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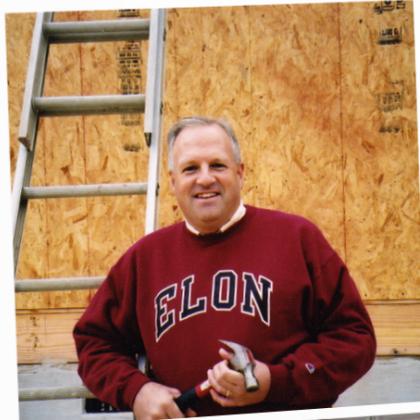
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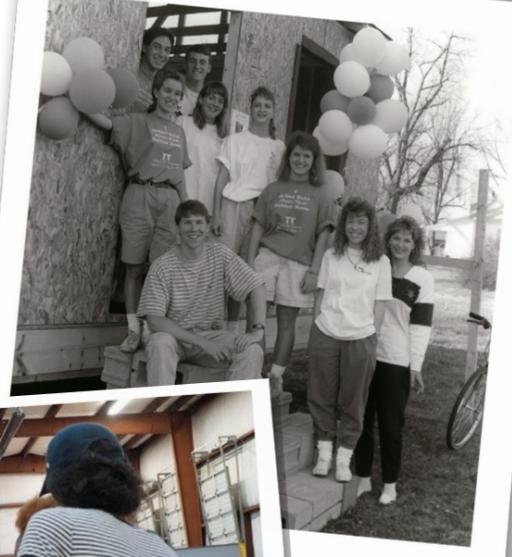
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EV! 30 YEARS OF SERVICE

Elon Volunteers focuses its efforts on deepening the work done by hundreds of students each year

ALEXANDRA SCHONFELD | Elon News Network | @aschonfeld096

SENIOR ASHLEY BERMAN HAD trouble finding her place at Elon when she arrived on campus three years ago. But what started as an office manager job for Elon Volunteers turned into a community of people who have helped define her college experience. Now, as executive director for leadership and development for Elon Volunteers, Berman says the

Kernodle Center has been her favorite part of her time at Elon. "I love our office structure," Berman said. "It is completely student-run, and we really do place a huge of emphasis on the social issues that we work with and have deeper conversations about social justice and reflection."

In 1988, Elon University's chaplain Richard McBride decided with

a group of faculty, staff and students that the university should start a chapter for Habitat for Humanity. At the time, current associate vice president for university advancement John Barnhill '92 was a freshman. He had experience with the organization previously and wanted to get involved on campus.

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Jewish community grieves together

Students meet to reflect on the Pittsburgh shooting that occurred over the weekend

Maya Eaglin
News Director | @meaglin14

Elon University students are still grieving after 11 people were killed at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh the morning of Saturday, Oct. 27. This was the largest anti-Semitic crime in recent U.S. history.

Freshman Alex Farber grew up in the community. Farber said the Tree of Life Synagogue, where the shooting occurred, shaped who he is today.

"I would've never thought it would have been [the] synagogue I grew up in, had my bar mitzvah and my brother had his bar mitzvah in it," Farber said.

He knew two of the victims. "They were special needs, and their whole life was the synagogue. Ever since they were little, they'd be going to synagogue," Farber said.

"They're always there greeting people



CORY WELLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Elon community members meet in the Numen Lumen Sacred Space to reflect and mourn the victims of the Pittsburgh synagogue shooting on Saturday, Oct. 27.

when you walk in there every single Saturday morning, whether it's bar mitzvah or just regular services, they were always at the door greeting people."

Junior Noah Lakind and several other students said they were shocked that the university did not send out an email the same day the event happened.

"I think that within a few hours of pre-

vious school shootings that Elon administration has sent out an email," sophomore Adam Tommer said.

Jon Dooley sent an email on behalf of the Jewish Life at Elon organization Sunday at 2:42 p.m. inviting the community to gather

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Town of Elon celebrates 125 years

Maggie Brown
Elon News Network | @maggieabrown_

The town of Elon and Elon university are "inseparable," President Book said at the 125th celebration of the town.

The celebration, which was supposed to happen in April but was rained out, invited the community to a street festival including vendors, a hay maze, live music and speeches from prominent community leaders.

Since 1889, the town of Elon—a town named after its college—and Elon University have had to work together. Now, with President Book's new strategic plan, "The Elon Commitment," the town is following after with its plan, Envision Elon 2040.

State Sen. Rick Gunn, R-N.C., who is up for re-election, said that he believes the town

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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY - A NEW SALAD AND SOUP BAR



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Students line up outside the newly reopened McEwen Dining Hall, which had to turn some students away after reaching its maximum capacity on Monday, Oct. 29.

NOV. 2, 2011. This week in history, Elon University students enjoyed a new addition to their eating options on campus.

During the first week of November 2011, Elon Dining Services and Auxiliary Services launched a salad and soup bar in Varsity Sports Grill, previously located in McEwen Dining Hall.

"Elon Dining saw a need for a retail salad bar on that side of campus," said Kate Nelson, then-marketing manager of Dining Services. "In an effort to add a convenient, health salad bar option to that side of campus, we chose to make

that addition to Varsity Sports Grill." At the time of the launch, students were loving the new option.

"The salad bar is really convenient for people who have to eat quickly, especially during lunch," said then-sophomore Conor Collins. "I've eaten here twice, both lunch times. They have salad and fruit, so it's a good variety."

Eight years later, Elon is celebrating the reopening of the newly renovated McEwen Dining Hall, which has been closed since 2017. The former area where Varsity Sports Grill was located is now an open area for students.

GAMES

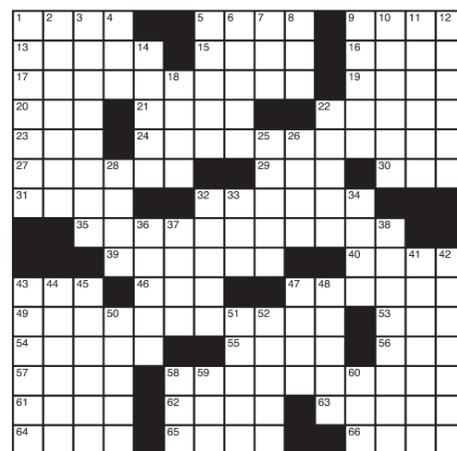
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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

ACROSS

- 1 Story with many chapters
- 5 Hoops gp. since 1996
- 9 Colorado tribe
- 13 Curved fastener
- 15 Remote batteries
- 16 Former Persian ruler
- 17 Actor who's anxious to get the Halloween party started?
- 19 Only
- 20 Man ___: trendy hairstyle
- 21 Neighborhood
- 22 Sonnet line fivesome
- 23 Communications co. with a blue-and-white globe logo
- 24 Sci-fi character trying to creep it real?
- 27 Bends to retie laces, say
- 29 Velvet-voiced Torne
- 30 Air rifle ammo
- 31 One might put stock in it
- 32 Small keyboard
- 35 Comedian who says no body's perfect?
- 39 Zero
- 40 Composer who was a CBS reporter
- 43 Medium ability
- 46 ___ de deux
- 47 Everycity, USA
- 49 Pop group whose music is in en-crypted files?
- 53 ___ shot
- 54 Pear centers
- 55 ___ B'rith
- 56 Former Fed chair Bernanke
- 57 Just barely
- 58 Actor who frights for every part?
- 61 Show impatience, in a way
- 62 Opposite of away
- 63 Actor Nick
- 64 Ice cream brand
- 65 Messy stack
- 66 Ran, as dye



By Bruce Haight

10/31/18

DOWN

- 1 Speaker for low sounds
- 2 Momentarily will, after "is"
- 3 Travel with the band
- 4 Greece neighbor: Abbr.
- 5 Gets one's feet wet
- 6 Bedevil
- 7 Sweetie, in slang
- 8 Donkey
- 9 50states.com graphic, for short
- 10 Crime film group
- 11 Dangling jewelry
- 12 Mideast chieftains
- 14 Pooch who shared spaghetti with Lady
- 18 Crocus kin
- 22 Florida key, e.g.
- 25 Novelist Zola
- 26 Russo who plays Frigga in "Thor" films
- 28 Uncork, say
- 32 Smidge
- 33 Fenced-in area
- 34 "Africa" band

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved



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10/25/18

- 36 Chowderheads
- 37 Dudes-only
- 38 Spongy toy
- 41 Matte finish?
- 42 Like this puzzle's theme?
- 43 Way out
- 44 Brief TV plug
- 45 Kidd stuff
- 47 Remote button
- 48 Complete, as a PDF contract
- 50 Gives over (to)
- 51 Michelle Robinson's married name
- 52 Gen. Assembly member
- 58 "Lower your voice!"
- 59 Country singer David Allan
- 60 Steal from

CALENDAR: OCT. 31 - NOV. 7

KAFFEEKLATSCH
4 P.M.
The Oak House
31

CELEBRATE DIWALI
6 P.M.
Numen Lumen Pavilion
31

PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE FALL CONCERT
7:30 P.M.
Yeager Recital Hall
31

NEWHALL ENDOWED LECTURE
4:15 P.M.
LaRose Digital Theatre
1

FUND FOR AMERICAN STUDIES INFO SESSION
4:15 P.M.
Moseley 140
1

HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS PERFORM
7 P.M.
Schar Center
1

FINANCE ALUMNI PANEL
3:30 P.M.
Sankey Hall 308
2

HOMECOMING BRICK RUN/WALK
8 A.M.
Martin Alumni Center
3

WATER MARBLING "EBRU" ARTIST
12 P.M. - 2 P.M.
4:30 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.
Moseley Center
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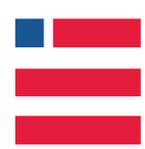
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL VS. UNC AT CHAPEL HILL
7 P.M.
Schar Center
7

Did you know **Midterms** are more important than Presidential elections?

VOTE

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

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VOTE.ORG

A Tibetan monk constructs a sand mandala in Numen Lumen Pavilion to promote peace and well-being on Thursday, Oct. 25.



JESS RAPFOGEL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



SAMANTHA STEINMAN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

President Connie Book and freshman Skyler Davis team up for a doubles match against senior Kyle Thomas and freshman Sophie Rosenberg on Friday, Oct. 26. Book and Davis won 11-9. SEE MORE PINGPONG WITH THE PRESIDENT | PG. 12



CORY WELLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Junior Jada Graves, No. 10, shoots through Belmont Abbey College defender Keyanna Spivey during Elon's women's basketball opener on Saturday, Oct. 27. SEE MORE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | PG. 14



JESS RAPFOGEL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Elon seniors Cara DePan, Shelby Wielgus and Sydney Brown work the tattoo booth at the Boys and Girls Club Fall Festival on Tuesday, Oct. 30. SEE MORE ELON VOLUNTEERS | PG. 7



ZACH OHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Freshman Haylie Clark digs for the ball in the second set against Northeastern University in the Schar Center on Friday, Oct. 26.

125 Years IN THE MAKING

Town of Elon celebrates 125th anniversary, plans to move forward

125 YEARS | from cover

and university have had great relations. “What the university is doing is they are being extremely transparent,” Gunn said. “And they are getting a buy-in on a long-term vision. If it was not quite as open with the residents and with the university, I think it could be problematic.”

The town of Elon faces many unique struggles for a small town tucked away in the North Carolina Piedmont. The median age of the town of Elon is 21.9, and the population of the town is expected to double by 2040. Much of the land in Elon remains tax-exempt or unusable. According to the town, only six percent of the land is commercial and industrial.

The only available land that is being considering by the town for development is north of the campus and Rhodes Stadium. But at the 125th anniversary celebration, Rep. Dennis Riddell, R-N.C., Rep. Stephen Ross '73, R-N.C., and Gunn said they were optimistic about the future of the town.

Mayor Jerry Tolley said the town is “recognized nationally and locally and statewide as one of the safest towns in North Carolina.” Few crimes are reported in the town of Elon, according to data from the Elon Police Department.

Gunn said he believes the success of the town and university go hand-in-hand. He described it as a “balancing act.”

“Whether it’s by design or whether it’s by necessity, I think everybody has realized that while they are two separate entities, when it comes to the growth and development and quality of life, they truly have to treat themselves as one,” Gunn said.

The town of Elon has recently re-branded and plans to create new signs for downtown Elon around the block of West Lebanon Avenue, Manning Way, North Williamson Avenue and West Haggard Avenue. The town’s Downtown Development Committee hopes to revitalize the downtown and attract business with ambitious plans to improve parking, sidewalks and intersections in the 5 square miles that comprises Elon.

The total budget of the Downtown Development Committee is around \$200,000. The town hopes to rely on the heart of the town — Elon University — to achieve its goals.

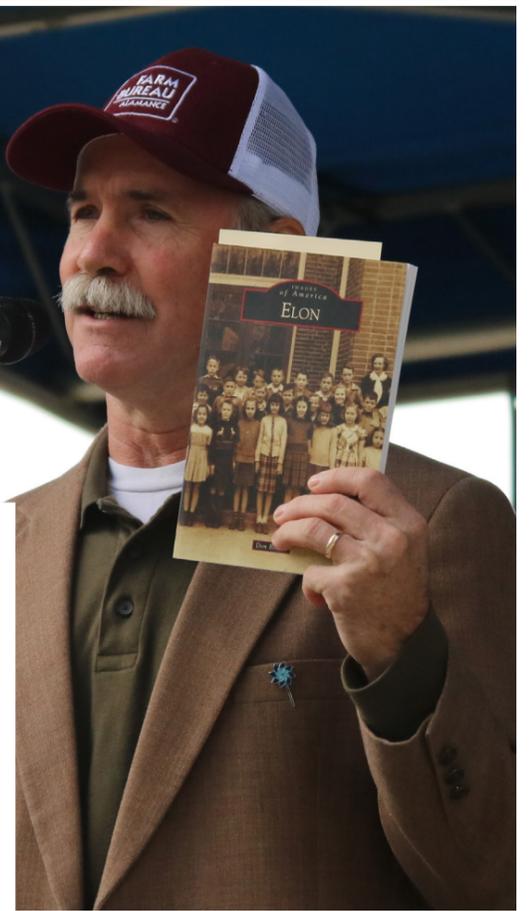
In Elon’s Downtown Master Plan, it is written that “It is important to remember that downtown revitalization is a ‘journey’ — it is not an event — it is not a project — it will take time, and the ongoing commitment of Elon’s government, business University and community leaders.”

After 12 weeks of town tours, eight weeks of plan developments and eight weeks of strategizing, the town has pushed its final plan, Envision Elon 2040, as a “future comprehensive land use plan.” Through its new goals, town officials want Elon to keep its “small-town feel” by implementing strategies to sustain its history and attract local businesses



WHEN IT COMES TO THE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT AND QUALITY OF LIFE, THEY TRULY HAVE TO TREAT THEMSELVES AS ONE.

RICK GUNN
N.C. STATE SENATOR



PHOTOS BY MAGGIE BROWN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Above: Representative Dennis Riddell (R-N.C.) speaks about the history of Elon at its 125th anniversary celebration on Saturday, Oct. 27.

Left: The town of Elon celebrates its 125th anniversary in downtown Elon on West College Avenue with the band “Hip Pocket.”

BY THE NUMBERS

~\$200K

the total budget of the Downtown Development committee to help improve the town center.

and families.

In a survey sent to residents of the town of Elon, the majority of residents said they wanted to see more parks and recreational activities. A total of 51 percent of residents polled said they wanted to see more restaurants while 34 percent said they wanted to see more shopping and entertainment uses.

The population continues to increase in the town is a concern on resources. Population density on Haggard Avenue and Williamson Avenue continues to cause traffic concerns for the town, with an estimated 5,400 cars passing through Haggard Avenue daily.

Because of population growth throughout the entire state, the North Carolina Department of Transportation anticipates a high demand for passenger and freight trains in the coming years. The town of Elon predicts there will be a need to add additional tracks in the future to Lebanon Avenue and Trollinger Street.

Many residents of the town consider the railroad quintessential to its history. The town and college were born from a railroad depot named “Mill Point” back in 1889, according to Don Bolden’s book “Elon,” in his Images of America series.

“William S. Long, when he stood in that grove of oak trees, he said, ‘In the middle of this place, we are going to build a college for the world,’” Book said in her speech.

And as the 125-year town charter was presented to Mayor Tolley in downtown Elon, a train puffed away in the distance as a reminder of Elon’s legacy.

A draft of the *Elon Vision 2040 Future Comprehensive Land Use Plan* will be presented to the public at the *Elon Municipal Building* by Nealon Planning LLC on Nov. 6, 2018. For more information, go to the *Town of Elon’s Facebook page*.



NOW'S THE TIME!



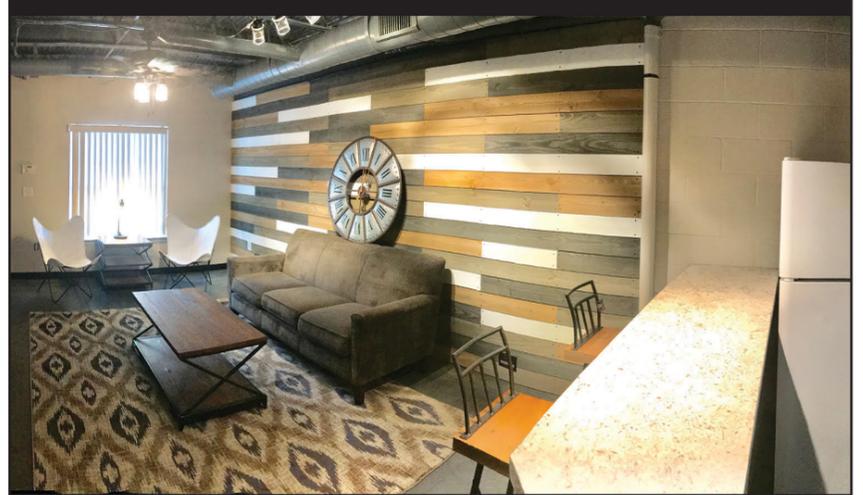
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President Trump takes his campaign to the Carolinas

Trump calls for unity and border security, slams press at rally in Charlotte

Maggie Brown
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President Donald Trump brought nearly 9,000 people out to Charlotte as one stop on his presidential campaign to endorse Republican representatives Mark Harris and Ted Budd.

Trump pitted the crowd against the media, immigration and Nancy Pelosi, House Minority Leader. He knew exactly the right words to say to get the crowd to chant in unison, "CNN sucks!"

Budd is up against Democrat Kathy Manning for a house seat in District 13, and Harris is facing Democrat Dan McCready and Libertarian Jeff Scott for a congressional seat in District 9. Mecklenburg County, encompassing cities such as Charlotte, Huntersville and Davidson, remains a blue county despite the large crowd.

Immigration is an important issue in Mecklenburg County and the surrounding areas. According to the North Carolina Justice Center, 13.6 percent of North Carolinians in Mecklenburg County were immigrants in 2013. The department projects that this number has likely gone up.

At the rally, "build the wall" and "finish the wall" chants were crowd favorites. Mecklenburg County was the first county in North Carolina to partner with



Rally-goers listen as President Donald Trump gives his remarks at the Bojangles Coliseum in Charlotte on Saturday, Oct. 27.

ICE's controversial 287(g) program in 2006. The second county to adopt the program was Alamance, where Elon University is located, in 2007.

Both Mecklenburg and Alamance counties have federal holding facilities for immigrants, which a study from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill says could cost up to \$5.5 million. This makes immigration a primary voter topic for midterms in the

two counties. Trump spoke to this issue at the rally and said that Republicans Harris and Budd would secure the border. His crowd cheered.

Sheriff departments in seven counties in North Carolina participate in the Jail Enforcement Model (JEM) through the 287(g) program. Through this model, the North Carolina Sheriff's Association said in a newsletter, "Sheriffs screen for illegal aliens

only among people arrested and brought to the county's detention center."

Trump praised law enforcement during his speech repeatedly, especially with handling the pipe-bomber.

The day of the rally, Cesar Sayoc, 56, of Florida, was identified as the man accused of sending pipe bombs to key political figures, CNN headquarters in New York and George Soros. The

RALLY ATTENDANCE

~9,000

people attended Trump's rally to endorse Republican representatives Mark Harris and Ted Budd.

man was a graduate of University of North Carolina at Charlotte, according to the Associated Press. The coliseum where the rally was held was only 12 miles from UNCC.

The AP described Sayoc as having a "fervor" for the president. The white minivan that officials suspect Sayoc made the bombs in was covered in Trump paraphernalia. Trump did not back down, however, on his attacks on the Democrats and the press that night.

When addressing the bomber at the rally, Trump did not use his name. He praised the FBI and authorities for catching the "needle in the haystack" and called for the country to come together and better national attitudes.

After asking for more positivity, Trump blamed CNN for bad reporting and a series of "CNN sucks" chants broke out. The crowd turned from the president to the press box and chanted for about 30 seconds, directly contradicting his calls for peace moments earlier.

Reporters Brian Rea and Alex Roat contributed to this story.

Students participate in midterms by absentee ballot

Weighing in on the value of voting in the upcoming election

Kaitlin Macintyre
Elon News Network | @elonnewsnetwork

Voting is a way for the people to express their individual voices in government. With the upcoming midterm elections, students are finding themselves drawn to the voting booths.

ELON VOTES

Students can find information on their election and check their registration on the Elon Votes website.

Sophomore Anna DuBro, a political science major, expressed her love for voting.

"This election is huge," DuBro said. "It is really cool to see young people interested in the midterms."

Elon gives students easy access to voter registration and absentee ballots. Elon Votes allows students to register in North Carolina or out of state.

Freshman Sarah Talley from Atlanta, Georgia, filled out an absentee ballot. "It was confusing, but it makes sense after [you] do it," Talley said.

Talley's first time voting comes at a particularly controversial election year in Georgia. An investigation charged Georgia's Secretary of State, Brian Kemp, of improperly purging more than 300,000 voter registrations.

In Georgia, if a voter hasn't cast a ballot for three years, they are sent a notice asking them to confirm their address. If they do

VOTES PURGED

300K

An investigation charged Georgia's Secretary of State, Brian Kemp, of improperly purging more than 300,000 voter registrations.

not respond to this notice, they are marked inactive, and if they do not vote for two general elections after that, their registration is removed.

While this is a common practice, according to an analysis by the Palast Investigative Fund, 300,000 of the voters that were removed on the grounds that they moved, still live at the address where they are registered.

While Talley is frustrated by what is happening in her state, she is inspired by the community's response. She said she has witnessed those in her community helping voters who have been affected by the voting purge.

Even though Talley is concerned with the voting scandal in her state, she still feels it is important to vote.

"I don't like when you just vote for the incumbent just because," Talley said. "Vote and look into all the positions. They matter so much."

DuBro thinks Elon is doing a good job at encouraging voting. She expressed a sentiment of awe at the number of students talking about voting.

"I feel like we are pretty active, way more than I was expecting," DuBro said. "People care, and



The entrance to vote at the Herbert Young Community Center polling place in Cary, North Carolina, on Nov. 6, 2012.



WHY WOULDN'T YOU VOTE? YOU DON'T LOSE ANYTHING, AND IT'S KIND OF WHY WE MADE AMERICA. IT'S WHAT WE'RE BASED ON.

SARAH TALLEY
FRESHMAN

that there is the story."

Elon encourages students to vote on every platform through Elon Votes. Students can find information on their election and check their registration on the Elon Votes website.

Elon is also offering bus shuttles to the poll booths on Nov. 6 for students. This bus schedule can also be found on the Elon Votes website.

"Why wouldn't you vote?" Talley said. "You don't lose anything, and it's kind of why we made America. It's what we're based on."

ELECTION EVENTS ON CAMPUS

Election Day Shuttle

An Elon shuttle will run a continuous loop between 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. from the Center for the Arts to two area polling places.

Election Night Watch

Moseley Center first floor beginning at 8 p.m.

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30 YEARS AND COUNTING



PHOTO COURTESY OF KATIE MARS
Top: John Barnhill '92 receives the Iris Holt McEwen Award during the 1990-1991 school year alongside his parents and grandfather.

Left: A group of Elon students take a break from a Habitat for Humanity build in 1997.

EV! | from cover

Not only did Barnhill get involved, but he served as the president for the organization that would lead to what is now the Kernodle Center and Elon Volunteers.

"I got kind of thrust into the limelight with starting service at Elon," Barnhill said. "That was the kickoff of it all, and then from there, Habitat grew, and the chaplain said again, 'What if we did more than just help people build housing -- working with people in need?' So we started Elon Volunteers, and I served as the first student coordinator of that."

The program that started with Barnhill now facilitates dozens of programs and has more than 100 student leaders that organize programming for undergraduates to participate in. Their initiatives range from youth development to environmental issues, including eight community partners that consistently welcome Elon Volunteers.

After the establishment of Elon Volunteers, the programming continued to expand. In 1997, the Center for Service Learning received an endowment from the Kernodle family in honor of their late son, John R. Kernodle, who was an active member in the Burlington community. His mother, who is now widowed and nearing 100 years old, serves on the advisory committee for the Kernodle Center and is still supportive of the center.

Mary Morrison, assistant dean of campus life and director of the Kernodle Center, has been at Elon for 13 years. Since her arrival, she has had a hand in expanding and deepening the center's efforts.

"We have this really interesting leadership structure," Mor-

ison says of the organization, which only has six professional staff members. "They always had a leadership structure—student leadership structure—but we kind of broadened that and formalized that. Now we have anywhere from 120 to 140 student leaders who are planning, implementing and evaluating our programs. We've grown tremendously—from a smaller group of students when I came—and the kind of things we have been doing have expanded."

Looking forward, Morrison says her focus is on deepening the work that students are doing and making sure their efforts are worthwhile and meaningful.

Barnhill sees great potential in the effect Elon Volunteers can have on the community. During the 2015-2016 school year, Elon's chapter of Habitat for Humanity celebrated its 25th house in Alamance County—an achievement Barnhill does not take lightly.

"I think picking a few areas of concern that are deep in the community and focusing on those with all the resources, efforts, knowledge, skills and talents of Elon—we could actually solve problems. Not just address the problem, but solve it," Barnhill said. "Imagine if Elon said we are going to eradicate poverty housing in Alamance County, and we are going to do that by partnering with all of these different organizations and all

these different donors, imagine that. Alamance County—the first county in America that eliminates inadequate housing."

Morrison says interest in long-standing organizations such as Habitat has not waned, but they are always thinking of ways to engage more students. One of the biggest areas of interest for Elon students, Morrison says, are those involved with the youth population in Burlington. Through the Boys and Girls Club and programming through the Burlington Housing Authority, each week many students flock to these opportunities. During the 2013-2014 school year, the number of service hours completed by students increased by 23 percent to reach 127,000 hours.

The Kernodle Center facilitates both curricular and co-curricular programs. Co-curricular programs include the opportunities students take advantage of outside of the classroom, whereas curricular programming would fall under what is considered an Academic Service Learning Course.

Morrison says they've done studies to figure out how their work is impacting the community and how the volunteers are received. Morrison says through the various work, whether it's students who complete a public relations assignment for a community partner or a student who tutors a child every week, the impact is felt and overwhelm-

“I'M REALLY PROUD OF WHAT THE STUDENTS OF EACH YEAR, EACH DAY HAVE PUT FORWARD TO MAKE IT BETTER AND STRONGER EVERY YEAR.”

JOHN BARNHILL
ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT FOR UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT

ingly appreciated.

As part of Homecoming this year, the Kernodle Center is celebrating its alumni who have gone on to pursue service-based work as a career.

"We want to celebrate those alums who took it to the next level and made it their profession or career," Morrison said.

Not only are students pursuing careers in government or non-profit work, Morrison says she still finds many alums who have pursued careers in unrelated fields but still give back to their communities in other ways.

"It's interesting to me the number of students who may have gone into accounting, or they may have gone into public relations, or they may have chosen a completely different career, but have maintained their community-engaged work because that is so deeply ingrained into their values," Morrison said. "We love to see that too."

In addition to the Kernodle Center in upstairs Moseley, during the 2012-2013 school year, the Downtown Center for Community Engagement opened in downtown Burlington. It serves as a meeting place for students, faculty and staff but also for the community to have "important and crucial conversations."

While Barnhill now has less of a hands-on role in the Kernodle Center, his long-standing history with the organization gives him perspective that few people have and leaves him with great admiration for its progress and successes.

"I'm really proud of what the students of each year, each day have put forward to make it better and stronger every year," Barnhill said. "There is nothing more fun for me than to walk up into a Habitat meeting, meet some students doing Habitat or Elon Volunteers or anyone, and they have no idea who I am, and they talk about it with the passion that I had when I was doing it—that's the best thing. That it's sustained. It continues on."

Recovering from tragedy

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in Numen Lumen at that evening. But before that, Tommer and several other students organized a gathering in the Moseley Center Sunday afternoon. Tommer helped to publicize the event by word of mouth and social media posts.

"To make this happen was just really powerful to me and just shows the resiliency and power of the Jewish community around the world," Tommer said.

Despite the university's late response, the group wanted to act fast. But there was a one challenge for Rabbi Mendy Minkowitz.

"Because this tragedy happened on a Sabbath, which has traditionally the day when we don't use any electronic devices, including of course television, internet and anything like that, I was completely in the dark about this event until fairly late in the day," Minkowitz said.

That's exactly what Lakind feared as he made the trip to Minkowitz's house Saturday afternoon.

"So the first thing I did, I drove over there and he was already informed by other people about the situation," Lakind said.

"We need to do something. Like we can't just sit down. Something needs to happen right away. ... We started planning and thinking of something that we could possibly do to help anyone affected, the whole Jewish community," Lakind said.

When word started to spread, Tommer also joined in the planning.

"The fact that this many people showed up was really great because there really wasn't that much notice," Tommer said.

With just a few posts, texts and calls, the group of students created a space for themselves and others to reflect on the tragedy impacting their community.

Minkowitz works with Chabad of Elon and Burlington. He said this violence was a threat to all Jews.

"I think it's also trying to send a message that we shouldn't even feel safe in our own domain, in our own houses of worship," Minkowitz said. "And we shouldn't ever feel like we're free of anti-Semitism and of bias."

Minkowitz said the connection between dark and light in the Jewish faith is a constant reminder of hope.

"Most people are afraid to grab darkness and you know, get hurt in the process of that have that struggle," he said, "But you don't need to grab darkness, you just need to make light. And when you make light, darkness automatically fades."

Kay said hope is not enough.

"I think that the silence right now is deafening, and I think that it's really upsetting to see that the people who have so much to say about so many gun reform issues are saying nothing about this."

For Lakind and Kay there's a gap in support from the Elon community.

"It's kind of ironic because 'Elon' means oak in Hebrew, and so I feel that a lot of people don't really recognize that there is a Jewish presence on campus," Lakind said.

Kay said she wished more people would come and support her community.

"I think that that's really hard and you need to show that you're in solidarity with all groups and the Jews are a group that were persecuted and have been persecuted and time after time after time," Kay said. "I think that many times people don't consider [Jewish people] a marginalized group and we are."

Minkowitz agreed and drew from the history of his community.

"The Jewish people are no stranger to persecution and to hurt and to violence. We've almost done this our entire history. It's terrible every time it happens, but we've built a resilience to be able to overcome and continue," Minkowitz said.

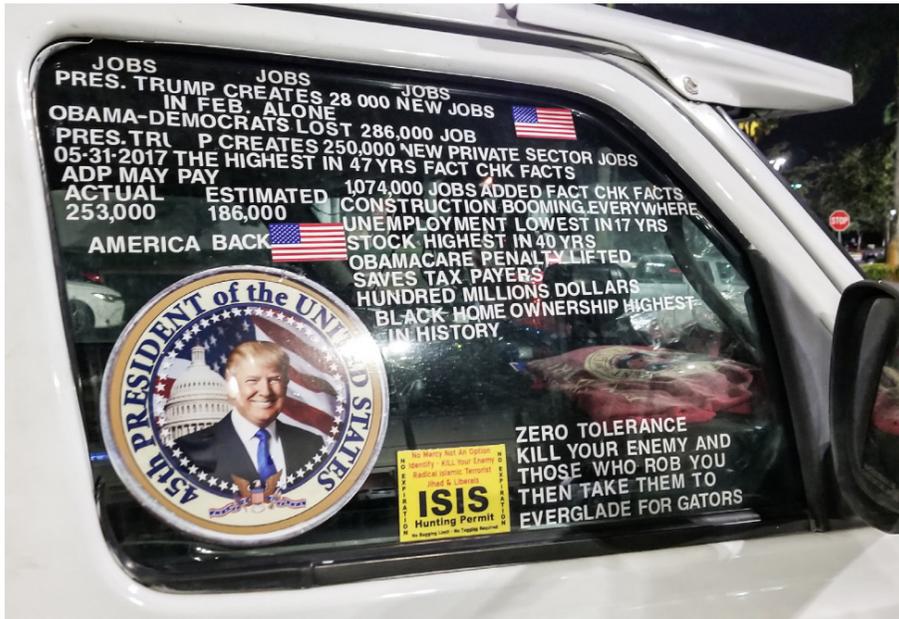


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Alex Farber, pictured at age 13, reads from the Torah during his bar mitzvah at the Tree of Life Synagogue in 2013.

CHEAT SHEET

EACH WEEK THE PENDULUM BREAKS DOWN COMPLEX EVENTS BY INTERVIEWING RELEVANT EXPERTS

Pipe bomb packages threaten political climate



Cesar Sayoc Jr.'s van is pictured in Oakland Park, Florida on Thursday, Oct. 18.

After the danger, professor breaks down the bomb threats

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The United States faced a matter of domestic terrorism last week when 14 pipe bombs were sent to Democrats around the country and



Damion Blake

... CNN. Domestic terrorism is defined by the F.B.I. as "Perpetrated by individuals and/or groups inspired by or associated with primarily U.S.-based movements that espouse extremist ideologies of a political, religious, social, racial, or environmental nature."

These attacks and threats come at a time of highly polarized political agendas. Damion Blake, an assistant professor in political science and policy studies who specializes in National Security, gave Elon News Network his analysis of the situation.

Q: What do you think these pipe bombs mean for the state of the American government right now?

A: The pipe bombs indicate or suggest that there are groups or individuals within the American state that are unhappy with one political side or the other. It seems to me that the political narrative, because we are at a very polarized political moment in America's history right now, and the pipe bomber has tapped into this very partisan, polarized environment that we are at and somehow has found motivation for the kind of vision that he has for

America. It is an outcome of the political polarization that we have right now.

Q: Would you define this as domestic terrorism?

A: It absolutely is domestic terrorism. If you go off of the definitions of terrorism, terrorism is the act of violence or the use of the threat of violence, so it doesn't have to be actual violence, but the threat of violence. And there is an ideology here as well, a partisan politicized ideology that you're seeing happening.

There is the somehow mobilization of political objectives. What you do have here are the targeting of one side of the political spectrum, and so there is a political objective — all the ingredients in terms of the definitions of homegrown or domestic terrorism.

Q: What would be another example of domestic terrorism in recent U.S. history?

A: Recently, if we go to the 1990s, we can think about Timothy McVeigh and the Oklahoma City bombings who had a political objective, who was again inspired or radicalized by some anti-governmental ideologies. There were some religious things mixed in with that. That's one that we could talk about a wide scale, perpetrated by a lone-wolf type terrorist in the Oklahoma City bombing.

Q: What do you think the correct government response should be?

A: It's very difficult to tackle a counter-terrorist, especially the lone-wolf, homegrown type. But I think the first order of business is to de-escalate the polarized political narratives because people are tapping into that and co-opting it for their own extremist ends.

BOMB TARGETS

George Soros
Democratic donor; One package delivered on Monday, Oct. 22; New York

Bill and Hillary Clinton
Former president and former secretary of state; One package delivered on Monday, Oct. 22; New York

Barack Obama
Former president; One package delivered on Wednesday, Oct. 24; Washington, D.C.

CNN and John Brennan
News organization and former CIA director; One package delivered on Wednesday, Oct. 24; New York

Debbie Wasserman Schultz
Democratic representative from Florida; One package delivered on Wednesday, Oct. 24; Florida

Maxine Waters
Democratic representative from California; Two packages delivered on Wednesday, Oct. 24; California and Washington, D.C.

Robert De Niro
Actor; One package delivered on Thursday, Oct. 25; New York

Joe Biden
Vice President; One package delivered on Thursday, Oct. 25; New York

Cory Booker
Democratic senator from New Jersey; One package delivered on Friday, Oct. 26; Florida

James Clapper Jr.
Former director of National Intelligence; One package delivered on Friday, Oct. 26; New York

Kamala Harris
Democratic senator; One package delivered on Friday, Oct. 26; California

Tom Steyer
Democratic donor; One package delivered on Friday, Oct. 26; California

Reacting to the death of journalist Jamal Khashoggi



Protestors demonstrate at the entrance of Saudi Arabia consulate over the disappearance of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi in Istanbul on Tuesday, Oct. 9.

Former war correspondent tries to make sense of murder

Joe Heck & James Mitchell

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On Oct. 2, Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi disappeared from the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul,



Ahmed Abdullah Al Fadaam

... Turkey. Eighteen days later, the Saudi government announced his gruesome death. The specific details of what happened the day the journalist went missing remain unclear due to different accounts from the Saudi government and from Turkish officials.

Assistant professor of communications Ahmed Abdullah Al Fadaam offers his perspective as a fellow journalist.

Q: What was your reaction, as a journalist, to Khashoggi's death?

A: Actually, I was shocked about the way he was assassinated — inside his country's consulate, this never happened before — but, I don't find it strange because we all know about the human rights violations in Saudi Arabia. Their constitution is based on Shariah law, and if you check the kind of punishments they have, it includes beheading, it includes hand chopping. Some of these punishments are considered by other countries as barbaric, so this also tells us that they tend to get rid of their opponents in an ugly way.

Q: What steps should news organizations and individual journalists take to ensure their safety?

A: Unfortunately, in regions like the Middle East, there are no guarantees. I covered the war in Iraq for almost 10 years, and during these 10 years, I received multiple death threats from armed groups in Iraq. I was treated poorly by the Iraqi police and the Iraqi army. People used to say that it is dangerous to say anything about Saddam, but after 2003, it became dangerous to say anything about anyone. They claim that they have democracy in the Middle East, but apparently, it's a fake expression — there is no democracy in that part of the world.

Q: What would you tell aspiring journalists, who are now afraid of reporting in dangerous areas?

A: If you go to the Middle East to cover any of the events there, you have to be very careful about what you say and what you do. When covering the war in Iraq, I was very careful about everything because they won't hesitate to use any mean to get rid of you if you're a threat to them. Does this mean that journalists should stop doing their jobs? I don't think so, no. This is who we are, this is what we do; our job is to inform the world on what is happening.

Q: How do you feel that the United States and news publications should move on from this death?

A: This is something I have been wondering about. What is so special about Khashoggi's death? ... If you look at what Saudi Arabia is doing in Yemen,

for example, they've been bombing this country daily since 2014. ... But nobody is talking about it, why's that? If you look at what's happening inside Saudi Arabia, all the human rights violations they're doing against their own citizens, nobody is talking about that either, why is that?

In the case of Khashoggi — and this is my opinion — because it became the focus of every other media organization in the world, the American government couldn't ignore this anymore, even though it was committed by Saudis. If you check the statements from President Trump, he first said that maybe it was a rogue killer and that maybe we'll dig into it, now after the Saudis admitted that Khashoggi was killed inside the consulate, this is when President Trump changed his tone and said that if the Saudis were behind it there would be some severe punishments.

What does this tell you? Before looking at the political relationships between Saudi Arabia and the United States, take a look at the economic relationships between the two countries. Follow the money.

Saudi Arabia is an oil producing country — if we remember what happened in 1973 when the Nixon administration decided to help Israel in their war against the Arabs, and oil exports to the United States were cut, this caused the U.S. economy to collapse in 15 days.

It's not something the United States wants to do when it comes to oil. If you check what Mohammed Bin Salman has threatened to do, if there are any punishments from the U.S., is to stop the oil flow. It's all connected. Yes, what happened to Khashoggi is a heinous crime, but are we giving the Saudis what they deserve?

Don't take your right to vote for granted

STAFF EDITORIAL

HOW WE SEE IT

With midterm elections around the corner, use your privilege to vote.

Voting is a key part of our democracy. According to the Pew Research Center, college students are historically less likely to participate in midterm elections even though we make up a majority of voters. But who is to say that voter turnout will be different this year?

If anything, the results of the 2016 U.S. presidential election prove that our votes matter. Also, considering the cultural shift toward political polarization, your vote these midterm elections takes precedence over any other election.

As races for midterm elections heat up, recognize the power you have to shape decision-making in the U.S. government. Those of us who make up the electorate are privileged, and we should understand this privilege, especially because we are in close proximity to people who face obstacles when registering to vote.

This past September, North Carolina's state elections board unanimously voted to end a subpoena from the U.S. attorney and Immigration and Customs Enforcement for the disclosure of confidential voter records. Though the collection deadline was pushed to January 2019, there are still great concerns about the reach of the government to collect confidential information that can potentially disenfranchise voters.

The overstepping of governmental power for one constitutional right could affect other freedoms, such as the right to a free press. If one right is compromised, there could be serious repercussions for other freedoms.

This is why citizens need to vote in these upcoming midterm elections in order to be a part of this discussion.

In August 2018, Dean of the School of Communications at Elon University Rochelle Ford wrote an opinions article on the importance of the free press in the U.S. democracy. In her writing, Ford says that recent attacks on news media are troubling, and she affirms the necessity of news reporting to better this country's political process.

"Good news reporting should not tell people what opinion to hold. Instead good news reporting shares

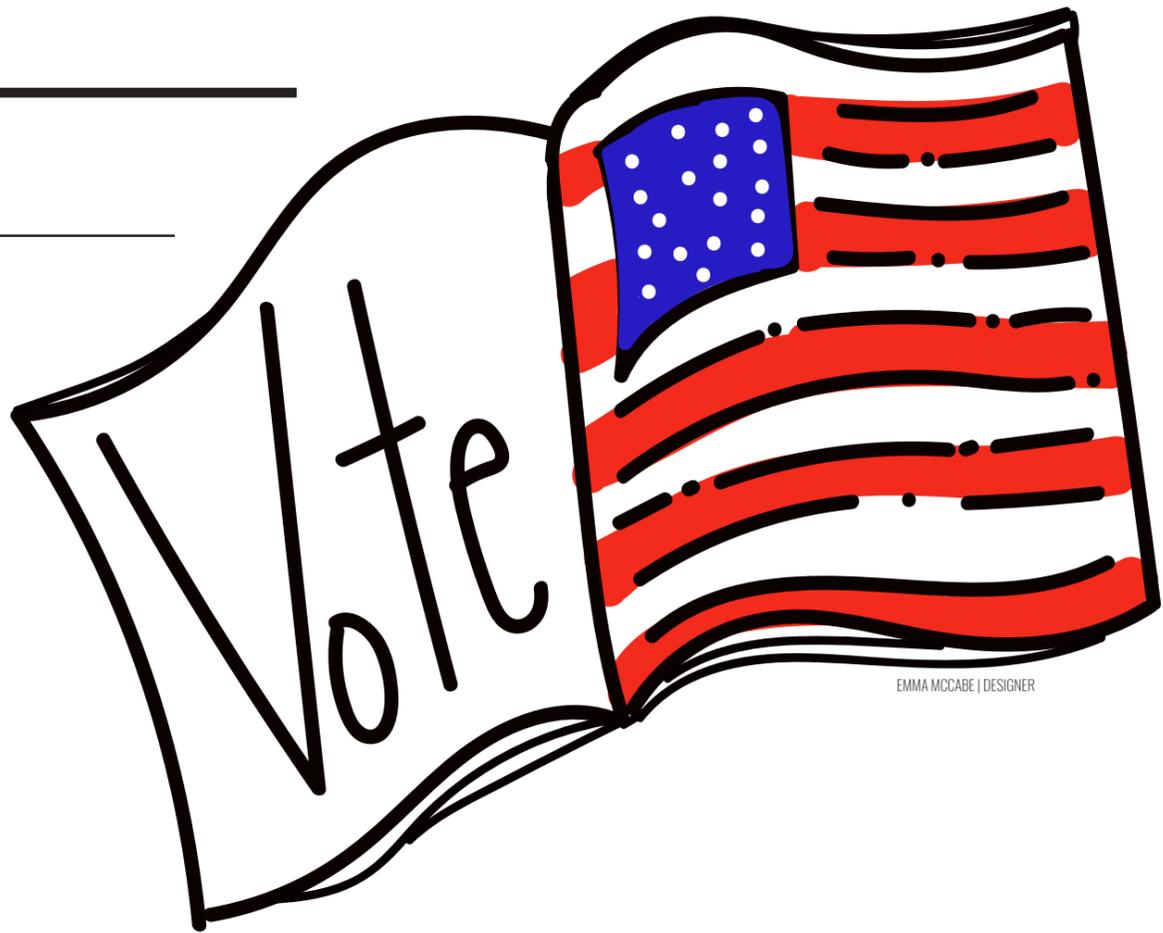
verifiable, attributed information ideally from multiple sources so that people understand the facts necessary to make an informed decision," Ford writes.

Elon News Network stands with Ford. We support a free press that is devoid of political leanings — a newsroom that seeks the truth and supports an open exchange of ideas.

We, as a newsroom, strive to report accurate, fair news in service to our Elon community, but the electorate must participate, too. Exercise your freedom to vote this November.

Whether you are submitting an absentee ballot or traveling directly to the polls, remember the significance of your vote to elect officials who will represent your values in state and federal governments. Don't be easily swayed by media bias, and trust that we will continue to work toward bias-free reporting.

As student journalists, we strive to report information to hold our Elon community accountable. We hope that, with your vote, you will do the same for the federal offices representing our country.



The issue not enough Americans talk about



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After the Civil War, the U.S. passed the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments to ensure rights to former slaves. The 15th Amendment gave them the right to vote, stating, "the right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude."

In response, white leaders in the South passed Jim Crow laws to disenfranchise the black vote. There were literacy tests to pass in order to vote. There was a tax to pay in order to vote. There were also groups such as the Ku Klux Klan that terrorized black people. These methods all kept African Americans away from the ballot box.

This went on for almost 100 years. In 1965, due to the Civil Rights Movement, Congress and then-President Lyndon B. Johnson passed the Voting Rights Act. This prohibited racial discrimination in voting, outlawed literacy tests and further enforced the 15th Amendment. In 1966, the Supreme Court case *Harper v. Virginia State Board of Elections* found that poll taxes were unconstitutional.

Great strides were made to protect African Americans' right to vote in the 60s, but they are being rolled back today. Part of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 said that states with a history of voter suppression needed the federal government to approve changes to their voting rules. The 2013 Supreme

Court case *Shelby County v. Holder* got rid of this provision, essentially gutting the Voting Rights Act. Chief Justice John Roberts argued that conditions had changed and these provisions were no longer necessary. Boy, was he wrong.

A whopping 24 states have created new voting restrictions. One of the most pressing examples is the "exact match" law in Georgia. This requires that citizens' names on their government-issued IDs must precisely match their names as listed on the voter rolls. Georgia's secretary of state is a Republican named Brian Kemp. As secretary of state, it is his job to oversee the state's elections. The problem is that he is currently running for governor. Kemp

has recently put over 53,000 voter registrations on hold, 70 percent of them from black voters. Kemp is using his power to rig the election in his favor.

Exact match laws are not the only example of voter suppression currently happening in the United States. There are also "use it or lose it" laws like the one in Ohio, which states that if an individual does not vote in two consecutive elections, they will be struck from the registration rolls. There are also voter ID laws that require some form of official identification before individuals vote.

Republicans try to justify these laws by saying they are fighting voter fraud. Even President Trump claimed there were millions of cases

of voter fraud in the 2016 presidential election. The truth is that voter fraud is insanely rare. The Brennan Center for Justice found that instances of voter fraud happen at rates between 0.0003 percent and 0.0025 percent. An individual in the U.S. is more likely to be struck by lightning than commit voter fraud. Voter fraud does not influence elections, but these laws to combat voter fraud do.

The right to vote is the most sacred and fundamental right a democracy can have. Without the right to vote, there is no true democracy. Exact match laws, voter ID laws and use-it-or-lose-it laws all unfairly restrict black voters' rights. We need to be promoting the right to vote, not restricting it.

LIFESTYLE



KATIE MARS



JIMMY LONGO



OZELLE BOWER



MATT SULLIVAN



DIEGO PINEDA



HOPE KEONE



JAZMINE LANGLEY



ANDREW NOVINSKI



and the nominees are...

THIS YEAR, ELON UNIVERSITY'S Homecoming will be celebrated with a diverse Homecoming Court of seniors, each as unique as they are committed to their cause. A group of 20 students — five males and 12 females — have been nominated to represent their organizations, class and Elon as a whole as members of the court.

ROYALTY

This is the first year that the two candidates with the most votes, regardless of gender identity, will be named "Homecoming Royalty."

A monetary prize will be awarded to the two students elected Homecoming Royalty, who will then donate the money to the philanthropy of their choice. This is the third year the SGA will follow a more inclusive model for Homecoming Royalty that will elect the two candidates with the most votes — regardless of gender identity. Homecoming Royalty will be revealed at the Homecoming football game Saturday, Nov. 3.

Two of the court's members, seniors Mary Kennedy and Olivia Warhop, said they were immediately excited to have been nominated. Kennedy called her mom to break the news.

"I told her, and I think she started to cry over the phone," Kennedy said. "I was just very happy to be a representative of the senior class and this school because I couldn't love Elon more."

Because Warhop's all-girls high school didn't have a homecoming, she was happy to be a part of her university's homecoming.

But being nominated came as a surprise to some of the court's other members.

Senior Jazmine Langley from Raleigh, North Carolina, said she never expected to be recognized for her work in Elon's diversity and inclusion programs.

"I was surprised, just because I'm more concerned with my work on the ground and the work that I'm doing and less concerned about being rec-

ognized," Langley said. "So, when I was chosen I was like, this is kind of uncomfortable but nice."

Senior Matt Sullivan was just as confused to receive a nomination.

"I was a little confused because my friend Evan also applied for the court, and he was originally not on the list, and I was like, 'In what backwards world did I get nominated and he didn't?'" Sullivan said. "But then he got on, so it was kind of funny."

For senior Diego Pineda, running for Homecoming Court was a chance to also represent the Latino community as he said he believes their presence isn't "as known" on campus.

Nearly all of the Homecoming Court members are involved with campus organizations — in roles spanning from leadership, volunteer and paid positions in a variety of departments. For many of the nominees, at least one organization is particularly meaningful to them.

Senior Lauren Ventresca, a Teaching Fellow who works with Elon Academy, said she "really wanted to help [Elon Academy] because that's a local cause, and it's great then to see some of the kids come to Elon and see them have opportunities that they wouldn't have otherwise had."

Senior Mary Kennedy, who is both a member of a sorority on campus and part of the Panhellenic Association executive board, has spent much of her fall semester coordinating applications, events and recruitment counselors for the upcoming sorority recruitment.

Senior Hope Keone said she is passionate about her work with the Students Promoting Awareness, Responsibility, Knowledge and Success (SPARKS) program.

"SPARKS is like my community," Keone said. "My group of people, where I'm able to talk about the things I am most passionate about because I'm so passionate about health — especially reproductive health rights — and SPARKS inspires me to pursue what I want to do in a really meaningful way."

Whether connected to their philanthropy through a campus organization or a personal experience, all the nominees are dedicated to their causes of choice.

Like Keone and Langley, senior Katie Mars has chosen a philanthropy which relates to women's rights, health and empowerment, but she said she's working to include all genders in conversations surrounding sexual assault and violence.

"The [organization] that most directly relates to the philanthropy I'm running to support is my position in the [Gender and LGBTQIA Center]," Mars said. "So working on the gender-based violence prevention board — it's new this year, we are working with eight students who are on the board — and I'm a coordinator for engaging men and masculinities. It's a really interesting position being a woman and focusing on engaging men in these conversations and talking about it, framing the issue as [not] just a women's issue if we're talking about sexual violence on college campuses. This is really everyone's issue."

Kennedy and senior Evan Sassaman are both running to support the Na-

tional Alliance on Mental Illness.

"It's a cause that I'll say is really close to my heart and my family's heart, just from different members being affected by a variety of mental illnesses, and so it's just something that I hold really personal to me," Sassaman said.

Three nominees have chosen to support disease research foundations after personal experiences.

Senior Anna Cosentino said she plans to donate the prize money to the Parkinson's Foundation in support of her father.

"My dad actually has Parkinson's Disease, and he was diagnosed while I was here at Elon, so it's something that's been part of my Elon experience," Cosentino said. "I almost took the semester off, but the people in the community here — the people in my sorority and my professors — everyone's been so helpful, so it seemed like a really good opportunity to continue and keep getting that support."

Pineda said he plans to donate to the No Stomach for Cancer organization because his mother was diagnosed with stomach cancer during his senior year of high school.

"For that to happen to someone who was about to graduate high school and go into college and be the first person in my community, it was really hard trying to balance that," Pineda said. "We all think cancer and we think breast cancer, we think St. Jude's, but there are so many types of cancer, so I hope that my little line with my name and my



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SENIOR

CANDIDATES

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ANNA COSENTINO



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MATTHEW CHIPMAN



OLIVIA WARHOP



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MARY KENNEDY



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CAROLINE REDD



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Homecoming Court nominees represent a plethora of organizations and causes

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philanthropy can serve as a little seed of support to this organization and to my mom too. She means the world to me.”

Senior Caroline Redd, a childhood cancer survivor, said she has chosen to fund research for cancer treatments specially for children.

“I’m running for Saint Baldrick’s. They’re a nationwide organization that raises money for kids with cancer, and they do research specifically for treatments for kids because a lot of times, kids get the same treatments as adults, which is really harmful for their bodies,” Redd said. “I had leukemia when I was four, and I found out about Saint Baldrick’s through a friend.”

Her friend decided to shave her head for Saint Baldrick’s after she was finished with her own treatment, and in spring 2017, Redd did the same.

Interpersonal connections are important to several nominees. As the Homecoming election approaches, senior Peyton Cole said she hopes voters won’t hesitate to contact her.

“I’d love to meet people if anyone wants to come talk to me and introduce themselves. People are my passion, and I love creating relationships,” Cole said.

Keone said she is happy overall to see members of her class coming together through the Homecoming Court.

“I think a part of Elon is how everyone has these little communities yet somehow know each other,” Keone said. “So it’s kind of a cool way to bring a lot of people from a lot of different backgrounds together.”



IF YOU GO...

Where: Rhodes Stadium

When: Saturday, Nov. 3, at 1:30 p.m.

Historic hauntings: Investigating Elon's ghost stories

Local paranormal investigators search for ghosts on campus

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Every year when Halloween rolls around, it seems old campus legends run amuck — particularly, the story of Ghost Mary. Mary was allegedly a student at Elon University living in West Residence Hall at the time of the 1923 fire. According to the tale, she jumped when she thought the building was on fire and was killed. She supposedly haunts the building.

But Walter Boyd, a 1976 Elon graduate and local historian, isn't so sure.

"As far as there being in something in West, the answer is yes. There is something there," Boyd said. "The fallacy is that the ghost has nothing to do with the 1923 fire. The ghost, and there may be more than one, long precedes that fire."

Boyd has several theories on what or who might be behind the rumored hauntings Under the Oaks. Many stories come from his grandmother, who graduated from Elon College in 1910 and whose ancestry in Elon dates back all the way to 1777, before this area was even known as Elon.

"She knew everybody from Dr. Long, and I just

knew of every president and everything that had happened at the college since its founding," Boyd said.

According to Boyd, causes for potential ghosts at Elon predate the existence of the campus. Before Elon College existed, he said Williamson Avenue was in a different location. The road passed behind what is now the fire station, Under the Oaks and straight through West Hall's location. He says this spot is the location of several deaths, including a man being thrown from his horse and drowning in a pond, a house burning down with a family inside and the bizarre death of an Elon student.

That student was William Henry Horton. In 1935, he fell off a fence outside Alamance building and died. Horton was set to be the class valedictorian, and former university newspaper "The Maroon and Gold" and "The Burlington Times" called his death the "greatest tragedy in Elon's history."

Lee Steele, another Elon alumnus, is interested in investigating if Elon is really haunted. He graduated from Elon in 1978 and now volunteers as an investigator with the local paranormal investigation group, "Positively Paranormal Team." Steele and his partner Matt Shelar both became interested in the supernatural after encoun-



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Elon alumnus Lee Steele and Matt Shelar discuss the history of the West Residence Hall with all their tools laid out in the common room on Friday, Oct. 26.

tering ghosts when they were kids.

"We've run into some crazy stuff," Steele said. "You hear stuff get thrown, you see shadow figures, stuff like that."

They use a variety of tools to capture videos of spirits and even communicate with them. They set up their wide array of devices in West to see what they could find. One device called the Ovilus 3 has an English dictionary's worth

of words uploaded on it, and they claim ghosts can manipulate the device to answer questions.

Responses recorded in West include: "Hi," "Door" and "Demon." When Shelar picked up a bottle of holy water, the device said "water."

But the team's work goes beyond just finding ghosts. They also perform house blessings and cleansing if they believe they have stumbled upon an evil

spirit.

"Jesus gives us the authority and the power to cast out demons," Shelar said. "All we can do is to come in and try to help you. It all starts with yourself; that's what attracts a demon to you if you're not in the right frame of mind and you've got everything else going on except Jesus Christ."

While using holy water, white sage and prayer to protect themselves, they

also look out for each other.

"We consider ourselves brothers," Shelar said.

"We're family. We have each other's back if something happens," Steele said.

Based on their findings in West, both of the paranormal investigators said they believe they did find a spirit of some sort. Steele says that in the future, he hopes to conduct a full overnight investigation in the building to find out more.

Book begins new tradition with presidential pingpong

Friendly matches of table tennis allow students to mingle with the president

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Everybody needs a break from work, and for Elon University President Connie Book, this downtime comes in the form of table tennis.

On Friday, Oct. 26, Book joined some students in a couple friendly games of pingpong in the Moseley Center.

Book came up with the idea as a way to have some downtime on a Friday afternoon, a break from her busy schedule.

"You can talk while you play table tennis, so that's one thing that makes it unique in terms of a sport — that you can actually have a conversation while you're playing," Book said.

Book saw table tennis as the ideal way to do this while simultaneously finding an opportunity to connect with students.

"I really enjoy hearing about their experiences and what's happening during the week," Book said. "It gives me a sense of their interaction on campus and their academics, what's challenging, and then a lot of them are in student organizations, so I can get an update on what's happening in the student organizations."

Sophomore Eric Polite had the opportunity to play against Book.



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Senior Kyle Thomas and freshman Sophie Rosenberg challenged Connie Book and freshman Skyler Davis to a game of pingpong on Friday, Oct. 26. Book and Davis won the game 11-9.

He was impressed when he saw the email from Vice President for Student Life Jon Dooley announcing the event.

"It's super cool. I mean, when I saw the email, I was like, 'Oh wow, that's sick.' You know, she actually cares about getting to know people," Polite said.

Polite also used this event to compare Book to President Emeritus Leo Lambert.

"That was a big reason people liked Dr. Lambert a lot, just because he was really involved with



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SOPHOMORE

the community," Polite said. "I think that as the president of the university, it's kind of important that you're not just in your office all the time and that you're not just some mysterious figure that no one ever sees. It's cool that she's trying to put herself into the community like that."

Senior Kyle Thomas also appreciated a chance to converse with the ninth president of the university.

"It was great," Thomas said. "You don't often get an opportu-

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nity to just chat with the president of your university?"

Both Polite and Thomas enjoyed the opportunity to connect with Book in a casual way. For Polite, the chance to chat about mundane things with Book helped him to connect with her and put a face to the name.

"We got to chat a little bit about how we got into playing table tennis, which seems pretty — what's the word? — bland," Polite said. "But you know, just little stuff like that, getting to humanize someone like that, that you only hear about in emails and see pictures of, it's cool."

Through friendly competition and conversation, Book is off to a good start in her time as president and hopes to continue playing these table tennis matches more often.

"People should know who's running things at their school. A lot of the decisions that she makes are going to affect us in profound ways, so we should know who she is," Thomas said.

ELON EATS

Culture, cuisine and cooking in a Southern city

Frida Sabor y Color in Burlington offers authentic Mexican cuisine

Charise Niarchos

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Just a nine-minute drive away, family-owned Frida Sabor y Color is the answer Elon students have needed for their spicy Mexican food cravings.

The restaurant, which opened just a few months ago, is filled with bright colors and pictures of extraordinary musicians and artists. The beautiful sounds of the vihuela and maracas playing through the speakers perfectly encapsulate the feel of a traditional meal in Mexico.

The same family owned the now-closed “Fiesta Express.” Frida opened in the same location on Sept. 17 — just across from the Waffle House on University Drive.

“As a family, we are hoping to provide a more authentic menu of Mexican food,” said Gonzalo Quindos Fernandez, the restaurant’s general manager. “There are numerous places to find Mexican food around, but we are really hoping to stand out as a

restaurant that is taking Mexican cuisine back to its roots while still moving with the contemporary demands.”

Excited about sharing their carefully created dishes with guests, Fernandez said there are two dishes that are important to his family and unique to Frida: cochinita pibil and mole Oaxaca, which are made with pork and chicken respectively.

Fernandez and his family have been cooking and experimenting with flavors and dishes for years, and they are hoping with this menu, their customers can enjoy real fresh Mexican food once again.

It is extremely spacious, and customers can dine at booths, tables or even on the island stools where they can see the magic happening in the kitchen. Alternatively, the restaurant also offers takeout service.

Sophia, a customer at Frida, was delighted by her experience at the restaurant.

“It’s a really vibrant space, and the staff were

extremely attentive and welcoming,” Sophia said.

As customers sit down at a table, they are greeted with delicious warm tortillas and fresh salsa.

The menu is filled with tra-



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With sauce standing by, Frida’s three-piece chicken taco is a popular choice with customers.

ditional Mexican classics and some new exciting dishes. From beef, fish, rice and tortillas, Frida serves nearly everything.

“It even has a full vegetarian section, which has often been a personal struggle at Mexican restaurants,” Sophia said. “There really is something for everyone.” The restaurant’s name comes from famous Mexican artist Frida

Kahlo, who also shared a passion for cooking.

“She was revolutionary in Mexico,” Fernandez said.

The décor of the restaurant is also influenced by her artistic expression.

“The music and colors of the restaurant hope to capture and remind people of Mexican tradition,” Fernandez said.

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“BlacKkKlansman”

Directed by Spike Lee, “BlacKkKlansman” tells the true story of Ron Stallworth (John David Washington) as he becomes the first African-American cop on the Colorado Springs police force in the mid 1970s. Stallworth, with the help of Jewish officer Flip Zimmerman (Adam Driver), leads an undercover investigation of the Ku Klux Klan.

The film’s plot is based off “some fo’ real, fo’ real shit” revealed in Ron Stallworth’s 2014 memoir, “Black Klansman: Race, Hate, and the Undercover Investigation of a Lifetime.” The film features Lee’s signature heavy-handed commentary on society as it draws parallels between that of Stallworth’s experiences with the KKK in the 70s and today’s tense race relations driven by Donald Trump’s presidency. In the past, Lee has been known to act as both filmmaker and social commentator with films such as “School Daze,” “Do the Right Thing” and “Bamboozled.” “BlacKkKlansman” follows Lee’s style and takes it a step further with direct digs to

the current commander in chief.

One particular opening segment features Alec Baldwin — known for portraying Trump on “Saturday Night Live” — giving a speech about the “great way of life” embodied in the Confederacy and how it was threatened by the rise of the civil rights movement. As Baldwin speaks, the film cuts between him and scenes from D.W. Griffith’s “Birth of a Nation,” a film notorious for bringing about the second rise of the KKK. Throughout the speech, Baldwin messes up and is corrected by someone off-camera. The blatantly racist speech is cut with comedic elements establishing the tone audiences can expect throughout the film. “BlacKkKlansman” is equal parts a grim, politically charged drama as it is a comedic, buddy-cop feature — a balance only Lee could achieve in what many are calling one of his greatest films to date.

Both Driver and Washington deliver powerful performances filled with gut-splitting laughter among Lee’s heart-wrenching message that hate in Trump’s America is not so new and simply a continuation of something that’s always been around.

“Coco”

While many Elon University students are celebrating Halloween, others are preparing to commemorate their heritage and dead loved ones through Dia de los



Muertos. Turner Theatre is providing a great opportunity to experience the holiday with a screening of Pixar’s “Coco.” Directed by Lee Unkrich and Adrian Molina, “Coco” focuses on a young boy, Miguel, who holds a deep appreciation of music and greatly admires legendary singer Ernesto de la Cruz. When faced with his family’s long history of hatred with music, Miguel finds himself trapped in the land of the dead and has to find his way back to the land of living.

The film is a stunningly animated feature filled with rich culture and a multilayered story that can be enjoyed across generations. While the movie’s tone is predominately light-hearted and comedic, audiences will be moved to wipe away the stray tear as the film builds to emotionally-compelling moments.

Themes of family and legacy drive the film as Miguel connects with his family’s past to understand the present. One of the greatest things about the film is how each character feels fleshed out and developed and contributes to the film’s story and beauty; there are no senseless or arbitrary characters.

While death is a theme often not associated with happiness, Pixar brings a certain warmth to the subject. Audiences may be drawn in by the vibrant and stunning animation style but will stay for the multilayered story that

reaches the full range of emotions they’ve come to expect from Pixar films.

“Anchorman”

“Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy” is directed by Adam McKay and focuses on Ron Burgundy (Will Ferrell), a legendary local anchor based in San Diego in the 1970s. “Anchorman” highlights Ferrell’s strength in character-based comedy and is perfect for moviegoers looking for an incredibly goofy film to escape into for an hour and a half. Audiences who enjoy Ferrell’s brand of slapstick comedy will enjoy this film that comes across more as loosely-strung together skits with gut-busting moments than it does a fully-developed plot.

“A Boy, A Girl, A Dream.”

Qasim Basir’s “A Boy, A Girl, A Dream.” is a mood-driven piece that takes place in a single night and follows the blossoming relationship of Cass, a Los Angeles club promoter, and Frida, a visiting midwesterner, as they meet and together find themselves connecting and processing the results of the 2016 presidential election.

Todd McCarthy of The Hollywood Reporter said the film “is intermittently intoxicating as it sends its searchers figuratively floating through the night on a vague and unplanned odyssey looking for something they can’t precisely verbalize.”



Freshman guard Kayla Liles cuts through two Belmont Abbey College defenders on her way to recover the basketball in Elon's 58-54 exhibition win on Saturday, Oct. 27.

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HEART OVER HEIGHT

Elon women's basketball gets back to work in hopes of a CAA three-peat

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The Elon University women's basketball team kicked off its preseason with a 58-54 victory against the Belmont Abbey College Crusaders. Though the team has started the season strong, there are still plenty of difficult matchups for the Maroon and Gold to take on.

The Phoenix finished its season last year as Colonial Athletic Association champions with an overall record of 25-8 and 14-4 in the conference. Their season ended in the first round of the NCAA tournament against North Carolina State University, but as junior guard Lexi Mercer put it, the Phoenix are "looking to go even further this year."

The biggest question around the team seems to be where the leadership will come from. The Phoenix roster is filled to the brim with underclassmen, with just two juniors on the team and no seniors. But head coach Charlotte Smith is confident they will play just fine.

Speaking highly of her two juniors, Mercer and fellow guard Jada Graves, Smith said they "have done a tremendous job stepping up to fill in that leadership role. They lead the team, they're vocal, they're doing great. ... If anything, we have more leadership than maybe we've had in the past in terms of the actual leading and being vocal."

While Smith recognized she physically only has five freshmen, she said she considers her roster to have eight freshmen.

"Ariana Nance didn't play last year because of her injury, Ariel Colón didn't play much last year either and Emily [Maupin] didn't play much last year, so we really have eight freshmen," Smith said.

The lack of experience on the team will definitely be something to watch for, but the players have their eyes on another championship and tournament run.

Saturday's performance against Belmont Abbey featured this extremely young roster's capabilities. Despite a rocky first quarter, the Maroon and Gold were able to quickly adapt

and communicate better throughout the rest of the game. The young team is already showing signs of chemistry and will only benefit from training together over the years to come.

Catching a lot of attention is the upcoming matchup against The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill on Nov. 6 in the Schar Center. In this matchup, Smith will get to face her alma mater for a second time.

Smith's jersey is one of only two jerseys retired by UNC for sinking the game-winning shot to capture the 1994 Tar Heels' first and only national title. The Tar Heels have taken on the Maroon and Gold in the past, but this is the first time the NCAA powerhouse will hit the road to visit Elon.

Last season, the Tar Heels were ranked No. 12 in the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) while the Phoenix were ranked third in the Colonial Athletic Association. The difference in conferences between the two teams doesn't scare Smith.

"It'll come down to that commitment to play the game with toughness," Smith said. "That's something we'll have to work on, and playing it with a little more fight."

Having both played and coached for the opposing Tar Heels, Smith seems confident that Elon will perform well. Though Smith believes in her team's performance, she thinks they still need to find their identity.

"When it comes to assets, when it comes to our identity, that's something we're going to have to buy into, and I don't think we're quite there yet," Smith said. "But we're going to get there, if I have to pull out every string of hair on my head, we'll get there."

Smith said that in years past, her main goal was to win championships, but this season, the approach has changed to focus on each individual game.

"Our goal is just to take it one day at a time and progress and get better every day," Smith said. "In years past, I'd harp a lot on 'championship, championship, championship,' but this year, I'll probably need to harp more on 'Win the day.'"

The Phoenix fought hard to stay within reach of the Crusaders and displayed its ability to win despite the team's lack in size. Smith said a majority of the teams in the CAA lack height and that this lack of height in the league makes the players play more aggressively. This type of play has led the Phoenix to back-to-back championships, and the team looks to go back-to-back-to-back.



Freshman guard Brie Perpignan makes a move to the right as freshman center Duru Tasman sets a pick in Elon women's basketball's 58-54 exhibition win over Belmont Abbey College on Saturday, Oct. 27.

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"There's a quote that I said one day in practice. It's that, 'It's not the size of the dog in the fight; it's the size of the fight in the dog that matters,' and that's the thing that we have to find," Smith said.

After hosting the Tar Heels, the Phoenix will then take a three-game stretch on the road, first to Durham to face off against Duke University and North Carolina Central and then to Boone to face Appalachian State University. Elon will have the luxury of staying close to home in the non-conference portion of their schedule as the team has just five away games on the calendar. The Phoenix only have to leave North Carolina twice, both times to neighboring states Virginia (Dec. 2 at Hampton University) and South Carolina (Dec. 9 at Winthrop University).

The Phoenix will start their quest for a third consecutive CAA championship on Jan. 4 against the Northeastern University Huskies. One month later, they will face the Drexel University Dragons on Feb. 1 in a rematch of last year's CAA title game.

The Phoenix are heading into the season with a confident start. With a preseason game under its belt, the Maroon and Gold were able

to test out its play style and work out its issues.

"It's a totally different team," Smith said. "We don't have as much experience as we've had in the past two seasons. Last year, I thought we were young, but at least we had three seniors."

Elon's strong assets come on offense.

"I think we're very capable of scoring," Mercer said. "We have a lot of good shooters on the team."

So, watch out for their quick transitions and the amount of opportunities they'll create to take shots constantly.

"We just need to play our style of basketball, and everything else will come," Graves said.

The journey might be a long one to get to the championships and to the NCAA tournament, but Elon is ready for the challenge. As seen in the team's exhibition game, the Phoenix are capable of sticking together when other teams fall apart.

Smith has high expectations of her team, but as Graves said, "Lexi and I know what Coach Smith wants from us. ... We're very coachable, [the other players] are very coachable, so we can handle anything she wants from us."

ready to **DEFY** expectations



Seniors Steven Santa Ana and Tyler Seibring celebrate with sophomore Simon Wright and senior Dainan Swoope during the game against the College of William & Mary in Alumni Gym on Jan. 20.

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After being picked to finish eighth in the conference, Elon is ready to prove people wrong

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After going 14-18 (6-12 CAA) last year, Elon University men's basketball begins its first year playing in the Schar Center starting Oct. 30. With its collection of new young players and returning talent, the Phoenix are expected to finish eighth in the Colonial Athletic Association this season.

Leading up to the season

The Phoenix were projected to finish third in the CAA last year, according to the preseason rankings in 2017. At the beginning of the year, Elon lived up to the hype, starting 12-6, including winning three of their first four conference games. But the team fell apart in the second half of the season, dropping 11 of their last 13 games. With this late season slide, Elon was seeded No. 10 heading into the CAA tournament, where they fell to the No. 7 seed University of Delaware in the first round.

The Phoenix graduated five seniors: Dmitri Thompson, Collin Luther, Jack Anton, Jack George, and redshirt-senior Brian Dawkins. Dawkins was one of Elon's most efficient shooters and rebounders and collected many CAA awards for his work ethic and camaraderie.

Thompson was also one of Elon's best shooters, but unlike Dawkins, he scored 1,000 points as a Phoenix, finishing with 1,193 points. Thompson has continued his career in Lebanon, playing for BC Atlas Al Ferzol, and Dawkins now plays for GTK Gliwice in Poland.

Aside from Dawkins and Thompson, the Phoenix will also be missing the leadership all of the seniors exemplified. Elon will have to look to fill the holes on offense from Dawkins and Thompson, as well as find new leadership.

The team

Elon has an experienced team full



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Senior Tyler Seibring cuts along the baseline while being heavily guarded in Elon's 97-68 loss to Duke University on Nov. 10, 2017.

of returning starters and an experienced coaching staff poised to make improvements from last season.

Head coach Matt Matheny is entering his 10th season at the helm and fifth in the CAA. Matheny has led the Phoenix to a 140-148 record since his time began at Elon and has guided the team to 14 or more victories in each of the past seven years.

Also returning is senior forward Tyler Seibring. Standing at six feet and nine inches, Seibring led the team last year up and down the court in defensive rebounds and blocks on the defensive end. On the offensive end of the court, Seibring anchored the middle, leading the team in total points and offensive rebounds.

But what separates Seibring from the traditional forward is his ability to generate offense outside the arc. Seibring hit 82 threes this past season to bring his career total to 201, which is tied for the second most in a single season. For his efforts last year and his expected output this year, Seibring was named preseason second team all-CAA.

Alongside Seibring is senior guard Dainan Swoope. Swoope serves as the director of the offense from the backcourt. Swoope tallied 126 assists and 12 points per game last season.

Swoope has won many awards in his years playing for the Phoenix.

In the 2015-2016 season, Swoope was awarded the Rookie of the Week Award during the week of Nov. 23 and has also won awards for his academic excellence as an athlete. The Phoenix and Swoope hold a CAA Commissioner's Academic Award and All-Academic Team award. Swoope also holds a spot on Elon's all-time scoring list. With over 1,000 career points, he is ranked at 35th all time.

Among the list of freshmen who are most likely to make an impact this season is guard Kris Wooten. In high school, Wooten was named an MVP in all three seasons he played and was also a career 1,000-pointer. With his club team, Stackhouse Elite, he was also given the "Best Offensive Player" honor.

Then there's forward Chuck Hannah, who was a captain of his high school team his senior year and was involved with two of his high school's national championship runs, finishing as runner-up both times.

Italian native, forward Federico Poser, played on the Italian U20 men's national team in the Istanbul Tournament in 2018 and was involved in a team that won a national

championship, where he averaged 16.7 points that season.

Freshman guard Andy Pack ended his high school career as an all-time leading scorer, averaging 21.5 points per game in his best season, and was named a conference tournament MVP.

Looking at the road ahead

The Phoenix start the 2018-2019 season in Riverdale, New York, when it takes on the Manhattan College Jaspers. The Jaspers went 14-17 last year competing in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC).

The team then returns home for the first men's basketball game in Schar Center's history against the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The Tar Heels are the reigning NCAA champions and have qualified for the NCAA tournament nine times in the past 10 years. They have won the tournament twice in that time span while Elon men's basketball has yet to qualify for the tournament.

Though UNC has more experience as a program, both teams are coming in with relatively young players. The Tar Heels enter with just seven upperclassmen on their 17-man

roster while Elon begins the season with just six upperclassmen on their 16-man roster.

This year the Tar Heels have added freshman forward Nassir Little, a former 3-A State Player of the Year (Florida), who is already projected to land in the top five of the NBA Draft in 2019. Little is joined by another five-star recruit, freshman shooting guard Coby White, who received all-tournament honors at the FIBA Americas as a part of the U18 team in June of this year. With the Tar Heel's strong basketball history coupled with its NBA-quality athletes, UNC will undoubtedly be the Phoenix's biggest challenge of the season.

On Jan. 10, the Phoenix will host the preseason No. 1 team in the CAA, the Northeastern University Huskies, at the Schar Center. Northeastern defeated the Phoenix twice in 2018, 72-60 in Boston and 81-59 at Elon. Last year, the team went all the way to the CAA conference championship game before falling to the College of Charleston Cougars in overtime 83-76, losing out on their chance to make it to the NCAA tournament.

The Huskies have not lost much of a step coming into the 2018-2019 season as they are returning its top players from last year, redshirt-senior point guard Vasa Pusica and junior guard Shawn Occeus. Pusica was named to the First Team All-CAA and was a recipient of Lou Henson All-American honors in 2018. Occeus, the 2018 CAA defensive player of the year, was the backbone of the Huskies lockdown defense. Northeastern, next to the College of Charleston, will be Elon's biggest tests in conference play, and to beat one of them would be critical to Elon's ranking in the CAA.

Whether the Phoenix meet their preseason ranking or surpass expectations, it will be a historic first men's basketball season to open the new Schar Center. For the veterans of the team, it will be a last chance to shake up the CAA. For the young and developing players, this season will give them opportunities to play on the big stages against some of the best college basketball teams in the country. So when the lights go on in the Schar Center, all fans in attendance will know they are experiencing a once-in-a-lifetime season.



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