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Finding new frontiers

After years of low participation, SGA president aims to break the trend and increase freshman participation

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Three years ago, senior Avery Steadman went door-to-door around Elon University's Danieleley flats, asking students if they would consider her for freshman class treasurer.

Past experience makes it easy for Steadman, current SGA executive president, to relate to the dozens of new students that will be going through residence halls and introducing themselves to many fresh faces in the next week in preparation for the freshman class elections Sept. 7-9.

"Being on the other side is a little bittersweet — it's bringing back a lot of great memories from my entire career at Elon related to SGA," Steadman said. "I would tell anyone running that all of the craziness surrounding elections will be worth it, no matter how they turn out."

When Steadman first ran in 2012, 27 freshmen competed for one of the six spots available on SGA.

The number of students running in the freshman class election has decreased since 2012, dropping to 15 candidates last year.

The trend of low participation in elections persists beyond fall elections.

Last spring, three out of the four executive positions were left uncontested — the position of student body president was the only opposed position. Steadman ran against Sean Barry, senior and current Senior Class President.

Since then, SGA learned from recent lackluster participation in elections and made it their goal increase student involvement.

"Our main goal this election is to have every race contested," Steadman said.

To increase participation with SGA, the organization began reaching out to students over the summer, even including a letter in the summer mailing packet for freshmen.

The letter provided information about the

fall election, and students were asked to email for more information.

After the letter, interest noticeably increased, and Steadman said they received more than 40 inquiries.

Some students were interested because they had been involved in student government during high school.

That's the case for freshman class presidential candidate Kenneth Brown Jr., who served as student body president in high school.

Brown said he wants to continue to be a voice for classmates at Elon, like he did in high school.

"In high school I was a liaison between students and school administration," Brown said. "That will carry over if I'm elected here at Elon. I'll make sure the first-years know news and events, as well as relay their concerns back to SGA and others."

Freshman Amy Belfer, on the other hand, decided to run for a class senator position because she never involved herself with student government when she was in high school.

"One of my biggest regrets in high school was not being as involved with student government," she said. "I wanted to run because I want to get involved and hear everyone's opinions. I stand for what people want, plus I'm willing to listen and take people's opinions and put them toward action."

In addition to freshman class president and three senator spots, the positions of vice president, secretary and treasurer are also up for grabs.

Application packets are due 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 2 at in the SGA office, Moseley 213.

Voting for the election is scheduled to take place online Monday, Sept. 7 - Wednesday, Sept. 9. According to Steadman, the results of the election will be announced 6 p.m. in Moseley 215.

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Solar panels at Loy Farm still not producing energy

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Senior Reporter

The nearly 10,000 solar panels installed at Loy Farm last spring have not produced any energy, despite the initial projection date of generating power back in May.

According to Robert Buchholz, Elon University's associate vice president for facilities management and director of Physical Plant, 314 panels still need to be installed, but Duke Energy has been asked to start using the panels that are already set up.

The panels were expected to generate enough energy to power 415 homes, producing about 4,500 total megawatts of electricity. "There was a delay with the NC Depart-

ment of Environment and Natural Resources," Buchholz said.

The panels should start to produce energy within the next couple of weeks

"The energy will be going into the grid north from the fire station and Mill Point, so some power will go to [Elon]," said Buchholz.

Students have varying opinions about the installation of the panels.

Alyssa Romano, a senior studying biochemistry at Elon, noticed how important the source of energy from the sun is while abroad.

"While studying and working abroad, I re-

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University purchases land for convocation center

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Elon University announced Tuesday it has purchased 19.5 acres of land just west of campus as the preferred site of the proposed convocation center.

The land is west of Hunt Softball Park and the adjacent parking lot on North Williamson Avenue.

According to a release, the purchase is being funded by a gift from Furman Moseley '56 and his wife Susan, for whom the Moseley Center is named after. The purchase price was not disclosed.

"Furman and Susan Moseley have made

this major land acquisition possible," President Leo Lambert said in the release. "Once again, the Moseleys have stepped forward with a generous gift to advance our university. We are deeply grateful for their partnership and their desire to provide an even greater campus for future generations of Elon students."

Architects have begun designing the convocation center based on similar existing arenas at other universities, the release said. It will be named Schar Center, for donors

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Tree planted in memory of Trent Stetler

Friends, family gather to celebrate one man's impact

Leena Dahal
Senior Reporter

Standing in front of more than 40 students gathered outside Danieley K, Jim Stetler recalled the day he dropped off his bright and bubbly son Trent as a freshman student three years ago.

"I was bawling my eyes out," he said.

Three years later, he said he stands at

the same location bearing a similar, heavy feeling in his heart.

A year after Trent Stetler's sudden death, friends and strangers gathered together outside his freshman year residence hall Saturday morning to share cherished memories and glimpses of their late friend, brother and son.

Together, the community planted a sapling in his name and memory as a

symbol to remind the community of his presence and the memories he left behind.

The Burlington Police reported Stetler's death last January, informing the community that they believed he took his own life.

His mother, Denette Stetler, said the planting is a powerful way to ensure that Trent's memory is not forgotten at Elon.

"One of the challenges of the situation is not letting the loss overshadow what we gained," she said. "When you drive by here in a week, 10 or 20 years later, remember all the late night talks, the laughs and the love."

And they remembered. Through a mix of tears, smiles and laughter, many of his friends shared glimpses of their most cherished memories with him.

There was the time he called up his friend and asked him to reenact a chapter of *Fifty Shades of Grey* for a Big/Little surprise. There were the countless embarrassing but creative nicknames he would make for people close to him, how he'd make people smile with the mantra of *Finding Nemo's Dory's*, "just keep swimming," and how he never failed to share his happy-go-lucky spirit with everyone he encountered.

Loretta Ann Elisson, a custodian at Environmental Services who met Stetler when he would set up for games in Alumni Gym, recalled how he would make her day every time they spoke.

"Trent was a rainbow in the sky," she said.

In a moving display of the profound impact Stetler had on his friends, Jake Battersby, a junior at Elon who was on the rugby team with Stetler, asked the group of students to raise their hand if Stetler had introduced them to at least one other friend.

Without question, countless hands were immediately raised.

"There's never a time when I think of him without a smile on my face," Battersby said.

Logan Drew, an Elon senior and Trent's teammate on the rugby team, said the past year has been "hellish."

"He was one of my best friends, and I never got the chance to tell him that," he said. "But I think he knew."

The event was planned over the summer by senior Nicholas Cianciara and a close group of Stetler's friends as a way to honor Stetler while helping his friends come to terms with the loss.

"I know that I can speak for more people than myself when I say that this has been a tough year," Cianciara wrote on the social media invitation to the community. "I know that many people are still working to find some amount of closure."

Stetler, from Havertown, Pennsylvania, was majoring in economics with a minor in communications. Outside of class, he was a member of Elon's chapter of Alpha Kappa Psi, the professional business fraternity, Elon men's rugby and worked as an intern for the Phoenix Club in the Athletics department.



HALI TAUXE | Photo Editor

Trent Stetler's friends and family gather around for the planting of his memorial tree Aug. 29.

Elon's outreach goes local through health program

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Elon University graduates have traditionally left Alamance County to begin their professional careers. But Elon's new Community Impact Fellows Program, which launched June 2015, looks to develop the Elon-Alamance County partnership for the long term.

"Alamance needs Elon students to stay here," said Catherine Palmer, one of the program's fellows. "When you have graduates staying, they help support local food systems, schools and other things by paying their tax dollars to the county."

Palmer is one of four Elon University Class of 2015 graduates in the thick of their one year of service to Alamance County through the program. She thinks the program's timing couldn't be better.

"It's great being in this program because Alamance County is at an interesting point in its development," Palmer said. "Historically we have been a very conservative

community that hasn't wanted much change, but now we are slowly starting to get a trend of younger people who are pushing for more healthy lifestyles."

The fellows — Palmer, Hannah Allen, Shelby Smith and Maria Restuccio — are witnessing the county's changes post-graduation while working with Healthy Alamance, Alamance Regional Medical Center, Alamance County Health Department and Impact Alamance, respectively.

The program covers their annual salaries and provides housing and health insurance. Additionally, those who enroll in a graduate school in North Carolina or become a full-time employee in Alamance or a neighboring county receive a year-end bonus to encourage fellows to stay nearby.

If the graduates are going to stay close, their contributions as fellows certainly will have played a role.

"The people we're working with are very transparent about how they want us to stay here forever," she said. "They're looking for houses for us and new positions, and they want us to settle in here."

Palmer is at Healthy Alamance, a public nonprofit focused on assessing the health of the community and improving the county's ability to support healthy lifestyles. She's helping the nonprofit with its community health assessment report, developing a new farmer's market in Burlington and data collection.

"It's been great so far," she said. "It's been an nice combination of real community work and outreach that involves moving on the ground and reaching out to people."

Other participants were placed in different sectors across the county.

Allen partnered with Alamance Regional Medical Center, a nonprofit hospital located in Burlington. She has helped ARMC with writing grant proposals and working on community programming at educational events and health fairs.

"There's been a lot of different things to do here," she said. "But it's important because this is a medically underserved county. Hopefully, programs like this will keep increasing at Elon."

Smith is working with the Alamance County Health Department, where she has assisted with strategic planning for the Affordable Care Act, which begins its next open enrollment period in the county in November.

"A key piece for all of us has been really immersing ourselves in this new community and meeting people that are real change-makers," she said. "Now we're figuring out our role in the community and how we can help it."

The four fellows, including Restuccio, who was unavailable for comment, are the first to experience this program and what it will provide for both Alamance County and Elon. Unlike other post-graduate service programs like Peace Corps and AmeriCorps, the Community Impact Fellows Program focuses specifically on progress in the county.

"I think of our Community Impact Fellows Program as a post-graduate, Peace Corp-like experience where recent graduates can practice their skills and knowledge as global citizens right here in our own backyard," said President Leo Lambert during his annual address to faculty and staff in August, according to an E-Net article. "These young alumni are going to play a contributing role in improving health outcomes in our local community."



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The Community Impact Fellows, all recent Elon graduates, will assist health-related non-profits in Alamance County.

Colonnades bids farewell to brunch

Lakeside expands options, adds omelet station and ice cream

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Virgin Bloody Marys, grilled salmon and ice cream for brunch? As the popular saying goes, “Only at Elon.”

Elon Dining surprised students over the weekend at Lakeside Dining Hall when they unveiled a variety of expanded options for what their social media account dubbed the #BigBrunch.

Expanded options included an ice cream bar with toppings ranging from cherries to sprinkles, an omelet station and a beverage station hosting non-alcoholic drinks including virgin Bloody Marys and virgin margaritas.

But there was a catch: this was the first weekend since the school year began when Lakeside was the only non-retail option students could visit for brunch.

In previous years, students also had the option of going to Colonnades Dining Hall, but in response to accounts showing low attendance at the dining hall last year, Pulkit Vigg, Resident District Manager of Campus Dining, and his team decided to close Colonnades for brunch.

That meant 1,716 students filing into the same dining hall over the course of five hours for brunch on Saturday and 1,820 students on Sunday.

Vigg said Lakeside’s capacity could ac-



Lakeside Dining Hall unveiled their new weekend brunch options Saturday. With Lakeside’s new menu, Colonnades brunches have ended.

commodate the numbers at scattered times.

Still, a line wrapped around the entrance and students scoured the area for available seats.

According to Vigg, lines come at the start of every year and are not a cause of alarm.

“The first week is when students are still getting into the swing of things,” Vigg said. “It takes a while for students, especially the first-years, to understand the trends of all

the dining options.”

Vigg said Elon Dining also responded directly to student feedback and is opening an hour earlier for brunch this year. Their reaction to student feedback does not end there: Qdoba is also open to students on Saturdays, and Einstein Bros. Bagels remains open as an option for brunch throughout the weekend.

“We highly value the needs and concerns of students,” Vigg said. “What we gave back

last weekend is much more than what we took away.”

Junior Lexi Demetroulakos said that though the wait was longer than she had hoped for, it was worth it.

“The salmon was really good, and it was something different than what they would normally have,” she said.

Vigg said the next priority in terms of brunch at Lakeside will be to expand vegan options.

Certified Organic foods bring added appeal to farmer’s market

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The Elon Community Church farmer’s market hasn’t changed much since becoming a campus staple eight years ago. What has changed is what Elon University students, who bring in big revenue to the market after a quiet summer, look for in farmer’s market products.

“More students are buying meat here at the farmer’s market than I’ve ever seen,” said Noah Thompson of T-5 Farms, a family-run farm in southern Alamance County. “They’re liking the way we’re growing it better than the stuff at the grocery, with all of the stuff going on with chemicals and antibiotics in food.”

Foods that aren’t genetically modified and avoid synthetic chemical inputs have grown in appeal among young adults. According to a Aug. 2014 Pew Research survey, 57 percent of U.S. adults aged 18-29 said genetically modified foods are unsafe. Of the remaining respondents, 39 percent said they are safe for consumption, and 4 percent were unsure.

“My friend and I came here because we were already sick of dining hall foods and processed foods,” said Elon freshman Hannah Benson. “I’ll definitely be coming back here after seeing all the healthy options.”

Local and organic food choices at the farmer’s market include vegetables, meat, cheese, eggs, baked goods, seasonal fruits and honey products.

Sandra Sarlinga, coordinator of the Elon Community Church farmer’s market, said students are looking for transparency in food producers, which the market can provide.

“I’ve seen a lot of students asking recently about how the food here is grown,” Sarlinga said. “It’s easier to ask questions about the food here than at a big store, since the people that grew it are right there to answer your questions.”

It also helps that the majority of food vendors at the farmer’s market have organic certification through the USDA, which requires the products to use at least 95 percent organic ingredients.

Redbud Farm, a vegetable farm in Alamance County, is one of the certified organic vendors at the farmer’s market.

“When you see the USDA organic seal, there’s just no question,” said Redbud Farms co-owner Nancy Joyner. “People know it’s grown safely.”

Thompson said that while buying from a certified organic producer may cost more, it pays off in the long run



Stands such as Redbud Farm attend the weekly farmer’s market at Elon, where locally grown vegetables are sold.

with health benefits and helping local farmers.

For some students, the use of pesticides in crops that aren’t certified organic are still a concern. Pesticides are used for reducing the risk of insects, rodents, bacteria and other threats from damaging the crops but can pose health risks like nervous system damage and neurological problems when not used carefully.

The Food and Pesticides section of the Environmental Protection Agency website says that despite possible health concerns, the fruits and vegetables people eat today are “safer than ever.”

Whether genetically modified crops are inherently bad, a newer and more hot button topic, is still up for debate.

According to the website of the Genetic Science Learning Center of the University of Utah, the genetic engineering of plants can produce larger and better crops with less effort and expense. Modification can even create crops that contain vaccines or thrive in difficult weather conditions.

The website does state that risks such as toxicity or allergic reactions and cross-breeding with wild populations make genetically modified crops something that still need to be studied further.

Although the benefits of avoiding pesticides and heavily modified crops are a draw to the farmer’s market, the appeal of buying local is still the driving force behind it, Joyner said.

“I still think being able to interact and talk with local farmers trumps the organic side of things,” she said. “That way, you can build a relationship with the farmers and you can know what they’re using.”

New vendors at the farmer’s market should only increase the traffic that buying local and organic already draws in. One of the new vendors, Cookie Gurlie, sells various desserts, and other vendors selling dog treats and specialty pork have also trickled in within recent months.

“We try to bring in what the market doesn’t already have,” Sarlinga said. “You can’t have a lot of repeat vendors here, so a new vendor means a new product.”

This year’s farmer’s market will wrap up at the end of October, but drawing in more students is the current concern.

“The students bring a lot of life here after a quiet summer,” Sarlinga said. “We feel that when the students come back, things become vibrant here again. So we need to continue to build that relationship.”

Burlington works to bounce back

Elon students to help with Burlington update

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Visitors to downtown Burlington will likely see housing and more restaurants in the area soon, thanks to the input from two surveys.

One was conducted by the Burlington Downtown Corporation in fall 2013 and amassed 235 respondents. The other, a spring 2014 survey by an Elon University market research class, generated 416 responses. The results of both revealed the demographic makeup of people who come to downtown Burlington and what the public wants to see in the area.

Anne Morris, executive director of the Burlington Downtown Corporation, said the feedback has helped her organization to determine a direction for the future.

"It's been really critical," Morris said. "We got very specific data — for example, what sorts of restaurants people want to see here — which has focused our recruitment efforts."

The Burlington Downtown Corporation is working to attract more businesses, espe-

cially ones that locals want to see in the area. Survey results showed that people wanted to see more artisan shops and restaurants, like breweries.

Another priority for the Burlington Downtown Corporation is to help create housing options, a desire that many indicated on the survey. The organization plans to gather more community feedback through surveys, focus groups or other strategies.

Feedback is important because some residents want to see other changes.

Robert Gebhardt, who has lived in the area for three months, said downtown Burlington needs more parking improvements. Many of the current parking spaces have two-hour time limits, which he said could discourage people from driving to the area.

"It's a very attractive downtown area, and they keep it clean," Gebhardt said. "But they need metered parking. I wouldn't want to shop for two hours and get tickets. More people would spend money if they had more time."

Respondents of the surveys represented several age groups, and the majority lived within 5 miles of downtown.

The commercial district is 5 miles from Elon's campus. According to the Burlington Downtown Corporation's online business directory, the area boasts more than 80 storefronts, ranging from small businesses to banks and city buildings.

Survey respondents also wanted to see changes in the appearance of downtown and the business offerings.

While the timeline for upcoming changes is still being discussed, some changes to the area have already been made.

Burlington Downtown Corporation helped to increase customer parking options, install a public art piece and improve the appearance of the area.

Another recent addition to the area is Elon University's Downtown Center for Community Engagement. The center, dedicated in 2013, aims to connect the university to downtown Burlington.

"It serves as a bridge between campus and downtown," said Tammy Cobb, assistant director for community partnerships at Elon's Kernodle Center for Service Learning and Community Engagement. "The goal is to facilitate student learning."

Classes of various disciplines, ranging from business to art history, have used the center to connect with community organizations and introduce students to downtown. The Village Project, a university reading program for children, operates out of the center.

The Kernodle Center also has two student leaders who work from the downtown space. They help to plan nearby events and promote some local businesses on campus.

"Our trend is over the last four years, Elon students are increasingly aware of what's going on downtown," Morris said.

Downtown events also aim to attract visitors. From April to October, the downtown farmer's market sells local produce. There are also themed events throughout the year, including Ladies' Night and holiday celebrations.

The depot in downtown Burlington holds concerts on the fourth Friday of every month from May to September. Morris said these events help encourage people to come back.

"In terms of the concerts, people come out to have a good time," Morris said. "That might bring people back to the area. Business owners report that they might not make a sale on Friday, but the customer comes back on Saturday."

Long-time Burlington resident Caroline Veno shops and goes to events downtown. She said she hopes more residents will find out about the commercial center's offerings.

"I come down here because I support local businesses," Veno said. "When I grew up, downtown was thriving before the malls came in. LabCorp is here, but it's not attracting businesses."

Jan Vass, a Graham resident and owner of the Jan's Scarves booth at the farmer's market, said she hopes more businesses will want to open downtown. She added that several new storefronts have opened there in recent years.

"We like to help this area as much as we can," Vass said. "Downtown needs the business, and they like the local consumer here."

An upcoming change is Link Transit, Burlington's upcoming public transit system. The system, set to start in 2016, will have a downtown hub. Downtown Burlington already has an Amtrak station and is on the Elon Biobus route.

Morris said she thinks Link Transit will influence downtown, but it will be hard to estimate the impact it will have.



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On-going efforts to update and revamp the mainstreet of downtown Burlington are beginning to take Elon University student interest into account.

Elon works to combat drug use in peak times

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Survey results released recently revealed that college students tend to take specific drugs for the first time during summer months and exam periods. Elon University has strategies in place to measure student substance use and combat drug initiation on campus.

According to the government report, released by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, first-time student alcohol use generally peaks in the summer months.

"The 'college effect' has been well-studied and well-documented in the past few decades," said Whitney Gregory, director of health promotion and student concerns outreach. "We see an increase in the first-time usage — especially in the summer before college starts — because of availability. Parents give students more freedom."

Elon collects substance use data from the anonymous AlcoholEdu survey, conducted the summer before students start at the university. Data is taken from these same students a few weeks into the semester.

In recent years the percentage of students who didn't drink alcohol before coming to Elon was nearly the same as the percentage of students who didn't drink after attending the university for a few weeks.

"If students are choosing to use alcohol as a drug of choice, usually the initiation is before coming to campus," Gregory said.

The survey data has helped Gregory's office to focus its education and prevention efforts.

"The perception certainly differs from the reality," Gregory said. "We see students that might be using substances because they think everyone else is doing it. We try to combat that."

She said her office has recognized other factors that might contribute to first-time drug use, including stress and adjustments to the new environment. To combat drug use, the office encourages students to think about their life goals, works to offer other social activities and enforces drug policy.

Elon's drug policy states that alcoholic beverages "may be possessed and/or consumed only by individuals 21 years of age or older in their residence or an approved location,"

with prior authorization required at some locations.

The policy also prohibits the possession, use without a legal prescription and distribution of controlled and illegal substances.

Still, during exam times, students tend to try stimulants for the first time.

The government survey found that the first nonmedical use of prescription-type stimulants — such as Adderall — peaks in April, November and December. Students sometimes think that stimulants increase academic performance, the report said.

"We see drugs misused by students as a study aide in late November and early December," Gregory said. "We focus efforts around that time."

The report details findings from the annual National Survey on Drug Use and Health. It focuses on average findings from 2002-2013 for 68,600 full-time college students, aged 18-22.

Estimates about first-time substance use are important because they can be used to "assess the volume of new users by drug or drug category, track emerging patterns of use, and help to target prevention efforts," the report said.

College tanning remains popular despite risks

Risks of tanning

Morgan Smith
Reporter

Junior Taylor DeFord thought indoor tanning was innocent until doctors found concerning spots on her stomach, back and arm.

“I used to be all for tanning beds,” DeFord said. “I did whatever it took to have tanner skin. I thought it made me more attractive.”

Many college-aged women share DeFord’s logic.

A study conducted by Emory University found that women believe tan skin makes them more attractive — and a poll released by Emory shows that women with tanner skin were twice as likely to be rated as more attractive than women with paler skin.

Show that 59 percent of college students use tanning beds, according to studies conducted by JAMA Dermatology.

But not everyone feels that way.

“I would never use a tanning bed,” said sophomore Alaina Fennell. “I really don’t care that much about being tan, and skin cancer just doesn’t sound good to me.”

Over the past 30 years, the world has witnessed a remarkable increase of skin cancer rates that almost directly connects to the invention and mass use of tanning beds.

Research conducted by the International Prevalence of Indoor Tanning connects indoor tanning to close to 7,000 annual cases of melanoma. Just one tanning bed session increases users’ chances for developing melanoma by 25 percent.

Each year in the United States, approximately five million people are treated for skin cancer.

JAMA also found that more than 400,000 of these cases are linked to indoor tanning, specifically caused by the harsh UV rays emitted by lights in tanning beds.

The use of tanning beds dramatically increases the chance of developing mel-

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Sources: Jama Dermatology, International Prevalence on Indoor Tanning

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anoma, the most dangerous form of skin cancer that kills nearly 10,000 people in the United States each year.

“People need to see these statistics as a wake up call,” DeFord said.

Because of the risks of tanning beds, indoor tanning has been made illegal in two countries around the world.

According to the Melanoma Awareness and Education Association, in 2003, as a result of the World Health Organization classifying tanning beds as a Level 1 carcinogen, Brazil became the first country in the world to ban tanning beds. Recently, in January 2015, the Cancer Council of Australia also banned the use of tanning beds.

Elon University’s Physician and Medical Director of Student Health, Dr. Ginette Archinal, said that tanning beds, “should absolutely be banned.”

In addition to melanoma, the risk of

developing other forms of skin cancer such as basal cell carcinoma and squamous cell carcinoma also drastically increases with the use of tanning beds.

In 2014, tanning beds were responsible for 245,000 cases of basal cell cancer in the United States. In that same year, tanning beds caused nearly 170,000 cases of squamous cell cancer.

One session in a tanning bed increases the risk for developing basal cell carcinoma by 29 percent and squamous cell carcinoma by 67 percent.

“People need to realize how fast it can truly damage your skin,” DeFord said. “Less than a year after I started indoor tanning, I had to get six pieces of skin removed from all over my body to test for skin cancer. It was a wake-up call.”

Archinal brings up an issue that most young people fail to consider when indoor tanning.

“People use tanning beds for cosmetic reasons. It’s rather hypocritical,” Archinal said. “Chronic sun exposure causes horrible wrinkles.”

To prove her point, Archinal recommends students look up pictures of women in their forties.

“It will be very clear who has had significant sun exposure and who has not,” she said.

DeFord wants others using tanning beds to understand the severity of the side effects. “Having tan skin is just not worth it,” she said.

Archinal has a harsh message for those Elon students who use tanning beds on a regular basis.

“If you want to age faster than usual and get skin cancer, feel free to use a tanning bed,” she said. “You’re increasing your risk for developing skin cancer every time you walk into a tanning salon.”

Uber and others close to state regulation

Proposed legislation could increase compliance costs for popular ride-sharing services

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Assistant News Editor

Business has more than doubled for Uber driver and senior Noah Sakin since the fall semester started, and managing both work and school has become a balancing act. But a bit of relief might be coming his way in the form of a state bill that would insure the cars of those in ride-sharing services.

“People ask me all the time if I am insured for driving for Uber,” he said. “I am, but it’s my own insurance, not theirs. We’re not commercial vehicles, so we take on more liability that way. So I’m definitely for the bill if it’ll insure drivers like me.”

Ride-sharing services like Uber, Lyft and Sidecar are one step away from state regulation after the North Carolina House voted last Thursday in favor of legislation that would set standards for driver background checks and company coverage on drivers’ cars.

The bill, which would also require ride-sharing services to pay \$5,000 in annual state permit fees, easily passed the House and has also received Senate approval. It will be put into law if signed into legislation by Gov. Pat McCrory, who has not said anything against the bill publicly.

Uber, the most well known of the

ride-sharing services, expanded its reach to Elon University last fall. It runs through a free-to-download smartphone application and has Uber-approved drivers pick up customers requesting rides. Customers can track the driver’s route and review his or her performance afterward.

Sakin said the new bill providing insurance for drivers in the state will help the company in the long run.

“I think it’s a good thing to have,” he said. “Uber takes on a lot of liability by having independent contractors they don’t really know transporting people, so having laws in place to protect drivers and passengers is absolutely a good idea.”

Sakin said he has worried about getting into accidents while driving for Uber because of the lack of company liability coverage.

Uber has endorsed the bill’s regulations. North Carolina Uber general manager Arathi Mehrotra said in a statement that the vote was a victory for the company’s drivers and riders in the state.

“Today’s vote is a huge win for riders and drivers in North Carolina, and confirms that the General Assembly overwhelmingly stands for innovation and greater choice and opportunity,” she said.

Sakin said the bill, if passed, might increase the rates of ride-sharing services in the state because of the required driver coverage and permit fees.

“Now they might not be able to lower the rates for a little while,” he said. “But it’s better than one driver having an accident that would shut down the company in the state.”

In recent months, Georgia, Wisconsin and Virginia have passed legislation with similar ride-sharing service regulations.



Uber, the popular ride-sharing service, faces threats of added fees, leading to increased rates.

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More than 40,000 meals for Stop Hunger Now

Leena Dahal
Senior Reporter

Deafening gongs, laughter and the sound of grain dropping into containers filled Elon University's McKinnon Hall Saturday.

Almost 300 students and faculty gathered for the annual event Stop Hunger Now, sorting and packaging food to send to food insecure areas in the United States and around the world.

The striking of the gong, signifying 1,000 meals packed, struck six times within the first 30 minutes. Around four hours and more than 40 gongs and 40,000 packaged meals later, students left the event with new friends and a mark on the world by providing a meal to a person in need of it.

Kate Dillow, a freshman living in the Service Learning Community, said the motivation to make a difference is the reason why she will continue to be involved with Stop Hunger Now, a North Carolina-based relief agency.

"By going and spending time with people and packaging food, we're changing lives," she said. "It's cool to think that something so simple and small will make an impact."

Though she has participated in Stop Hunger Now meal packaging events in the past, she said her experience at Elon was deeper.

"The presence of doing it for service and to help people was more here," she said. "It was a very moving experience to be there very early on a Saturday solely for the purpose of helping others."

Melanie Seidman, an Elon Volunteers! student director, and Olivia Arges, a student intern for the Truitt Center for



Almost 300 students gathered in McKinnon and participated in Stop Hunger Now, an event that packaged more than 40,000 meals. HALI TALUXE | Photo Editor

Religious & Spiritual Life, welcomed participants to the event and discussed opportunities for engagement on campus.

The event was not limited to meal-packaging. Students heard from the Stop Hunger Now program manager Darron Stover '93 on the impact the organization has on communities around the world.

"Over 25,000 people around the world die every day from hunger-related issues, and 16,000 of them are children," Stover said.

To combat this problem, Stop Hunger Now has provided over 200 million meals in more than 70 countries.

Students were also asked to reflect on their experience in smaller groups.

Mike Krueger, a sophomore at Elon, said one of the things he liked most about the event was its ability to unite a diverse group.

"We were a bunch of people that were there for different reasons, from different organizations and clubs," he said. "But the positive energy, the livelihood and fun brought us all together."

News Editor Caroline Fernandez contributed reporting.

SOLAR PANELS from cover

member that I could not take a single long distance train in Germany without seeing massive fields that were hundreds of acres of purely solar panels," Romano said. "Although it's not the most aesthetically pleasing landscape, solar energy is crucial in providing electricity for German citizen use."

Romano added that the Germans support solar energy so much they even have bumper stickers for the movement.

But while some think solar energy is the

way to go, other students hold a different viewpoint.

"I don't know a whole lot about the project, but in my opinion it looks pretty expensive," said Gisele Nighswander, a junior studying environmental science. "I feel like it would be much more effective to direct our funds towards a bunch of smaller projects, like more compost and recycling containers and starting to replace incandescent lights with LED lights, especially in older buildings."

No matter what students have to say, the solar panels are here to stay.

Elon has already begun giving tours of

the facilities.

According to Buchholz, the tours scheduled for next week are already full, and they have garnered interest from Elon 101 classes, organizations on campus and even an organization in Virginia.

"We will work with anybody who is interested," Buchholz said. "The main purpose is so people can ask questions, do some research, and find out [more information about the panels]."

There will be a panel 7 p.m. Sept. 22 in Whitley Auditorium discussing how solar energy can be used to fuel Elon's future energy needs.

SCHAR CENTER from cover

Dwight and Martha Schar P'16 who donated \$8 million toward the building.

The facility will be used for major campus events and home basketball and volleyball games, according to the release.

Elon's 2011 campus master plan listed the land north of Colonnades and Koury Business Center — just south of University Drive — as the ideal location for the convocation center.



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News Briefs



GRAPHIC BY KATE BRAUNSTEIN

Terms to know:

Correction: When a stock falls 10% from its most recent high

Bear market: When a stock falls 20% from its most recent high

The Federal Reserve: America's banking system

Recession: Economic downturn for two consecutive quarters

Faculty members receive endowed professorships, Fulbright

Professors Chad Awtrey, Yuko Miyamoto and Michael Rich have been selected for endowed professorships in their respective fields this summer, and Carmen Monico was awarded a Core Fulbright U.S. Scholar Award to do research in Guatemala next spring.

Awtrey, assistant professor of mathematics and statistics, is the fifth recipient of the A.L. Hook Emerging Scholar Professorship in Science and Mathematics. The three-year professorship gives faculty the opportunity to involve undergraduates in research as well as funding.

Miyamoto, associate professor of biology, was named the Japeth E. Rawls Professor for Undergraduate Research in Science. The rotating two-year professorship supports faculty efforts to engage students in scientific discovery.

Rich, Elon University School of Law professor, has been named the next Jennings Professor of Law. The professorship supports faculty members with fewer than 15 years in the profession.

Monico, assistant professor of human service studies at Elon, was awarded a Core Fulbright U.S. Scholar Award to examine the impact of a Universidad del Valle de Guatemala vocational training program. The program is designed to create work opportunities for impoverished youth in the country.

Burlington Grant to Encourage Physical Activity

The Burlington Recreation and Parks Department received a grant of approval to create PlayPrints across the state, including at the upcoming Burlington Splash Park, according to a news release by the City of Burlington. PlayPrints are ground markings painted on pavement to encourage visitors to take part in more physical activity. Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina, along with the North Carolina Recreation and Park Association, has backed its creation.

Impact Alamance and the Burlington Kiwanis Club are also making efforts to promote health in the community with plans in place to build venues such as the upcoming Burlington Splash Park.

3 Elon professors awarded for 2014-15 achievements

Elon University awarded professors Olivia Choplin, Jeff Clark and Meredith Allison for their work in teaching, academia and university service for the 2014-15 academic year.

Choplin, associate French professor, received the Excellence in Teaching Award. She has taught French courses such as "French Theater in Production" and was the first to offer a capstone designed for French majors at Elon.

Allison, associate professor of psychology, received the Excellence in Scholarship award for impactful scholarly work. She had four peer-reviewed publications during the 2014-2015 academic year and made a presentation at an international conference in the Netherlands.

Clark, professor of mathematics, received the College Excellence in Service-Leadership Award for contributions to the university. He began serving on the Institutional Review Board in fall 2014 and was re-elected as the chair of the University Curriculum Committee for this year.

By the News Editors

Influence of world markets

The changes for China's market started in August, when the Chinese government tried to boost the country's economy by devaluing its currency. The hope was to make Chinese goods cheaper, encouraging people to spend. The country's central bank decided on Aug. 24 to make it easier to borrow and lend money, but Chinese markets plunged that day, with the value of its shares down 8.5 percent. This drop was abnormal for the country, according to The Economist's Free Exchange blog.

China has the second largest economy in the world and is poised to be the largest in two decades, according to predictions by experts. The August plunge brought with it

other concerns about declines in European markets and uncertainty about the price of oil. These factors caused uncertainty for several investors, and some might have been influenced to take fewer risks in the stock market.

Stock market roller coaster

The U.S. stock market fluctuated last week after a steep decline the week before. Such fluctuation isn't uncommon, especially as a reaction to economic or financial changes in the world. Though prices fluctuated for a few days last week, they ended up where they started by the end of the week. Many experts don't believe the recent stock market behavior is a sign of an oncoming recession, but others are more cautious about the situation.

State of the U.S. market

Right now, investors are cautious because they think the Federal Reserve will vote to raise interest rates later this month. The Federal Reserve has been keeping interest rates low to encourage people to borrow money after the 2008 financial crisis in hopes of bolstering the economy. The rate increase would signify that the U.S. economy is strong. The interest rate hike, which would be the first in nine years, would strengthen the dollar, impacting revenues in other countries.

The anticipation of hiked interest rates is likely influencing investor behavior. But due to the recent market changes, some stock market experts are unsure if the Federal Reserve will make the changes soon.

CRIME REPORT

**August 28
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT
MORGAN STREET, ELON:**

A woman reported to Town of Elon Police that she was assaulted around 2 a.m. on Friday at her house. She heard a knock on her door and opened it and a female grabbed her from within the home and started punching and kicking the victim in the ribs. The woman then threw a wooden chair at the victim. She had a visible laceration, severe bruising and swelling above her left eye after the incident, according to police reports.

**August 30
B&E AND BURGLARY
ELON AND GIBSONVILLE:**

Police arrested a man Monday morning suspected of committing four separate break-ins in the Elon and Gibsonville area Sunday. He was charged with four counts of felony breaking and entering, five counts of felony larceny, four counts of misdemeanor injury and one count of attempted breaking and entering.

At a house on Woodland Drive, a man tried to pry the backdoor open with a yard decoration and soon left in a four-door Sedan.

On Trinity Drive, \$3,000 in cash in a business deposit envelope was stolen from a home, along with three rings and two watches from a jewelry box. The homeowner saw a propane tank in his living room surrounded by glass from the shattered backyard door.

A Courtland Drive homeowner reported an envelope containing \$200 in cash was stolen from her bedroom.

Police arrested the man in Graham, where he was on his way to a court appearance for a probation violation charge.

Editorial

The Pendulum seeks to inspire, entertain and inform the Elon community by providing a voice for students and faculty, as well as serve as a forum for the meaningful exchange of ideas.

Focus on depth of commitment, not breadth

The second week of classes at Elon University hasn't ended yet, but most upperclassmen's calendars have already started to fill. Soon, new students' schedules will be equally crammed.

Students come to Elon to earn a degree, but they stay because of their commitment to student organizations, which quickly occupy the hours not spent in class. Participation in student organizations has become such a major part of Elon campus life that it has created an atmosphere of over-commitment in which students are pressured to join any and all organizations that match their interests, often to the detriment of their academic performance and general well-being.

The solution to this problem isn't committing to nothing. Student organizations enrich the college experience and nurture passions that can develop into careers. Involvement in them teaches students professional and practical skills they can use for the rest of their lives. But the key is to commit to student organizations in depth, not in breadth.

Involving fully, or as fully as possible while balancing academic and personal commitments, increases student fulfillment

and allows students to truly invest themselves in groups they are passionate about. When students have too many commitments, they struggle to balance all of them and are often unable to devote an appropriate amount of time to each. This is when students are forced to become members in name only, not for lack of passion but for lack of time.

This Friday, representatives of 240 of Elon's student groups will arrange tables around Young Commons, all hoping to entice students, new and old, into joining.

The resulting chaos — the Organization Fair, more affectionately referred to as the Org Fair — is new students' first opportunity to sign up to learn more about student groups. It is also new students' first introduction to over-commitment at Elon.

Janis Baughman, director of student activities, said the atmosphere of over-engagement comes from the students Elon attracts, students who were highly involved in high school. The university's job, she said, is to offer students the opportunities they want when it comes to student organizations.

Thanks to their efforts and the efforts of other students, at Elon students don't have

to look hard to find an organization that fits their needs. Instead, the opposite is true: Elon offers such a variety of organizations that students can pick and choose what they do and don't want to take part in.

But in Elon's atmosphere of over-commitment, many students struggle to be picky and, rather than choosing only the organizations that most interest them, join multiple. And the Org Fair allows them to do that right from the start.

Collectively, membership in student groups across campus totals 12,000, Baughman said. With approximately 5,800 undergraduate students on campus, this means the majority of students are involved in more than one organization, which points to students' time management skills and eagerness to be involved.

Of course, there are no statistics to measure the extent to which students are involved in their organizations.

So at this year's Org Fair, whether you're a new student searching for an organization to devote yourself to or a returning student looking to get more involved, take stock of what you're really interested in and what you can handle. Do some research before

you go so you know which organizations to look for and which you want to prioritize.

If you deeply invest yourself in a select handful of organizations, your Elon experience and your choice organizations will all be the better for it.

ORGANIZATION FAIR

- **When:** 4-6 p.m. Friday, September 4
- **Where:** Young Commons
- **Who:** 240 student group representatives and students interested in joining them
- **Fast facts:** Elon has 12,000 student group members and added 20 new groups in the last year

Learning beyond 5 little letters

Why the rubric shouldn't be your best friend

The first assignment I had to complete for one of my classes this year almost gave me a panic attack. The demands for the piece — worth 15 percent of my final grade — were frighteningly minimal. They simply asked, "Tell me more about yourself."



Leena Dahal
Columnist

No rubric, no word count, no grading scale and no real writing prompt. What a nightmare.

I was stumped. There had to be a catch, right? It had to be at least 1,000 words, right? Or something?

I labored over this piece, questioning every word I included and cursing the professor for not telling us exactly what he wanted: "Ugh, too

many to-be verbs. This is way too cheesy. Let's add a fancy synonym there. Ooh, the semicolon — professors love that."

Too many hours later, I looked down at the piece that was meant to capture who I was. The final product couldn't have been further from the truth.

I wasn't always this way. I didn't always complete assignments religiously clutching onto rubrics and guidelines. I didn't always suffocate my thoughts, opinions and words for the sake of getting a good grade.

When I was six years old, a crayon was my weapon and a color-me-in shape was my battlefield. Wrapping my awkward little fingers around the body of purple or blue, I'd find the way the ends of my lines refused to kiss every solid barrier enclosing the shapes in front of me electrifying. But somewhere in today's education system, I was told I wasn't creating art. That the triangle-faced-square-nosed people I would carve on paper weren't beautiful. That no matter how excited it would make me feel, the tip of my crayon had to

remain within the predetermined boundaries. And somehow, I listened.

Today, I can't write a paper for any class without looking at a rubric. My eyes skim past passages in articles that I find interesting only because I'm too busy highlighting points that I'm sure my professor will quiz me on. I silence the thoughts that contradict my argument because, after all, I've been asked to assert the point and a neutral opinion, even if it's the truth, won't get me more than a 75.

IT'S PAINFUL TO THINK THAT MANY OF US — MYSELF INCLUDED — HAVE TO REMIND EACH OTHER THAT WE ATTEND THIS INSTITUTION TO LEARN.

And I know it's not just me. The truth is, for many of us, the letters A, B, C, D and — God forbid — F, mean more to us than the letters we put on paper.

During my Winter Term program last year, our professor told us she would grade us on the number of questions we would ask presenters during site visits. As you'd probably imagine, all presentations we attended began the same way, "Hi, I'm John Doe from so and so and ..." Before he could finish, ten hands would fly in the air and the generic, pre-prepared questions that we probably pulled from college applications would ensue. "What do you like about your job? What are some of your life's greatest challenges? What's your biggest regret?"

The point is, we never gave John Doe the opportunity to speak because all we cared about was the number of points we racked up by the end of the day.

Contrary to what we like to believe, many Elon University professors don't give us concrete guidelines not because they're lazy but because they just want us to think. Rather than begging for recipes to get As and Bs, just write. Chances are, the less you ask yourself, "What does my professor want me to write?" and the more you ask, "What do I want to write?" the more you'll end up learning.

We pay a whole lot of money to attend this school, and it's painful to think that many of us — myself included — have to remind each other that we attend this institution to learn, not to regurgitate facts, write robotic essays and research the easiest A-granting topic.

Chances are, I'll get a C for the tell-me-about-yourself paper. And that's fine, because I learned something.

To create means that a part of you is invested in the final product — not the final grade. My weapon may no longer be a crayon, but I'm going to spend the rest of my academic career focusing less about grades and venturing outside lines and rubrics.

Color with me?

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Not a 'Fun Home' at Duke

Allison Bechdel's "Fun Home" is no stranger to controversy. Since its initial publication in 2006, the graphic memoir has been repeatedly studied, scrutinized and summarily rejected for its unflinching portrayal of harsh subjects. For the same reasons, though, "Fun Home" has been lauded by numerous publications — including *The New York Times*, *Publishers Weekly* and *Time* — as the best nonfiction book of 2006. Relevant to such modern themes as sexual orientation, gender identity, emotional development and complex family dynamics, one might think Bechdel's story would be a beneficial selection as common reading for Duke University's incoming freshmen.

This was simply not meant to be, as numerous entering freshmen at Duke refused to read "Fun Home" due to its "graphic visual depictions of sexuality." Although this is not the first instance of protest against "Fun Home" at the university level, never before had this type of incident occurred at an institution such as Duke.

"I feel as if I would have to compromise my personal Christian moral beliefs to read it," wrote freshman Brian Grasso in a Facebook post to Duke's official Class of 2019 page.

The complaints from students like Grasso are not unfounded — there are graphic, but brief, instances of sexual content in Bechdel's story. As such, it would be fair to argue that such reading could be considered a violation of moral and religious beliefs, as the protesting students claim. But it's not clear if the students' decision to completely ignore the greater work because of these few choice scenes is completely fair.

These students chose not to read "Fun Home" only after researching the book's potentially offensive material, and yet it does not appear that they ever had the opportunity to consider its context and its literary value. In fact, many Duke students who defended "Fun Home" and its portrayal of sexuality commented on the necessity for students coming into college to expand their points of view. After all, there is no better time to begin cultivating genuine curiosity in diverse worldviews, even worldviews with which we may not agree, than when we take our first steps toward independence.

Are the students who chose not to read "Fun Home" wrong for staying true to their beliefs? Of course not. However, I feel that this inaction could be ultimately short-sighted as these students develop into global citizens. Students like Grasso who are just now entering college will someday be responsible for so much more than themselves. Considering how the issues presented in "Fun Home" are only going to become more prevalent as time progresses, it's unfortunate to consider that these students may still be unable to consider perspectives that do not align with their own. The dissenting students may have the right to be offended, but they should be aware that broader society does not operate by their standards.

Even here at Elon University, we as students are always being presented with new ideas that continually change our understanding of this world, and our place in it. Sometimes, we can even be pushed to our breaking points. What has happened at Duke should remind us that personal growth is only possible when we are willing to broaden our perspectives and step outside our comfort zones. It's a choice, to be sure, but it's a choice worth considering.



Tim Melton
Columnist

Campus Voices: *How I stopped hating politics*

I think it's safe to say that there are few things college students love more than their freedom. I am no exception, which is why I joined Young Americans for Liberty (YAL).



Natalie Brown
Young Americans for Liberty

Before joining YAL, I had no interest in politics. It seemed to me that no matter who takes the White House, Republican or Democrat, nothing changes — our national debt still goes up, we still have troops on the ground in foreign countries around the world and what we search on the internet continues to be monitored.

I always felt conflicted in this two-party system because my beliefs don't fit entirely in the left wing or the right wing. While one side argues for a high degree of government involvement and regulation in economic activities, the other supports the government telling people who they can and cannot marry. In both cases, the government is failing to fulfill its role of fully protecting the individual rights of citizens — the rights to life, liberty and property.

This simple "pro-liberty" philosophy I acquired is one that I find is not as uncommon as I thought. Many 20-somethings I talk to claim to "hate politics," don't view big government very favorably and, as a result, merely settle for whichever party supports the majority of their beliefs. Though I had done the same thing, YAL opened my eyes to the crazy idea that perhaps I don't have to settle.

As a non-partisan organization, YAL welcomes anyone, liberals and conservatives alike, who has an interest in defending liberty. Knowing that many students I talk to feel deprived of certain freedoms or feel that their rights are being infringed upon, I encourage you to explore everything YAL does as the largest pro-liberty organization on America's college campuses.

The most valuable aspect of college for me is that people from all different backgrounds with diverse experiences can come together and share their individual ideas and perspectives, challenging one another to think differently and openly. Often, we hesitate to see things from an opposing viewpoint, perhaps out of fear that doing so would change our minds.

But isn't the whole point of college to broaden our horizons, exchange ideas and hear what others have to say in order to educate ourselves? In his article "Demanding More from College," *New York Times* op-ed columnist Frank Bruni explains the importance of college in getting students to break away from the habit of surrounding themselves with the familiar, and instead exploring ideas

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Natalie Brown with Ron Paul at a YAL convention in Washington, D.C.

that might lead them to challenge their own:

"As we pepper students with contradictory information and competing philosophies about college's role as an on ramp to professional glory, we should talk as much about the way college can establish patterns of reading, thinking and interacting that buck the current tendency among Americans to tuck themselves into enclaves of confederates with the same politics, the same cultural tastes, the same incomes."

Before coming to Elon University, I never saw myself doing anything related to politics, besides the occasional angst-fueled Facebook post of a meme about legalizing marijuana or balancing the budget. At the same time, I never knew a group, like YAL, that truly stands for personal freedom existed.

After signing up at the Org Fair two years ago, I can now say I have been to two YAL National Conventions in Washington, D.C., I have met hundreds of pro-liberty individuals as well as former presidential candidate Ron Paul and I have taken over as President of YAL's chapter at Elon.

I have YAL to thank for taking me from hating politics to trying to change politics, which I think should be an important goal for anyone who values their freedom. Even if you try it out and realize this organization is not for you, what matters is that you took the plunge from the familiar to the new, making the most of these invaluable four years that are, without a doubt, life changing.

University Chaplain Jan Fuller: *Multi-Faith SAGES come to Elon University*

We are looking for motivated, great students to take part in a new Truitt Center program at Elon University called Multi-Faith SAGES.



Jan Fuller
University Chaplain

SAGES is for students who love religious diversity; who want to know more about their own religious and spiritual traditions, practices and beliefs and who want also to know how to interact respectfully with others. We are recruiting a cohort of SAGES now.

We offer weekly programs that build knowledge, skills and leadership for members of our community. The program is built around four trajectories phrased as questions.

1. Who am I as I engage the world of religions?
2. Why is multi-faith important in this culture and world?
3. What do I need to know about religions to be successful?
4. What skills do I need to practice to respectfully interact and be a leader?

Every training and cohort meeting will pertain to at least one of the trajectory

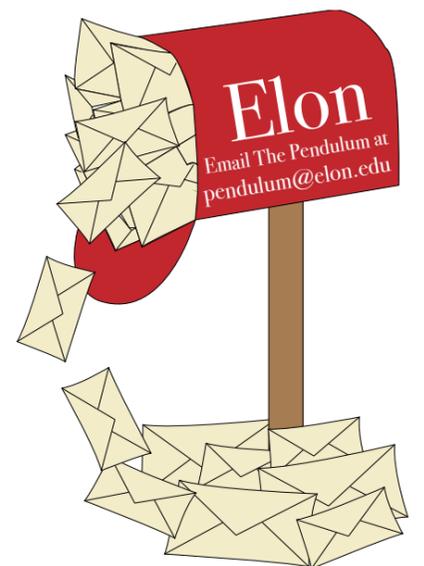
questions. We promise fun, insightful, stimulating, increasingly deep and also reflective opportunities to be together, to learn and to grow in your chosen religious or spiritual tradition as well as in understanding of those that are different from us religiously, culturally and in the ways we orient ourselves in the world.

Most students will pick and choose their trainings at their own pace, such as in the LEAD program, over the course of several semesters as we build knowledge and skill sets. The concluding project for each SAGE will be determined in the final semester, in conjunction with the student's guru, or mentor, and Jan Fuller, who directs the Multi-Faith SAGES program.

The first five training/meeting topics are at 5:30 p.m. Mondays:

- Sept. 9: Who am I? Intersecting Identities
- Sept. 14: Rosh Hashanah and New Beginnings
- Sept. 21: Introduction to Judaism
- Sept. 28: Food and Hospitality in Our Religious Traditions
- Oct. 5: Laws, Regulations and Guidance in Our Religious Traditions

We meet in the McBride Gathering Space in the Numen Lumen Pavilion. Indicate your interest in participating in the SAGES by completing the Google form on the front page of the Truitt Center's website (www.elon.edu/rellife) or by



emailing Jan Fuller at jfuller3@elon.edu.

We are thrilled to bring SAGES to students at Elon. All are welcome — the religious, the not-so-religious, the seekers, the secular and all those in between. We are all in this together, and need the voices and experiences of many perspectives to have a full experience of the diversity that is already present in our community.

We hope to hear from you about your interest in being a certified SAGE. Do it for your own sake. Do it for the betterment of our community and the world.

And in the meantime, don't forget to take your IDEALS survey (link sent to your email).

Get into 'The Elon Scene'

Facebook page informs students and locals on upcoming events



PHOTO COURTESY OF FACEBOOK

"The Elon Scene" is a Facebook page that features events occurring around the Town of Elon, like the "Alive After Five" music event led by local musicians Jive Mother Mary in the downtown area.

Ally Feinsot
Senior Reporter

For many Elon University students, heading to the underdeveloped "downtown Elon" is a monotonous experience with weekly dinners to The Root Trackside or picking up a planner from "All That Jas," thinking there isn't much else to do.

But, "The Elon Scene," a Facebook page that shares various events going on within walking distance of your dorm, is prepared to bring excitement to the greater Elon area.

Created by Phyllis Creech, director of Elon Recreation and Parks, "The Elon Scene's" purpose is to reach students and the larger Elon community by promoting and featuring upcoming events.

When "The Elon Scene" was first created, two new parks had recently opened in town, and Creech wanted to spread the word to the Elon community. Additionally, many projects and events that take place in the area are heavily volunteer-based, so Creech wanted to highlight volunteer work and thank volunteers publicly through the Facebook group.

So far, "The Elon Scene" has received excellent feedback and has reached more than 1,000 likes on Facebook. One of the most popular posts shared on the page was an August article from an "Only in Your State" website that ranked Elon as No. 3 in a list of the "Safest and Most Peaceful Places to live in North Carolina."

Through "The Elon Scene," students can hear about upcoming volunteer opportunities.

A few miles beyond campus, students can head to Beth Schmidt Park and volunteer at "Halloween and Christmas in the Park," held in October and December. Not only does "The Elon Scene" inform, but it also gives students the opportunity to get outside of their comfort zone and fully experience the town of Elon.

Most recently, the group has been promoting events such as "Alive After Five," a summer concert series held in downtown Elon.

Sponsored by the Elon Recreation and Parks Department, as well as local stores and restaurants, the concert series brings year-round residents and the broader community to downtown Elon for a night of fun.

"Visitors and residents appreciate and enjoy the bands and love the feel of downtown Elon and its beauty," Creech said.

Originally intended as a one-time music event held in May 2013, "Alive After Five" transformed into a summer concert series, promoting locals and students to shop and eat downtown while supporting and enjoying local musicians, such as Jive Mother Mary, a band based in Burlington.

Despite events sponsored and promoted through "The Elon Scene," not all Elon students can find the time to at-

tend local events.

Junior Ashley Bohle said she liked the page, but between Leadership Fellows, her involvement with Elon Local News and her 18-credit course load, she cannot always find the time to attend downtown Elon events.

"With so many things to try each day at Elon, I like to

“VISITORS AND RESIDENTS APPRECIATE AND ENJOY THE BANDS AND LOVE THE FEEL OF DOWNTOWN ELON AND ITS BEAUTY.”

PHYLLIS CREECH
DIRECTOR OF ELON RECREATION AND PARKS

stick to some norms when I can, like going to see a new movie or going out to dinner with close friends," she said.

Bohle added she doesn't see that many Elon events occurring during the school year, other than the occasion-

al downtown farmer's market in the spring and summer. Compared to college towns like Ann Arbor, Michigan or Bloomington, Indiana with a variety of restaurants and shops within walking distance, downtown Elon can feel fairly empty, leaving students to rely on transportation like a car or the BioBus to get off campus.

"The Elon Scene" is just a small part of something much bigger in the works for downtown scene of Elon.

In January 2014, a "Downtown Elon Master Plan" was published by the Town of Elon, it was essentially a vision for the future of downtown Elon. Its eventual goal is to build up the town because of a mutual agreement by town residents and students that there is no "downtown Elon."

According to the plan, the vision is to "develop a powerful community based retail, office and residential center," including a town commons and residential park.

Although it has plenty of potential, it could take a decade or more to become a reality, according to the committee.

There are pros and cons to this "vision" for a future Elon. Some students support the plan, as it could potentially create a true college town vibe.

But others, like local Elon residents, especially those who have lived here for many years, might argue it would take away from the small-town feel and force Elon to become an overly commercialized city.

Despite its current small-town status, there are still many ways to appreciate and experience downtown Elon. Finding things to do near campus can be hard, but concerts, movies events are just a block away from Pandora's Pies and a like for "The Elon Scene."



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Like "The Elon Scene" on Facebook for information on events and volunteer opportunities in downtown Elon.



Elon Eats: Taaza Bistro

Lea Silverman
Senior Reporter

Nestled between the fast food joints and Southern comfort of Burlington lies a restaurant with ethnic charm. Opened in February 2012 by Chef Manikandarja Jeaganathan, Taaza Bistro stands out as the only Indian restaurant in the area.

But differences don't end there. "Everything here is fresh, never frozen," Jeaganathan said. "We also don't use an electric or gas oven. Instead, we use fresh charcoal and tandoor charcoal clay to give the food a good smoky flavor."

Jeaganathan raves about the unique spices Taaza Bistro uses to flavor each dish. Made in-house, every sauce is loaded with different amounts of heat and spices, and three of them are served with crispy dipping bread.

The menu offers a variety of authentic Indian dishes, including curry and masala, which the chef said are the most popular.

Taaza Bistro also features dishes like aloo tikki — potato pancakes similar to tater tots but with more flavor and a spicy kick — and chicken lollipops — chicken wings marinated in garlic, herbs and spices and then fried.

Some more typical Indian dishes offered at Taaza Bistro include naan — a flat bread that comes in a variety of sweet and savory flavors, such as coconut, butter, garlic or onion — and different kinds of kabobs.

"It is really good," said sophomore Ashley Alexander. "It tastes just like the Indian restaurants from home."

Alexander often spent meals eating In-

dian food in her hometown near Washington D.C., but many students are not as lucky. Indian restaurants are not very common, especially in the middle of North Carolina.

Located at 579 Huffman Mill Road, not far from Wal-Mart and Alamance Crossing, Taaza Bistro, perfect to visit while running errands or before seeing a movie.

The restaurant is much bigger than its unassuming exterior. It provides a casual dining experience with televisions playing Indian music videos on the wall. This fun environment is perfect for college students, and the prices are reasonable, generally around \$12 for an entree.

Taaza Bistros has open environment where diners can feel comfortable hanging out in large groups. It also offers a catering menu for bigger get-togethers.

Alexander, who ate with just only other person, agrees the environment would be better with more suited to larger parties.

"It is definitely a place where you should go with a couple friends, because we had a really hard time deciding what to get," Alexander said. "It would definitely be good to share."

Although each entree is plenty for one person to eat, there are a bunch of options for appetizers and small plate meals that are relatively inexpensive and easy to share. According to Jeaganathan, if you go with a lot of people, weekdays are the best day to ensure that you get a table to fit your whole party.

With the second closest Indian restaurant to campus located in Greensboro, about 35 minutes away, Taaza Bistro is very unique to the area and locals are noticing. It is the No. 5 restaurant on Trip Advisor for Burlington's website with more than 50 people rating it "very good" or "excellent."

Not only does it offer the food of a different culture, Taaza also makes sure that it is food that is fresh for customers.

"Indian cooking is very hard to make," Jeaganathan said. "We go to the Farmer's Market. We cannot use any of the frozen



Taaza Bistro offers a wide variety of Indian food, including a variety of spicy dipping sauces with crispy bread (above) and chicken lollipops (below) to get away from traditional southern comfort food.

LEA SILVERMAN | Senior Reporter

meats or vegetables for our food."

Breaking away from the restaurants cooking foods previously frozen sets Taaza Bistro apart in Burlington, which boasts the most restaurants per capita than any other city in North Carolina.

But, even with its unique dishes and affordable menu, many Elon students have never heard of Taaza Bistro or dismiss it because they don't know what Indian food tastes like.

For college students who want a night out without breaking the bank, head to Taaza Bistro to go with a group of friends to share a couple of dishes with an ethnic dining experience like no other in Burlington.



Taaza quick Facts

CUISINE: Indian
ADDRESS: 579 Huffman Mill Road
PRICE RANGE: \$10-16

Overwhelmed and overinvolved

Tips from upperclassmen on surviving the "Org Fair"

On the second Friday of every academic year, Elon University's Young Commons is transformed into an organization extravaganza, appropriately nicknamed the "Org Fair."



Danielle Deavens
Columnist

For upperclassmen already involved in these organizations, the "Org Fair" requires preparation of signs, brochures and elevator pitches about their group. For freshmen, it is a overwhelming opportunity to meet upperclassmen and

sign up for a plethora of email lists as they try to find where they belong on campus.

The walk through Young Commons includes a variety of displays, free goodies and baked goods to draw members in. These treats can be enticing, but freshmen students have already been cautioned about limiting the number of times they write their names on the dotted line.

"They said try to narrow your list down to 10 and even 10's a big number because you can't really be in 10 organizations at once," said freshman Judah Brown.

True to Elon's involved student body, upperclassmen have encouraged freshmen to

cast a wide net, but not spread themselves too thin. While some upperclassmen remember being given advice to sign up for as little as three groups, senior Darron Daniels sided with Brown.

"I think 10 is the maximum, so anywhere up to 10 is good but just make sure those 10 that you choose are ones that you are actually interested in," Daniels said.

As students prepare to decide what organizations they want to be involved in, preparation for the Student Activities office, which handles the event, began long before students arrived on campus in the fall.

"Space, logistically, is an issue," said Janis Baughman, director of student activities. "It's about 240 groups that we're trying to accommodate. There's not a large enough space on campus that makes it conducive to allow students to be able to interact but have that space to set up their table and have student leaders be present at the same time."

In addition to the students setting up booths for organizations, the fair has to plan for about 1,500 new students who will parade throughout the event.

Though hundreds of students are expected at the event, Baughman said these numbers add to the success of the event.

"I think having it out here on Young Commons, the energy and the things that take

place on the green as the Org Fair is going on, I think that just adds to the excitement," she said.

However, the weather is not always perfect. Baughman said their rain plan has recently been changed. Because of the space required for an event of this size, bad weather will send the "Org Fair" to an unexpected location.

"We're gonna use the Colonnades neighborhood and use the sidewalk underneath the Colonnades area," Baughman said. "We'll line the Colonnades neighborhood with our tables."

Regardless of the weather, the "Org Fair" will go on as planned, and freshmen will browse the tables, picking up baked goods, promotional gear and other free goodies along the way.

That may be easier said than done, though. Of the 240 organizations registered at Elon students can sign up for anything from sports and groups with Greek letters to literary magazines and volunteer groups. With all of these groups competing for the attention of freshmen, the event can quickly turn from fun to the Hunger Games. Here are some tips for surviving the "Org Fair," as told by upperclassmen:

1. Take your time. The "Org Fair" is not about racing around and signing up for the first 10

things that seem interesting. There is more than enough time to take a couple of laps around the space before signing up for anything.

2. Don't let the free stuff distract you. One group has been known to make ice cream at the fair using dry ice. Not only does it create a cool, fog-like effect, it also yields tasty treats. But if you're not interested in what that organization does aside from the ice cream, don't sign up. That goes for other enticing treats too.

3. Prepare for a flood. The number of groups you sign up for will directly affect the amount of emails you'll have by the end of the weekend. You may eventually unsubscribe or send them to spam, but to avoid awkward exchanges or extra time deleting messages, be sure the groups you sign up for actually interest you.

4. Have fun! Though the "Org Fair" can be overwhelming, it's also a great way to meet new people and see all of the things Elon has to offer outside the classroom.

Overwhelming moments aside, the "Org Fair" is one of the highlights of the freshman experience. Go, see, and enjoy — but don't overdo it.

Names cheered during Convocation

Impressive freshman's achievements before Elon

Caroline Perry
Senior Reporter

Last weekend, 1,520 freshmen gathered together under the oaks in the North Carolina heat patiently waiting for their acorns. Unbeknownst to them, three freshmen would be singled out by Leo Lambert, president of Elon University.

Their achievements and transitions from high school students to freshmen would be documented in a speech to the entire class. One of the three students, freshman Serena Archer, like the other two, was taken by surprise when she heard her name called.

"I was sitting next to my roommate, and they said the first two names, and I thought that they were so impressive," Archer said. "My mom texted me during the program and said, 'Your dad is in tears right now.'"

The world through her lens

Archer was recognized for her cinematography and equestrian work.

Her start in cinematography began accidentally in high school when she was taking a painting class. In the class, students were asked to paint a place that was significant to them — and for Archer, it was her equestrian home.

"I'm kind of a perfectionist and I realized that I wouldn't be able to perfectly paint the place that meant so much to me," she said.

Her teacher suggested that she film her sanctuary instead, something that came more naturally to her.

"I fell in love with cinematography, so I started taking film classes, and I did an independent film study my last two years of high school, studying film, philosophy and literature," Archer said.

Her passion for riding is much older. She has been riding horses since her early childhood, is an award-winning equestrian and used to teach kids near her hometown in Minneapolis how to ride horses.

"I'll get involved with 12 to 20 kids depending on the season, ranging from ages two to 12," she said.

Archer teaches the children how to ride on trails and in the ring. Although her love for horses hasn't faded, she no longer rides in horse shows. Instead, Archer takes her students to the shows and cheers them on.

"I would love to continue teaching people how to ride," she said and added she hopes to do the same next summer.

Twirling into Elon

Freshman and Leadership Fellow Tres McMichael heard his name mentioned as well. Like Archer, McMichael was involved with

his community while attending the George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology, a magnet school in Baltimore.

"I served on an executive council during all four years of high school to serve my community to make sure there were programs and opportunities for the youth that would benefit them," McMichael said.

Additionally, he served as the student council president for all of the public schools in Baltimore County, overseeing about 110,000 students.

"I wanted to make sure that they had an opportunity to do what they were passionate about in an environment where they felt safe," McMichael said, an opportunity he himself felt he had during his education.

Although he was a leader in his community, McMichael had a bigger presence on stage.

McMichael first became interested in musicals in sixth grade,

from Danville, California made her mark. In addition to trying to find her rhythm sophomore year like most of her peers, Guevara prepared for a two-month trip to Costa Rica in the summer.

The program, called "Amigos de las Americas," sends students to various communities across the Americas to fully immerse them in different cultures and lead projects that have a meaningful, local impact.

"I want to say it's like volunteering, but I hate using that word, 'volunteering' abroad, because the focus wasn't on helping other people as much as it was learning from living in Costa Rica," Guevara said.

While in Costa Rica, Guevara lived with a host family in a rural community. An average day for her included helping her host father pick coffee beans and her host mother milk the family's cow.

"I also had a partner that lived with us too," Guevara said. "She was the only other one who spoke English."

During the day, Guevara and her partner would go to the local school to connect with and help the children there.

One of their main goals was to raise awareness about the environment and the harmful effects of pollution.

"We played some games and tried to connect them to the environment, but really we learned way more from them," she said.

To fully experience what it was like to be a child growing up in Costa Rica, Guevara and her partner used unconventional and slightly uncomfortable methods.

"We had to go out of our way to talk to people, so we would ask the kids to take us home with them after school," she said. "It was a little creepy in the American context, but it ended up being a great experience."

After the trip, Guevara signed up to be on training staff to help the new participants for Amigos de las Americas with their journeys.

She hopes to stay connected to immersion experiences abroad by studying voluntourism, tourism where travelers volunteer to help communities in the area they are visiting, while at Elon.

"I'm hoping to write my honors thesis on voluntourism abroad and how you can help rather than hinder efforts in poor countries," she said.

In addition to her passion for volunteering and immersion, Guevara is an Honors Fellow and this year's recipient of the William R. Kenan Honors Scholarship, Elon's highest academic award.

Where they bELONG

Though all three differ in the activities they were involved in during high school and the paths they are taking, all found Elon to be the

“THERE ARE ALWAYS PEOPLE WHO ARE WILLING TO HELP YOU, EVEN WHEN I JUST ARRIVED HERE.”

SELINA GUEVARA
FRESHMAN

but focused solely on his singing and acting skills. It wasn't until his theater instructor suggested working on his dancing abilities that he looked into programs.

"My teacher told me, 'If only you danced, you would be so much better at your craft,'" he said.

He wasn't sure where to begin, until a flyer for a scholarship from the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency that funds and promotes the arts, caught his eye.

"I had to go in and audition for the program, and a week later I found out that I got the scholarship," he said.

Since then, McMichael has focused on ballet, receiving numerous awards and dancing with the Inertia Dance Company, Mid Atlantic Youth Ballet and Carver Center. He has also been featured in various news outlets such as Time Magazine and The Baltimore Sun.

McMichael's passion for dance and helping others has extend beyond the country's borders. During his junior year of high school, he went to Ghana for 21 days, where he helped build a library and paint a medical school.

He plans on returning with a more arts focused purpose.

"I'm thinking about going back to Ghana in January with Elon's study abroad programs," he said.

The highest of honors

On the other side of the United States, freshman Selina Guevara



PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY SERENA ARCHER, SELINA GUEVARA AND TRES MCMICHAEL
Three freshmen Tres McMichael (top), Selina Guevara (middle) and Serena Archer (bottom) were featured in convocation for their work in dance, film and volunteering.

perfect fit. For Archer, it was the cinematography program and the environment which sealed the deal.

"I chose to come to Elon because of the communications school," she said. "I also wanted a small, discussions based environment. I felt that Elon combined those things so well."

Similarly, Guevara loved the community that she felt while on campus.

"There are always people who are willing to help you, even when I just arrived here," she said. "The librarian just asked if she could help me. The professors also seem super interested in what they're teaching."

McMichael was attracted to Elon because of the people on campus.

"They were so nice and so accepting," he said. "I could see that there was a clear vision of service, and that has always been something

I have been passionate about."

Additionally, Elon aligned with McMichael's core values, which he hopes to further during his time on campus.

"One of my personal philosophies is that my passion is service and the way that I choose to serve others is through my love of musical theater," he said.

He hopes that Elon will help him hone his skills so that he can make the arts more accessible to low income communities.

"I want to work as hard as I can to make some difference in the world," he said. "I hope Elon can help me narrow down what I can do to make a change."

With Elon's values heavily focused towards becoming global citizens and a united campus, these three have already started making strides in connecting the community through horses, travel and volunteering.

Elon prepares for Wake Forest

Thursday night kickoff leads to adjustment in calendar for Skrosky, Phoenix

Alex Simon
Sports Editor

Welcome to Friday.

No, you're not reading that wrong.

According to Rich Skrosky, head coach for the Elon University football team, the mindset going into the Thursday night season opener against Wake Forest University makes Thursday a Saturday.

"In post-practice, we talk a lot about how tomorrow is, to a lot of people, Sunday," Skrosky said after Saturday's practice. "But in Wake's world, and Elon's world, it is Tuesday."

The day of the week means a lot for this game, which is the first midweek game for the Phoenix since 1995, when West Georgia came to Burlington and beat Elon 35-16.

For Skrosky, midweek games are nothing new – he spent three years in the Mid-American Conference (MAC) as the offensive coordinator for Ball State University. MAC teams often play games on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in November, and the Cardinals had five such games during his time there.

"One of the benefits about going to Ball State is knowing how to deal with the midweek games," Skrosky said. "Now we can get the team to understand how that, yeah, it is Sunday, but it is a workday, like a Tuesday."

The game in Winston-Salem is Thursday, which makes the message in the football program clear: Today is Friday. Get ready for a Saturday night kickoff.

Series history

This game will be the 11th matchup for the schools, with Wake Forest holding the 9-0-1 edge. But, Elon will travel I-40 to Winston-Salem to take on the Demon Deacons for just the second time in school history.

The two schools faced each other eight times in the 1920s, with seven in the town of Wake Forest. The Demon Deacons won seven of the eight matchups. The eighth was a 0-0 tie in 1927.

The last time these two schools met before World War II was in 1939, with Wake Forest shutting out Elon 34-0 in a neutral site game in Greensboro. After the 1939 matchup, they would not converge on the football field again for 70 years.

When the football programs finally reacquainted in Winston-Salem in 2009, Wake Forest emerged victorious, 35-7. Skrosky was the offensive coordinator for Elon at the time.

Player to watch: defensive tackle Marquise Wright

Entering his final season of collegiate eligibility, Wright is one of the only players at Elon who has played in games at the Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) level, because he transferred to Elon after only playing in two games in three years at Rutgers University.

"The biggest stadium I've ever played in was at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, Arkansas," Wright said, recalling his previous university's Sept. 22, 2012 victory over the Razorbacks in front of 72,543 people.

For many of the Elon players, especially the freshmen, playing in front of a large crowd in an Atlantic Coast Conference stadium would be their largest audience ever. It is on upperclassmen and FBS transfers to try to prepare their younger teammates for the environment. Wright is both, and understands the perspective he provides.

"They [the underclassmen] need to understand the stadium or crowd doesn't really mean much," Wright said. "At the end of the day, we run those one-tens by ourselves. We wake



BJ Bennett (33) fights off tacklers last season. He will need to perform well this season to help the new starting quarterback.

up at 6 a.m. by ourselves.

"I told them to focus on blocking the noise out and just go play ball, and just keep doing what we've been doing all camp."

Similar situations

Though Wake Forest seems to have a set quarterback, Skrosky says he feels the Phoenix and Demon Deacons are extremely similar. Sophomore John Wolford is the returning starter, but freshman Kendall Hinton took snaps with the second team in the spring game.

"[Wake Forest] has an incumbent from last year," Skrosky said. "But everything you've heard – and I guess, with us being 50 miles away, I know the kid from Southern Durham and I know what that staff thinks of him – let's just put it this way: I'm not going to be shocked to see him on Thursday."

Beyond the quarterback position, Elon and Wake Forest are similar in the way the rosters are constructed.

"When you look at their depth chart, they have more freshman on it than we do, especially on the offensive side of the ball," Skrosky said. "There's a lot of familiarity with the staff, and I think you're going to see a lot of young guys [playing for] Wake."

The QB conundrum

With kickoff happening tomorrow, there is still no decision as to who will start at quarterback for Phoenix.

"It's obvious that neither one of those guys has totally separated themselves," Skrosky said. "Otherwise we would have named a guy already. As I've told everybody, I couldn't think of two better kids to have represent this program than Connor [Christiansen] and Daniel [Thompson]."

The decision time is still to be determined, and Skrosky acknowledged that

there could be an element of gamesmanship to it.

"It might be after Tuesday's practice, and then, if it's that late, we might go right up to game time with it," Skrosky said. He also said that the media "might ask me, 'Is it out of the question that both of them will play?'" They might. They truly might. They're not completely different guys, but there are some characteristics that Connor has that Daniel doesn't and vice versa."

For junior running back B.J. Bennett, who will be a team captain for the game, the two quarterbacks have more similarities than people would assume.

"They're both instinctual. They make plays that I didn't think they were going to do," Bennett said. "They make those plays naturally, and they both are good leaders."

As a running back with experience, Elon will be counting on Bennett to help the new starting quarterback's transition to collegiate football.

"They both can play, so I'm ready with whoever they put out," Bennett said. "I know they will lead the team."

Skrosky hasn't lost sight of the humor in the lead-up to the game, especially when it comes to naming his quarterback.

"Well, somebody has to walk out for the first play," Skrosky said. "I guess we're going to name one by then."



John Silas (50) and the Elon defense are hoping to make a statement in Winston-Salem.

Game Day

Date/Time: Sept. 3 | 7 p.m.
Location: Winston-Salem
Stadium: BB&T Field
Series History: WF leads, 9-0-1

Media

TV: ESPN3, WatchESPN app
Radio: WSML 104.5 FM/1200 AM
Twitter: @pendulumsports

Phoenix moving to one keeper

Thursday, Sept. 3

Football vs. Wake Forest,
7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 4

Men's soccer vs.
Campbell, 5 p.m.

Cross country vs. Elon
Open, 6 p.m.

Women's soccer vs.
North Florida, 7 p.m.

Volleyball vs. Charleston
Southern,
7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 5

Volleyball vs. North
Carolina Central, 12:30
p.m.

Volleyball vs. Wake
Forest, 7 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 6

Men's soccer vs. North
Florida, 12 p.m.

Men's golf at Golfweek
Program Challenge

Women's golf at
Golfweek Program
Challenge

Women's soccer at South
Carolina State, 2 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 7

Women's golf at
Golfweek Program
Challenge

Men's golf at Golfweek
Program Challenge

Tuesday, Sept. 8

Women's golf at
Golfweek Program
Challenge

Men's golf at Golfweek
Program Challenge

Volleyball vs. Davidson,
8 p.m.

Nathan Smith
Senior Reporter

During Chris Neal's seven-year tenure as head coach of the Elon University women's soccer team, his teams have incorporated different styles when it comes to goalkeepers, with varying levels of success.

Neal has had keepers who have played 1,000-plus minutes on the pitch whose starting spot and playing time were never doubted. He also has had keepers splitting time in goal, often trading halves back and forth throughout the season. The latter style characterized the last two seasons, which resulted in mixed results on both ends.

When figuring out the goalkeeper situation for his eighth season, Neal knew there needed to be a change.

"We split time on a number of occasions over the last few years and it didn't work, so if we want different results, we're going to go with something new," Neal said.

Neal intended to implement a new strategy for this season and named Hanna Macaulay the starting goalkeeper for the 2015 season prior to the team's opener Aug. 21.

Learning from experience

When it came to picking a goalkeeper last season, Elon had plenty of options. Then-senior Kate Murphy and then-junior Sydney Branson were both suitable choices for the Phoenix, each having logged the majority of the minutes in net during the 2013 season.

While some of this was a result of Elon's success in 2013 — its last in the Southern Conference — the defensive promise meant that employing a similar platoon situation might be a good idea for 2014.

But last season led to more mixed results in the net. Three different players started in net for the Phoenix, only one of whom is back for the 2015 season. Murphy, Branson and Macaulay each started at least two games last season, with Murphy and Branson, the two not on this year's roster, playing the vast majority of the minutes.

While Macaulay appeared in four matches playing 150-plus minutes, that was a mere 9 percent of the total time spent in goal. The rest of the time was divided between Murphy (48 percent) and

Branson (27 percent), although Branson started more games than Murphy (10 to Murphy's five).

Coming into 2015, there were two keepers on the Phoenix roster: Macaulay and junior Taylor Mohr. Each had experienced: Macaulay played last year, and Mohr appeared in three games as a freshman.

After a close competition during the preseason, Macaulay got the nod for the season opener against Charleston Southern University, and through the two and a half matches (the opener against Charleston Southern was canceled after one half due to lightning) she has impressed the coaching staff.

"We don't expect them to be perfect two and a half games into the season, so we haven't been without our mistakes, but the kids, including Hannah, have been able to really absorb some information in a short amount of time and apply it very well," Neal said. "I'm ecstatic with where we're at right now."

Through the team's first two games this season, Macaulay has already played more minutes than she had all of last season, recording a shutout in the season opener before giving up two goals in a 2-0 loss to North Carolina State University Aug. 27.

Support is key

Despite some growing pains, Macaulay has the support of her defense.

"It definitely takes some getting used to when you're back there," said sophomore defender Kendall Ballotti. "There were a couple times during practice where we may have miscommunicated but we worked that out during the preseason. I was confident going into the season knowing I had her in goal."

Captain and junior defender Alexis de Groot agrees.

"Hanna has improved significantly," de Groot said. "She has improved vocally a lot, and it's nice to be on the field having a keeper that you can depend on in goal."

Macaulay, a sophomore from San Diego, said while the transition has been smooth, time will definitely help the situation.

"It always takes a little bit of time to get used to the relationship between the goalkeeper and everyone on the team, but I feel like it's been good," she said. "I think so far we're off to a really good start, transi-

tioning well and getting used to how each other are playing, so I definitely think it's starting off well.

"I feel like my footwork has always been decent. The back line makes it easier getting good passes back and getting wide, and they always make that easier for me. I feel like technique-wise, I've always been pretty solid with that. I always try to stick to the proper technique, the proper form, things like that."

Neal thinks highly of both his keepers, but knew that he didn't want to split time between them going into this season.

"It was a very tough decision," he said about the choice between Mohr and Macaulay. "The things that Hanna does very well are that she's an athlete, she's got good hands, she strikes the ball very well and she's comfortable with her feet so those are a few of the things that make her who she is."

Both goalkeepers have earned the respect of their teammates, de Groot said.

"I think between Taylor and Hanna, they push each other and they work hard every single practice, and I think that right now Hanna is doing a great job in goal but I completely trust both keepers," de Groot said. "I think it's nice being able to be confident that either keeper could go in and do a good job."

Rather be set in net

Macaulay agrees with Neal's decision to have one starting keeper and one backup, even if she isn't always the one starting.

"I do like that we're keeping in one goalkeeper for the whole game," she said. "I feel like just for the team in general, it's good to keep that consistency because goalkeepers play so differently, and it can be hard to change from one goalkeeper to the next in the middle of the game."

One thing Neal has made clear is that this decision was not — and will not be — made on a game-by-game basis.

"There's a real big indicator on most teams when it comes to the goalkeeper position is the ability to not allow soft goals and to the trained eye, you know what a soft goal looks like," Neal said. "If the goalkeeper's allowing soft goals to happen on more than one occasion then you've got a problem. Only if that happens will we really look to make a change."



Sophomore goalkeeper Hanna Macaulay steps up to take a goal kick. She appeared in four matches, making one start, in her rookie season.

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Kelly Siewers (29) scored both goals for the Phoenix in a 2-0 win over Chattanooga.

Strong second half leads women's soccer over Chattanooga

For the second time in her career, Elon University junior midfielder Kelly Siewers had a two-goal game, tallying both goals in the second half to give the Phoenix a 2-0 win over the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga Sunday afternoon.

Though possession in the first half was controlled by the Phoenix, the match remained scoreless at the half, despite Elon outshooting the Mocs 3-2. Of those five shots between the teams, only one was on target, by Elon freshman defender Jill Richards.

The Phoenix continued with more of the same early in the second half, as a shot from sophomore forward Susannah Anderson narrowly flew over the crossbar.

The Phoenix finally put the ball in the back of the net in the 53rd minute, when Siewers headed a left-side cross by sophomore forward Sydney Schilling to give the Phoenix the lead.

Siewers struck again in the 84th minute, this time with her feet. She took a touch from freshman midfielder Nyah Spearman and lobbed it over the Chattanooga keeper to all but ensure a victory for the Phoenix.

While plenty of shots still came from both sides (11 for the Phoenix, six for the Mocs), each side only had three shots on goal each. The match was also the second shutout of the season for the Phoenix in three games and the fourth consecutive win over Chattanooga, a former Southern Conference foe.

After a four-game road trip to start the season, which included a canceled game, the Phoenix (2-1) begins its home slate Sept. 4 against the University of North Florida.

Jegier shines in goal for 2-0 Phoenix

Elon University redshirt freshman goalkeeper Matthew Jegier was named Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) Rookie of the Week by the league office Aug. 31.

The Charlotte native recorded a pair of clean sheets for the men's soccer team in victories over DePaul University and St. Mary's College of California at the John Rennie/Nike Invitational hosted by Duke University.

With Jegier's efforts in goal, the Phoenix has started with back-to-back wins for the first time since 2006 as well as consecutive shutouts for the first time since 2005.

Jegier recorded three saves in the 4-0 victory over DePaul on Aug. 28. The Phoenix scored three times in the first half hour of the season, cruising to a season-opening win.

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill transfer and current senior forward Cooper Vandermaas-Peeler scored on his Elon debut from the penalty spot to give Elon the lead in the 17th minute. Seniors Caue Da Silva, Nathan Diehl and Eduardo Alvarez scored in the 27th, 32nd and 50th minutes respectively in the blowout victory.

More than 36 hours later, Elon earned its second victory of the season behind four saves from Jegier. Alvarez scored his second goal in as many matches, taking an assist from freshman forward Jaiden Fortune in the 41st minute to give Elon the 1-0 win.

St. Mary's pushed hard for the equalizer as Jegier made two big saves in the 87th and 88th minutes to preserve the slender lead.

Elon will take part in its second straight tournament this weekend. The Phoenix will take part in the University of North Carolina-Wilmington Classic, hosted by their CAA rivals. Elon will face Campbell University at 5 p.m. on Sept. 4 and the University of North Florida at noon on Sept. 6.

Winless first weekend for volleyball

The Elon volleyball team started the season on a sour note, going 0-3 at the Radford University/Virginia Tech Invite this past weekend. The Phoenix lost to both of the host teams on Saturday after falling to Washington State University on Friday.

In the first match, Elon kept the score close in the first set, trailing by as little as three before the Cougars pulled away to win 25-18. The second set was much of the same for the Phoenix, and Washington State won 25-17.

The Phoenix jumped out to a 3-1 lead at the start of the third set. Washington State gradually built a four point lead before Elon rallied within one, 22-21, on the back of a kill by senior outside hitter Megan Gravley. The Phoenix then tied the score at 24-24 with a kill from freshman outside hitter Kam Terry, but the Cougars would ultimately hold on for the win, 26-24.

In its first match on Saturday, the Phoenix lost to Virginia Tech in three sets. The Phoenix led 9-8 before the Hokies pulled away to win the first set 25-20. Elon didn't recover from the deficit, dropping the next two games 25-17 and 25-11, respectively.

The match against Radford proved to be more eventful. The Phoenix swiped the first two sets from the Highlanders, 25-23 and 25-13, but Radford fought back into the game, winning games three and four 25-20. Neither team led by more than three points in the fifth set. Elon led 10-8 before the Highlanders took control, ending the set on a 7-3 run and securing the victory.

Gravley led the attack for Elon with 27 kills over the weekend. In her first action since transferring from Michigan State

University, junior outside hitter Ebony Scott had 13 kills, and sophomore setter Sydel Curry had 80 assists for the Phoenix.

The losses drop the Phoenix to 0-3 on the season. This weekend, the Phoenix will host Charleston Southern University, North Carolina Central University and Wake Forest University in the Elon Phoenix Classic.

Elon officially announces 2015 men's basketball signees

The Elon University men's basketball team on Thursday officially announced the addition of five freshmen to this year's team.

Leading the way is Steven Santa Ana, the star of Charlotte's Ardrey Kell High School, who signed last fall. He's a 6-foot-4-inch, 185-pound guard who scored a record 44 points in the 4A state championship game as a senior.

Forward Tyler Seibring of Normal Community High School in Towanda, Illinois, also signed last fall. He's 6 feet 8 inches and averaged 13.6 points and 6.6 rebounds per game as a senior in addition to shooting 41 percent from 3-point range.

Karolis Kundrotas, of Lithuania, signed in the spring. He's a 6-foot-11-inch forward who played last year for Barking Abbey School in London.

Sheldon Eberhardt, a 6-foot-5-inch guard from Apex, was signed over the summer, after Elijah Bryant announced he was transferring. Eberhardt averaged 15.5 points, 4.5 rebounds and 3.2 assists per game last year.

Dainan Swoope, a 6-foot-1-inch point guard from Kansas City, Kansas, was signed in early August. He was set to attend prep school after playing for Sunrise Christian Academy, but filled the hole left by Bryant's transfer. With Luke Eddy recovering from a torn ACL, the Phoenix were in desperate need of someone to handle the ball. Swoope comes to Elon hoping to be the solution.

The Phoenix opens its season Nov. 13 at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

WEEKEND RESULTS

Women's soccer
v. Chattanooga | W, 2-0

Men's Soccer
v. DePaul | W, 4-0
v. St. Mary | W, 1-0

Volleyball
Radford University/Virginia Tech Invite | 0-3



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Elon's five incoming freshmen will join Christian Hairston (12) and Tanner Samson (3) for the 2015-16 season.

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