Bailey said. "Up close, it looks so rad. It's got these chartreuse drips and all these different colors."

With about 20 patrons already keeping the small staff of baristas busy at 9 a.m. on a Monday, it seems Graham also thinks the wall, and the coffee shop, are pretty rad.

Jazz N' More brings jazz back to life with event center

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A man who goes by Uncle Harold, who has seen downtown Burlington dwindle and re-develop over the past 30 years, has recently taken on his newest business venture with Jazz N' More, a bar, club and event center on Spring Street.

Jazz N' More acts as a bar during its regular weekend night hours, and since its opening on Nov. 12, 2015, customers have been lining out the door for music, drinks and fun.

"I love it, here with the nice, clean and refreshing atmosphere," said Barbara McNeely, a Wilmington resident who frequents Jazz N' More when she visits her family in Burlington. "Wilmington, even though it's a pretty big city, has nothing quite like this. This is a unique place."

Harold had decades of prior entrepreneurship and business experience before opening Jazz N' More. Starting his career at age 17, he has since worked in the lawn service, hair care, beauty supply, manufacturing and water business industries, and even owned an old night club named Corvette, previously located on North Church Street in Burlington.

"Jazz N' More was a great opportunity," he said. "Most of the work in this building was already done, and it was something in the area we didn't have."

Harold is keen to accommodate customers' wishes, offering the space for rent on days it's not otherwise open.

"If you need a place for your event, for your

JAZZ N' MORE HOURS

Events for all ages during the day, nights for those 21 years or older.

Thursday-Saturday: 8 p.m.-2 a.m.

Sunday: 4 p.m.-9p.m.

Cover charge: \$15 for guests

birthday party — we just had a sweet sixteen the other day — or wedding reception, graduation celebration or even corporate meeting, we try to accommodate any event," he said. "Even if it's on a weekday or something, we will accommodate any time of day."

Events that include those under the age of 21 are held during the day. Otherwise, hours of operation are Thursday-Saturday night 8 p.m. – 2 a.m. and a "lazy Sunday" evening 4 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Harold also plans theme nights and performances. Thursdays are often reserved for fundraisers, Fridays open for live music and, on Saturdays, a DJ usually comes for R&B.

"Sometimes, we'll have a color theme, too, and everyone's gotta wear that," Harold said. "Like this weekend, we're having a red party, so you can take out that red dress you haven't worn in forever, or get that old red tie and wear it out."

With any bustling night at the club, there is going to be a cover charge. But Harold has implemented a member system.

Cover is \$15 for guests, but there are two membership options available. The \$10 mem-



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Uncle Harold opened Jazz N' More in downtown Burlington in 2015 and hopes to draw in a larger Elon crowd.

bership lasts one year and allows members to get in for free on Thursday and Sunday nights and pay a \$10 cover for other nights. The VIP membership costs \$100, lasts one year and allows members to pay no cover at all.

Harold said Jazz N' More gets around 60 people each major night. About half of those are first-timers at the club.

Harold noted that with Burlington's proximity to Elon's campus, he hopes students and faculty will use Jazz N' More as an alternative event space as the two towns continue to evolve.

"I can see the growth each week, but I'd like to see it grow even more," he said. "I see downtown Burlington growing, and us reaching out to the Elon crowd soon. We would just love Elon-sponsored events, especially Homecom-

ing. I can see this being a good venue for that: You guys are needing space to have your parties or alumni events."

Besides Homecoming, Harold recognizes that events are what draw any crowd to a space. Whether it be a party or a theme, he knows that how people get downtown has shifted over the years.

"In the entertainment business today, versus, say, 30 years ago, where you could basically go back in the building, get a DJ to play some music and let folks know you were there, and people came out looking for somewhere to go," he said. "They don't just come out to come out anymore. They want to know what's going on first, what event is going on — that's what really brings people out today."



FURNISHING AT A LOWER PRICE

Students shop at consignment stores for decorations

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A multicolored, patchwork couch takes over the living room in senior Katharine Mann's house. The rest of the room mimics these prints with pink and light blue end tables, a teal mirror and a quirky pink picture of a bike.

The couch is a rarity and hasn't been manufactured since 2012, but Mann was able to find it at Bella's House, a consignment furniture store located at 236 E. Front St. in Burlington.

"I went and I found this Kelly Rae Roberts couch with bright prints, and that's a one-of-a-kind couch," she said. "That's why Bella's House is cool — because you can go and find these little treasures you can't get anywhere else."

Mann first stumbled upon the consignment shop when she was looking for a dresser her sophomore year. There, she found a vintage, sea green one for around \$100.

When she moved into her home her junior year, Mann went back to Bella's House and continued to decorate it with mostly secondhand furniture.

"I like new furniture, but I think there's something really interesting about antique or old furniture," Mann said. "Plus, you can get it at a lower price because a new dresser can go for hundreds of dollars."

Bella's House is filled with secondhand furniture and a few new accessories. But for those looking for something more antique, Main & Fifth Consignment store is right across the street, and The Treasure House and Consignment Connection located in downtown Burlington.

According to Bella's House manager Emma Sullivan, the store currently has items they wouldn't normally take because they know

they would be reasonably priced for college students.

Additionally, the longer the item is in the store, the cheaper it becomes.

"We have markdowns in here, and we have stuff at really good prices that fit what you all need at the time," Sullivan said. "There are always desks and dressers and coffee tables and end tables, and you can find really great finds at good prices."

With cheap coffee tables and more expensive vintage dressers, Sullivan believes Bella's House has something for both men and women.

Students can even get crafty by painting the cheaper items and giving them a new life. Mann painted a \$30 side table bright pink to match the theme of her living room.

"As college students, we don't take the best care of our furniture," Mann said. "So it's good to get reduced-priced furniture. You can do what you want with it and then pass it down to your friends."

Sullivan believes that students



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Senior Katharine Mann lives in the "Animal House," which is filled with antique furniture.

are drawn to the more interesting and quirky paintings, often leaving the store laughing about their new purchase.

"They're just pictures that make them laugh, which I think is just perfect," Sullivan said. "Last year, this group of girls found this picture of these huntsmen dogs, and it

just cracked them up."

Though the interior of her home is basically finished, Mann will still browse through Bella's House and buy something if it catches her eye.

"It's all nice furniture," she said. "Two weeks ago, I bought a desk. I go just to browse. It's a problem that I'm a little too obsessed."

New addition to Truitt Center brings excitement and perspective

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Looking at the Elon University banners on the light posts, Carrie Seigler still couldn't believe she was working at the university. As the Truitt Center's new multi-faith and intern coordinator, she arrived on campus two months ago, after spending two years post-graduate in New York City.



Carrie Seigler

"My title is very unique. It's one that a lot of people are sometimes surprised by — they don't know what it means or make their own assumptions about what it means," Seigler said. "But what I hope is that, when people see my title, no matter what their faith, religious or nonreligious perspective is, it's going to be welcomed and it's going to be celebrated."

After graduating from Furman University, Seigler knew she wasn't ready to jump into graduate school right away. As an

alternative, she decided to make the move up north to an international faith community in New York City's Menno House, affordable housing established by the Mennonite Church during the Vietnam War to house those who opposed.

After the war, the house was transformed into housing for various volunteers and nonprofit workers like Seigler.

"I ended up living in this community where a white, American female was the minority," Seigler said. "My roommates were from Jamaica, Amsterdam, Mexico, Canada and Afghanistan. We all represented the diversity not only of New York City, but of different world religions."

While in New York, Seigler worked with various social justice organizations, including GLAAD, where she worked on religious advocacy projects.

Part of Seigler's job at GLAAD was creating the "Pope play-book," providing information about Pope Francis' historic stances regarding LGBTQIA families, which was given to journalists and media outlets during the pope's visit to New York City.

At the end of her two-year stay in New York, Seigler worked as an

BY THE NUMBERS

8

NUMBER OF MULTIFAITH INTERNS

15

NUMBER DIFFERENT RELIGIONS REPRESENTED ON CAMPUS.

18

NUMBER OF RELIGIOUS GROUPS ON CAMPUS

1622

NUMBER OF STUDENTS INVOLVED IN RELIGIOUS GROUPS

ambassador for the U.N.'s World Interfaith Harmony Week, which promotes peace and broader social justice initiatives from the perspectives of multiple religious and non-religious traditions.

"It was something that I was incredibly honored to be a part of," she said.

While still living in New York, Seigler visited her alma mater in South Carolina and caught up with her old chaplain and

associate chaplain. They invited her to join them at the National Association of College and University Chaplains conference, which was held at Furman that year.

There, Seigler learned about the position opening at Elon and applied because it didn't require a master's degree.

After being flown down to Elon for an interview, Seigler was hired and assumed her role in June.

"[Seigler] jumped right in with two feet," said Jan Register, program assistant in the Truitt Center. "She was just so excited, even from when we first Skyped her. You just felt that energy from her that she was so excited about interfaith and so passionate about what we are doing here."

As multi-faith and intern coordinator, Seigler has various responsibilities all centered around the students. She is in charge of the eight student interns at the Truitt Center, who plan events across campus hosted by the Truitt Center.

In addition, Seigler organizes Numen Lumen meetings every Thursday morning and brings in speakers and musicians for the weekly tradition. She is also the

adviser to the Interfaith House: Mindfully Plural LLC on campus and holds other liaising responsibilities.

Seigler is excited to be back on a college campus where she can immerse herself in important dialogue that she missed while away from a university setting.

"I was experiencing, personally, a lack of inter-religious dialogue just because colleges and universities are such an incredible and rich hotbed of those types of conversations," she said. "You're pushed and you're prodded and you're testing comfort zones and what it is that you believe, and I think it would be a great loss if, on a college campus, you weren't having those conversations."

Seigler is focused on being there for students who are having trouble transitioning or simply need a safe space to talk.

"She has a very unique background that lends itself to understanding and empathizing with a lot of different types of students and students who have lots of different feelings about religion and faith, and I think that is really going to serve her well in this position," Register said. "I'm excited to see what she is going to do."



FRESHMAN FORWARD BRINGS STRENGTH

ASHLEY KING | Staff Photographer

Freshman forward Tuki Tayali (11) plays a ball off of his chest in an exhibition match against the University of North Carolina at Charlotte Aug. 20. Tayali scored his first collegiate goal against St. Bonaventure University Sept. 2.

Tayali's size gives Phoenix attack another element

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After an opening weekend with many missed opportunities, Elon University men's soccer freshman forward Tuki Tayali felt frustration setting in.

Tayali missed his first three shots wide Friday night against St. Bonaventure University, giving him 10 shots — and three on target — without a goal to start the season.

But in the 76th minute, Tayali got a rolling pass from junior forward Elijah Agu on the left corner of the six-yard box. Tayali faced away from the goal and backed down a defender, drifting toward the middle as a second defender came to the ball.

Then, Tayali took a light touch with his right foot and hit the ball toward goal, split the defenders and blasted a goal off the bottom of the crossbar from four yards out.

And, with the goal, the 6-foot-4, 215-pound forward said he felt “relieved” he finally scored.

“It was a great feeling,” Tayali said. “Obviously, I had missed a few, but I tried to keep my head up, and my teammates kept creating chances for me. I’m happy I put one away.”

Tayali's size will give the Phoenix a completely different look up front than they've ever had in head coach Chris Little's time at Elon, something that excites Little.

“He's a big guy. He has a big body,” Little said. “If you look at the four strikers we've been rotating through, they've all scored goals, they've all provided assists and they all have their own skill set.”

“If you're a defender, when you have to play against one guy, and then a different guy comes on with a different skill set, it's difficult. That's what we look to do, and we hope they can keep complementing each other and pushing each other to get better.”

Agu has been Elon's best forward this season, scoring five goals and getting the assist on Tayali's goal. The physicality that Tayali used to score is something Agu says he has often seen in practices, and he sees how he can benefit from Tayali.

“It's a great attribute to have, and especially working with him as a forward, it's great to be able to make runs off him,” Agu said. “You know when the ball goes in to him — he's going to hold it, no matter who is there. It's amazing to see how strong he actually is.”

If anyone at Elon would know how strong Tayali actually is, it would be freshman defender Luke Matthews. Listed at 6-foot-4 and 190 pounds, Matthews isn't small himself, but Tayali's size advantage is tough to handle.

“He's definitely a big guy. He's strong, and he can roll you. All of our strikers have got their own attributes and they're all very good. It improves us as defenders to train against them every day, and I'm happy they're on our team and not against us.”

Tayali also said that defenders like Matthews and junior defender Jonathan Coleby are good to practice against because,

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ELIJAH AGU
JUNIOR MIDFIELDER/FORWARD



ASHLEY KING | Staff Photographer

Tayali uses his 6-foot-4, 215-pound frame to out-jump a Charlotte defender and win a header for Elon.

“they're the same size as me, so I have to be smarter and think quicker and move my feet quicker.”

Tayali said he liked Elon because it is a small university with a good community, especially within the soccer community.

“It's on the up, and they play great football,” Tayali said. “Chris and [assistant coach Brad] Franks were very enthusiastic about the program, and that came across well. It made me excited to join the team.”

And the coaching staff really likes him,

too. Little said he's happy that Tayali plays for the team, hoping to lift up all of the strikers and not just himself. Tayali agrees, and after he scored one goal, he's still on the hunt for the next.

“I'm never satisfied with just one goal,” Tayali said. “I'm always striving for more goals. All of the strikers keep pushing each other, and hopefully I get more.”

And, for Matthews, he's happy to sit back on the other side of the field and let Tayali do his thing.

THE PHOENIX FOCUS



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MEN'S XC RESULTS & SCHEDULE

	Elon Opener Sept. 1 5th place	
Home	Elon Invitational Sept. 10 11 a.m.	

FOOTBALL RESULTS & SCHEDULE

	Sept. 3 6-31	
Away	Sept. 10 6 p.m.	

WOMEN'S XC RESULTS & SCHEDULE

	Elon Opener Sept. 1 2nd place	
Home	Elon Invitational Sept. 10 10 a.m.	

VOLLEYBALL RESULTS & SCHEDULE

	Tussle in the Triad Sept. 2-3 2 W, 1 L	
Away	Sept. 6 Late	
Home	Elon Phoenix Classic Sept. 9-10 4 matches	
Away	Sept. 13 7 p.m.	

MEN'S SOCCER RESULTS & SCHEDULE

	Sept. 2 6-0	
	Sept. 4 1-0	
Away	Sept. 10 7 p.m.	
Away	Sept. 13 7 p.m.	

WOMEN'S SOCCER RESULTS & SCHEDULE

	Sept. 1 2-1	
	Sept. 4 1-0	
Away	Sept. 8 7 p.m.	
Home	Sept. 11 1 p.m.	



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SPORTS BRIEFS

Agu's hat trick earns CAA Player of the Week nod

Elon University men's soccer junior forward Elijah Agu was named the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) Player of the Week Sept. 5.

Agu earned the nod for the week of Aug. 29 to Sept. 4 after collecting a hat trick against St. Bonaventure University Sept. 2, scoring three goals and picking up an assist in Elon's 6-0 win. He was also named the MVP of the Elon/High Point University Classic, which Elon won.

Agu has been on fire to start the season, scoring five goals on just nine shots on goal. He leads the conference in goals and is tied for fourth in the nation.

Karle earns CAA honor

Elon University volleyball's senior middle blocker Ally Karle was named the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) Volleyball Defensive Player of the Week Sept. 5 for the Elon University volleyball team.

In the week of Aug. 29 to Sept. 4, Karle collected 17 blocks in three matches with an average of 1.31 blocks per set. Her best match was Saturday night at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, when she had nine blocks and eight kills to help the Phoenix beat the Spartans 3-2.

This season, Karle has blocked 30 shots in six matches. She has also been an asset offensively, picking up 35 kills in 22 sets.

Fowler's netminding gets CAA Rookie of Week honor

Elon University women's soccer freshman goalkeeper Katelyn Fowler was named Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) Rookie of the Week Sept. 5.

Fowler was given the honor for the week of Aug. 29 to Sept. 4 after three straight halves of shutout goalkeeping. Fowler subbed in to the match against Coastal Carolina University Sept. 1 at halftime and made two saves. Elon defeated the Chanticleers 2-1.

She started the next match at Western Carolina University Sept. 4 and stopped all four shots on goal in the match, earning her first career shutout as the Phoenix won 1-0.

Cross country opens with successful home meet

The Elon University cross country teams opened their season Sept. 1 with the Elon Opener.

In the women's race, senior Kimberly Johansen and freshman Sophia Tasselmyer finished third and fourth, respectively, as the Phoenix took second place in the team meet with 41 points.

In the men's race, sophomore Nick Ciolkowski, the reigning Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) champion, started his second year at Elon with a bang, winning the race by 24 seconds. Elon finished fifth as a team with 100 points.

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill won both races.

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Elon University freshman
defensive back Khalil
Moore (35) celebrates after
his interception Sept. 3.



FRESHMAN SHINES IN FIRST COLLEGE START

Moore's interception a bright spot on a rough Saturday for Phoenix football

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While the Elon University football team lost its season opener Saturday, for freshman defensive back Khalil Moore, the week could not have gone much better.

Last Tuesday, as Moore finished his first day of college classes, he learned he would be starting in his first collegiate game.

"I didn't really know until after class," Moore said. "I'm just excited to play with the guys and do my job."

Moore did just that Saturday, grabbing an interception in the third quarter and getting four solo tackles in his collegiate debut.

"I guess we were right [to start him]," said head coach Rich Skrosky. "There's no hesi-

tancy about it. We're not surprised, and the moment wasn't too big for him. It was a big moment for us."

Moore was playing man coverage on Gardner-Webb sophomore wide receiver Kyle Horton when Runnin' Bulldogs junior quarterback Tyrell Maxwell threw to him. As Horton ran past the intended pass, Moore read Maxwell's pass and jumped in front of the route for the interception at the Gardner-Webb 39-yard line.

"It was good pressure by the defensive line," Moore said. "They forced a good quarterback to make a bad throw."

Elon was able to get a field goal after Moore's pick, one of two turnovers that Elon turned into field goals. It was the only way Elon scored Saturday in a 31-6 loss, which Moore said was all that mattered to him after the game.

"It's not about me at all," Moore said. "I could care less about the pick or any tackle or anything. I'm more concerned about preparing for next week. It's just devastating losing, but I'm ready to get back in the woodshed

with the fellas and get back to work."

With injuries to sophomore defensive backs Tariq Lane and Greg Liggs Jr., Moore took advantage of the available reps in practice and impressed Skrosky.

"[Moore] was pushing anyway. He was going to play, but now he's going to play more," Skrosky said. "I've got all the confidence in the world in him. Love him. The good thing is, he has confidence in himself."

Moore received similar praise from junior defensive back Chris Blair, who will start at safety on the same side as Moore, who is starting at cornerback.

"He came in prepared," Blair said. "He worked hard this whole summer. He got his opportunity when Coach called his number, and he's showed off. The rest is on him."

Skrosky said Moore has been around the ball a lot during fall camp, and made enough plays to earn the starting spot. He believes that Moore is advanced for a freshman.

"He's got an athletic maturity about him," Skrosky said. "There's a lot of guys that have talent — they can run, they're big and strong.

He's a very athletic kid, but he's got a maturity. He understands the pace of the game. He doesn't panic. He plays with a lot of composure."

Skrosky said Lane's injury is currently seen as minor, but enough to keep him out of the first game and likely the second. He also added that Liggs had surgery before classes started and is out until conference play at the earliest. With two veterans out, Moore feels he has a responsibility to step up and fill in for them.

"They've put me in a position where one would look at it as a lot of pressure, but I see it as a chance to rise to the role, and I'm ready to take on the challenge," Moore said. "It's big shoes to fill with Tariq and Greg not being out there to play, so I'm really trying to hone in and make sure I know what I'm doing. I want to go out every Saturday to do my job and contribute as best as I can."

Moore will play his second collegiate game in his hometown Saturday when the Phoenix travels to the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Kickoff is at 6 p.m.



Freshman defensive back Khalil Moore (35) is mobbed by his teammates after an interception (left) and looks toward the line of scrimmage as the ball is snapped to Gardner-Webb junior quarterback Tyrell Maxwell (right).

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