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# THE PENDULUM



## University looks to become hub for political engagement

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**W**hen the North Carolina Association of Broadcasters reached out to Elon University last spring to see if the institution would be willing to host a gubernatorial or senatorial debate, Elon jumped at the opportunity.

Elon saw the debate as a way to engage community members in the political process, expose students to prominent figures and strengthen the university's national reputation. As conversations about hosting a debate began to take shape, the university faced several challenges.

### ENTERPRISE

The ENN Enterprise Team is a long form-focused team that tackles pressing, impactful issues affecting the Elon community.

Prospects of hosting the senatorial debate appeared to be in good shape, but the campaigns failed to set a date. Elon tried to hold off on booking speakers, but its hands were tied by the end of the summer.

Equipment setup, rehearsal and teardown would have been a four-day process. When the campaigns finally came out with a proposal in late August, it was

already too late.

The proposed debate date was Oct. 3, which would have been the day before Kathleen Parker's Baird Pulitzer Prize lecture and days after Fall Convocation with Bob Woodward, Vint Cerf's sold-out "Internet of Things" talk and Family Weekend.

"It wasn't for lack of desire, but it was that it just logistically didn't work out," said Dan Anderson, vice president for University Communications.

Though efforts to host a debate were unsuccessful, they reflect Elon's growing desire to host premium political events on campus.

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## Commencement moves from Under the Oaks

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As a tour guide and Elon University SGA senior class president, one of Kelsea Johnson's favorite stories to tell is that New Student Convocation for freshmen and Commencement for seniors happen Under the Oaks.

But she will now have to modify the line this year, for the second time.

According to a letter from Jeffrey Clark, executive director of Cultural and Special Programs,

the Commencement Ceremony for December 2016 and Spring 2017 Elon graduates will be held again in Scott Plaza — retreating from the original plan to return to university tradition and host Commencement Under the Oaks.

Commencement in May 2016 was held in Scott Plaza due to ongoing Schar Hall construction. The return to the new location this year was based primarily on the motivation to maximize the

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JACKIE PASCALE | Lead Assignment Manager  
Commencement was moved to Scott Plaza for the first time in May 2016.

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CRIME REPORT

**October 7**  
**VERBAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**  
**EAST HAGGARD AVENUE ELON**

A Town of Elon Police officer was dispatched to East Haggard Ave. after a report of a man yelling at his girlfriend. When the officer arrived, the male subject was standing by two vehicles and was on his cell. The officer approached the subject and he said a verbal altercation had transpired. An investigation is ongoing.

**October 9**  
**INJURY TO PERSONAL PROPERTY**  
**EAST PHOENIX DRIVE ELON**

On Oct. 9, Sgt. Hannah D Giroux was dispatched to Colonnades and charged two 19-year old female students with injury to personal property.

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Correction: The graphic on page 5 of the Oct. 5 edition of The Pendulum listed the regular voter registration deadline as Oct. 4. The deadline is actually Oct. 14. ENN regrets the error.

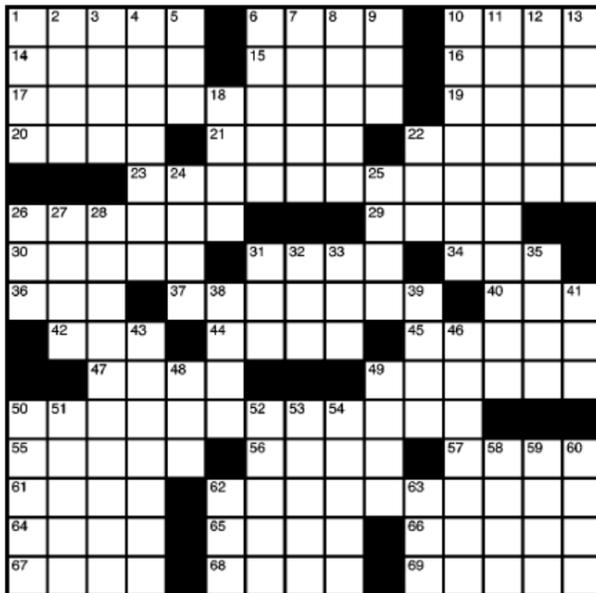
Correction: The article on page 5 of the Sept. 28 edition of The Pendulum quoted a column by junior Maddy Gross "condemning Parker's appearance" at Elon. In her column, Gross had actually advocated for "middle ground," and did not condemn Parker coming. ENN regrets the error.

GAMES

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

- ACROSS**
- 1 Opposite of bold
  - 6 Add a line to the wall chart
  - 10 Rack holder
  - 14 Modify
  - 15 Mysterious letter
  - 16 Inedible pineapple part
  - 17 Do some browsing
  - 19 Razor handle?
  - 20 Dueling sport
  - 21 When Caesar is warned to "Beware the Ides of March"
  - 22 Derisive look
  - 23 Public education leadership groups
  - 26 "The Merchant of Venice" heroine
  - 29 Bavaria-based automaker
  - 30 White figure in Snapchat's logo
  - 31 Deafening sound
  - 34 Include
  - 36 Santa \_\_\_ winds
  - 37 Where to find the ends of 17-, 23-, 50- and 62-Across
  - 40 Took control of
  - 42 Like almost all prime numbers
  - 44 [see other side]
  - 45 Hal who produced Laurel and Hardy films
  - 47 Transition point
  - 49 Leave base illegally
  - 50 Spago restaurateur
  - 55 Up in the air
  - 56 Remove from power
  - 57 Swatch options
  - 61 Shop class tool
  - 62 Breaded seafood option on kids' menus
  - 64 Even once
  - 65 This, to Picasso
  - 66 Poet Ginsberg
  - 67 Bold lipstick choices
  - 68 "Ouch!"
  - 69 Water holder
- DOWN**
- 1 Shock into submission
  - 2 "My tum!"



By C.C. Burnikel 10/12/16

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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- 41 FedEx rival
- 43 Golfers rarely making pars
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- 48 Army NCO
- 49 Courage
- 50 Be on the fence
- 51 Cooking oil source
- 52 Cacophony
- 53 Great energy
- 54 "Hogwash!"
- 58 Sch. with the mascot Joe Bruin
- 59 \_\_\_ by: barely manages
- 60 Figs. with two hyphens
- 62 Tina who is the youngest Mark Twain Prize winner
- 63 Price indicator

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UPCOMING EVENTS: OCTOBER 12 - 18

11:00 A.M. | Food Truck Frenzy

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7:30 P.M. | Department of Music Fall Choral Showcase

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5:00 P.M. | Fall Break Begins

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7:00 P.M. | Women's Volleyball vs UNCW

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1:00 P.M. | Women's Soccer vs Delaware

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7:00 P.M. | Eid al-Adha Celebration

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7:00 A.M. | Men's Golf vs Phoenix Invitational

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Syndicated Washington Post columnist Kathleen Parker spoke about the upcoming election in McCrory Theatre Oct. 4.



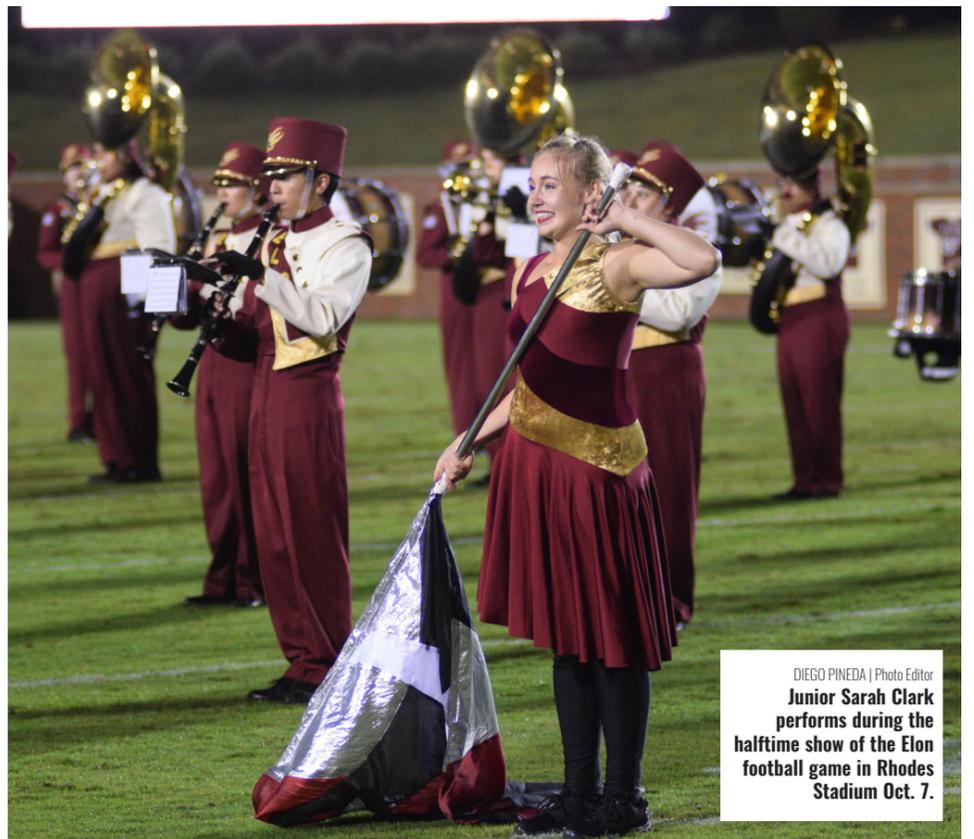
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Raising money for the Ronald McDonald house in Durham, Elon a cappella group Twisted Measure sang during the Acapocalypse concert in Whitley Auditorium Oct. 8.



ELISABETH BACHMANN | Staff Photographer  
Students gathered to watch the second presidential debate between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump in the Moseley Student Center Oct. 9.



LIZ SOBUS | Staff Photographer  
Through song and spoken word, former NFL player Esera Tuaolo shared his story as an openly gay man in Whitley Auditorium Oct. 6.



DIEGO PINEDA | Photo Editor  
Junior Sarah Clark performs during the halftime show of the Elon football game in Rhodes Stadium Oct. 7.

**CASTING ITS VOTE:** A 3-part examination of Elon's evolving role in the political process



# Administrators balance political views, visibility

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**A**t Elon University, deans and above are considered top-level administrators. The higher up a faculty member is in the ranks, the more discouraged they are from expressing their political views.

It is clear that students and most professors do not represent the university's perspective. For certain administrators, though, there is a fine line between speaking for themselves and speaking for Elon.

**The higher up a faculty member is in the ranks, the more discouraged they are from expressing their political views.**

Raghu Tadepalli is considered a high-level administrator as he is the dean of the Martha and Spencer Love School of Business. He is a registered Democrat and has been highly critical of Trump throughout the course of the election.

Since the end of the primaries, Tadepalli has written 12 original tweets about the Republican nominee — the majority of which were published in August.

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit institution, the university is not allowed to speak out on political matters, according to Elon Provost Steven House. While Tadepalli's Twitter bio makes it abundantly clear that the views expressed are his alone, there could still be a conflict of interest.

"The risk of appearance of institutional endorsement may be greater when the speaker is a high-level university administrator," House said in an email.

Tadepalli said he received an email from House on Aug. 16 informing him of the university's stance on political activism within the administration. Since then, he has declined to tweet overt political opinions.

"While you may have seen my social media postings, they predate the communication from Dr. House that you refer to," Tadepalli said in an email. "Since receiving the communication from Dr. House, I have refrained from commenting on any aspect of the election. I was unaware of the policy, and since becoming aware, I do not want to do or say anything that runs counter to university policy."

It is common for administrators to face different treatment than faculty and staff on such matters, but it is noteworthy that their exercise of free speech is more limited compared to lower-ranking colleagues.

"I would never tell anybody what they could or what they couldn't say," House said. "I would say, 'You don't want to put the university at risk.'"

There is no formal policy regarding an administrator's ability to speak openly about their political beliefs, according to Lambert. Instead, the university strongly encourages its administrators to pause and consider how their words could reflect on the university.

For Lambert, the boundaries are clear. His name is practically synonymous with Elon, so he tries to refrain from publicly expressing his personal political views. For other administrators, it is difficult to distinguish what can and cannot be said.

"If Raghu were to be commenting on an economic issue, an issue pertaining to his area of expertise as the dean of the business school with regard to any candidate ... [and he] put a tweet out there that gets people thinking, I think that's very much a fair game thing to do in his realm of responsibility within the institution," Lambert said.

"I think that you would want to be very cautious about putting out a tweet that said, 'So-and-so is an idiot. I can't believe he said this.' ... The problem is there are not bright lines in these situations."

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ELISABETH BACHMANN | Staff Photographer  
**Students and other Elon community members pack the Moseley Student Center to watch the second presidential debate Oct. 9.**

# Students find voice in civic engagement

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**E**lon University's involvement in the political process has evolved dramatically throughout the last few years, and students have been given numerous engagement opportunities. From voting to participating in student debates, the possibilities are virtually limitless.

Elon Votes! was formed before the 2014 midterm elections with the goal of increasing voter turnout and encouraging students to make informed decisions.

Bob Frigo, faculty adviser for Elon Votes! and associate director of the Kernodle Center for Service Learning and Community Engagement, discussed the need to simplify the registration process for students.

"We want students to vote at the end of the day, and we are trying to make things as easy as possible for students to cast that ballot, whether it be here in North Carolina or from the state of their permanent residence," Frigo said.

Elon Votes! has already registered more than 800 students since August and has sponsored several on-campus events, including the first presidential debate watch party, which saw 300 people packed inside the Moseley Student Center.

Other groups have recently emerged to

increase student involvement in and dialogue on the political process.

The Political Engagement Work Group — comprised of faculty and staff, students from the Kernodle Center, Elon Votes! representatives and several other groups on campus — is only a year old. It formed as a nonpartisan collaborative team in 2015 with the purpose of implementing voter education activities and increasing engagement.

There is also a smaller administrator-led Political Activities Working Group that approves candidate appearances, campaign events, voter registration events and university-sponsored political forums.

Carrie Eaves, assistant professor of political science, is a member of the Political Engagement Work Group and the Council on Civic Engagement and recently took over as the Elon coordinator for the National Campaign for Political and Civic Engagement.

Eaves recognizes how the climate of the current election might turn some students off from becoming engaged in the political process. Even so, she said other students might feel more impassioned and elevate their voices because of the heated election.

"It's probably a wash," Eaves said. "Some people are turned off by the process because of those high unfavorable ratings, and some people may be more invigorated because they really dislike one candidate or the other."

Students are also taking the initiative to create opportunities for their peers to participate in political forums.

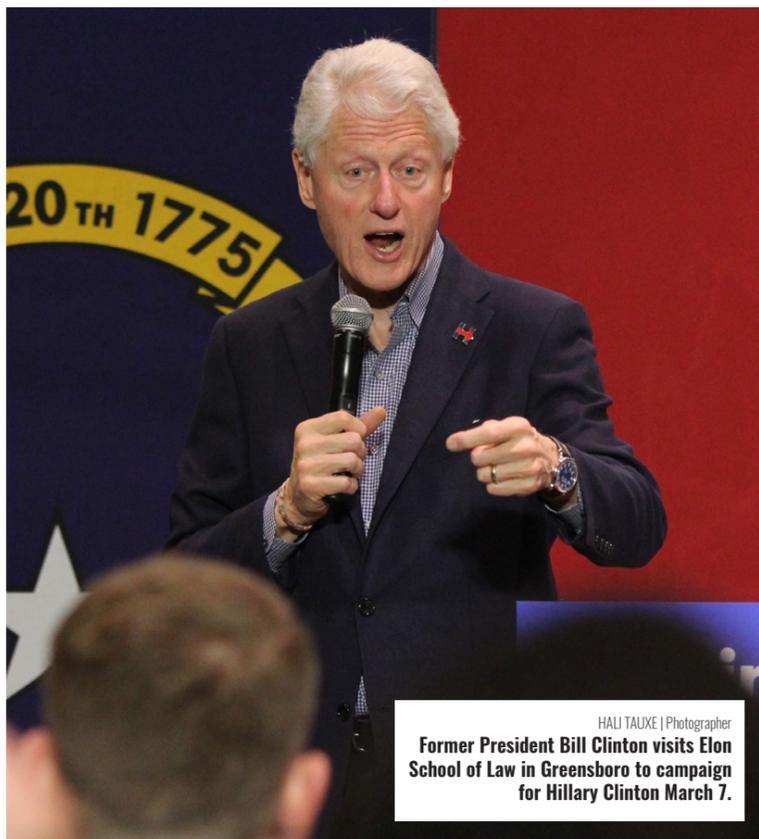
Sophomore Jay Schulte created the Elon Politics Forum (EPF) in 2015 with the hope of bridging growing polarization and addressing issues of importance to college students.

"I saw an opportunity for a group that could bring everyone together," Schulte said. "Part of the issue I have with politics is it creates a hive mind sometimes. EPF is important because it allows for opposition. It allows for disagreement. And we try to stay as nonpartisan as possible."

Before Schulte arrived on campus, the forum was under a different name and essentially served as a discussion club with very few members. Within the past year, EPF has become a more recognizable outlet for students to come together to debate serious issues during a heated 2016 election year.

EPF became more widely known in spring 2016 after hosting a student-led debate. With the general election quickly approaching, the student group decided to hold its first debate of the fall. More than 100 students attended the event.

The forum is now in discussions with student organizations on campus, including College Democrats, College Republicans and Young Americans for Liberty, to host a second student debate in late October.



HALI TALUXE | Photographer  
**Former President Bill Clinton visits Elon School of Law in Greensboro to campaign for Hillary Clinton March 7.**

## POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT from cover

Jon Dooley, assistant vice president for Student Life, sees the new Schar Center as the avenue through which Elon will host those types of events in the future.

"There's a lot that goes into hosting those kinds of events: the candidate schedules, the moderator schedules, but also having the venue that has the technological capacity and also the availability to host an event like that," Dooley said. "We think the Schar Center will give us that opportunity."

The Schar Center, which could be ready as early as fall 2018, will seat more than 5,000 people. Elon President Leo Lambert said he hopes the new facility will make Elon more competitive if it decides to apply to hold a 2020 presidential debate.

"We've not had the facility to do it before now, but the Schar Center, I think, presents us with a real shot at that ... I don't see any reason why we couldn't make a valiant try to do that in 2020," Lambert said.

Longwood University, which has a smaller student population than Elon, recently hosted the vice presidential debate. Lambert and several other administrators point to this example to demonstrate how a small institution such as Elon has a legitimate chance to host a major political debate.

# NPR reporter visits Elon for debate watch party

Asma Khalid featured Elon and students in story about Millennial voters

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Elon's emphasis on civic engagement was obvious at the first non-partisan watch party hosted by the Elon University Political Forum — but not just in the number of students and faculty who turned out.

In the crowd, hidden amongst the rows and rows of viewers, was NPR reporter Asma Khalid.

Khalid has been traveling across the country during the 2016 election, reporting on the intersection of demographics and politics for NPR. Her voyage along the campaign trail has led her all over the United States, and she stopped by Elon to report on Millennial voters' reactions to the debate.

The radio story, which ran on NPR's national news program "All Things Considered," featured a breakdown of students' political leanings and how they were influenced by the debate. Khalid interviewed a handful of Elon students, whose voices were heard nationwide the next afternoon.

Khalid said that she chose to report from Elon because of its unique bipartisan watch party. She looked at a number of schools in North Carolina and Ohio, both swing states, but found that many of the colleges and universities she investigated only had party-specific viewing events.

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, for example, was the site of a watch party hosted by the university's College Republicans club and sponsored



NPR reporter Asma Khalid interviewed Kenneth Brown, president of the class of 2019, for a segment on "All Things Considered."

PHOTO COURTESY OF ELON COMMUNICATIONS

by Fox News. In search for a more diverse array of opinions, Khalid came to Elon.

"I wanted a cross-section of people from different political backgrounds," Khalid said. "And the folks at the Harvard Institute of Politics, who have often been a helpful resource to us this year around millennial issues, referred me to Elon. I spoke with the political science professor on campus who was helping organize the event, and it seemed like the right fit."

Khalid's story focused on Hillary Clinton's need to secure a largely undecided millennial voter base. Many of the voices represented in her report indicated she is gaining passive support, as young voters are reluctant to show enthusiastic

dedication to Clinton, but find themselves siding with her simply because she is the alternative to Republican nominee Donald Trump.

However, Khalid said her visit to Elon revealed some surprises about students' voting intentions.

"I was struck by the number of people who voted or had considered voting for a Republican candidate in the primaries," Khalid said. "And — I mention this because it's different than what I've found on some larger state school campuses — it runs counter to the assumptions some analysts have about Millennials and their voting behavior."

During non-election months, Khalid

is the politics reporter for WBUR, NPR's affiliate station in Boston. But this year, she says she has cherished the opportunity to hear a diverse collection of voices across the nation.

"This election, we've heard so much vitriol," Khalid said. "It's easy to forget the very real policy concerns people on the ground feel, and I feel so fortunate that I get to talk to voters and hear what they're thinking. And, who knows? Maybe the candidates hear our stories and reflect on what the voters are saying."

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**COMMENCEMENT**  
from cover

number of seats, given the real estate lost to Schar Hall.

"If we held commencement Under the Oaks this year, we would lose a little over 3,00 seats for families and we would have

to limit students to a certain number of tickets for commencement," Clark said. "We'd rather have entire families together than institute a ticket policy to limit the number of guests."

Clark, who has organized about 45 commencement ceremonies Under the Oaks, said last year's commencement at Scott Plaza offered better visibility to a larger number of people.

"It was an excellent loca-

tion," he said. "There was a natural design to the terrain so that the stage was up high, the way it should be."

Johnson said that senior class officers reviewed the proposals for Schar Hall and agreed that allowing more people to attend the ceremony outweighed the sentimental value of holding it Under the Oaks.

"Limiting the number of tickets just limits the experiences for

everyone involved and we do not want to do that," Johnson said. "As classes get bigger, so do the number of guests at commencement so sometimes traditions have to change."

While the officers did not collect feedback from students on a university-wide level in terms of polling, Johnson said they received a lot of positive feedback from people who were in attendance at commencement last year.

While the ceremony is unticketed and seats will be claimed on a first-come, first-serve basis, Clark urged students to limit their guests to eight based on capacity from previous attendance patterns.

Johnson said that though the story she tells the rest of her tours will ultimately change, she is excited about Scott Plaza and the start of a possible new Elon tradition.

"As we expand, so do our traditions," Johnson said.

**COMMENCEMENT**  
**TIMELINE**

**1889-1922**

**OLD MAIN ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AUDITORIUM**

From the first Elon graduating class until the graduating class of 1922, Commencement was held in the auditorium of Old Main. Old Main housed most of the classrooms and staff offices of Elon College.

**1923**

**UNDER THE OAKS**

The very first Commencement ceremony was held Under the Oaks in 1923, after Old Main burned down in a fire.

**1924-1965**

**WHITLEY AUDITORIUM**

After the fire of 1923, Elon built five new buildings: Alamance, Carlton, Duke, Mooney and Whitley. Commencement was then moved into Whitley Auditorium.

**1966-1986**

**ALUMNI GYM**

Alumni Gym was built in 1950 and used for Alumni dinners during Commencement week, but wasn't used for Commencement until 1966. The ceremony was held there for 20 years, until 1986.

**1987-2015**

**UNDER THE OAKS**

Commencement was moved back outside for the first time in 64 years in 1987. Holding Commencement Under the Oaks became an Elon tradition.

**2016-2017**

**SCOTT PLAZA**

Because of McEwen construction, Commencement was moved to Scott Plaza in 2016. Commencement will be held in Scott Plaza again in 2017.

# THE GREAT DEBATE

Elon News Network and SGA co-sponsor a town hall meeting on free speech

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Long before Washington Post columnist Kathleen Parker's speech, a growing trend of disconnection emerged at Elon. SGA Executive President senior Kyle Porro recognized this last spring after a heated debate regarding inclusivity towards marginalized students unexpectedly arose at a typical weekly SGA session. Since then, he and the senate have begun to host town hall meetings to encourage more dialogue with students. SGA acts as the bridge between students and the administration and Porro has adamantly said he wants more interaction between senate officers and their constituents—the people they represent.

To solve this problem, SGA and Elon News Network co-sponsored a conversation last Thursday about the issue of free speech. Porro and ENN Executive Director senior Tommy Hamzik had been planning the event for the month, and Hamzik said the timing with Parker's lecture and election season meshed perfectly. Hamzik said the only way to improve this situation was for students to openly discuss their concerns, and with the current events at Elon and in America, he knew there would be students eager to voice their stances.

"Our goal is to have a meaningful dialogue and enact change," Hamzik said. "Kathleen Parker coming has sparked more controversy and flare on our campus than I can ever remember. Everyone on both sides of the spectrum had varying opinions on her and her being here, but I'm happy we were able to have a good constructive dialogue."

### Discussion among peers

Reactions from the 83-person town hall meeting were mixed as numerous students chimed in during the dialogue. Much of the debate focused on Parker and her controversy, and from that spurred discussion about Elon and its social climate towards invited speakers and other issues. Discussed topics included if students should have an increased role in selecting speakers coming to Elon and if the school should step in if a speaker goes too far.



(From left to right) Senior Carlos Andino, junior Spencer Wagner and senior Nick Rhyne engage in a deep discussion during the SGA-ENN town hall Oct. 6.

Senior Stephanie Scro, one of the most spirited participants at the town hall, said she and a group of friends were shunned when they approached the administration to discuss a petition to ban Parker's appearance that was signed by more than 300 people. When Parker delivered Elon's annual Baird Pulitzer Prize lecture last Tuesday, Scro approached the microphone to challenge the columnist on her controversial views on sexual assault. But Scro was unable to finish her questions as Parker continually interrupted her. And with Elon President Leo Lambert present, Scro thought the most powerful man at the university would rush to defend a student.

She thought wrong.

"Leo Lambert was sitting in the audience, and he did not stand up and grab the microphone," Scro said. "He let that woman stand up there and call me 'boring' and belittle an entire community."

Because SGA and the administration work closely together, Porro said it was enlightening to hear directly from the students who feel slighted. SGA sessions are normally only attended by senators and now that students have an avenue to express

their feelings, Porro thinks real change will start.

"One of the greatest responsibilities of student government is that we are representing the students," Porro said. "It's our job to listen to what the students are saying, and now everyone has an open platform to tell us how we can best do that."

Hamzik echoed Porro's statement and said he will do everything in his power as head of student media to keep the conversation going.

"The biggest thing is that these dialogues we're having are important and we need to continue having them," Hamzik said. "We can't just post something on Facebook or just go to the event. It's about figuring out what the issues are that come from this."

### Administration taking notice

While Porro and SGA act as ambassadors, the administration has heard the students' complaints and made a physical effort to show their concerns in student affairs. Dean of Student Health and Wellness Jana Lynn Patterson and Dean of the School of Communications Paul

Parsons, both attended the town hall, and Patterson scribbled notes in a notebook during the discourse so she could remember what was being said.

Dean of Students Smith Jackson also wrote a letter to the editor in the *Pendulum* to "reaffirm we hold student safety dearly and are unwavering in our efforts to prevent sexual violence and provide support to survivors," which was one of the criticisms against Parker by Elon students. Patterson said she was proud of the conversation that took place and some of the points made, such as if a controversial speaker can be harmful to the community, were eye-opening. She said even though the administration is willing and able to help, it is powerful to see students proactively take up a charge for change. Though this singular event will not fix all of the problems that have occurred, Patterson said these initiatives are a great start.

"It was really impressive to see students be passionate but balanced," Patterson said. "It gives me hope — because my generation is not modeling this very well for your generation right now — that I saw folks be willing to listen and be open to the other side."

# Design Thinking encourages different approach to classes

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While many students at Elon University worry about which courses they'll choose during registration each semester, a new program proposes an alternative way to spend a semester. The Design Thinking Studio in Social Innovation gives students the opportunity to forgo the traditional four-class structure and spend the time collaborating with faculty and peers on a problem-solving mission to tackle social issues. Applications for the program are now open.

The program compares itself to a, "social change startup." While descriptions of the Design Thinking Studio — which pilots in spring 2017 — seem somewhat vague, a lot of the program's structure depends on how students shape it.

"It's a really unique and very

new experience," said Rebecca Pope-Ruark, the program's coordinator. "Students joining us for the pilot semester will be true trailblazers. There is nothing out there like our program, so in true design thinking fashion, we'll be learning as we go and seeing what emerges from the work."

Students will get to shape the experience for the next set of students and really help us grow the program."

Elon's program embraces a new style of education formalized at Stanford University. "Design thinking" is described by the program's website as a, "process that can be implemented by anyone to understand complex problems and develop possible solutions, all while deeply caring for the people who are impacted by the problems directly."

The goal of design thinking aims to teach students "soft skills," such as writing, presenting, analyzing data and thinking creative-

ly and collaboratively. The launch of Elon's Design Thinking Studio hopes to give students the opportunity to acquire these skills that are attractive to employers, but rarely directly taught in classrooms.

Junior Alyx Bean, a student participating in the Design Thinking Studio this spring, offered a unique perspective on the program.

"This immersive semester offers a very unique opportunity for students to integrate their academics into real life situations," Bean said. "It is an excellent way to develop proficiency in leadership and critical thinking skills."

The designers of the program see it as a valuable way to put the classroom benefits of a liberal arts education to work in more of a real-life environment.

"One of the most exciting aspects of the program, in my opinion, is that although students are still receiving academic credit, the program will likely feel almost nothing like taking tradi-

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tional academic classes," Bean said. "And instead will offer students a glimpse into what it might be like to work in a career after gradua-

tion. It is certainly a unique model for education that focuses more on collaborative and hands-on learning approaches."

# Analysis: Elon's 990 forms compared to other universities'

Annual financial forms include revenue, expenses and salaries

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Elon University's financial forms reveal that President Leo Lambert annually earns significantly less than nearby schools' presidents.

**Tax-excluded institutions like Elon must release tax forms called 990s to the IRS each year to maintain their tax-free status.**

Other records show a large amount of investments in construction projects.

Every year, Elon and other tax-excluded organizations must release a tax form to the IRS by May in order to maintain that status. These

forms, called 990s, have to be published every year and must remain available to the public for the following three years. Elon's 2014 forms — the most recent available — revealed that Elon spent almost \$19.4 million that year. It also showed that Lambert earned less than half than his Duke University counterpart, according to Duke's 2013 forms.

Lambert earned almost \$534,000 and close to an additional \$40,000 in compensation. According to the Worker's Compensation Act, compensation means, "the money allowance payable to an employee or to his dependents," such as bonuses and benefits. By comparison, Duke's president made close to \$1.1 million, plus an additional \$194,000. High Point University's president made \$2.9 million and additional compensation close to \$285,000 in 2013, even though High Point is two-thirds the size of Elon's with 4,000 undergraduate students.

Senior Josh Langel, president of Sigma Iota Epsilon, a business fraternity on campus, looked at the 990 forms and said the disparity between the university presidents' salaries was interesting to him.

"Compared to High Point, which was over \$2 million, I was a little bit — I would almost say — pissed off," Langel said. "I feel like Leo should definitely be paid more."

Rich Skrosky, Elon's head football coach, made just under \$300,000 before additional income, which totaled around \$26,000. Duke's basketball coach made upward of \$6 million with additional compensation nearing \$1.3 million.

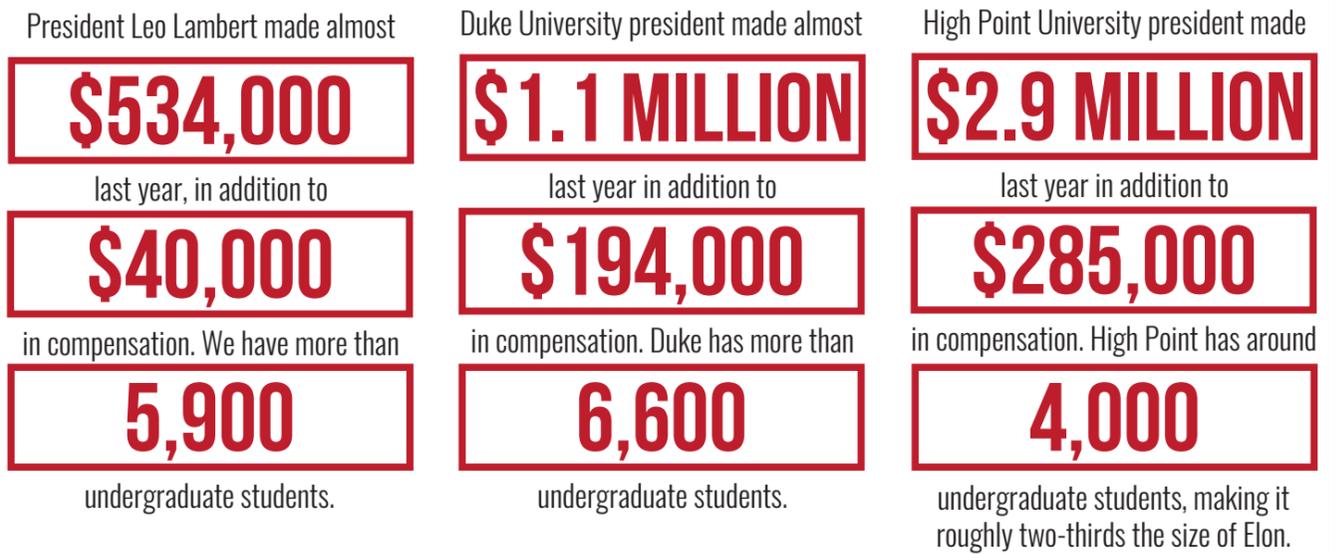
In total, Elon generated almost \$282 million in revenue. Its costs exceeded \$247 million. The surplus after these expenses totaled close to \$35 million.

Elon paid Aramark, the school's food service, more than \$14.3 million. Elon also paid almost \$5.2 million in fundraising expenses, \$26.2 million in management and general expenses and more than \$216.1 million in program services expenses. After seeing an outline of the school's expenses, Langel said he has a better understanding of where his tuition money is going.

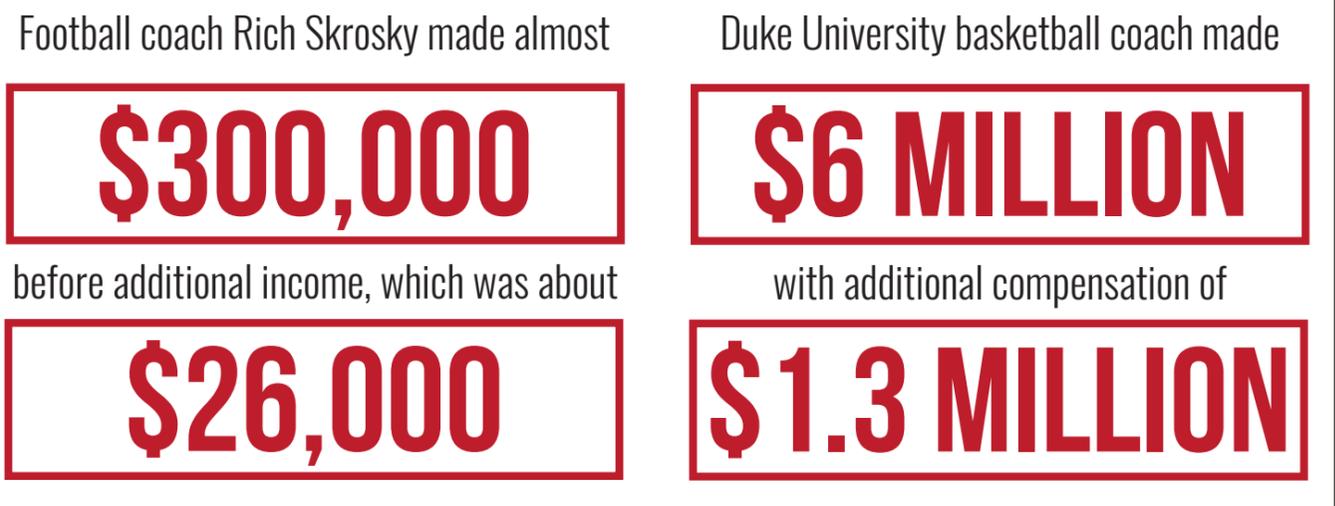
"You're paying \$40,000 a year for four years," Langel said. "It adds up fast. I think people should know where it's going in the long run."

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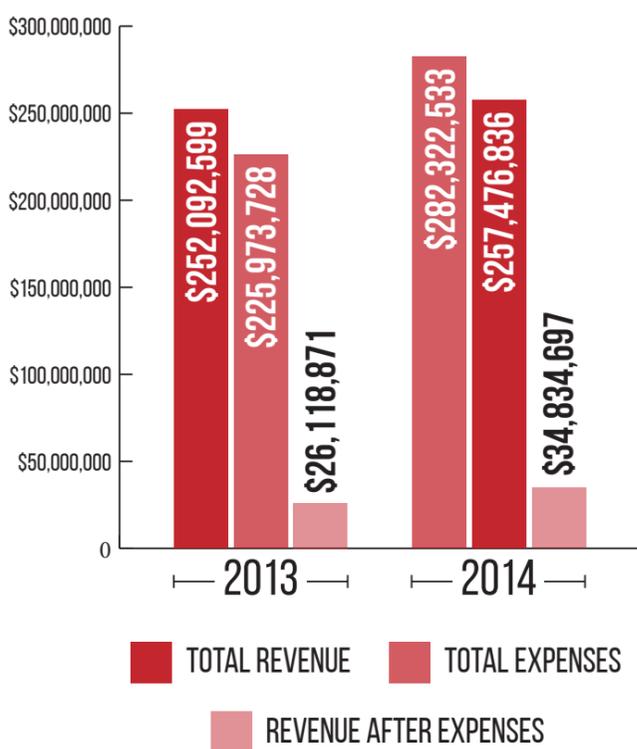
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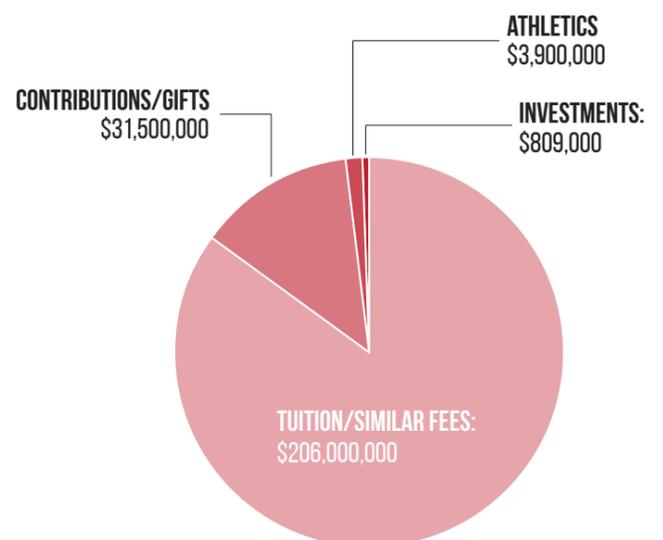
## HIGHEST-PAID COACHES BY INSTITUTION IN 2014



## ELON'S REVENUE COMPARISON



## REVENUE BREAKDOWN BY SOURCE



**\$19.4 MILLION** The amount Elon University spent on construction projects in 2014



# CHEAT SHEET: HURRICANE MATTHEW

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## NEWS BRIEFS



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Hurricane Matthew caused a lot of damage when it made contact with the United States over the weekend. Florida, Georgia and South Carolina suffered the most damage.

Hurricane Matthew has killed at least 20 people in the United States, according to CNN. North Carolina Gov. Pat McCrory said recently that 10 people have died in this state alone. Five people remain missing as of Monday. Close to 900 water rescues have been reported, and McCrory said that number is expected to grow because there are still people trapped in their houses.

"As the sun rises in North Carolina and the blue skies return, our state is facing massive destruction and sadly, the loss of life," McCrory said during a press conference Sunday.

McCrory said he asked President Barack Obama for federal help, including grants for people who don't have flood insurance. The governor said the aid will help repair bridges and roads damaged by the hurricane. As of Monday, 500,000 structures in North Carolina don't have power.

"That's probably well over 1 million people without power," McCrory said. "That's 10 percent of our population in North Carolina — all in a very small area."

Record-breaking floods impacted North Carolina, and eastern cities such as Greenville and Goldsboro were hit the hardest. Torrential rain hit most of North Carolina

and South Carolina and many high school and college football games were either canceled or played a day earlier because of the storm.

According to CNN, at least 336 people have died in Haiti, but other news outlets such as Reuters have reported at least 800 deaths. Aside from the loss of life, USA Today reports the estimated economical hit is in the upwards of \$4 billion. CNN also reports that 60,000 people are displaced because of Hurricane Matthew. United Nations officials said the hurricane is Haiti's worst humanitarian crisis since the 2010 earthquake.

## Elon's emergency plans prepare for the worst

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Though the biggest effect of Hurricane Matthew at Elon University was heavy rain over the weekend, Jana Lynn Patterson, dean of Student Health and Wellness said that the school was prepared for an emergency situation.

"You've got to be prepared because you don't have a lot of time," Patterson said. "One [of the major things to do] is to be aware of your surroundings and not to be frightened."

According to Patterson, Elon is equipped for many types of emergencies, including an armed intruder on campus or a contagious sickness such as anthrax. Hurricane Matthew was just another reminder that an emergency can be spontaneous.

"There are certain things that you are going to do that are standard at any time for any kind of disaster that would be disruptive," Patterson said. "Where are we going to house people if we can't keep them on campus? How are we going to feed them?"

Patterson said if the hurricane had hit harder, Elon was ready to feed students for up to a week. The university also secured transportation in the event of an evacuation.

Other things the university planned for were keeping students safe and occupied

if the power went out and maintaining contact with senior administrators. Patterson said at least one senior staff member would be on campus at all times in case of an emergency.

Patterson said the university accounted for the emotional impact of a natural disaster as well. The same applies if an armed intruder were to enter Elon grounds. According to EveryTownResearch.org, there have been at least 197 school shootings in the United States since 2013, an average of nearly one a week. Most recently, a shooting occurred in Townsville, South Carolina, Sept. 28.

Earlier in the year, Patterson showed SGA a video explaining new ways to deal with an active shooter on campus, to remind them of the ever-present need of preparation. She said every angle of the situation, ranging from communication during the event to physiological effects afterwards, was considered in advance.

"That video is important because it represents the change and best practices to responding if you are in a classroom and a shooting happens," Patterson said. "The video showed some of the things that you can do ahead of time to mitigate the problem."

The beginning of the video showed how to organize a plan in advance to be prepared. Patterson said the same mindset is applicable if a viral contagion spread throughout campus.

She said the school would be prepared

### BY THE NUMBERS

# 1 WEEK

TIME THE UNIVERSITY IS PREPARED TO PROVIDE FOOD TO STUDENTS IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

# 1

MINIMUM NUMBER OF SENIOR STAFF MEMBERS THAT WOULD BE ON CAMPUS IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

# 6,000

NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT COULD BE VACCINATED IN FOUR HOURS IN EVENT OF A CONTAGIOUS SICKNESS

to vaccinate almost 6,000 people in four hours if an outbreak like anthrax were to occur. Anthrax is a rare but serious bacterial illness that is easily spread and only treated with certain antibiotics. The university would "act as its own dispensing site," and has an agreement with the state to have the vaccine brought to campus to alleviate the threat.

Patterson said in any and all situations, the best thing is to trust the university because it has prepared extensively.

"My role is to assure that operations keep going," Patterson said. "We prepare a lot."

## Elon, ABSS in informal talks about Elon Elementary land

Elon University President Leo Lambert and ABSS Superintendent Bill Harrison have informally discussed a deal where the university would acquire Elon Elementary School, Harrison admitted after being accused of secrecy at an Oct. 10 Alamance-Burlington Board of Education meeting, according to the Burlington Times-News.

As part of the deal, Elon would give ABSS land to build a new elementary school.

Dan Anderson, vice president of University Communications, confirmed that informal talks had taken place.

"We have been having informal talks with the school system ... about the potential acquisition of the land for the elementary school," Anderson said.

The deal came to light when The Alamance News accused Harrison and members of the board of discussing it during a closed session without listing the proper statute on the motion to enter closed session or address it publicly.

Harrison then admitted the informal talks have occurred, and the Board of Education approved an amendment to the agenda of the Sept. 26 meeting.

Harrison said no details of the proposed deal are finalized.

## Acorn Coffee Shop to stay open until 1 a.m. after Fall Break

Acorn Coffee Shop is switching back to its old hours, pushing its current closing time of 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. daily.

According to Elon Dining, the switch is tentatively scheduled to begin after Fall Break, but is subject to change depending on staffing.

Recently, Varsity Sports Grill unveiled new hours after closing for a week because of maintenance issues. Varsity is now open from noon to 8 p.m. daily after starting the semester open daily from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. daily.

When the change to the new hours occurred, Topio's Pizza became the only on-campus dining facility to be open from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. Sundays through Wednesdays.

Acorn had been previously open from 7 a.m. to 1 a.m., but moved its closing time up to 8 p.m. at the start of the 2016-2017 school year.

## InterVarsity ministry asks pro-LGBTQIA staffers to quit

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, a national campus ministry, has asked members who support same-sex relationships to quit.

This national policy was announced this summer because the organization wants its employees to "believe and behave in accordance with InterVarsity's stand on sexuality, including not engaging in immoral sexual behavior or promoting positions that conflict with the group's beliefs," according to the Associated Press.

Elon's chapter has said it will follow the national policy. When asked for a comment, they referenced the national statement and declined further comment.

## ONLINE:

NTIM: Is free speech really free?

## OPINIONS

## STAFF EDITORIAL

## Students should remain civically engaged beyond the election season

## HOW WE SEE IT

While we celebrate how the community has come together to spur civic engagement on campus, this energy should not be contained to the fall.

The Elon community's commitment to civic engagement was apparent when hundreds of students from all across campus piled into Moseley Student Center to watch the past two presidential debates. Two weeks ago, it was demonstrated by the students who spent more than four hours calling community residents for the Elon University Poll, whose work is quoted

by news organizations around the nation. Civic engagement was there, too, at the many opportunities for discussion organized by the Kernodle Center for Service Learning and Civic Engagement, Elon Votes! and the Council on Civic Engagement.

So far this fall, Elon students have truly taken the term "civic engagement" and allowed it to manifest in

their experiences outside the classroom. But it's important to make sure civic engagement transcends the election season.

Elon defines civic engagement as, "the process of learning about the assets, needs and concerns of the larger communities of which we are a part and the willingness to collaborate with others to help define and achieve the common good." By that definition, civic engagement is more than just your vote and attendance to debate watch parties.

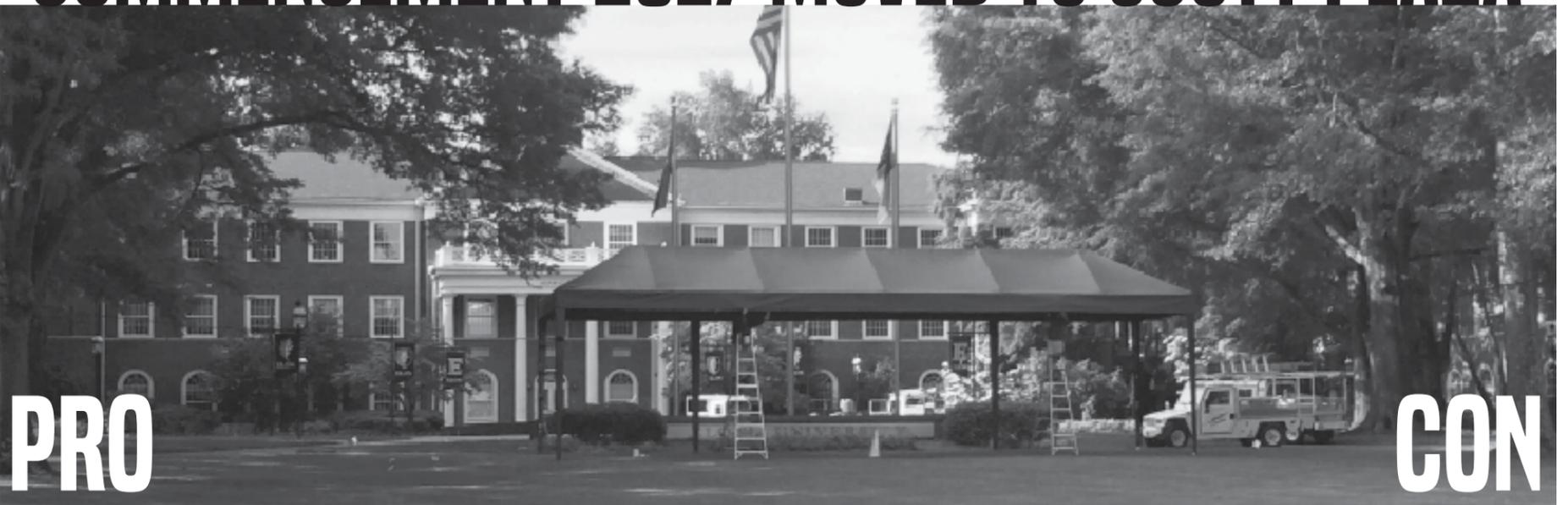
It could be engaging in service work by volunteering at Allied

Churches of Alamance County, remaining informed by reading the local newspaper or helping organize panel discussions at Elon to spur conversation on community-based issues.

Some issues, like selecting the leaders of our nation and state, are contained to this fall. Others, such as the fact that 15.7 percent of the total population of Alamance County is considered food insecure, are not.

While we celebrate how much civic engagement spirit we've shown these past few months, it's important that we carry this energy forward even after the election season.

## COMMENCEMENT 2017 MOVED TO SCOTT PLAZA



## PRO Traditions can change



**Leena Dahal**  
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For students who had to struggle to get here or have struggled while here — including first-generation students — the graduation ceremony is more than just an orchestrated event, guaranteed to be given to you at the end of your four years.

**Traditions are important. But how about forging a new tradition that allows more people in our community — which includes our families — to participate?**

It's something you and those who love you have fought incredibly hard for.

It's the culmination of more than four years of coursework.

It's a product of collective and unapologetic tenacity from you and

those who have fought with you.

So on the day of your undergraduate graduation, your invitation for family and friends is more than just an expectation. It's an opportunity to allow those who love you — especially those who may have not had the opportunity to live that experience — the gift of being a part of

your journey.

So student survey or no survey, Under the Oaks or under the bare, blue North Carolina skies, to me, and to many other students, it really does not matter that commencement has been moved to Scott Plaza. It just matters that it happens nonetheless.

I'm proud of the university for supporting the option that doesn't put the possibility of having students limit people because of a ticket policy up for popular vote.

Moving commencement to Scott Plaza allows for more than 3,000 additional guests — 3,000 more people who don't have to crowd into Alumni Gym or somewhere else to watch it on a screen — when the real thing is happening just a few meters away.

Be it my father, the only member of my immediate family who will travel more than 40 hours to be in attendance, or the Harwoods, who live down the road from Elon and who have become my family in the United States, every single person who fills the chairs on my behalf are people who have contributed largely to my ability to walk across that stage. And I want them to have a full view.

Traditions are important. But how about forging a new tradition that allows more people in our community to participate? What good is a tradition anyway if it leaves out a significant number of people?

## CON Under the Oaks or bust



**Paige Pauroso**  
Columnist  
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I remember when I first toured Elon University. I walked through campus, the North Carolina sunlight poking through the giant oak trees, and I realized that I was meant to be an Elon student. While Under the Oaks, my tour guide told me how on the first day of freshman year, you'll sit here and receive an acorn. And then, after four amazing, engaging years, you'll sit here one more time and receive an oak sapling to represent your growth as a student.

This tradition was one of the selling factors for me to come to Elon, and it was the best decision I have ever made.

I'm sure a lot of the graduating class feel the same way as I do about this tradition.

When I heard the news that my graduation was being moved to in front of Alamance, I wanted to cry. Elon has held Commencement Under the Oaks since 1987. That's almost 30 years. And, sure, traditions come and go, but this one needs to stay.

Tradition is what makes this beautiful campus I've called home for the last three years so incredibly special. Every graduation Under the Oaks is when students end the best four years of their lives right where they began them. Haggard Avenue just doesn't have a special place in my heart.

And I assume this decision was partly made because SGA and Elon didn't want to enforce a ticket policy on graduation. But honestly, I'd be OK with that. I kind of think it's expected, since practically every other college in the nation has a ticketed graduation.

But most of all, I am so shocked that our senior class officers made this decision on their own without consulting the rest of the class they are supposed to be representing. I just think more opinions needed to be heard on this one. And that goes for Elon senior staff, too, who also helped make this decision.

If a survey was sent out asking what option the senior class preferred and the class, as a whole, chose Alamance, I'd be OK with it (albeit I'd still be majorly sad). But that's not what happened. The decision was made for us without anyone else being asked.

I hope our senior class officers and Elon's senior staff reconsider the wishes of the rest of the senior class and send out a survey soon to help resolve this issue.

But if graduation remains in front of Alamance, you know where to find me on May 20 — sitting in a lawn chair taking in my last moments as an Elon student. Under the Oaks.

# Yes, you can register to vote in North Carolina (and you should)



**Gabriela Alvarez**  
Senior

I get it. Registering to vote is a hassle. You're tired of being asked if you've registered (by people like me). You're tired of your super political friends who never shut up about the election (also people like me). So why should you register to vote and especially vote here?

As you may know, North Carolina is a swing state — a battleground crucial to both major candidates. North Carolina casts 15 Electoral College votes, which may not seem like much, but it's more than 41 other states have!

Now some of you are thinking, "I don't want Donald Trump or Hillary Clinton, so I'm not voting." But you have another option — another responsibility. And no, I'm not talking about Gary Johnson or Jill Stein. Your vote is critical in the gubernatorial, congressional and local elections, too.

Care about HB2 ("the Bathroom Bill")

and LGBTQIA rights? Vote local.

Care about race relations and criminal justice reform? Vote local.

Want to hold your elected officials accountable? Vote local.

It's not simply your responsibility to vote — it's your right. You are legally entitled to vote in North Carolina if you are a citizen of the United States, 18 years of age or older and have lived in North Carolina for more than 30 days by the time of the election. I'm looking at you, Elon students.

And it's easy — much easier than requesting an absentee ballot, waiting for it to come in, filling it out and mailing it back. Take it from someone whose vote was voided in the 2014 midterm elections because it didn't return home in time — voting here is much easier, much faster and much more effective than voting absentee.

You can find voter registrars across from Pandora's Pies every day until the voter registration deadline, which is this Friday. We'll help you fill it out in less than two minutes and mail it in for you.

Remember, this is your school, your state, your country — take pride in your vote. It matters.

## VOTER REGISTRATION MYTHS

- "I've already requested my absentee ballot."**  
Did you fill it out and send it back already? Nope? Cool. As long as you don't try to vote in two states, you're all good. Just re-register in North Carolina — it takes less time than filling out a BuzzFeed quiz, I promise.
- "I'm already registered at home."**  
Awesome! But think about the normal demographics there. For example, if you want to vote for Clinton in Massachusetts or Trump in Texas, your vote is going to be more influential here in North Carolina where the race could swing either way. You can re-register to vote right here on campus. Super quick, super easy, completely legal.
- "I'm afraid this will impact my legal residency."**  
It definitely will not — it's assumed that your domicile (real home) is with your parents, but you reside here because you're at school.
- "What about jeopardizing my financial aid?"**  
If you're an undergraduate who is unmarried, without children, with at least one living parent and you aren't a member of the Armed Forces (not ROTC), your parents' address will remain your legal residence with no effect on your financial aid.
- "Can my parents still claim me as a dependent on their taxes and health insurance?"**  
Yes. If you make less than \$3,500 a year and your parents pay for more than half of your living expenses and/or tuition, you can still be claimed as a dependent on your parents' taxes and remain on your parents' health insurance.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear students, faculty and staff,

The members of Elon University's EF-FECT organization have raised important

**I hope you appreciate the serious approach of the students who stepped up to the microphone.**

questions in response to this week's appearance by syndicated columnist Kathleen Parker, who delivered the Baird Pulitzer Prize lecture.

Her remarks sparked significant debate on campus about topics such as free speech, intellectual discourse, sexual violence,

victim-blaming, gender/sex discrimination and other issues.

To be clear, Elon stands against acts of violence or discrimination toward any person or group.

Elon brings accomplished speakers to campus to challenge us to think deeply and critically about important issues of our time.

We do not attempt to bring only speakers who conform to particular viewpoints or ideologies, but instead seek out diverse perspectives.

No matter what the viewpoints of the speakers, we hope the discussion is thoughtful and serious, creating opportunities for learning and personal growth.

Much of the debate this week has been about whether Parker met those standards.

Some students felt she did not engage in a serious dialogue with those who sought to question her book and columns. Others questioned the depth and fairness of her critique of this year's presidential candidates and the issues in this year's campaign. Personally, I believe those are fair critiques of her lecture. Others may disagree.

No matter how you feel about the lecture, I hope you appreciate the serious approach of the students who stepped up to the mi-

crophone to voice their knowledge, perspectives and beliefs on the significant problem of sexual violence, as well as the importance of respecting members of our community who hold conservative points of view.

Those comments took courage and are an impressive example of our students' skills and willingness to engage in difficult dialogue. I commend those who engaged in these important conversations — this is

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a sign of the intellectual vitality of the Elon community.

In regard to the specific question about Elon's position on sexual violence, I want to reaffirm we hold student safety dearly and are unwavering in our efforts to prevent sexual violence and provide support to survivors.

Each one of us in this community must work every day to ensure a campus culture in which acts of violence are not tolerated, and victims are fully supported and never blamed.

Regards,  
**Smith Jackson**

Vice President for Student Life  
Dean of Students

## It's not OK to silence others



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There's been a lot of talk about free speech on campus from responses to Kathleen Parker's visit to conservative students feeling unable to voice their opinions. One of the topics that often comes up in these discussions is the idea of political correctness and its role in campus discussions.

There are people who see the call for increased political correctness to be a hindrance of free speech. I can see where they're coming from, but I see political correctness as an extension of polite behavior.

We refer to our professors and administrators by their hard earned titles unless they tell us otherwise. In the same sense, we should strive to use political correctness as a way to show respect during dialogue.

It is the polite thing to do in conversations in the same way you might choose not to swear or shout when you're trying to have a meaningful dialogue with people of differing opinions. It also goes beyond respecting your conversation partners to respecting the people you are talking about.

Where I start to have a problem with political correctness is in the often-harsh response to people who don't use the politically correct terms. It is those responses that play a role in silencing discussion on campus and polarizing views on political correctness.

In order for there to be intellectual and personal growth, all students need to feel like they are able to voice their opinions, even if it is unpopular or worded in a way that others may find offensive.

Yes, it can be painful or uncomfortable



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to hear something you disagree with in terms you don't feel should be used. But attacking the person who said them won't move the conversation forward.

Just because someone doesn't say something that is politically correct does not mean their opinion is invalid.

Even if you are the most stringent believer in political correctness, it is important to remember that not everyone shares your knowledge and opinion of issues. You will have a hard time engaging in true and open dialogue if you shut them down because of that.

I know that I can be quick to make assumptions about people based on their use of politically correct language or lack thereof. But we all need to do better at respecting each other so we can move past the words we are using to focus on the ideas we want to discuss.

Nobody should feel silenced by a fear of sounding to politically correct or incorrect. I think that political correctness is important in meaningful discourse, but it's counterproductive to ignore opposing opinions just because they don't use my terminology.

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# LIFESTYLE

## WALKING TO WORSHIP



DIEGO PINEDA | Photo Editor  
**Elon Community Church is the closest church to Elon's campus but only attracts six students and faculty weekly.**

Students head to churches within a mile of campus

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Every Sunday morning, about 10 students attend of one of three church services by taking a five- to 10-minute walk from campus.

Follow Ball Park Road west from the Elon Fire Department to reach Elon First Baptist Church at 113 Lynn St. Or cross the street from the Daniele Center entrance to the doors of First Baptist Church of Elon at 621 E. Haggard Ave.

For an even shorter path to prayer, join the Elon Community Church at 271 N. Williamson Ave.

James Wilkes, pastor at Elon First Baptist Church (EFBC), has approximately 300 members in his congregation, including small groups of Elon students and 10-15 Elon faculty and staff members on any given Sunday. The church continually works to improve its efforts of outreach to Elon students.

"We are working to have an after-school tutorial program, and we'll need as many undergraduate college student volunteers as possible," Wilkes said. "In 2017, we will have a newly appointed college ministry to promote more college outreach."

Currently, EFBC hosts an annual College Day service during the month of October.

"We invite the Elon University

### ELON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH COLLEGE DAY

**When:** 11 a.m. Oct. 30

**Where:** 113 Lynn St.

**What:** Elon University gospel choir sings, members wear their favorite collegiate attire and free food is provided

gospel choir to sing," Wilkes said. "All college students are encouraged to attend, and our members wear their favorite collegiate attire. We also feed the students after the service."

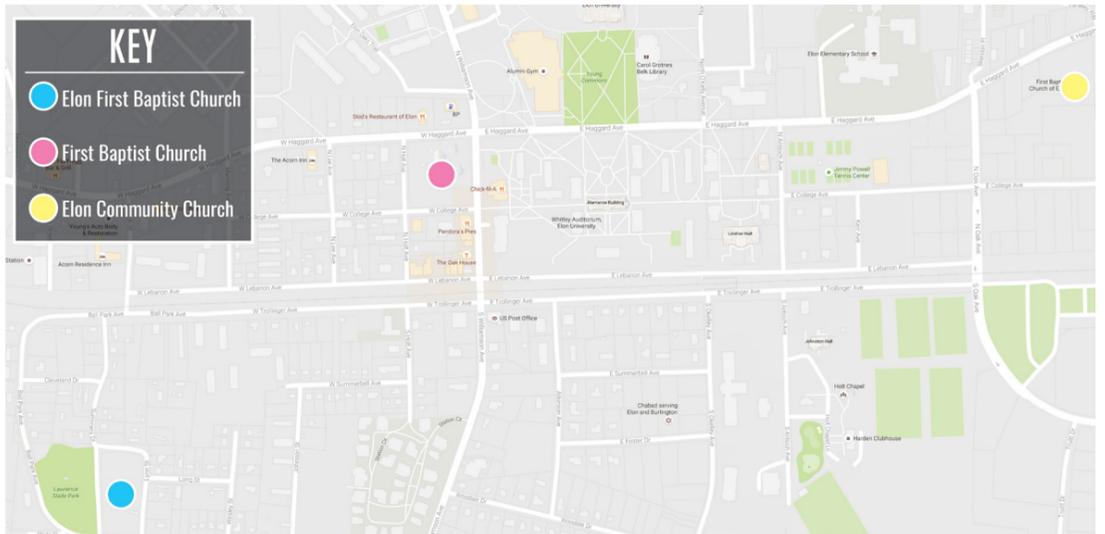
This year's EFBC College Day will be at 11 a.m. Oct. 30.

Less than a mile away, the First Baptist Church of Elon is also working to attract and worship with more undergraduates and staff members. Currently, about 10-15 students of the 160 congregation members are considered regular attendees.

"We would love to see more students engaged in our many social ministries," said Mason Fuller Smith, senior pastor for the church. "We are equally eager to be a part of the university's efforts to meet the needs of the community. If there are clubs, organizations, or other groups that are working to alleviate poverty, crime, substance abuse or other social concerns, we would be happy to support you in your efforts."

The First Baptist Church of Elon works closely with the university to host sorority events, provide fellowship to international students and organize a reading day for students to have a quiet, supportive place to

### CHURCHES WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE OF CAMPUS



ALEX TOMA | Designer

study. The event includes free Wi-Fi, free food and even a personal massage.

The church also takes a more individual approach to student support.

"Many of our church members have developed very personal and supportive relationships with students, even 'adopting' them as home-away-from-home 'parents' and 'grandparents,'" Smith said. "We strive to provide community and love."

The Elon Community Church (ECC) shares similar goals.

"We have always enjoyed our relationship with the Elon University community," said the ECC Rev. Sharon Wheeler. "We want to continue to be a good neighbor and church, welcoming every student no matter where they are on life's journey."

The church has a longstanding relationship with the university and

even celebrates mass with a "famous" member — Dr. Earl Daniele, former Elon president.

While many retired faculty and staff are members of ECC, Elon student attendees are inconsistent and hover around six to eight on Sundays. Three of these students are paid choir soloists.

To draw in Elon students and support the community, ECC's university relations committee organizes events geared toward college students throughout the academic year.

Last month, the church hosted its annual a Dog Day Mixer, inviting students to come and relieve stress with some animal therapy. This winter, ECC is sponsoring another event — a chili and bingo night.

"We make it a food drive for Allied Churches, and students bring cans to the event," Wheeler said. "They eat some great chili and enjoy a great night of bingo with some

awesome prizes. We have made it a competition between organizations, and the organization that wins the most games gets a donation to their charity of choice."

ECC reaches out to student organizations, such as athletic teams and service fraternities, in other ways, too.

"The softball team helps us in serving meals at the homeless shelter, as has the cross country team," Wheeler said. "The softball team also helps us with our annual Halloween Party, and I have had women's track help me with the Easter Party."

Though they have a small student following, the nearby Elon religious communities are only a walk away, waiting with open arms and encouraging all students and faculty to join in worship or stop by for a community event.

"We love Elon," Smith said. "We are here for you."

# ELON EATS: REVIEW

## TOO COOL FOR SCHOOL

Mr. & Mrs. Smith Grill is a food truck with a modern twist

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Owner Micaela Smith works inside the bus to prepare an order. The Philly cheese steak and grilled chicken sandwiches are the most popular.

Hidden inside a school bus on the intersection of Webb Avenue and Davis Street, Mr. & Mrs. Smith Grill is a fully functioning restaurant dedicated to serving sandwiches and comfort food for reasonable prices to the Burlington community.

It is the only restaurant of its kind in Alamance County, according to owner Norman Smith, and the only option he seriously considered for his budding business after he first discovered the bus.

"I looked around and looked around, and there was nothing really to accommodate what I wanted," Smith said. "I have everything in there — a prep room and everything — so that's what I wanted. So when I saw a school bus, I'm like, 'OK, that's what I need,'" Smith said.

Prior to that space, Smith sold food in a convenience store in North Park.

Inside of the bus is spacious — at 40 feet long, it's actually larger than the space he initially had in the convenience store. While the bus was an investment, it was the

cheaper option overall.

Keeping the restaurant open and running is a serious commitment for Smith. Every morning he wakes up at 3:30 a.m. to make it to his job at a local dry cleaner as a machine operator. When he gets off, he meets his wife, Micaela, at the bus. The restaurant is open generally 9 a.m.-8 p.m.

But weekend nights they'll stay open until 9 p.m. or 10 p.m. if business is steady. After spending time with his 14-year-old daughter and settling in for the night, Smith will rest shortly before waking up to do it all over again.

For the amount of time, effort and money that has gone into the truck, the food is surprisingly inexpensive.

"We had a customer yesterday that got a Philly steak and cheese tater tots, and I told them how much it was, and his wife was like, 'Is that all?'" Smith said.

Some of the more popular menu items, such as the Philly

cheese steak and the grilled chicken sandwich, cost less than \$5. Each item on the breakfast menu is under \$5 as well. There is nothing on the menu more than \$10, even the combination menu items. The prices are so low, it almost seems like fast food.

But the similarities between the grill and fast food restaurants stop there.

"I'm about 60 years old, so, you know, I'm kind of old-fashioned as far as cooking," Smith said. "And people like flavor."

The steak in the Philly cheese steak is peppery and well-cooked with the perfect proportions of cheese, onions and pepper complementing the meat in the sandwich. The grilled chicken sandwich — a lighter option — places chicken, tomato and lettuce in between two slices of white bread with mayo and a special sauce on either side of the sandwich.

Even the crinkle-cut fries are well-seasoned with a secret Cajun seasoning recipe. While ketchup and fries always go together, the fries honestly might taste best on

their own.

Smith's other goal in creating his menu was to expose the community to new foods.

"It's hard to find some of the items we sell. It's hard to find them anywhere, so we wanted to cater to people for stuff they couldn't get anywhere else, for a reasonable price," he said.

Pork chop steak, chuck wagon, jambalaya and fried bologna are all items that can be found on the menu, alongside hot sandwiches, burgers, chicken and an assortment of fried side dishes.

Smith's favorite dish is a peach cobbler he occasionally makes as a daily special. But customers looking for cobbler are encouraged to check the restaurant's Facebook page to see if it's offered that day before making the trip over.

Eventually, Smith hopes to own his own storefront restaurant, but until then, he's happy attracting any customers with the school bus venue.

"It's a lot of people that come by and take pictures. They can't

## MR. & MRS. SMITH GRILL

**Where:** Intersection of Webb Avenue and Davis Street

**Hours:**  
Weekdays | 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
Weekends | 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. or 10 p.m., depending on business

**Cost:** Breakfast items are under \$5, and no items are over \$10

believe [it]. They're like, 'Oh, that's a school bus.'" Smith said. "People are kind of excited, and it draws attention because people are like, 'What is that? What's that school bus there for?'"

# Freedom Sings brings musical twist to 1st Amendment

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An eclectic group of Nashville musicians will be playing music ranging from Elvis Presley to the Black Eyed Peas at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 12 in PARC at Danieley Center — all to help explain the First Amendment.

"Freedom Sings: The Music They Didn't Want You to Hear" is a show that uses music that has either been banned or helped start social movements to illustrate freedom of expression and the history of free speech and is co-sponsored by Elon News Network.

The show is authored and narrated by Ken Paulson, former editor-in-chief of USA Today and president of the First Amendment Center.

"It's one of those shows that until you actually see it you don't get what it's all about," Paulson said. "You wouldn't think merging constitutional law and rock 'n' roll would be a good fit."

According to Paulson, only 3 percent of Americans can recite what the five freedoms and the First Amendment are, and one-third cannot name a single freedom listed.

To increase awareness, Paulson came up with an engaging way to explain how the First Amendment protects creative expression through music and history.

For example, after the 1970 Kent State University shooting, the news coverage mostly blamed the students until Neil Young spoke up for them by writ-

## FREEDOM SINGS CONCERT

**When:** Oct. 12 at 7:30 P.M.  
**Where:** PARC, Danieley Center

ing "Ohio." Freedom Sings will show footage explaining the tragedy before going into their own rousing version of "Ohio."

"We were looking for a program that was entertaining, appealed to a new generation," Paulson said. "I have good friends among Nashville artists who feel strongly about protecting free speech, and I wrote a script and sought out the best talent."

The performances deal with a social movement and explain how they were fueled by song, ranging in genre from pop to rock 'n' roll, putting a twist on music students have heard their entire lives.

Artists such as Dez Dickerson, the original guitarist for Prince and the Revolution, Joseph Wooten, three-time Grammy winner and a former keyboardist with the Steve Miller Band and Nashville singer Jonell Moser, among others, will come together for this concert.

After hearing of Freedom Sings during a Student Media Summit in Nashville in February, Colin Donohue, director of student media and faculty director of the Danieley Center neighborhood, knew he had to bring it to Elon.

Donohue feels the concert matches the theme of the neighborhood: civic

engagement.

"We thought that a concert that deals with free expression and free speech was important to part of our theme," he said. "We also thought it was appropriate considering it was an election year, and we think students should think more critically about how they are expressing themselves."

Donohue has reached out to communications professors and students, political science professors and students, as well as various political groups, about attending the concert.

But he believes the message has a broader reach.

"Free expression and free speech is applicable to students of all areas, so it's not just a School of Communications thing," Donohue said. "It's important for all of us to understand it, and it has a large reach."

The concert is only performed eight to 10 times across the country each year. Freedom Sings hopes the campuses they choose are engaged and will embrace the combination of music and history.

"We almost always receive a standing ovation — no pressure to Elon," Paulson said. "The reaction is almost always the same. People say, 'We so enjoyed that, and if I knew how fun it was, I would have brought my roommate.'"



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Freedom Sings performed at The Bluebird Cafe in Nashville in 2015. The group performs a variety of songs that were banned or a part of a social justice movement.

# LIVING WHILE WORKING



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Jennifer Zinchuk, associate professor of English, packs lunch for her son in her Global Neighborhood apartment.

## Professors share residence halls with students

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After a day filled with lecturing, attending meetings and chatting with students, some professors — just like students — go back to their residential neighborhoods and wind down in what they consider their homes.

Scattered throughout the Daniele, Colonnades, Global, Historic and Oaks Neighborhoods, professors have chosen to live among students, trading a traditional home for a five-minute commute to classes.

**Every residential neighborhood has a faculty director who lives on campus and mentors student leaders. The close proximity is convenient for students who seek advice.**

Each residential neighborhood has its own faculty director. According to Jennifer Zinchuk, assistant professor of English and faculty director for the Global Neighborhood, their job is to act as mentors for student leaders in each neighborhood.

“It kind of reminds students that, rather than having to go find me in the directory or write me an email, my job makes me be around all the time,” Zinchuk said. “So they get to know me not as a professor, but as a human being.”

Though it may seem strange living next to a professor, she and Terry Tomasek, associate professor of education, director of the Elon Academy and faculty directory for the Colonnades Neighborhood, believe living in residential neighborhoods has had a positive impact on them as professors and on students they have lived with.

“Seeing the students in my neighborhood and in my home, I feel like it is my job to welcome them and always talk to them,” Zinchuk said. “This made me more outgoing when I am outside of my classes.”

Rather than the typical student-professor relationship, a new level of respect is formed with students living near the faculty directors. These professors become neighbors — even friends — whom the students can refer to for constant life advice and help.

“The opportunity to live in a neighborhood with students allows me to expand that advising, mentoring and teaching role in ways that I cannot necessarily do in the classroom,” Tomasek said. “It is an opportunity to grow as a teacher and a mentor in working with students.”

### Maintaining life at school

Almost two months have passed since classes began, and neither Zinchuk nor Tomasek have experienced any issues in their residential neighborhoods or felt uncomfortable living among students.

“I expected that I would hear people, and it’s probably quieter than any other apartment I have ever lived in,” Zinchuk said. “I’m never bothered, and so far, it’s been six weeks of the school year, so I’m sure that over time there will be problems. But the moment that I enter the apartment, I’m no longer in the university — I’m in my own little world.”

Tomasek was also surprised by the lack of noise coming from the students. Similarly, she originally expected it to be louder than it normally is.

Despite the typical pod or suite found in Global and Colonnades, the professors live in a two bedroom apartment. Each is complete with two bedrooms, one bathroom, one kitchen and one living room, giving it an apartment feel.



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Though she lives among college students, Zinchuk has a finished apartment as opposed to a dorm room or a suite.

The apartments are small, but Tomasek and Zinchuk have made it comfortable. Tomasek has added a piano and a harp in the living room and only needs one bedroom and transformed the second into a lounge.

Though Zinchuk and Tomasek live on campus as professors, they still have roommates.

Tomasek lives with her husband in Colonnades. They have been married more for than 30 years and have a 28-year-old son.

Zinchuk lives in her apartment with her five-year-old son who spends most of his time running around Elon and plays with the children of other faculty directors or professors that live on campus.

### Staying on campus

Tomasek wanted to apply for the faculty director position when she first heard about it. She believed that being close to students on a personal and physical level could allow her to expand her teaching and mentoring skills.

She talked to her husband and thought about it before deciding

to commit.

Tomasek and her husband sold their house and got rid of a lot of material things they had kept for more than 30 years so that they could move into the much-smaller Harper Hall in Colonnades.

“We knew that it would be a big change for us, but we kind of jumped in with both feet,” Tomasek said. “In that respect, I hope that speaks to my commitment to this opportunity — the fact that we didn’t keep our house in case we didn’t want to be on campus. We don’t have any other place to go except Harper. This is the only home we have right now.”

Tomasek has invited the students that live with her in the building over for ice cream sundaes and a nice chat.

She also has “tea time” in Colonnades every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. Students walking down the hall will see a big sign on the wall that reads “Tea Time,” with an arrow directing students to where the it’s being held.

“Those are really fun opportunities that I have to interact

with the students, check in and see how they are doing,” Tomasek said.

Zinchuk has wanted to live at Elon since her first year at Elon. As a single mother, she felt that living on campus would allow her to create a greater sense of community and increase student-professor interactions.

“I knew that if I lived at the university, I would develop a community with the other faculty, staff and students, so that would kind of create a family,” Zinchuk said. “I would have students help with child-care, I would make friends and I would get to know Elon, Burlington, and North Carolina better.”

Zinchuk enjoys walking around campus and seeing the faces of the students that live in her hall. She has discovered the persona of each student beyond that of just a student in ENG 110, the class she teaches the most.

“I think that is really valuable to see that a professor is not a robot or this person that just grades,” Zinchuk said. “We’re real people that have real lives and interests and problems and goals, just like students do.”

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Football falls to  
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# SPORTS

## THE CHANCE OF A LIFETIME

Lopez finishes degree after taking MLB job in March

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While most students work all four years at Elon to get one step closer to their career, fifth-year senior John Lopez found himself with an incredible job offer before graduation.

But the job was a take-it-or-leave-it offer more than three months before Commencement, forcing Lopez to make a life-altering decision that now leaves him jetting back and forth between Miami and Elon twice a week.

The saga started around this time last year, when Lopez heard of a job fair hosted by the Miami Marlins. The MLB team's job fair only happens once a year, and Lopez applied for a job in the baseball operations department.

"I didn't know anyone there," Lopez said. "I just knew I was passionate about baseball."

Lopez had some interest from the Marlins, and after seven rounds of interviews, he got a call on Valentine's Day 2016. He was offered a job in the analytics section of the baseball operations department.

"If you told me in high school or during my freshman year of college while I was still playing football here, that I'd be working for the Miami Marlins before I even graduated, I'd probably tell you to get out of the room," Lopez said. "I wouldn't even believe you."

According to Lopez's mentor, assistant professor of sport and event management Mark Cryan, Lopez's two years of experience as a Division I football player helped him break into the industry.

"It gave him credibility as an athlete with the people in player development," Cryan said. "Ultimately, it's about athletics. It's about a sport. It's about competition and winning."

Lopez had to leave Elon and move to Miami in March to start working. But taking the job in the middle of the semester did not come without consequences.

He was able to finish all but one of his classes online, but still needed the one remaining class — his senior capstone course in business policy — for graduation. Thus, Lopez was required to come back to Elon this semester to earn his diploma.

"Obviously not the most ideal situation, but I really value my degree. I really value my education," Lopez said. "I was willing to do whatever I could to maintain my job and maintain my dream career — which I'm in — while also finishing up my degree."

The decision to leave Elon early — forgoing the end of his senior year and requiring him to come back a semester later as a fifth-year senior for one class — was not easy, but one Lopez felt needed to be made.

"Everyone wants to soak up and cherish those last couple months of senior year, but this position is only offered for people who are already graduated college," Lopez said. "If I were to turn this position down, I don't really know when it would come again."

In order to complete his degree this semes-



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JOHN LOPEZ  
FIFTH-YEAR SENIOR

PHOTO SUBMITTED BY JOHN LOPEZ

Fifth-year senior John Lopez interned with the Brooklyn Cyclones for a summer. He was hired by the Miami Marlins in March to work in the baseball operations office.

ter, Lopez has been flying back and forth between Miami and Elon multiple times a week.

"I'll do a little bit of work early Tuesday morning. Then I'll get on a flight in Miami to RDU, and I'll rush to class, so it's been pretty hectic," Lopez said. "It's a culture shock. It's still the same country, but two very different worlds."

Lopez quickly had to adjust to balancing a full-time job and his online coursework as a senior, which he continues to do with his travel. But he enjoys the game of baseball while being part of a demanding profession.

"I definitely lost quite a bit of sleep during that time," Lopez said. "I think anything in life that's worth doing takes a lot of time and a lot of effort and dedication. It's a grind."

The rarity of this position is not lost on Cryan, who previously worked as a minor-league general manager.

"He's not hanging out picking fantasy rosters," Cryan said. "There's only 30 teams, and each of them only have a handful of people, and lots of people want to do this work, so the demand for these jobs is very high. For John to have gotten this job shows how hard he worked and what a good position he put himself in."

During his time at Elon, Lopez built up his resume by joining the Elon baseball analytics team, interning with the Brooklyn Cyclones — a New York Mets minor league team — and interning as a data analyst for GoodNow Investment Group, LLC. He also studied abroad in the Dominican Republic with Cryan, visiting several baseball academies.

The depth of his experience combined with his youth relative to the industry makes Cryan believe his potential is sky-high.

"He's got a foothold in the industry. He's got contacts now and experience behind him, so there's really no telling where he could go," Cryan said. "He could go virtually any level of the industry at this point."

Despite the strenuous travel, long nights and difficult decisions, the experience taught Lopez a thing or two about passion.

"You should just go after your biggest dreams. Don't be afraid to reach out to someone. Don't be afraid to ask questions," Lopez said.



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SPORTS BRIEFS

Men's golf places 12th in short tournament

The Elon University men's golf team finished 12th out of 13 teams in the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's Tar Heel Invitational Friday, Oct. 7.

The tournament was moved up one day from its original schedule because of impending inclement weather concerns. The teams played two rounds Friday, with Saturday's final round getting cancelled.

The Phoenix ended up at 27 shots over par over 18 holes (307-296-603). Elon was led by junior Charlie May, who finished one shot under par (74-69-143).

Elon hosts the Phoenix Invitational at Alamance Country Club Oct. 17-18.

Matthews tabbed as men's soccer Rookie of Week

Elon University men's soccer freshman defender Luke Matthews was named as the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) Rookie of the Week Monday.

Matthews helped Elon defeat Northeastern University 1-0 Saturday, leading the Phoenix defense to its fifth clean sheet from the center-back position. It was Elon's only match of the week.

Through 10 matches, the Swindon, England, native is one of only two Elon players to have played every minute for the Phoenix this season, playing 974 minutes alongside his fellow center back, junior defender Jonathan Coleby.

Women's golf ties for 11th in Pinehurst Challenge

The Elon University women's golf team finished the College of Charleston's Pinehurst Challenge tied for 11th place Tuesday.

The Phoenix ended the first day in 10th place after two rounds, but fell one spot in the 18-team tournament Tuesday. Overall, Elon shot 41 shots over par (302-294-309-905).

Elon was paced by senior Kelsey Badmaev, who finished tied for 10th individually at four shots over par (73-73-74-220). Also finishing in the top-20 on the leaderboard was junior Heather Munro, who ended tied for 19th place at six shots over par (73-70-79-222).

Basketball teams begins preseason practice

The Elon University men's and women's basketball teams began their preseason practice schedules last week. The teams will co-host Late Night with The Phoenix at 8:30 p.m. Oct. 21.

The women's team will feature one home exhibition game against Wingate University Oct. 29 at a time to be determined. The first game is at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay Nov. 11.

The men's team has one exhibition game as well, hosting Randolph College Nov. 1. The Phoenix opens the regular season at home against William Peace University Nov. 11.



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