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Alamance County feeling high nationwide unemployment rates



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Burlington resident Aaron Staten gets a demonstration for his new job from Amanda Shoemaker, who works for Express Employment Professionals at the Employment Security Commission. The Commission helped him secure his job and are helping to train him to ensure he is prepared to begin working at a local sock company.

Emily Silva
Senior Reporter

Burlington resident Aaron Staten is one of the fortunate natives able to secure a job in the state's devastating job market. As new layoffs are announced almost every day across America, Alamance County is not able to shy away from feeding into the nation's more than 11 million unemployed citizens.

In November, unemployment rates in North Carolina were up to 7.9 percent. However, even though this is the highest rate North Carolina has seen since October 1983, it is still much higher than the nation's current 7 percent unemployment rate.

Fred Cummings, manager of the Employment Security Commission office in Burlington, said the lagging economy has resulted in layoffs in all sectors of business in Alamance County.

Cummings said the increase in unemployment "reflects our economy with large layoffs in 2008, as well as other sectors cutting back on their hiring, going short-time or laying off workers."

"The unemployment rate for Alamance County is presently 8.5 percent [for the month of November]," Cummings said. "This represents 5,967 unemployed

out of a total labor force of 69,975." The current rate is also higher than the state average, which is 7.8 percent.

The ESC will announce the latest unemployment rate for Alamance County next week.

"Although the yearly rate will not come out until February, it is expected to be higher than 2007 or 2006," Cummings said.

The North Carolina jobless claims Internet site, which is used for posting job listings and benefits, crashed two weeks ago due to the overwhelming number of people applying for new or continuing benefits. The number of people visiting the site Jan. 4 and Jan. 5 were triple the numbers pre-recession.

Due to the crash many claims were not filled.

"We have more Web traffic on Mondays than we do on Sundays," said Larry Parker, an ESC spokesperson. "We've been handling things fine on Mondays and Tuesdays, which are typically our busiest days."

On Sunday, more than 74,000 people attempted to access the Web site and, along with the overwhelming numbers, a phone line problem arose. The ESC thought the problems were fixed, but the site crashed again

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Elon graduate files lawsuit against university and fraternity

Alexa Milan
Managing Editor

Former Elon student John Lee Mynhardt's negligence lawsuit against Elon and Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity has been transferred to Alamance County from Guilford County.

Mynhardt filed the lawsuit after a confrontation at an off-campus Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity party two years ago left him paralyzed from the neck down.

In addition to the university and Elon's Delta Pi chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha, the lawsuit also lists Clinton Blackburn, a former University of North Carolina at Greensboro student who was present at the party, and fraternity members John Cassady, Charles Caldwell, David Williamson Wells, Linwood Long, Brian McElroy, William Hartness and Robert Olson as defendants.

Cassady and Blackburn have also been charged with felonious assault inflicting serious bodily injury.

In his complaint, Mynhardt said he wants a jury trial and \$20 million in compensatory and punitive damages.

According to the Burlington Times-News, Mynhardt's complaint states that even though he was not invited to the fraternity party on Feb. 3, 2007, it was an informal and open event.

The report states upon arriving at the party, Mynhardt and a female friend went into the bathroom. According to the complaint, Cassady forced open the door to remove Mynhardt from the party because it is fraternity policy that uninvited guests are not allowed.

The complaint also states that Cassady and Blackburn then attempted to throw Mynhardt out the door, but Mynhardt either fell or was thrown onto the kitchen floor. He broke his neck as a result of the incident and is now paralyzed from the neck down.

Mynhardt states in his negligence case that the students should not have hosted a party without a suitable safety policy and that the university and the fraternity should have better controlled the fraternity members' actions.

All the defendants have denied Mynhardt's accusations and are asking for the case to be dismissed.

Dan Anderson, assistant vice president and director of university relations, said the university will not comment on the case while litigation is underway.

According to the Times-News report, Blackburn said Mynhardt was "intoxicated," "belligerent" and "aggressive." Blackburn said he tried to restrain Mynhardt when Mynhardt confronted Cassady, but they fell to the floor when Mynhardt tried to free himself.

The fraternity members also said Mynhardt trespassed since he was not invited to the party, so his injury stemmed from his own personal negligence.

The Times-News said Mynhardt admitted he was under the influence of alcohol, but he denies confronting Cassady.

An Alamance County judge is scheduled to hear the case on Feb. 9.

Burlington resident arrested for recent car break-ins

Laura Smith
News Editor

Last Monday, the Town of Elon Police arrested 40-year-old Burlington resident Charles Michael McKinnon for the recent car break-ins around campus.

Since Dec. 29, the Town of Elon Police have reported 10 car break-ins around campus. Each of the break-ins occurred among Honda-made cars and shared the same scene of smashed or pried off-track windows, according to

Elon Town Police Investigating Officer Kelly Blackwelder.

The 10 break-ins took place in the Town of Elon, with two additional break-ins reported in Burlington.

"Around winter break, this kind of thing is not uncommon," Blackwelder said. However, she said the fact the cars were all Hondas is "kind of peculiar."

The break-ins occurred in various locations, including West End Apartments, College Station, Trollinger, Manning Way, West Lebanon, Westview Drive, Williamson Avenue and Sheridan

Apartments.

According to Blackwelder, it has been confirmed that nine of the 10 cars belonged to Elon students.

All the students verified they had not left their car doors unlocked.

Items taken included laptop computers, spare change, iPods and in each case, the car stereo.

"On average, there was a range from \$5 to \$1,000 worth of items stolen," Blackwelder said.

In McKinnon's arrest, police were able to clear 10 of the break-ins and

some of the property was returned. The car stereos were not returned.

McKinnon has multiple charges for Breaking and Entering in Motor Vehicle/Larceny and was wanted by Durham Police at the time of his arrest.

McKinnon admitted to having a drug problem and police suspect the property stolen was sold for drugs.

He is facing 10 counts of Felony Breaking and Entering into motor vehicles, nine misdemeanor counts of Larceny and one Felony larceny.



NEWS IN BRIEF

Lumen Prize information session to be held next Tuesday

The meeting will be held from 5 to 6 p.m. on Feb. 10 in McMichael 115. The Lumen Prize is open to second-year students with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.5. Up to 15 prizes will be awarded this spring, each of which carries a \$15,000 award to support study, travel and scholarly/creative pursuits during the students' junior and senior years.

Professional Discovery Week next week explores career options

The week, which will take place Feb. 9 to Feb. 12, is designed to provide students in all majors with the opportunity to learn effective job search skills and transition from college to careers, among other things. An event schedule is available by clicking on the "Professional Discovery Week" icon on the lower left side of the Career Center's homepage.

Information session for Elon in Los Angeles program Friday

A meeting for students interested in studying and interning in Los Angeles for nine weeks this summer will be held at 4 p.m. in Studio B of the McEwen Communications building. The program is open to all majors. Those accepted will earn six hours of credit (two hours of internship and four hours of a communications

Cause of apartment fire still unclear

Laura Smith
News Editor

Nearly four weeks after a fire blazed inside an Atkinson Avenue apartment and displaced 10 Elon students, there is still no solid evidence as to what may have caused the fire, according to the Town of Elon Fire Chief Eddie King.

"There were two possibilities [for what could have caused the fire]," King said. "Due to the damage and destruction of those devices, it was hard to tell which one."

Last week, King attributed the cause of the Jan. 10 fire to either a discarded cigarette or the malfunction of plugged-in electronic devices.

"It's been deemed as accidental," King said.

Dean Jana Lynn Patterson helped to coordinate the outreach for the students and their families.

"All of the boys have been relocated," she said. "Everybody seems to be settling in."

Most of the students have been staying with friends at off-campus houses and are now working with their realtors to move off campus themselves.

Elon offered students on-campus housing, but most are choosing to stay off campus, Patterson said.

"It's been kind of a team effort," she said.

Missing campus mail may be linked to larceny

Keegan Calligar
Senior Reporter

Several items of mail were reported as never being delivered to their respective campus boxes during the months of December and January, Chief of Campus Safety and Police Chuck Gantos said.

Campus Safety and Police recently received reports that seven items, all mailed between Dec. 7 and Jan. 15, were not delivered to two separate campus boxes.

"We received from our [campus] post office information that they had gotten some inquiries regarding mail that had not been received," Gantos said.

Gantos said while it is still unclear what happened to the mail, investigators do know the mail traveled the same route.

"We're still in the investigation, but we do know that all seven of them went through the same routing in New Jersey, before coming to Greensboro, before coming to Elon, before they would have come to the university," Gantos said. "So they all followed basically the same track."

Gantos said Campus Safety and Police are working with others in the investigation, including the campus post office, the USPS postal inspector and the Elon postmaster.

There are several theories as to why the mail may be missing, ranging from larceny to possibly just still being in transit.

"If it was larceny, it could have taken place at several different points along the way, including here," he said.

There is also the chance of the mail being rerouted.

He said during winter break, mail may have been returned and could currently be en route back.

"We don't know if they were all on the same tray and if the tray's been misplaced. That's all part of the investigation," Gantos said.

So far, none of the mail has been recovered and the investigation is ongoing.

Did you know?

Each year, the USPS processes and delivers approximately 212 billion pieces of mail.

For each penny that gas prices increase, the USPS has an additional \$8 million in yearly costs.

In 2007, the USPS processed about 85 million pounds of mail per day.

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North Carolina unemployment rate almost a percent higher than the national average

Monday, when 55,000 people tried to use it.

"The big factor is that nearly 40,000 people couldn't file their claim," Parker said. "So they had to join the 70,000 on Monday." This back-up caused Monday to be especially slow.

The ESC offers unemployment insurance assistance, placement assistance, labor market information, assistance to veterans and assistance with schooling for those who qualify, Cummings said.

"In the last few months, we have seen an increase from approximately 3,000 applicants per month to over 3,800," Cummings said. "In our region [which includes Greensboro and Winston-Salem], we took over 1,000 unemployment claims in December 2007 and over 4,000 during this same period in 2008."

"By late Monday afternoon, we had our largest one-day payout," Parker said.

The ESC paid 106,575 claims that day for a total cost of \$31,526,191.73, including claims from Sunday, he said.

"[Alamance's] unemployment rate was basically in the five percent to 5.9 percent range until June of 2008, when it jumped to 6.6 percent," Cummings

said. "It was a gradual increase each month until it jumped again from October to November."

The longest anyone had to wait for payment was one day, because the ESC had the Web site and the phone lines back up and running as quickly as possible.

"What a lot of people were worried about was, 'When am I getting paid?'" Parker said.

The ESC in North Carolina has more than 300,000 people in the unemployment system. Once a week, those who are unemployed and registered must visit or call the ESC office or file a claims online. An individual's Social Security number determines the day of the week when one must file. Roughly \$33 million is paid to those people a week.

The glitches experienced by the ESC were uncommon and they "have since not had any issues with the computers and the systems," Parker said.

If recently unemployed, the ESC suggests visiting its Web site at www.ncesc.com, or visiting its office between 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday at 2720 Mebane St. in Burlington. Unemployment claims may also be filed over the phone at 1-877-

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Opinions

Obama's presidency not cure-all for racism

America's first black president is not the one America thought it would have to brace itself for: Its first black president is not the son of American slavery.



Robert Wohner
Guest Columnist

A week after President Barack Obama's victory, New York Times columnist Bob Herbert hailed America's triumph.

"Voters said no to incompetence and divisiveness," Herbert wrote, "and elbowed their way past the blight of racism that has been such a barrier to progress for so long. Barack Obama won the state of North Carolina, for crying out loud. The nation deserves to take a bow. This is not the same

place it used to be."

There are many reasons why America should be excited to have elected someone like Obama as president. Yet with Obama, America has to completely address the legacy of black slavery. By substituting Obama in that place, the media are making it out that America has slain its dark

demons. But is this fair?

The media is quick to give itself and America congrats on the racial detente Obama's election feels.

Does Obama's election signify a significant change in the way America sees and talks about race? Perhaps. But let's not get too ahead of ourselves.

In 2006, black Congressman Harold Ford Jr. campaigned hard against Republican Bob Corker for his state's vacated Senate seat after 10 years of distinguished service and national respect. Even infamous radio personality Don Imus regularly had Ford on his show and avidly supported him.

Polls began to slip in Corker's favor after the Republican National Committee aired racially-charged TV ads depicting a white woman who had met the congressman at the "Playboy Party." Ending the commercial was another blonde mouthing, "Call me, Harold." The racial undertones are clear and were denounced by Ford, who demanded their removal.

They remained on the air, and Ford lost the campaign. The "Call me" controversy largely remained out of public eye and Ford's story largely unknown.

But have racial sentiments changed so much in two years that America can celebrate a major racial victory? Has America addressed the legacy of racial inequality felt by more than just blacks, but many minorities here?

What makes Obama different from the Ford treatment? On his HBO program, Bill Maher and Chris Rock had a conversation about race and Obama: "Was America ready for a black baseball player? No, he was just better than everybody. Was America ready for Michael Jordan? No, he was just better than everybody. I think when people look at both men equally, Obama is better than John McCain."

In the end, Maher said, "They wouldn't have sex with most black women, but they would with Hallie Berry." As crude as that statement is, perhaps there is some truth to it. Ford and Obama should have enjoyed similar public support, Ford maybe moreso because of his conservative stances on many social issues.

Yet their outcomes were radically different.

So has racial equality in America been achieved? I don't think so. Perhaps instead of approaching the Obama presidency as a great American triumph, we can approach it as a time to reintroduce serious discussions about minorities in our society.

Obama has already started using his new position to reexamine how minorities fair in this country. Already, his first bill signed is the "Ledbedder's law," a law set to fight for greater equality for women in the workplace. Hopefully, this welcomed trend will continue even after the high Obama's presidency has subsided.

EDITORIAL

Running out of money and time: yearning for economic stimulus now

Washington has checked out of the honeymoon suite. During the past week, the battle over the Democrats' proposed stimulus package has become increasingly furious. Not a single Republican voted for the package in the House of Representatives, but it passed nonetheless with 244 for and 188 against. Now it sits in the chambers of the Senate, in a progressively more bloated form, inching closer to a \$900 billion price tag.

The crucial point of contention has remained consistent. Just how is the government going to be able to solve the massive economic problems? Unemployment has risen to 7.2 percent nationwide. The entire state of California is unable to pay \$3.5 billion in bills. The housing market saw an upturn between November and December, but there's little indication that the trend will continue.

The solution lies either in tax cuts or spending projects. To approach the issue with a degree of experimentation akin to President Franklin Roosevelt, the package contains both. At the moment the bill is comprised of \$275 billion in tax cuts and \$300 billion in immediate spending.

The spending is tailored partially to easing health care costs and increasing unemployment benefits, but it also contains crucial aid for state governments. Though not as dire as California, the status of many state treasuries is precarious and the quick aid can help prevent the continuation of draconian measures such as those seen in New York City's new budget.

With that aid, the aim is to keep state governments afloat, but such measures do nothing to improve the actual economy. To make up for such shortfalls, the bill contains around \$40 billion in transportation improvements, \$20 billion for schools, \$61 billion for environmental projects, \$20 billion for the much-hyped modernization of health records and

\$6 billion for national broadband, among other things.

Republican leaders are dismayed at the massive size of the bill, though their \$713 billion alternative isn't that much smaller. Going against stereotypical ideology, the party is reluctantly in favor of a stimulus package of some sort.

"Nobody that I know of is trying to keep a package from passing. We're trying to reform it," Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell said.

Both sides agree something must be done. The catch is that no one knows if any of the proposed measures will actually improve conditions. The problem that governments face in such times of economic turmoil is the fact that they can do very little to turn things around. Such stimulus packages only ease the force of impact. They do nothing to prevent the impact itself.

As large as the bill is, its importance in economic policy is marginal. It's a necessary measure, both economically and from a public relations standpoint. The government needs to seem like it's doing something. But first, the bill must pass, despite reservations. There are more important matters that demand Washington's attention. The way in which the government should buy poisoned securities, whether it's at depressed market prices, which would destroy the balance sheets of the banks, or at terribly expensive inflated rates, is an incredibly important issue that needs resolution.

There are more important battles to be fighting at the moment. The stimulus package is a necessary evil, an attempt to embolden the market. Roosevelt's wisdom on stimulus still rings true.

"It is common sense to take a method and try it," he said. "If it fails, admit it frankly and try another. But above all, try something."

The resilience of consumer ownership

Kevin Kelly, founder and senior editor of Wired Magazine, writes in his blog of "undeveloped thoughts" that we as a society are witnessing the end of "ownership culture," the old buying system in which an item was owned



Anna Zavala
Guest Columnist

by one person who had purchased the sole right to enjoy it. Our new culture, he says, is founded on an alternate buying system that allows people to pay a subscription fee or tax for use of an item rather than one flat price

for ownership, making many items shared property of the public rather than the property of just one exclusive owner. Kelly writes that this shift from ownership culture to a more sharing-oriented culture is a good thing, and maybe it is. But before we even consider which type would be more beneficial to society, let's get one thing straight.

The idea that we are completely leaving exclusive ownership culture behind is just that: an idea. It is not and will not be a reality because in our diverse society there are too many people who oppose this type of community ownership, and instead support the old model of sole buyers' rights.

He has been misguided into this idealistic fantasy of a sharing society simply because of the fact that goods and technologies are being produced today at a faster rate than those people who want to fight over their ownership can keep up with. Once people realize they may be able to purchase exclusive rights to what may currently be a public good, there will always be people attempting to do so.

Let's look at the Internet. When the public was first using it some decades ago, countless pages would be added each day into the communal and ownerless network. For a while, it seemed as if this network would remain forever a shared, ownerless good. Debate has sparked in recent years about net neutrality, the universally shared ownership of the Internet in its entirety.

There are those who believe that it would be fair to sell ownership rights to parts of the Internet to large corporations, just as all television channels, radio channels and periodicals are owned by broadcasting corporations. Just because the Internet remains as of yet a community good, the possibility still exists for the Internet to become owned by a few exclusive owners in the future.

Land is one good that has already made the shift from community good to privately owned good. Although the American Indians had lived happily in the belief that all land was to be shared by the public, when settlers came to live here all land was quickly divided into private properties of certain individuals. It had gone from having no owner to private owners. Yet land ownership has since digressed to a quasi-communal good with the introduction of property taxes.

Today, although one person exclusively owns land, property taxes give the impression that land is a communal good because you must pay a fee for use, on top of paying a flat price for sole ownership. The dynamics of land ownership are a good example of the coexistence of both shared and exclusive ownership.

The argument here is not about which is better, socialist sharing or sole ownership, but about if we are in fact moving towards this type of ownership system or not. Because there will always be people who support exclusive ownership as well as people who support communal ownership, one system will never completely take over the other.

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100 YEARS

ELON CELEBRATES MEN'S BASKETBALL CENTENNIAL SEASON

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Sports Editor

In 1908, women did not have the right to vote. It was the last year the Chicago Cubs won the World Series and William Taft was elected President of the United States.

It was also the first year Elon men's basketball began to play. This year, the program celebrates its 100th season, but the program has gone through many changes — all helping it become the Division I program it is today.

The 1908-1909 school year was the first season for men's basketball at Elon College. In the team's first game, Elon played against Bingham Military Academy and lost 16-4.

In those early years, the game was not the high-scoring highlight reel we know today.

Elon College did not have a proper mascot until the 1922-23 season, when the athletic teams were referred to as the "Fighting Christians."

This season does not mark the 100th year, but the 100th season. The administration canceled intercollegiate basketball during the 1943-1944 season because of World War II, but shortly after Elon built Alumni Gymnasium in 1950 to honor the Elon alumni who died during World Wars I and II.

With a new gymnasium, Elon basketball continued to succeed. The 1952 season marked the first time Elon basketball was on the national stage.

Elon finished with a 25-11 record and made a trip to the National Association of Intercollegiate Basketball tournament in Kansas City.

Current Elon Men's Head Golf Coach Bill Morningstar played Elon basketball from 1960-1964.

"I think I was fortunate to come to Elon when small college basketball was very good because you did not have all the TV games," Morningstar said. "We would average about 3,000 to 3,500 people in the gymnasium."

Morningstar went on to become an assistant coach under Bill Miller and eventually became the head basketball coach.

There have been 16 coaches in Elon men's basketball history, but none of them were as successful as Miller. Currently, Miller still holds the record with most coaching victories for an Elon men's basketball coach with 331 wins in his Elon career.

With a successful program, Elon College said goodbye to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics and moved into the NCAA. The 1991 season marked the first time the basketball team played in Division II basketball.

The program was refurbished and the gym underwent the same process in 1994.

More changes were in store for the program with the start of the 1997-98 season, when Elon became part of Division I athletics and the school joined the Big South Conference. By 1999, the end of the season completed the transition to Division I athletics.

Soon, the years of the Fighting Christians were over. In 2000, Elon ushered in a new, symbolic mascot — the Phoenix.

After only a few years in the Big South, Elon University joined the Southern Conference in the 2003-04 season and quickly proved that it was a competitor. In 2006, Elon won the North Division Title in the SoCon, which was the first SoCon trophy won by any Elon team in any sport. It was the first conference title for men's basketball since 1974.

This past season, Elon men's basketball reached the national spotlight. When the team played against Davidson in the Southern Conference tournament final on ESPN 2. Even though the Phoenix went on to lose the game, this historic run marked a great milestone for the program and university.

In its 100 seasons, the Elon men's basketball team has had its ups and downs. There were years of championships and years of losing records.

Regardless, there were fans that stuck through it all.

"I have never been one of those fans who is unhappy if you lose a game," President Emeritus Earl Danieley said.

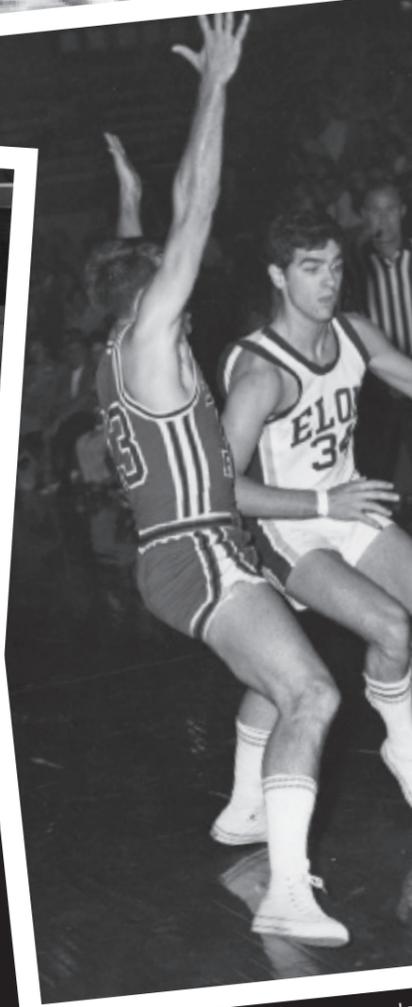
The program survived the fire of 1923, endured through World War II and made the transition from NAIA to NCAA, to Division I to the Southern Conference.

"For all of our programs, we want to give all the student athletes an opportunity to win a championship while they are here at Elon," Elon Athletic Director Dave Blank said.

An Elon defender alters a High Point player's shot in a game at Alumni Gym.



An Elon basketball player makes a dunk in a home Elon basketball game.



An Elon guard dribbles around a defender.

THROUGH THE YEARS

The 1908-09 school year was the first season for the men's basketball team in Elon's history.

1908

Elon won every home game and a state championship, finishing with a 12-8 record.

1921

This season was the first time an Elon team scored 1,000 points in a season.

1939

1913

New gym was constructed in the North Dormitory.

1922-23

This sports season was the first time Elon athletic teams were referred to as the "Fighting Christians."

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Elon won the North Carolina basketball trophy.

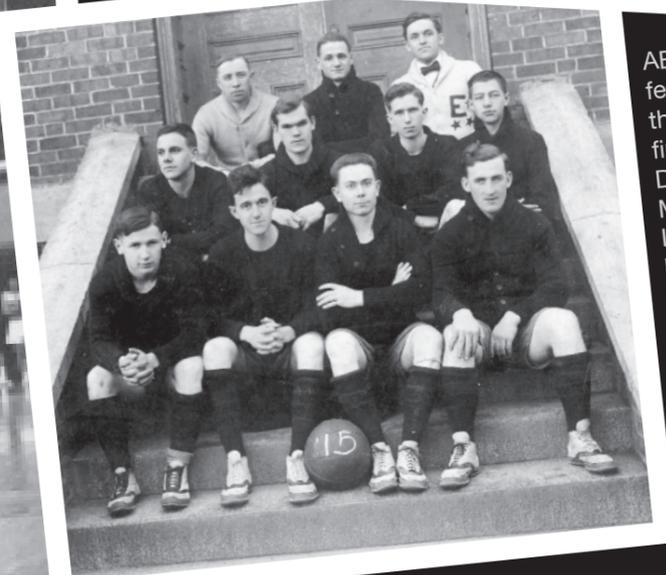
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2008

Elon made a run in the Southern Conference tournament and reached the championship game. It played nationally-ranked Davidson on ESPN 2. The Wildcats eventually went on to the Elite 8 of the NCAA Tournament.

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ABOVE: Elon fell short in the SoCon finals against Davidson last March. LEFT: An early Elon basketball team poses for a team photo.

2006

Elon won the North Division Title in the Southern Conference. This marks the first SoCon trophy by any Elon team in any sport. It was the first conference title for men's basketball since 1974.

2003-04

This season the Phoenix began its first season in the Southern Conference.

2001

Elon College became Elon University.

2000

The Phoenix became the new mascot.

1999

The end of this season completed the transition to Division I athletics.

1997-98

Elon joined the Big South Conference and became a Division I basketball school.

1994

On Feb. 9, Elon hosted its first game in a newly refurbished gymnasium against Mars Hill College.

1991

Elon joined the NCAA Division II in athletics.

1980

Former Elon player Bill Morningstar took over the head coaching position of the team. That season he was named coach of the year in the conference.

1977

Coach Miller won his 300th game.



The 1972 basketball team poses for a photograph after a victory.

Elon College did not play games on the intercollegiate level because of World War II.

Fighting Christians won the North State Conference Tournament.

Elon finished with a 25-11 record. It was the school's first trip to the National Association of Intercollegiate Basketball tournament in Kansas City. They became the first Elon team to win 20 or more games in a season.

Jesse Branson made his mark as one of the best players in Elon basketball history. He set 17 all-time Elon records and tied another during his four-year Elon career.

Elon won the Thanksgiving Turkey Classic, the UNC Wilmington Holiday Tournament and qualified for the District 26 tournament.

1943-44

1947

1952

1962-65

1970

1941

Elon won the North State Conference basketball trophy.

1944-45

Basketball was the first sport to be revived at Elon during the last months of World War II.

1950

In January, Alumni Gymnasium was opened. This was to honor the Elon alumni who died during World Wars I and II.

1956

Elon standout Don Haithcox led the team in scoring. He became the first basketball player to score 1000 points in school history.

1965

The team went on to win the annual Carolina's Conference tournament, but lost to High Point in the District Finals.

1971

The team finished 21-8 and claimed the Carolina's Conference regular season title. Coach Bill Miller won Carolina's Conference and District 26 coach of the year honors.

Style

Work and play in the city



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Elon performing arts students studied the Chekhov Technique, which is used in acting. The students also toured the city's attractions.

New York City hosts Elon performing arts students for Winter Term

Amanda Kennison
A&E Editor

For many students, the three weeks of Winter Term are all about relaxing. It is a time to take a class for fun, enjoy free time or even spend time abroad. Winter Term also provides an opportunity for students to learn valuable skills in a short period of time.

The old saying goes: You shouldn't mix business with pleasure. But that definitely didn't hold true for a group of Elon's performing arts students. For two weeks, 24 students traveled to New York City. Under the guidance of Lenard Petit, art director of the Michael Chekhov Acting Studio in New York, students studied the famed Chekhov Technique.

"The Chekhov Technique is a very useful tool to incorporate with the rest of my training," senior Bethany Goodell said. "At Elon we learn Meisner and Stanislavski [techniques], which teach us 'what' we

want to do. Chekhov goes beyond to give us 'how' we will do the 'what.' It doesn't replace what we've already learned, but supplements it and makes it easier to do."

Like normal Winter Term classes, the students in New York had classes for three hours a day, Monday through Friday. The students were split into two groups. One group met with Petit for a morning session and again in the afternoon for another.

Students learned a trip to New York offers many unique chances for people in the performing arts industry.

When not in class, students had the opportunity to meet with a variety of people in the industry, including a casting director, talent agent and personal manager. They were also able to meet with local Elon alumni, people who are actually making it in the city.

Of course, a trip to New York City can't be all about work.

After days filled with studying Chekhov's technique, which focuses on human-to-human emotional connection, students were able to enjoy the touristy side of the city. From attending Broadway shows, including "Wicked" and "Equus," to touring NBC studios, students had a lot of free time to experience all the Big Apple has to offer.

"This trip opened my eyes to a world bigger and

tougher than Elon that I knew existed," junior Joanna Bateman said. "But I had never experienced it in such a real-world way."

But the students' time in New York was about more than just learning new acting skills. Part of the New York trip was geared toward students learning more about themselves and the city in general.

Junior Bonnie Bower said she learned a lot about herself, survival in New York and potentially moving.

"I want to go there, if not right after graduation then very soon after," Bower said. "Independence wise, I learned about how to get around a big city and be comfortable. That can translate to anywhere I visit."

Junior Lynnae Vana agrees the trip helped both on performance and personal levels and helped her to learn about new techniques and herself as an actress.

"While studying with Lenard, I found how to focus energy and imagination on certain centers of my body to create different feelings that come from me and not from some artificial thing of, 'I need to be sad now,'" Vana said. "Instead I could actually feel sad and show this sadness through my impulses. I have learned so much about the industry and the city that I feel that I could move there and survive successfully."

Returning from New York, the students still had their work cut out for them. In order to share their newfound skills, the students decided to put on a show for classmates and faculty. The group came up with a line-up and script to perform that would showcase their new technique.

"Hopefully we will be able to successfully share with our peers the importance of this skill and the importance of learning as much as you can no matter what technique it is," Goodell said. "An actor's training is never complete. As Lenard said, or maybe it was Chekhov, 'there is so much to explore in truth.' We hope that the performance will spark interest and conversation regarding the Chekhov Technique and our experiences in New York City."

On Jan. 24 the group put that performance into action. At 7:30 p.m. in Yeager Recital Hall the students enlightened their crowd.

"Because this work is so personal to each individual who does it, I wanted to include the audience as much as possible," Bateman said. "This art form is something you can't learn by watching. You have to do it, say 'Yes' to every impulse and do what your body tells you to. I hope people got that."

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MOVIE REVIEW



Schlink's 'The Reader' tells complex tale of love, guilt, healing and the Holocaust

My Nguyen
Reviewer

After he met her, his life was never the same. He visited her in the afternoons and evenings, and once he had read to her she would bathe him and make love to him.

He was only 15 years old. She was twice his age.

A tale of sexual and emotional awakening, Bernhard Schlink's "The Reader" chronicles the life of Michael Berg, beginning with the day that he meets Frau Hanna Schmitz. Schmitz tends to a then-ailing Berg, befallen with hepatitis. The two begin a turbulent and tumultuous relationship.

But suddenly, she disappears.

Yet even when Schmitz is gone, she continues to shape Berg's actions. Feeding internal conflicts and inhibiting his future relationships, the memory of Schmitz lingers through the years.

When Berg reencounters Schmitz eight years later, it is in a courtroom. Now attending law school, Berg is part of a student seminar observing war crime trials.

A group of women, who had served as guards at an Auschwitz satellite camp near Cracow, are being tried for a hideous crime. Shockingly, Schmitz is among them. But the woman who once entranced him with her passion and later confused him with her coldness refuses to defend herself.

"The Reader" is a haunting story of love, pride, mercy and

forgiveness. Translated to English from German in 1997, the novel has been reprinted in conjunction with the release of a film adaption starring Kate Winslet, Ralph Fiennes and David Kross. It has been nominated for five Academy Awards, including Best Picture.

With simplicity and care, Schlink presents this morally complex tale of a woman who appears to be guarding a secret she considers far more shameful than murder.

At the same time, readers are introduced to a young man facing a much different type of guilt. In this case, Berg must deal with having loved a criminal.

On a deeper level, Schlink deals with the sensitive topics of the Holocaust and German guilt. "The Reader" addresses the damage both victims and perpetrators of the Holocaust endured.

Perhaps most remarkable is the manner in which Schlink crafts a situation the reader will sympathize with and espouse a Nazi guard responsible for the deaths of innocent Jewish women.

He achieves this by identifying Berg as the central figure of the novel. Like Berg, the reader experiences pleasure, confusion and frustration all at the hand of Schmitz. When Schmitz is discovered as a criminal on trial, the reader is as equally shocked and troubled as Berg. Through Berg's eyes, readers can see Schmitz's independence and beauty, but also her vulnerability.

Despite the disturbing themes dealt with in Schlink's novel, it is ultimately hopeful. It suggests healing and redemption are possible no matter the fault. The lessons found in "The Reader" will linger long after the book is finished, and the love of Berg and Schmitz is not one that will soon be forgotten.

Schlink's novel follows the life of Michael Berg and his former lover, Frau Hanna Schmitz, who he encounters later in life in unique circumstances.

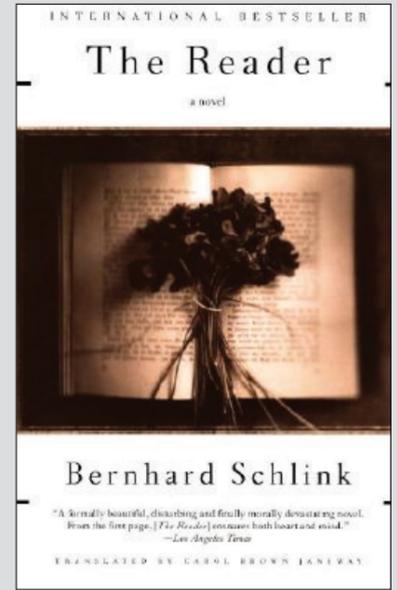


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Passion and perseverance: Kay Yow's legacy lives on

Pam Richter
Sports Editor

She was a legend, a teacher, a coach, a friend and an inspiration. These are some words used to describe former Elon Coach Kay Yow.

N.C. State women's basketball coach Sandra "Kay" Yow died on Jan. 24 after her third battle with breast cancer. She was 66 years old.

"She will leave a big-time mark on Elon," Elon men's golf coach Bill Morningstar said. "[Elon] was the school that gave her an opportunity."

ONLINE OPTIONS

To read a full interview with Yow's former players and Janie Brown, visit the Pendulum Web site at www.elon.edu/pendulum.

Yow, a Gibsonville native, began her collegiate coaching career at Elon College, where she coached for four years. She compiled a record of 57-19 and won the 1974 state title.

Last month, Yow stepped down from her position as head basketball coach at N.C. State in order to focus her

energy on her recovery.

This was Yow's third battle with the disease. She was first diagnosed with breast cancer in 1987.

During the 2006-07 season, Yow stepped aside from coaching for 16 games to focus on her recovery.

Elon President Emeritus Earl Danieley hired Yow to teach and coach at Elon. Yow taught physical education classes and also coached the women's sports teams. Danieley first knew of Yow as a high school coach.

Danieley said he was looking for someone with a master's degree to hire. At the time, Yow didn't have one, but Danieley didn't let that stop him from giving her the job.

Yow and Danieley agreed she would work on her master's while working at Elon.

It was a decision Danieley would not regret. Soon Yow earned her master's degree and began to profoundly impact campus.

"We value her at Elon because she started our women's program," Janie Brown said. "She was a good foundation to build from. It wasn't an easy time to have a women's team."

Brown taught at Elon for 38 years and was a pioneer for women's athletic programs at the college.

Those early days were not easy at Elon for Yow, Brown said. With little money, Yow began a foundation for women's athletics at the school.

Former basketball players remember driving to their games in their own cars, having packed lunches from the cafeteria and even sewing numbers on the back of their own jerseys.

"One thing that sticks out in my mind is her energy and her passion. Her passion about the sport and her energy were contagious," former Elon basketball



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Former Elon Coach Kay Yow instructs one of Elon's first women's basketball teams. She coached here for four years.

player Jackie Myers said.

Under Yow, Myers played basketball for a season at Elon and played volleyball at N.C. State for a season.

But after four years at Elon College, Yow accepted a coaching job at N.C. State.

Yow spent 34 seasons as the Wolfpack's head coach. In her hall of fame career, she tallied 737 wins, made 20 NCAA tournament appearances and coached her teams to five ACC regular season titles.

In 1988, she coached the U.S. Olympic team to a gold medal.

For her continued determination, Yow received the inaugural Jimmy V ESPY for Perseverance Award in 2007.

With continued perseverance and passion, Yow became one of the all-time great college basketball coaches, Elon Athletic Director Dave Blank said.

"She left a legacy in basketball in coaching. She was a front runner for women's basketball," Blank said.

Yow's former players at Elon describe her as someone who put everyone else first and never let on how sick she actually was.

"She always wanted you to be the focus on what's

going on, not her," former player Sandy Sikes said. "I think that was part of that whole thing: It was never about Kay, it was about everyone else."

Through her battle, Yow became an advocate for raising breast cancer awareness and research.

Former Elon basketball player Teddy Ireland Baxter said she always took the extra step for her students.

"She reached out to those around her and did whatever she could to encourage them and help them walk through the same walk she was walking through," Baxter said.

Help carry on Yow's legacy:

In Yow's honor, Elon will host a Pink Zone game at 2 p.m. Saturday. The women's basketball team will play against Davidson and a portion of each ticket sale will benefit the Kay Yow/WBCA Cancer Fund. Elon will also sell Pink Zone T-shirts and shoe laces and fans are encouraged to wear pink to the game.

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