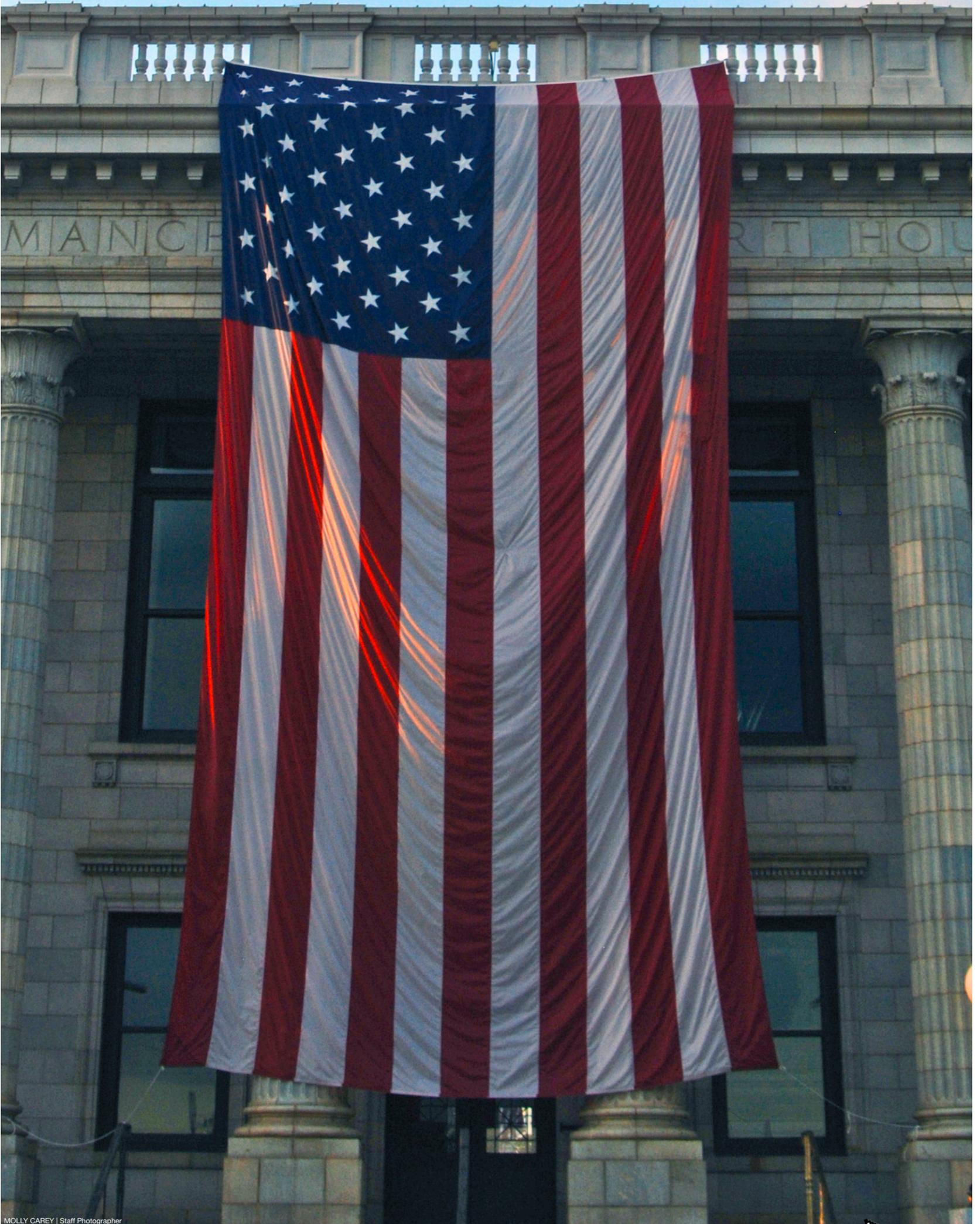


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Ten years later, the past remains present



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A day of celebration turns somber

Elon's campus shocked, reflective after terrorist attacks

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Tuesday morning, Sept. 11, 2001, Kristin Simonetti was sound asleep. It was just a few days into her freshman year at Elon University and it was a big day for College Coffee. The marching band and football team were about to begin the celebrations in anticipation of the opening of Rhodes Stadium, where its first football game was to be held the following Saturday.

Simonetti woke with a start to a loud, incessant banging on her door. A "there's an emergency" kind of banging. A freshman from down the hall, whom she hardly even knew, burst into the room, turned on the TV and said, "You've got to watch this."

American Airlines Flight 11 had just crashed into the north tower of the World Trade Center and a few minutes later, scared and in shock, Simonetti and her friends watched live as United Airlines Flight 175 was flown into the south tower at 9:03 a.m.

"For a while it was paralyzing," Simonetti said. "Then I looked at the clock and got dressed and ran for McEwen. Our professor came into the classroom and all of us were there and we had conversation partners, exchange students from Japan, but we didn't know what to say to each other, we didn't know what to do."

Simonetti, Class of 2005, currently works as the assistant director of University Relations for alumni communications. She said it took hours for people to finally get through the busy phone lines to contact their families and for the dust to settle and reality to sink in. Classes weren't officially canceled for the day, but many professors gave students the opportunity to go back to their dorms, she said.

"It was about noon when things started calming down and people started speculating about who did it and why," she said. "I remember just being really confused."

At College Coffee that morning, Dan Anderson, director of University Relations, was pulled aside and summoned to the president's office, where President Leo Lambert was assembling a crisis team. While other aspects of campus life continued as usual, everything stopped at University Relations, where staff members went into full news coverage mode.

"My sense is that everybody was kind of in shock and didn't know what to do," Anderson said. "There was no huge outcry, it was confusion and shock and curiosity. It was just starting to sink in

that this was not an accident, that this was an attack. Mostly, people didn't do anything but try to find out more information."

The inaugural football game at Rhodes Stadium was postponed because of the attacks, Anderson said, and was held the following weekend.

Cheryl Borden, director of International Admissions, was also a freshman at Elon in 2001 and said she first heard about the attacks when she saw the news coverage on TV in the laundry room of her dorm.

Borden rushed to contact her twin sister, also an Elon student, but she was in class at the time and could not get a hold of her. She finally tracked down a friend from high school and the two of them sat in front of the TV in shock for hours, she said.

"I remember the TV coverage when the second plane hit the twin towers and just watching in helplessness and horror as everything went crumbling down," Borden said. "My friend and I didn't really leave his dorm room. We had pizza delivered and while I can't remember if classes were canceled that afternoon, I know that if they were not, I definitely skipped my second class that day."

In the days following the attacks, University Relations worked to cover the numerous events on campus designed to foster discussion and support students, faculty and staff. It was important for parents to have access to current, accurate information about what was happening on campus and in the area, Anderson said.

Staff members in the admissions department continued on with their routine, but the attacks were present on everyone's minds and permeated discussions throughout the day, said Greg Zaiser, dean of admissions, and Art Fadde, associate dean of admissions and director of graduate admissions.

Both were shocked when they initially heard of the attacks, but staff members started working right away to find out how many students in the freshman class were from affected areas, Fadde said.

"That was almost immediate," Zaiser said. "The word went out, how many students were from affected areas? There were, as I recall, Elon families who certainly lost loved ones as a result. It's hard to believe, I know this is such a cliché, but it's hard to believe it's been 10 years."

Sept. 11 was Fadde's second day of work as one of Elon's newest staff members and he said he was astonished by the amount of support he saw on campus.

"I was witness to a lot of genuine, very authentic caring, in particular, of our first-year students, who were just on campus for a couple of days," he said. "Asking, 'Do you have the ability to check in?' and 'Are you OK?' I remember former Chaplain Emeritus Richard McBride having a very strong presence and he really kind of exhibited one of the core Elon values that still stands today, that we rally. Elon is a place that is special in that way, in the sense that they really genuinely care about the students, the people that we work with, and that goes all the way up."

The discussion fueled by the attacks did not quickly fade and made Simonetti and her peers ask questions about the invincibility of the United States they had never before thought to ask. Things like, "Are we really the best country in the world?" and "Do these people have a point?"

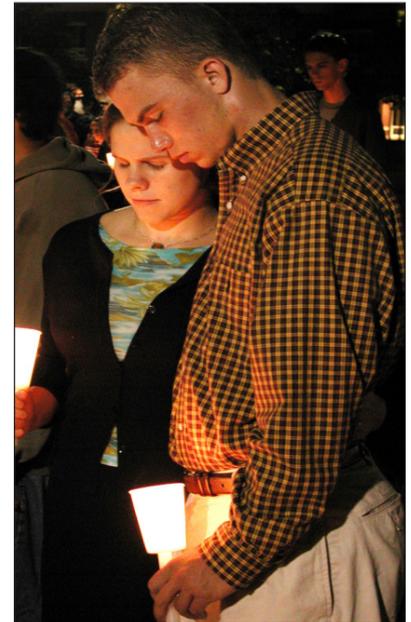
"One of my friends that lived near me in Jordan Center, his father was killed in the Pentagon," she said. "You heard bits and pieces of stories like that, it was surreal. When you're 18 and starting college and you feel like you're invincible and the world is your oyster, it's hard."

Stories about the attacks and their immense emotional aftermath still make it into the admissions essays of a few prospective students each year, Zaiser said.

It's not as common as it was in the years immediately following 2001, but the attacks' effects are still reflected,

especially for students from affected areas.

"I think for some of us, even at our age, I think we lost a little bit of our innocence," Fadde said. "Zaiser and I were both dads at the time and this is something our kids are going to have to grow up with."



COURTESY OF UNIVERSITY RELATIONS
Memorial events were held on campus following Sept. 11 so students and faculty could mourn and reflect.



COURTESY OF UNIVERSITY RELATIONS
Many faculty, staff and students were at a special College Coffee celebrating the opening of the new Rhodes Stadium when they heard the news of Sept. 11 attacks. For the most part, the day went on as normal on campus.

New York natives, alumni remember Sept. 11

Ashley Fahey
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Ten years ago, the United States and the world changed forever when terrorists flew planes into the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and a field in Pennsylvania. Despite the passage of time, the memories are still fresh, particularly for New Yorkers.

"What I could remember of 9/11 was stun and sorrow," said Tyrice Johnson, a junior from Brooklyn, N.Y. "I was in the fifth grade in my morning class, looking forward to my birthday celebration the next day. Then, as my classmates were dismissed one by one, and I learned of the events that happened, excitement turned to shock, and then turned to sorrow."

The events of Sept. 11 affected the entire United States, but at the epicenters of grief were in New York City and D.C.

"I remember walking back from the bathroom as the faculty seemed to have gone into a frenzy," said Trishelle Byrd, a junior from Yonkers, N.Y. "My gym teacher was walking down the hall with his walkie-talkie close to his

face and ordered me, along with the other students in the hall, to hurry back to our classrooms. I started to see teachers lock and close their blinds to their doors and windows."

Some New Yorkers personally knew someone who died in the attack or knew someone whose family member, neighbor or close friend worked in or near the World Trade Center.

"My friend's mom worked in the twin towers and went to work that day," Byrd said. "Later that day, he was escorted down to the office. Very fortunately, my friend T.J. made his mom late getting to work. As she was about to walk in the front door to her building, she saw the first plane hit the tower."

Alex MacKintosh, a junior from Bronxville, N.Y., had a teacher's assistant in his class whose husband

was a firefighter and knew someone in the towers.

"I had a neighbor who worked on one of the top floors of the World Trade Center make it out alive, but he saw many of his co-workers die that day."

In addition to the loss of family, community members and friends on Sept. 11, these students and other New Yorkers were affected in other ways that changed their day-to-day lives.

"When I got home from school, it was all that was on the TV for the rest of the night," said Amanda Long, a senior from Chappaqua, N.Y. "Those images are burned in my mind. My family was fine, but that was not the same for everyone in my community."

For some, the danger in the

aftermath of Sept. 11 was literally all around them.

"My school closed down for about two weeks due to the air quality," MacKintosh said.

For Johnson, Sept. 11 had lingering effects on his psyche.

"It instilled fear in me about planes," Johnson said. "I lived on the top floor of my building and I could remember going to the window every time I heard a plane going toward JFK International Airport."

Ten years later, the magnitude of Sept. 11 still prevails.

"I cannot believe it has been 10 years since the attacks and with each passing year, I still remember exactly where I was that day and what I heard on the radio in my classroom," MacKintosh said. "I will always remember that day more than any other, because of what happened and also because I had people that I knew lose their lives."

Despite everything, New Yorkers continue to remain proud and stand strong.

"The sentiment in New York is not one of defeat, however," said Long. "We are New Yorkers. We survive."

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Misconception shapes US, Middle East relations

Caitlin O'Donnell
News Editor

It can be seen in the controversy surrounding the construction of an Islamic community center in New York City. It resonated around the world when a Florida pastor threatened to burn a copy of the Quran. And it goes on today as politicians propose legislation that would ban mosques from communities across the country.

The perception of Muslim Americans took a turn for the worse in the decade since the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.

"They think Islam is not a religion, it's terroristic, they will bring jihad into America," said Rudy Zarzar, professor of political science. "They think the Muslims living in this country are like fifth colonists, they want to enact Shariah law. None of this has legitimacy or truth but people believe it and that's what's so sad about this whole thing."

But Americans not only misunderstand Muslims. It also is the other way around. Middle Eastern countries often viewed the war on terror as a war on Muslims.

"When we declared war on these countries, it's funny that all of them are Muslims," Zarzar said. "When you repeat it, that's the perception. I'm not saying that's the way it should be, but sometimes people's perceptions are more important than reality. That's the way they see reality, like it or not."

When the United States pursues foreign policies that are viewed as anti-Muslim, others take note of it, Zarzar said. While bin Laden's methods were never popular with the majority of Muslims, his message did resonate.

"The message that the U.S. is basically anti-Muslim, fights only Muslims, wants to destroy Islam resonates with them because they see cases where (the U.S.) has done just that," he said. "It doesn't mean they agree with terrorism. They think it's doing more harm to Muslims than anything."

The majority of Muslims did not approve of the radicalism of bin Laden and al-Qaida and did not support his idea of "Holy War." The methods of terrorism targeted not only American citizens, but those within bin Laden's own faith.

"Osama bin Laden wasn't only attacking infidels, but also attacking Muslim leaders he thought weren't Muslim enough," Zarzar said. "In the West, there is an unfortunate tendency to lump all Muslims into one package."

Misconceptions such as this often lead to a fear of the religion.

"Unfortunately, you say 'Muslim' and you scare the hell out of people," Zarzar said. "It's called Islamophobia."

The perception of Islam is that it is a warlike religion and sexist, according to Zarzar.

"There is also some truth in myths, but when we say them and don't say, 'yes, this is true, but...' then you generate lies and every Muslim becomes a bad guy," he said.

Sophomore Nada Azem, originally from Syria, said she has found herself wrapped up in the unfounded conceptions put forth by Americans.

While visiting ground zero in New York City this summer, she at first felt embarrassed when her mother, who wears a traditional Muslim headscarf, began asking about the former location of the World Trade Center.

"I told her, 'no you're covered, you can't ask,'" Azem said. "I tried to act like I didn't know her."

Before long, they located the site and Azem's mother had broken down into tears. Surprisingly to Nada, there was minimal reaction from the New Yorkers strolling past.

"After I left, I realized I'd been in America for a year and I'd already had the reaction that (Muslims) aren't supposed to do that," Azem said. "All of a sudden, I had fallen into the idea that Muslims aren't supposed to show sympathy for what happened."

Sept. 11 did create sympathy toward the United States among Middle Easterners, especially for the innocent victims, according to Zarzar. This good will was hurt when the United States entered Iraq under the banner of fighting terrorism.

"Given that, whatever good will we received, we lost it because of intervention in the (Middle East)," he said. "Again, we see how the U.S. seems incapable of creating bridges to the Middle East



Rev. Terry Jones officially canceled his demonstration to burn the Koran while on "The Today Show" Sept. 11, 2010.



University of North Texas student Rajaa Alghatany demonstrates at an anti-war rally in Denton, Texas.

because of policies."

He also cited the United States' "one-sided" support of Israel and alliances with dictators as barriers to peace.

"We are traditionally allies with dictators

because we can control them, they served our interests," he said. "If you're Middle Eastern, you would feel resentment and say the U.S. talks about democracy but when it comes to it, we play into the hands of terrorists."

In their own words: living as a Muslim in America

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News Editor

Sophomore Nada Azem was a new student on Elon University's campus when she heard something she didn't expect: "Islam isn't a religion."

The Muslim and Syrian native was in the middle of a class discussion about a Florida pastor's threat to burn the Quran. But the other student's opinion didn't stop there - she went on to say the pastor had the right to burn the Holy Book of Islam because Muslims burned Americans Sept. 11.

"It's America, she has a right to her opinion," Azem said. "I try to be as open-minded as I can or should be, but there was a thin line of being respectful. I understand you're frustrated but that was not Islam's (fault). I don't know what Osama bin Laden and al-Qaida and all those people that killed are. They aren't Muslims, they aren't any religion."

According to a report published by the Arab American Institute in September 2010, a majority of 2,100 respondents said they have an

unfavorable view of Muslims.

The differences in opinion often fall along party lines, according to the poll. Seventy percent of Republicans polled said they disagree with the statement that "Islam is the religion of peace" and 74 percent agreed with the statement "Islam teaches hate," compared to 19 percent and 22 percent, respectively, from Democrats.

Media has much to do with these misconceptions, Azem said.

At another point during her freshman year, a classmate told Azem all Muslims are terrorists because no one else had bombed the United States. The same acquaintance admitted to being greatly affected by reports from Fox News and making no attempt to befriend a Muslim.

"We live in a world where we believe the media," Azem said. "On the day Osama bin Laden died, everyone was saying how now we're safe, but all I thought was, 'The government sure has got you guys.' That's not how it is. It's easy to blame someone or something, and there the government is very smart

in doing so, putting out the image that he killed is and once we get him, we're safe."

For sophomore Muslim student Dana Mustafa, the media complicates many issues involving Muslims in America.

"Whatever they say is what Americans are going to hear," she said. "They said it was a mosque being built at ground zero. It's not on ground zero, but people don't know that because that's what they called it."

Although she was born and raised in Durham, Mustafa's family is originally Palestinian. A fourth grader at the time of the attacks on Sept. 11, she remembers being instantly distinguished because of her religion.

"My teacher showed us clips of Muslims burning the American flag and she looked at me and asked if I was laughing and I said 'no,'" Mustafa said. "I didn't understand it as a child, but I look back on it now and am like, 'wow.' Someone who was supposed to be so mature and much more intellectual than I am is calling me out and I found that repulsive."

It would not be until much later, as a high school student, when she had a similar experience while traveling in D.C. to the Holocaust Memorial Museum.

After going through the metal detector at the entrance, she was pulled to the side and given a full-body pat down.

"Then they got out my purse and they said they needed me to test my water bottle for explosive materials," she said. "They had me drink from my water bottle and then they let me go through. I was just taken aback by that."

For Azem, she's now come to terms with the long wait and extra screening she receives while traveling. And while she accepts security changes, she refuses to allow Muslims to be grouped into the single category of "terrorist."

"I thought about it and, well, you have Americans bombing America all the time," she said. "I accept that terrorists were Muslim and I understand (Sept. 11) was a sad time, but I won't say sorry because it wasn't me who did it or my people or my mom or anyone who is related in any type of circle to me."

Has the perception of Muslims changed since Sept. 11?



Tom McMahon,
freshman

"I know I feel like people these days whenever they see someone of darker skin that looks like a Muslim or is wearing something that reminds them of a Muslim, they're very hesitant to interact with them."



Alexandra Iula,
freshman

"I think that a lot of people when they do see Muslims, their guard originally goes right up, and they just get really nervous and apprehensive, just based off things that they've heard or seen."



Emily Drago,
freshman

"I would say so, especially initially, right after 9/11 everyone viewed them differently. I think now, 10 years later, people are trying to move away from that but it hasn't worked that well."



Willy Pagliaro,
junior

"The perception of Muslims definitely changed. I think people are, I wouldn't say afraid of them, but I guess question them a little bit because Muslims were involved in 9/11."

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Fallen towers inspire new career path

Story by Rebecca Smith, Managing Editor

When Ross Wade first heard the explosion on Sept. 11, he didn't even flinch. Until that moment it had been a normal day. Then he reached street level from the subway, and everything changed.

"It was an area where they were always working on film productions, so none one felt out of the ordinary or even flinched at the noise," Wade said. "When I left the subway station, everyone was facing one direction. Their faces are what scared me. It was weird how their faces looked. They weren't scared or entertained, but just confused."

Then, Wade watched as the plane hit the second tower.

A crumbling city

He headed toward his boss' home, his original destination, because her daughter went to school right across the street from the World Trade Center. When he reached her apartment, a cleaning lady let him inside.

"I was told my boss had already left to get her daughter because things and people were falling out of the towers," Wade said. "She had this huge window that basically framed the towers. I would look out the window and then have to turn to the TV because I could comprehend it better from the TV screen."

He turned to look out the window, and the first tower fell to the ground. He left the apartment, went outside and entered the streets where masses of people were running.

His mom called from Durham. She

was the first person to start to explain to Wade what was happening.

"She told me terrorists were attacking," Wade said. "I told her that I was fine but needed to run north. Everyone was running north."

When Wade hung up, several people came over to ask to use Wade's phone. They knew people in the towers. They needed to call their husbands, wives, children and friends. But his phone would not send any more calls. The networks were too full.

He started running north to Union Square.

"No one knew what was going on — we were just all trying to escape it," Wade said. "Shop owners were passing out water bottles and masks. Everyone said more planes were coming."

He ran with the crowd to Williamsburg Bridge. When he got there, people were already crossing, but police soon came and told them to stop because there might be bombs on the bridge.

"It seemed like there were thousands of people. All of us just trying to get out," Wade said. "So we all turned around and started running south to the Manhattan Bridge. Cars were zooming past us. It all had a very apocalyptic feeling."

He was allowed to cross the Manhattan Bridge. The second tower fell. He turned around to face the city.

"Black smoke was oozing out of the bottom of the island," Wade said. "The towers were gone. It was iconic, those structures, and now it was empty."

Wade walked back to his apartment in Brooklyn, N.Y. He had not been able to talk to anyone he lived with that day. All of his roommates were in his apartment waiting for him. One of them, Eric, had hopped on the back of a Meritas Bread truck in order to ride out of the city.

"When I walked in it was the happiest moment because we were all OK, but we were all crying," Wade said. "It was a surreal feeling."

A chaotic community

Wade stayed home for a couple of days after the attacks. He lived in an apartment without central air conditioning. In September, that meant the windows were left open. Smoke from where the towers used to stand kept blowing into his apartment. He went home not just to clear his head, but also to clear his lungs.

"It wasn't New York City after the attacks," Wade said. "When I returned two days later, everything was so quiet. All of Union Square smelled



Today, Ross Wade helps students from the School of Communications find careers, but previously he worked as a production assistant in New York City. He moved back to North Carolina after the attacks on Sept. 11.

like lavender and vanilla. Parts of New York were more like candle stores than subway stations because of all of the memorials. And the faces of those who died were everywhere, all around you."

Fliers lined the walls of subways and buildings with the faces of family members who had not returned home after the attacks on Sept. 11.

"Employers would stop and look at the fliers," Wade said. "They would look and see if the employees they had not seen had not returned home. If they were on the flier, they were probably dead."

Wade had been in New York City as a production assistant, but productions stopped after the attacks.

"It wasn't just people who were mourning, but the whole city," Wade said. "I ended up basically losing my job because of it. Lots of people were suddenly out of jobs. People weren't eating out as much, so waiters no longer got paid. Everyone was just aware that it no longer felt like New York City."

For about three months, people were nicer in New York City, but then they got angry again, Wade said.

"It made me angry to hear people outside of the city talking about it," Wade said. "Ground zero became a tourist attraction. It made me mad when people tapped me on the shoulder in 'I heart NYC' shirts with a camera around their neck and asked for directions to ground zero."

Wade tried to not talk about that day too much.

"That day was like being cast as an extra in a war movie and you didn't

know it. It was like a war movie with no producers or directors. Just chaos," Wade said.

A career change

The roof of his apartment, where he used to relax, now looked out onto a city that no longer had the iconic towers. For two or three weeks after the attacks, the smoke made it impossible to sit on the top of the apartment building.

"Some of the magic of the city just seemed to be gone," Wade said. "The summer after the attacks, I returned home."

Wade had moved to New York City to sublet for a friend just three months before the attacks on Sept. 11. He had been on location in Rhode Island for two of those three months.

He had already decided he was going to return to North Carolina before the attacks. It was where his friends were, he said. He already knew he would not want the late nights and deadlines of the film industry forever, and after the attacks, he started looking up counseling jobs.

Wade became the assistant director of Career Services for the School of Communications in 2005.

"I thought I could be doing something different where I could be helping people, not just showing people something," Wade said. "I wanted to help people. It's been 10 years since Sept. 11 and I am not really sure how it has affected me. But I hope that I have helped people. I hope I have made a difference since then."



Ross Wade exited the subway Sept. 11 and saw the second plane hit the World Trade Center.

Sept. 11 Breakdown - New York City

8 a.m.

American Airlines Flight 11, with 92 people on board, takes off from Boston's Logan International Airport.

8:14 a.m.

United Airlines Flight 175, with 65 people on board, takes off from Logan.

8:40 a.m.

FAA suspects American Flight 11 has been hijacked.

8:43 a.m.

FAA suspects United Flight 175 has been hijacked.

8:46 a.m.

American Flight 11 crashes into the north tower of the World Trade Center.

9:03 a.m.

United Flight 175 crashes into the south tower of the World Trade Center.

9:45 a.m.

FAA orders all aircrafts to land at the nearest airport as soon as possible.

9:59 a.m.

South tower of the World Trade Center collapses.

10:28 a.m.

North tower of the World Trade Center collapses.

1:04 p.m.

President George W. Bush announces U.S. military is on high alert worldwide.

5:25 p.m.

The empty 7 World Trade Center collapses.

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Lesson from tragedy: living with feeling

Story by Rebecca Smith, Managing Editor

People will never forget Sept. 11, but for Linda Lashendock, Elon University's manager of video services and event production, it is a day that completely changed the direction of her life.

Lashendock had been working at the CNN D.C. bureau for 20 years. Every morning at 8 a.m., she had a conference call. She turned on the radio while she was getting ready for the office. As she stepped out of the shower, she heard, "If you're just tuning in, we want you to know a plane has hit a tower in New York City."

"I knew right away it was terrorism, I had this intuitive feeling," Lashendock said.

She turned on her television and a little after 9 a.m., saw a plane hit the second tower. For three years, she had been dating a man who worked for United Airlines. When she saw the plane on television, she knew right away what it was.

"I picked up the phone and called the executive producer for the D.C. bureau and said, 'It is a United plane,'" Lashendock said. "No one knew anything at that time, so she asked me how I could know that. I reminded her who I was dating and that I either picked him up from the airport every weekend or rode a United plane every weekend. I knew those planes. And we went with that in our reporting."

While some people were heading home from work because of the attacks, Lashendock had to pick out what to wear for what she knew would be a busy day in the office. She picked out a lime

green suit and three-inch heels to wear.

During the ride to work, straight down highway 270, Lashendock left the radio off to think about what would need to happen to cover the plane crash in New York that day.

D.C. destruction

When she looked up and saw that the National Guard were lining highway 270, she called the bureau to find out what was going on. That is when she learned a plane had hit the Pentagon.

"I knew in my heart the towers were going to fall. I had been thinking that on the way to work," Lashendock said. "When I was told the Pentagon had been hit, my heart just fell."

All the plans Lashendock had made earlier that morning were thrown out in order to report on the Pentagon. As everyone was evacuating the city, walking away from D.C., Lashendock was trying to drive in the opposite direction.

Lashendock searched for parking, got out of her car, took off her 3-inch heels and ran down the street.

She remembered to call her parents to tell them that she was OK. She tried to call her brother, who worked on Wall Street, but couldn't get through.

"When you work in the business, your feelings are pushed down and you just worry about facts," Lashendock said. "I got to work, but I don't remember what we did. I just remember working from Tuesday to Friday non-stop."

One of the feelings she had to push down was the feeling of loss. One of her colleagues was on the plane that hit the Pentagon.

"She was on a plane going to LA when it went into the Pentagon," Lashendock said. "I saw her everyday. We always hugged and said hello. We always greeted each other with smiles no matter what was going on."

Friday was the first day she really got to sit down and think about the week and her emotions. She planned on leaving work around 8:45 p.m. instead of the normal 2 or 3 a.m. But that day the Pentagon self-ignited again.

"It gave me the creepiest feeling," Lashendock said. "At that point, you don't cry, and you don't show emotions, not in the industry. I didn't think it was terrorists again. I felt it was the last flame of the week. It was time to move forward."

That night the executive producer called her. For 45 minutes they both talked about the week, released their feelings and cried.

"We cried for the person we knew



After Sept. 11, Linda Lashendock left CNN and started looking for teaching jobs in North Carolina. When she found Elon University's job listing for coordinator of television services, her mother told her that was the job for her.

and lost, for the families still living, envisioned cancer from the dust in NYC and for the people who had no fear and attempted to rescue people," Lashendock said.

About two and a half weeks later, Lashendock decided she wanted out of the business.

"I was married to my job I loved so dearly," Lashendock said. "This was my family, and now it was time to really join my biological family. And I needed to learn to feel the things I had buried in my work. I wanted to give back, love, and be kind as much as possible, and learn more and more every day."

She was under a three-year contract with CNN. It took the human resource representative four hours and 18 minutes to convince CNN executives to let her out of her contract. She left the industry in February 2002.

Grieving goodbyes

Lashendock packed up her belongings and moved to Illinois that February.

A few months later, her stepdad died. She moved to North Carolina to be with her mom and started looking for job openings.

She was now living in a new location and looking for a new purpose. She called one of her friends and asked him, "What do I want to be when I grow up?" He responded, "You want to teach." With that advice, she found a listing for a position as coordinator of Television Services at Elon in 2003.

"This job has changed my life in a really good way," Lashendock said. "I

want to be part of the legacy of Elon University, of making a difference. You had to remove all biases when you walked through the CNN doors. I don't have to anymore."

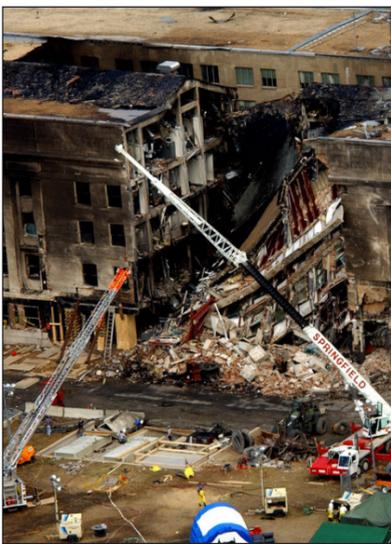
Three weeks after she started her position, her mom came to help her move in to her new house. They stayed at the Acorn Inn. When Lashendock woke up the next morning, her mother's visage was grey and her mother looked at her and said, "I'm sorry." Her mother ended up having a heart attack and was rushed to the hospital.

Later that day, Lashendock had to make the decision to take her mother off life support because of a second heart attack. The day Lashendock was supposed to move into her new house and truly start her new life, she sat in a hospital room saying goodbye to her mother.

"For the first time since I left CNN I was feeling what I wanted to feel: life," Lashendock said.

She went into the hospital room and removed her mother's ruby and gold bracelet and wedding ring, she cut her hair, she watched her take her last breath, she talked to her for 30 minutes, she leaned down to kiss her and hold her hand and then walked away.

"I said to God, 'This isn't how I wanted to feel it.' It was the hardest thing I have ever had to do," Lashendock said. "It was my first lesson in feeling and not masking. I understood more those who lost families on Sept. 11. I hopefully learned more compassion. I started to apply the lessons I learned from Sept. 11: to live with more zest and more love."



While Linda Lashendock was driving to CNN's D.C. bureau, American Airlines Flight 77 hit the Pentagon.

Sept. 11 Breakdown - D.C. and Pennsylvania

3:07 p.m.

Bush arrives at Strategic Command at Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska.

2:51 p.m.

Navy dispatches missile destroyers to New York and Washington, D.C.

1:04 p.m.

President George W. Bush announces U.S. military is on high alert worldwide.

10:07 a.m. (approx.)

United Flight 93 crashes into a field outside of Shanksville, Penn.

9:48 a.m.

U.S. Capitol and White House's West Wing are evacuated.

9:45 a.m.

FAA orders all aircrafts to land at the nearest airport as soon as possible.

9:40 a.m.

American Flight 77 crashes into the Pentagon.

9:24 a.m.

FAA suspects that American Flight 77 has been hijacked.

8:41 a.m.

United Airlines Flight 93, with 44 people on board, takes off from Newark International Airport.

8:21 a.m.

American Airlines Flight 77, with 64 people on board, takes off from Washington Dulles International Airport.

ten years later

A confused generation: Students' experiences after attacks changes perceptions of humanity

Kassondra Cloos
News Editor

The attacks on Sept. 11 left millions of people angry, hurt and in shock. But confusion was the dominant emotion for the current generation of college students, most of whom were barely preteens at the time.

Even 10 years later, confusion still permeates the memories of those who were children when they heard about the attacks. Parents' and teachers' unwillingness to harm their innocence was severely detrimental to their capability to understand the attacks, said sophomore Rachaele Andrews, who was 9 years old and living in Texas Sept. 11, 2001.

"Because no one wanted to sit down and tell those kids 'this is what's happening,' it took away from what it could have meant for our generation," she said. "Even though I was 9, I would have been more adult and glad someone treated me like one. But since I was treated like a child, I reacted like one. There are certain situations where it's OK to treat children like adults, and that's one of them."

Andrews said she went to a small private school that was protective of its

students, and everyone was sent home shortly after the attacks. Being so far away from New York City, D.C. and Shanksville, Penn., it was difficult for her to comprehend the events without a thorough, formal explanation.

"I couldn't really grasp what terrorism was at the time," she said. "I still don't really understand all the effects 9/11 has had."

Sophomore Brandon Lundie was also 9 years old on Sept. 11, but his family is from Connecticut and his father worked on the same block as the World Trade Center. His dad was running late for work the morning of the attacks and went straight to pick Lundie up from school instead of heading to work. The office building where he worked was later damaged by debris.

"Nothing had hit me. I didn't realize what was happening," he said. "But to see my dad cry, I thought, 'Oh my God, something's wrong.' It really hit me when my dad cried. The memory has stuck with me."

The stories people tell about where they were during the attacks and their connections with people who should have been in the affected areas for any number of reasons

have become avenues for discussion about politics and have been framed in many different ways, said Tom Mould, professor of sociology and anthropology. Mould studies folklore and said stories about Sept. 11 have been framed in religious, cultural and political terms and have challenged how some people view the world.

"I've noted that there's sort of a typical process for how people respond," he said. "The first is there's a lock down, where everyone is on pins and needles and worried about direct impact. The second is kind of a finger pointing and blame game that happens, so the first stories that come out, they try to understand how this happened and why this happened. And that's where you get a lot of really harmful legends about conspiracies about all of Islam or all Muslims or all Arabs, you paint with a broad stroke because people are really hurting and really struggling and falling back on small, petty stereotypes that they previously hadn't thought much about."

These stereotypes have been upsetting for both Lundie and Andrews, and the negative press that has permeated society has been a major contributing factor to prejudice

and racism, both students said.

Lundie said he attended a very diverse school as a child and has personally seen attitudes toward Muslims and Arabs become more negative in recent years, which he has found distressing and anti-progressive.

"At the airport you may see security heavy around a Middle Eastern man, and you may feel OK about that," Lundie said. "That's something really interesting that has changed. We don't have a problem with that now."

With the 10th anniversary of the attacks and the increased press coverage memorializing the dead and wounded, Lundie said he has found it hard to relive the day. But he thinks the memories are poorly focused, centering on the tragedy of thousands of deaths rather than the heroism of hundreds of first-responders who were able to save people through their perseverance, he said.

"They're saying this is the safest weekend to be in the U.S.," Lundie said. "Why not every weekend? If we step up security all the time, nothing would happen. A big step forward would be not to have the war on terrorism, but focus on progress against terrorism."

Shifts in security



Sept. 11, 2001
Terrorists use commercial airliners to attack the World Trade Center towers in New York City and other U.S. sites.



Nov. 19, 2001
-Federal officials order cockpit doors locked and hardened.
-The Transportation Security Administration is created to oversee security on all modes of transportation.



Dec. 22, 2001
Terrorist Richard Reid tries to ignite bombs in his shoes aboard a transatlantic flight, prompting shoe inspections at all U.S. airport security checkpoints.

2004
-National Counter Terrorism Center established. Codified by the Intelligence Reform and Terrorist Prevention Act.
-Butane lighters are restricted on planes. Later, restrictions are added for all common lighters.



2008
TSA deploys full-body scanners that can create what looks like a nude image of passengers.

2010-2011
-TSA orders more thorough pat-down searches on passengers.
-TSA tests new software to prevent airport scanners from creating digital nude images of passengers.

Oct. 26, 2001
PATRIOT Act:
-Intended to increase security measures to prevent future terrorist attacks.
-Required banks to report possibilities of money laundering.
-Allowed government to suspend First Amendment freedoms and privacy rights in the face of possible terrorist threats.

March, 2003
Department of Homeland Security established. Now incorporates 230,000 employees from 22 other government agencies.

2006
British officials foil a plot to use liquid explosives on planes, prompting restrictions on liquids in carry-on bags.



2009
Alleged terrorist Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab attempts to detonate explosives hidden in his underwear, prompting expanded use of explosive detection devices.

Chaplain Emeritus reflects on counseling process post-Sept. 11

Caitlin O'Donnell
News Editor

Chaplain Emeritus Richard McBride does not remember the exact words he spoke. What he does remember is seeing a student in uniform standing in the audience before him as he bowed his head in prayer.

"The only theme I can remember saying was let us not be caught up in the animosity and anger this represents," McBride said.

Fifteen minutes earlier, McBride had been one of hundreds gathered at a special College Coffee prior to the first home football game in the new Rhodes Stadium. The morning was Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2001.

"The band was marching, players were coming in their jerseys, we were ready to host a celebration," he said.

The news that a plane had struck the World Trade Center first began to spread around the edges of the group.

"The band was still playing," McBride said. "There was an odd dissonance between it and what folks were learning."

McBride was one of the few then called into President Leo Lambert's office. Within five minutes, McBride was reciting his prayer.

"What prayer has meant to me is the most basic form of speech, the most honest speech, simply giving voice to what is really happening," he said. "There's a verse of scripture that says the words will be given in the moment you need them, it's sort of a faith posture. And so that's how I launched into it."

In the days and weeks following, McBride was on the front lines of counseling services offered to students. Many students, he said, turned to more personal relationships with family or groups of friends, what he called "huddles" during the immediate grieving process.

"As we broke up after College Coffee, you could see cell phones come out and calls being made home, whether it was to the impact area or not," he said. "I would wager that 90 percent called home because we all have the need to feel some sense of security and contact with those we love."

An administrator consulted databases to find students in the zip codes surrounding the areas that had been attacked.

"There were uncles, friends, lots who knew someone who had died but not too many actual family members," McBride said. "There was outreach so they'd have a place to go if desired."

It would be some days before the horror truly set in and more individuals paid visits to the Truitt Center for Religious and Spiritual Life.

"There is not a lot you can say, but you make yourself available to that person for whatever they're feeling," he said.

Anger was a common emotion, but even more so fear.

"You offer what counselors call a non-anxious presence," he said. "That's a hospitality for that person and whatever they're feeling. You accept it without trying to change it."

While the response from the administration at College Coffee was swift, McBride said changes to protocol on campus did come as a result of the attacks.

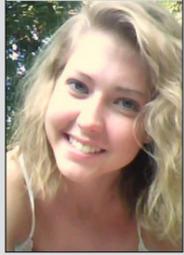
The university developed a more comprehensive crisis response plan tied to the National Incident Management System that includes the integration of personnel and departments across campus, according to Jana Lynn Patterson, assistant vice president for Student Life.

"The system is used by government agencies and states across the nation and is tied to resources with local, state and federal agencies," she said.

-Richard McBride
UNIVERSITY CHAPLAIN EMERITUS

A moment that defined a nation

Where were you when you heard the news?



As told by Mary Kate Hinshaw, Class of 2012

The first thing I remember about Sept. 11 was the sirens.

It was a bright, warm September morning on Long Island, N.Y., and our sixth grade science teacher took advantage of the weather by taking us out into our school's courtyard. We were standing by the pond when the wail of sirens began.

I remember looking at my best friend standing next to me, and before I could say anything, she voiced the question on my mind: "Do you hear that?" These were not the everyday sirens we heard for a small house fire or a car accident, ones that sounded loudly for a few minutes and then faded into the distance. These ones continued, increasing in number and frequency throughout the time we were outside.

The sirens might not have mattered at all, except for what happened next. As we walked into math class, our teacher rushed out in tears. Confused, my classmates and I sat silently at our desks until one of the other teachers came in and told us to work on our math homework, offering only the explanation that our teacher's sons worked in New York City, and something bad had happened there. That feeling of uncertainty and consequent fear lasted well into the afternoon.

In the span of 20 minutes at lunch, I heard several different rumors, the most frightening of which was that war had been declared on New York City. Kids were called down to the main office throughout the day to be taken home by their parents.

The word "terrorist" wasn't a new one to me, but it was the first day that that it had real, immediate bearing on our lives. The fear and anger and grief were palpable in the school the rest of the day as my classmates and I worried about whether we'd be next, wondered what the United States was going to do for

revenge and thought about those who had died.

As my bus pulled up to my stop after school, I saw the unfamiliar sight of my mom waiting outside for my brother and me. She grabbed both of us as soon as we stepped off, not even waiting for the bus to pull away. A typical 11-year-old even in the midst of tragedy, I was so embarrassed, but my squirming only served to make my mom hold me tighter.

After walking into my house to see my dad standing in front of the television and getting my first glimpse of the images of the planes hitting the twin towers and their subsequent collapse as the channels replayed the footage over and over, I understood why my mom had held on so tight. It was for the same reason our phone rang all afternoon with people calling to check in. On that day, not just in New York but across the country, what everyone wanted more than anything was to make sure that their loved ones were safe.

The darkness and devastation of

that day and the days following stick out clearly in my mind. I'll never forget the images of people clutching photographs of their missing loved ones or of the rescue workers digging through the rubble. And yet, I have never been as proud to be a New Yorker or an American as I was in the days following Sept. 11.

In spite of the darkness, what we clung to was the hope we found in the courage, heroism and love displayed by the firefighters, policemen, passengers of United Flight 93, rescue workers and ordinary men and women who put their lives on the line for other people to whom their only connection was their shared humanity.

Every year, on the anniversary of the terrorist attacks, my mom hangs a sign on our fence that says, simply, "Reflect. Honor. Remember. September 11, 2001. God Bless America." The first three words echo in my head on this tenth anniversary, as we come together as one united people of America in reflection, honor and remembrance of every story from that day.



As told by Jessica Vitak, Class of 2002

September 11, 2001 started as a beautiful, clear day, and I was up early to attend my 8 a.m. class, advanced reporting, with Professor Janna Anderson.

Two editors from The Burlington Times-News were in class to discuss publishing opportunities with the class. I remember being excited because I was hoping to pursue a graduate degree in journalism in New York City the following year.

As class started winding down, I logged online and saw a breaking news story saying a plane may have hit one of the World Trade Center buildings. I remember thinking, "what a horrible accident," but little more. By the time I walked upstairs to the lobby, however, it became clear that the crash was anything but an accident. Students, staff and faculty stood frozen in front of a TV, watching the events we all have burned so deeply in our heads unfold. At the time, my brain could barely process what was happening. I remember sitting on the front steps of the building, staring into the sky, wondering what would happen next. Even though I was confident we were safe in Elon, my family lived in Baltimore. Were they in any danger?

The stupefaction finally wore off, and I realized I could help in

some small way. I ran to Moseley, to the radio station, where we quickly began broadcasting updates as they came over the wire. I then crossed the hall to The Pendulum office. Tuesdays were production days, where each week's issue was finalized. We quickly reorganized the issue and moved everything off the front page so we could cover the attacks and how they impacted us locally and as a nation. The entire Pendulum team worked through the night and into the morning finishing the issue, which went to print that afternoon. In retrospect, being able to make these contributions helped me feel a little less helpless than I had less than 24 hours earlier.

The biggest lesson I have taken away from 9/11 is to never take anything for granted, as life can change in an instant. 9/11 also inadvertently changed my career path. Columbia's journalism school wrote in my rejection letter that many people were returning to grad school in the aftermath of 9/11, so I never pursued the path of a journalist. Instead, I am completing my Ph.D in media studies this year, and I hope to become a

professor and be the friend, confidant and mentor that professors like Janna Anderson and Connie Book were to me during this time in my life.

9/11 changed us all. We should never forget, but use that day as a point of reflection on our lives, what we have done and what we would like to accomplish. For me, it has helped clarify that while professional prestige is important to me, my family and friends are the core of my existence.



As told by Fred Melchor, Director of Campus Technology

I was on campus when the attacks occurred. When the first plane hit the World Trade Center, I thought it was a

terrible accident. I started tracking the news on various websites. Then when the second plane hit, Web news became overloaded and went down under the traffic. I left my office with several other co-workers and went to the School of Communications. We knew there was a big TV tuned to CNN in the communications lobby. When we arrived in McEwen, there was standing room only. Everyone was very silent. All eyes stared intently at the looping video of smoke rising from the towers. As we stood there collectively in shock, word came in that another plane had struck the Pentagon. A few of us gathered there began to cry. Others prayed under their breath or even out loud. Some left the room in favor of less confining and somber spaces. Amidst all of this human drama, a female student stepped up to the screen. She pointed to a small building across the street from the burning World Trade Center complex. "My mom is there," she said. Her finger lingered over the screen tenderly brushing its surface before she drew her hand away.

"When the first plane hit the World Trade Center, I thought it was a terrible accident. I started tracking the news on various websites."

A friend hugged her tightly. That single scene struck me deeply. I will always remember her quiet, sad desperation. It actually made the events more real and less cinematic. It gave me perspective. It's odd how little things like that stick in the mind.

The events left me angry. I was not angry at any one person or group. No, it was a general anger. I wanted someone to hurt for this, but I had no idea who that someone should be. My first thoughts were not of foreign terrorists, but of another, more elaborate Timothy McVeigh type of event. I guess that thought demonstrated my American

arrogance. Surely something this big could not come from the outside. It had to be one of us. It had to be some sick, misguided but surely American plot. Who else would have that

kind of power and reach? I did not know there even was such a thing as a fundamentalist Muslim movement. I was to spend the next decade educating myself about the plight and danger of disempowered groups.

Now 10 years later, I worry that future historians will write of the "Long September." They will call it a time of American decline resulting from the attacks of 9/11. They will point to spiraling war expenses, a reduction of personal privacy, predatory profiteering, a second economic depression, deadlocked politics, crumbling infrastructure, and increasing civil unrest. I wonder now how this the "Long September" will end.

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- photo slides of memorials
- additional stories
- additional narratives from students, faculty and alumni

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Fight desensitization of Sept. 11, terror

A young girl clutches the badge of a firefighter father who she has never met. A widow touches the name of her spouse enscribed in stone, the only resting place he will ever know. A father stares out an an empty field, knowing he will never walk his daughter down the aisle.

This past weekend was filled with images like these and so many others as the nation remembered the events hat occurred on Sept. 11, 2001.

If you have a moment and are ready for an emotional blow to your gut, watch a video that doesn't have impressive voiceovers or dramatic music. Instead, find one like "How the Day Unfolded" on CNN's website. No gimmicks. No interviews years later. Just the recordings of what CNN played throughout the morning as events unfolded, the facts garbled and the outcome unclear.

In watching this video and others like it, viewers are taken back to that day, that Tuesday morning when al-Qaida was a name most Americans didn't know and terrorism hadn't been seen in the United States since the Oklahoma City bombings in 1995. The newness and horror of it all is felt, just as it was that morning, and we are reminded of the sense of pure disbelief, sorrow and fear.

Ten years later, it's easy to think of Sept. 11 as the day that changed the political and economic policies of the U.S. It's easy to think of it as the turning point in many Americans' feelings toward Muslims. And it's easy to think of it as the day that made getting around an airport more difficult. This systematic desensitization to Sept. 11 is a tragedy in itself, and other dramatic events in American history have seen the same decline in reverence.

To many, Pearl Harbor is the setting of epic war movies. Gettysburg is that place your parents take you on a road-trip vacation. The Alamo is the building they show when previewing a Texas-based sporting event.

This is a tragedy in itself. Attacks and battles should not be remembered solely for the effects they had or how they altered our way of life. They should be spoken about in respectful tones, with due sorrow and regret for those lives lost.

In the case of Sept. 11, the desensitization doesn't just apply to that day and how we mark its anniversary. The concept of terrorism, once so dramatic and epic in scale, is now a common term in our national conversation. The thought of an underwear bomb is humorous rather



Tokens are placed in the inscribed names at the newly opened Sept. 11 memorial in New York City. The victims' names are organized by the location of their death and their affiliations with others who also perished, like family members, friends or close coworkers.

than alarming. A car bomb plot in Times Square becomes an amusement as the usual bustling cityscape is abandoned. Headlines about terror plots are as common as stories about people who are angry at Mel Gibson.

As a population, we are terrified and yet foolishly brave at the same time. Terror threats are real and another Sept. 11 could happen. We should not treat them as a source of jokes or as an annoyance distracting us from more entertaining stories.

And while we should not live in fear, we should live with the knowledge that tragedy struck just 10 years ago and

can occur again. When we are in our later years, looking back at a life vastly changed by a single day when we were in elementary or middle school, college-aged students may talk about Sept. 11 the way we talk about the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor — like a distant memory, with no connection to current life.

We would do well to remember now that it is our responsibility to make sure the respect associated with Sept. 11 is just as real then as it is now, to truly honor those lost in the attacks and since. If not, we do those victims a dishonor and our country a disservice.

MORE ONLINE

"What if we used that spirit to make a stand for something that would truly make a difference in this time and in years to come? Think what monumental change we, as a generation, could bring about."

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A dramatically skewed perception of a peaceful faith

Elon sophomore describes what it's like to be a Muslim in the US post-Sept. 11



Ronda Ataalla
Guest Columnist

I am a young American adult, just like you. I love watching Sunday night football, randomly dancing without warning and drinking Starbucks while pulling an all-nighter to ace that exam. But when you look at me, many of you don't see the similarities — you see the differences. One day in history makes you question my citizenship and makes you think my religion is violent. One day in history changed my life forever: Sept. 11, 2001.

I remember the place, time and what I was wearing on that day. I was sitting in Mrs. Malerba's fourth grade class at Public School 212 in Brooklyn, N.Y., the only place I knew as home. No one knew what was happening, but the minute students began slowly leaving early, I knew something was not right. Before I even had time to ask, my name was next.

When my mom picked me up, I knew something really bad must have happened. Mom told me not to worry, but she was crying. My home was only three blocks away and it was the longest walk I ever had, waiting in suspense to get home and finally understand what exactly was going on. It took one minute of watching the local news for me to understand that my life just changed before my very eyes.

The word Islam means "peace through the submission to God." Peace is the key word. Nowadays, when people think of Islam, they usually don't think of peace. A group of extremists changed the entire perception of Islam from peace to violence

in just a few hours. They always say it can take a second to destroy a lifetime of trust, but never in my life did I understand that concept until then.

As kids, we were always told not to follow the crowd, to always listen before we speak and the only people whose opinions matter are the people you love. But what happens when it is parents who teach blind hatred of others to their child?

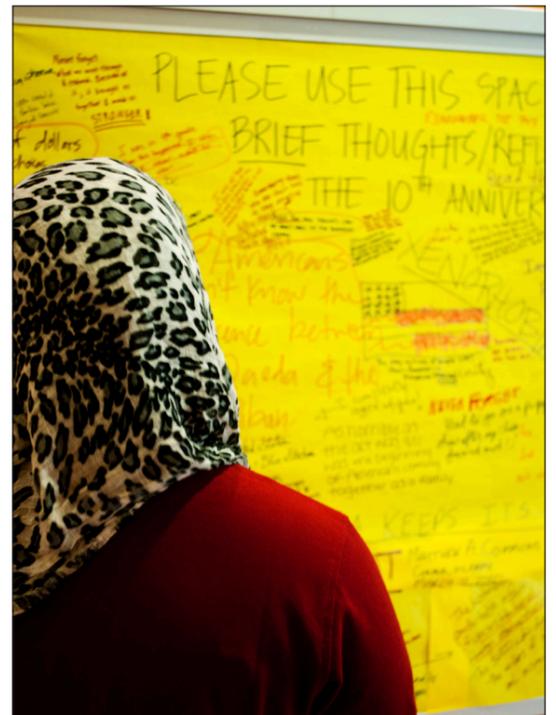
I had a kid come up to me once and ask me if I was Muslim. When I said yes, he told me he felt bad for me because he knows people don't like me anymore. He was very sweet and reassured me that no matter what his mom said, he would always like me.

So what are parents teaching their kids? What happens when the people you were always taught to listen to give you misguided beliefs and opinions?

Terrorism does not mean Islam and Islam does not mean violence or hatred. Not every act of violence has a Muslim behind it. I saw that assumption firsthand after the tragedy in Norway. Journalists and civilians everywhere thought this was an act of al-Qaida or another Muslim terrorist cell immediately after the story went public. It broke my heart because even the Muslim Norwegians feared the bomber was a Muslim.

I often sit back and think what my life would be like if that day never happened. Would I still live in New York? After all, the only reason my parents moved us away from the city was because of Sept. 11. Would I be at Elon right now? Would I constantly feel like I am being judged, like the time a clerk at a mall left all her other customers just to keep an eye on me at a store? I don't really know.

What I do know is I am here now, that day did happen and my life has changed. I have accepted that. Life is what you make it and the minute that I let that day stop me from reaching my dreams is the



Ronda Ataalla looks at the Sept. 11 discussion board in Moseley Center, where people wrote their thoughts about the 10th anniversary of Sept. 11.

day I let al-Qaida win.

Yes, I am an Arab. Yes, I am a Muslim. But I am also an American and I am a good person — just like you.

Youth not pulling their weight
After Sept. 11 attacks, another
'greatest generation' didn't emerge

Ryan Maass
Columnist

On Dec. 7, 1941, Japanese pilots attacked an American naval base at Pearl Harbor. With more than 300 planes in combat, the Imperial Japanese military killed 2,403 Americans and wounded 1,178 of them.

It was discovered that the motive of the attacks was to prevent Americans from entering World War II, where some of the most notorious statist regimes in history made their assault on the free world. Japanese intent was to scare the United States away from war. They failed.

From the ashes of Pearl Harbor emerged what we know today as the "Greatest Generation." Responding to the call of duty, able-bodied Americans took up arms against enemies of freedom. No one questioned the need to fight the Nazis in Germany or the imperialists in Japan. The mere fact that American blood was shed was enough to spur action. After Japanese surrender, the U.S. stood tall as one of only a few superpowers in the world — a beacon of freedom to those who shared our ideas of self-reliance and free trade. Our nation's involvement in the war was over in just four years.

On Sept. 11, 2001, a much more privileged generation was shocked when a handful of Islamist militants turned commercial airliners into missiles, striking a field in Pennsylvania, the Pentagon and the World Trade Center in New York City. As in 1941, the government approved a military response, feeling the need

to rid the world of an amorphous concept: terror. Volunteer forces were sent to defeat those taking credit for nearly 3,000 lives lost that day. As the battles dragged on, government leaders in the Bush administration and Congress held to the idea that it was America's responsibility as the only remaining superpower to build up failed states around the world. Ten years later, military-sponsored nation-building continues, taking more American lives in the process.

As we take the due time needed to remember and honor fallen victims of the Sept. 11 attacks, we should also take time to learn lessons from the past. Why is it that it took the "greatest generation" only four years to defeat both the Nazis and the Japanese Empire, while our politicians today still struggle for a concrete solution to the wars in the Middle East? Why is it that a decade after World War II, Americans witnessed record-breaking economic expansion, while 9.1 percent unemployment today persists after a combination of failed market interventions? Why is it that the need to protect our borders is even a topic of debate?

The answer is a change in our nation's politics. Some might say big government policies helped the country stay afloat in the midst of depression. True enough — President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and the Democrats were as big government as they come here. Despite being economically destructive, the Roosevelt administration was highly successful in ensuring national security. America and her allies neutralized the rise of totalitarianism during the World War II.

There was a certain spirit about the greatest generation that we need to see today. We need to restore our sense of self-reliance and pride.

First responders should be
treated with due respect

Dan Quackenbush
Guest Columnist

It's been said that when someone becomes a firefighter, police officer or an EMT, his or her greatest act of bravery has already been accomplished. Everything that follows is just part of doing the job.

Ten years ago, hundreds of New York City firefighters, police officers and EMTs showed the truth in these words, by sacrificing their lives for the thousands of people trapped in the burning towers of the World Trade Center.

On the 10th anniversary of Sept. 11, the city of New York planned to commemorate those lost on that tragic day with the unveiling of a memorial that stands on the same ground where thousands of lives were lost. And yet, in a moment of political grandstanding, the office of New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg has dealt the first responder agencies of New York City a heavy blow. No members of the FDNY, NYPD, or any other emergency service branch were invited to the ceremony.

The mayor said the ceremony would be strictly limited to the affected families of the tragedy, and space constraints did not allow for the invitation of New York's bravest. The mayor did offer to invite the first responders of New York to another ceremony at a later, unspecified date. But if accommodating the victims' families in that space was the only issue, then how is it that Representative Jerrold Nadler D-N.Y., whose district includes ground zero, was given free reign to invite the entire House of Representatives to the 10th anniversary memorial?

It seems the men and women of the

FDNY and NYPD, not to mention the thousands of civilian volunteers who gave countless hours of their time, were deemed good enough to die to save those trapped that day. Thousands of families were torn apart, along with 343 New York City firefighters and paramedics and 23 NYPD officers who died alongside them.

But 10 years later, their sacrifice isn't worthy of an invitation to commemorate those they could not save. Let us not forget that were it not for the efforts of those brave men and women, potentially thousands more families would be attending that ceremony, mourning the loss of a loved one from that tragedy, in addition to the thousands already attending.

It seems that in this day and age, the admirable services performed by emergency responders every day just don't have a healthy bottom line when it comes to politics. That is to say, these men and women risked everything they knew and held dear just to fulfill their job description, unlike the politicians who are calling the shots now. Many lost lives, and others lost their livelihoods and their health. Many are estranged from their families and friends out of grief. Who's to say everything they've lost is any less important? The city of New York, it seems.

"9/11 showed us what human beings are capable of, the evil and intolerance, sure. But it also brought out the goodness in people that we forgot was there. People caring for one another, for no other reason than because it was the right thing to do," said John McLoughlin in Oliver Stone's "World Trade Center."

The men and women of the FDNY, NYPD and all other emergency services demonstrated these characteristics that day. Their exclusion from the 10th anniversary of Sept. 11 is an insult to the memory of their sacrifices on that day, as they are being denied access to a ceremony where they rightfully belong.

ten years later

Peacehaven plants peace garden



JULIA MURPHY | Staff Photographer

Peacehaven Community Farm honored the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks on Saturday by planting a peace garden. Ten years ago, the Rev. Buck and Kathy Cochran created Peacehaven to provide residences for adults with mental and physical disabilities. "We thought this would be the perfect way to remember the anniversary of Sept. 11 and the events of that day," Rev. Cochran said. The peace garden, a collection of hand-painted rocks, would allow individuals to reflect personally on the anniversary.

University reflects, world must respond to change after events of Sept. 11

Natalie Allison
Senior Reporter

On the morning of Sept. 11, 2001, Elon University was preparing for a pep rally at College Coffee to celebrate the opening of Rhodes Stadium. Suddenly, plans changed. The marching band that was leading the school in jubilation stopped. The cheerleaders ceased to shout.

"The wedding becomes a funeral," said President Leo Lambert at an evening remembrance service, portraying how the day unfolded at Elon 10 years ago. "No fight song. The band plays the national anthem instead. Students hold onto another."

Members of the Elon community gathered in front of Alamance Sunday evening to remember and reflect on the events of Sept. 11, how the university has responded and how the world is a different place as a result of the past decade.

John Sullivan, philosophy professor emeritus, challenged those present at the service to create the world they want to live in through the choices they make every day of their lives.

"Each of us, moment by moment, can create heaven or hell," Sullivan said. "We make the choice in what we say and the choice in what we do. If we go through our life on default, on automatic pilot, we will surely create hell."

Sullivan described to students a new generation in which "planet, people and profits" were co-equal priorities shared by all and said this goal could begin to be modeled practically at Elon, encouraging the university to continue studying the art of peace.

Jana Lynn Patterson, assistant vice president for Student Life, read an essay from Elon alumnus Jason Boone about

how his life was changed on Sept. 11. Boone, a freshman at Elon when the attacks occurred, lost his father in the Pentagon on what was supposed to have been his father's day off from work.

"I wondered if it would have been any easier to comprehend had I been older," wrote Boone, reflecting on himself as an 18-year-old. "The truth, of course, is that no one with the capacity to understand what was happening was prepared or capable of handling it. At least, not alone."

Boone continued by writing about how the support he received at Elon carried him through those days and months following his father's death, and how, like many others affected by Sept. 11, he learned how to continue on with life.

"For young people who may have been old enough to see the events, but too young to fully comprehend, I hope they believe people like me when we say, 'Yes, that one day in September, we were very afraid,'" Boone wrote. "But the next day, we feared a little less. Eventually, we even had hope. Laughter and happiness would return - much sooner than I dared to guess."

Senior Elise Delmerico came to the event on what had already been a weekend of personal reflection and remembrance. Delmerico, from Winchester, Va., said her friend's father worked in the World Trade Center and died Sept. 11. Delmerico said she knew many other people who had family members who worked in the Pentagon, which is about an hour away from her home.

"This is the biggest thing that's happened to us in modern history," she said. "It's up to us to make sure these people are not forgotten - especially during the years where it isn't such a large milestone, as this one was."

Flag ceremony held in commemoration of loss

Caitlin O'Donnell
News Editor

Ricardo Mendoza was in the air on Sept. 11, 2001.

It was the Colombia native's first trip to the United States, from Bogota to California, as a student. But he never made it. His flight was one of thousands grounded by the Federal Aviation Administration following news of the plane hijackings.

Mendoza, a Spanish instructor at Elon University, was one of about 75 students, staff and community members who gathered in front of Alamance Sunday morning for a ceremony in memory of the attacks 10 years earlier. The event began at 8:46 a.m., coinciding with the moment the first aircraft hit the north tower of the World Trade Center.

Sept. 11, 2001 was intended to be a day of celebration, President Leo Lambert said. The campus had gathered for the opening of Rhodes Stadium when news of the attacks began to trickle in.

"It was a time I will never

forget," Lambert said in his opening remarks. "Our world was turned upside down much like the world of every other citizen in this country and in this world."

In a prayer, Phil Smith, associate chaplain and director of Religious Life, paid tribute to first responders, soldiers and civilians who were affected by the day of tragedy.

"As we reflect on these past 10 years, may our eyes be opened to what we have learned about ourselves and our enemies, to see how we as individuals and people can work to heal that which has fractured us," he said.

Smith and Lambert placed a wreath in front of Scott Plaza as seven somber members of ROTC lowered the three flags.

The Alamance bells then rang 115 times, marking the number of nations who lost citizens during the attacks.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, Mendoza stood quietly, head bowed, before the lowered flags.

"This is affecting me, but I think it's affecting the whole world, too," he said.



HEATHER CASSANO | Photo Editor

ROTC students salute the American flag at the Flag Lowering Ceremony on the morning of Sept. 11. The ceremony began at 8:46 to commemorate the exact time of the first attack.

#NeverForget

@DannikaLewis

Being in DC for 9/11 makes me pretty #proudtobeanamerican. Choppers hovering above the monuments keeping an eye out for everyone.

@thefatfrogg

We will never forget!! Toast to the fallen.

@BrianFormica

God Bless America.

@katiespell

"We saw the worst of our enemy and the best of our nation. In the face of terror, Americans chose to overcome evil." @laurawbush #911

@mo_dill

The opening ceremony and national anthem of the NFL game just gave me chills. #unity

@anair19

Never Forget. September 11, 2001. Never Forget the victims or heroes.

@NYCElonAlumni

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all those touched by 911. #NeverForget

@juliaesmith

10 years ago we discovered heroes, kindness returned, God returned in our lives and we learned what matters in life. #NeverForget

@mattwescoe

#NeverForget R.I.P to all of the victims of #9/11

@bamars777

I remember being in 6th grade, getting ready for gym class. #wherewereyou

@SuzLass

God bless America and our troops

@carolynlauren

#onSept11 I was in math class. One of my classmates' father was a pilot. Luckily he was not involved. Prayers go out to many today. #remember

@AWolschlag

Remember the Fallen

@rvarner

10 years ago, I was in the middle of a Spanish test when my principal broke the news. Never forget and thank you to all those who defend us.

@lauravandrie

#neverforget 9.11.01

@lkurtz

i was in 7th grade history class when the TV went on and the 2nd plane hit. best i can do is make USA a good place to live in their memory.

@cbaumgarten

10 years ago I was in Miss Lindsey's 7th grade science class when I heard the news. Thoughts and prayers for all the lost lives on 9/11.

@KristiLJacobsen

God bless America. #NeverForget

@MollyFrowine

God Bless America #neverforget time.com/time/beyond911/



ten years later



Elon Elementary School students welcome emergency service workers, police offers, firefighters and military personnel Sept. 9. The parade traveled through the school parking lot, greeted by handmade flags and signs. BRIAN ALLENBY | Staff Photographer



Children screamed "USA" to honor service workers in emergency vehicles during the parade Sept. 9. BRIAN ALLENBY | Staff Photographer



"Let Freedom Ring" Memorial in Graham thanked Americans in the service and honored those lost on Sept. 11. MOLLY CAREY | Staff Photographer

Alamance community pays tribute to public servants

Anna Johnson
Editor-in-Chief

Remember the fallen and give thanks to America's heroes.

When looking back on the tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001 this was the message organizers of local memorial events wanted attendees to walk away with.

"It's important to remember," said Pastor Mark Mitchell, one of the coordinators for the Let Freedom Ring memorial held in downtown Graham Saturday, Sept. 10. "There were people who died at the attack, but another group of people who died giving their lives to rescue people from inside the towers and later during the wars."

Firefighters, emergency service workers, police officers and military

personnel searched through the rubble for survivors and they should be thanked, he said.

Despite the somber anniversary the memorial marked, the atmosphere remained celebratory.

"I came out here because I heard the music and all of the people," said Betty Perry, of Graham, N.C. "I've been watching the Sept. 11 coverage all weekend, crying and remembering. I think we need to remember all the lives that were lost. And to have these sort of memorials so young people can remember."

More than 5,000 people attended Saturday's affair, which included musical acts, carnival rides, dramas, local vendors, fireworks and a movie screening. The event was sponsored by Carolina Christian Church, the church of which Mitchell is the pastor.

Richard and Jackie Terrell, of Graham, said they didn't have family members who were killed during the attacks, but the loss of their son at a young age helped them relate.

"We've all lost someone close and felt that pain," Richard Terrell said. "To even come out like this after 9/11, to have the freedom to do something like this is so important."

Elon Elementary students gathered Friday, Sept. 9, to wave handmade American flags as emergency service workers, police officers, firefighters and military personnel paraded through the school parking lot in their vehicles.

The Local Heroes Parade also went to several nearby schools as sirens blared and children screamed "USA."

Many of the children chanting were not born at the time of the attacks.

"Kids get to see the people who help

us in our community," said kindergarten teacher Tia Gilliam-Wilson. "It has a big impact and it brings it close to home."

One of the kindergarteners, Grant Clayton, told his mother Kelly he was excited for the "superhero parade."

"I asked him if they were dressing up or something but he told me no," Kelly Clayton said. "He said they were going to wave at the firefighters because they saved people and that's why they are super."

Most of those children can't recall the attacks or the wave of patriotism that rose afterward, but defining moments can bond a country, Mitchell said.

"Something like patriotism can anchor a country," he said. "Strike a balance and purpose and provide us a common ground."

Elon Elementary School strove to keep structure at news of attacks

Caitlin O'Donnell
News Editor

Above all, Nan Wooten wanted order to prevail.

Wooten, the former principal at Elon Elementary School, was in her office setting up a training activity when someone told her she needed to find a TV.

It was a time before TVs populated classrooms, so she located an older set on a rolling cart, brought it into her office and realized what has happened.

She can't remember if it was before or after the second plane hit the World Trade Center, but she knew something was wrong. Immediately, the phone began to ring.

"I went down the halls and told them to cut their TVs off," Wooten said. "The kids didn't need to see it, it was so real

and graphic."

Parents were allowed to pick up their children from the school if they wished, but no formal announcement was made to students or their families, Wooten said.

To ensure security, a member of the Elon Police Department completed a walk-through and stayed on campus for most of the day.

Other than that, the day went on as usual.

"We wanted to let people know we'd try to keep things as normal as possible," Wooten said.

Stephanie Nebrig, a second grade teacher at Elon Elementary at the time who now works at Highland Elementary, was one of the teachers who received the message to turn the TVs off immediately.

She remembers an email from

Wooten sent to staff with the theme, again, of maintaining a normal schedule and not discussing the issue with the students.

When the students had left the class for another activity, Nebrig remembers turning on the TV and watching a replay of the morning's events. Her husband, who taught at a local high school at the time, watched the events as they happened with his students.

Nebrig said early phone calls from parents expressed concern that their children would see the attacks.

"They wanted to explain it themselves," Nebrig said.

And for those students who did come back to school with questions, Nebrig said the response was simple. They were directed back to their parents.

"Parents choose to tell their kids different things," Nebrig said.

Now, 10 years later, Nebrig said the emphasis is on the emotion of the anniversary, not the events.

This past week, the students read a story about a man walking on a tight rope between the Twin Towers. The conclusion of the book includes the loss of the towers, though no specifics are given as to why.

A video was also shown Friday in an effort to salute first responders and other heroes.

Carrying on a tradition started on the first anniversary of the attacks, Elon Elementary now holds an annual parade saluting firemen, police officers and other responders.

"None of the students now were alive at the time," Wooten said. "We don't discuss the events themselves, different kids know varying amounts about what happened."



HEATHER CASSANO | Photo Editor
 Top: Elon University students bow their heads in prayer during the morning ceremony marking the tenth anniversary of the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.
 Bottom: Professor Ricardo Mendoza stands before the lowered American flag after the morning ceremony in front of Alamance. Mendoza was flying into the U.S. for the first time on the morning of the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. Elon's flags were lowered at 8:46 a.m., the time the first plane hit.



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 Volunteers at Peacehaven Community Farm's service day painted rocks that will be placed in...



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in the peace garden.



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Top: At the "Let Freedom Ring" memorial service in Graham, officers pinned ribbons on a memorial in remembrance of the efforts made by United States military, police, fire, rescue and public servants Sept. 11, 2001. Bottom: Officers in uniform salute those that were lost on Sept. 11, 2001 at the "Let Freedom Ring" memorial service in Graham Sept. 10. Hundreds of New York City firefighters and paramedics were killed Sept. 11, 2001.

Elon rallies against marriage bill

Kassondra Cloos
News Editor

The North Carolina state legislature is currently debating an amendment to the state constitution that would define marriage between a man and a woman as the only legally recognized relationship. While same-sex marriage is not currently legal in North Carolina, supporters of LGBTQ rights are outraged by what many are calling "legalized discrimination."

The bill went up for debate Monday, Sept. 12 and passed the House. If the Senate passes the bill as well, the amendment will go on a ballot in an upcoming election and will be signed into law if a simple majority votes yes.

A vigil organized by Kirstin Ringelberg, associate professor of art history and coordinator of the LGBTQ office at Elon University, was held in front of Moseley Center Monday evening. More than 100 students, faculty, staff and family members were present at the event, including President Leo Lambert and Smith Jackson, vice president and dean of Student Life.

Ringelberg began the vigil with an explanation of the bill and several students, faculty and staff spoke out with their own stories of support for the LGBTQ community.

"We're here tonight not just to protest this discriminatory amendment but to show that we are here, many of us are queer, we have proud straight allies and none of us are going to shut up or go away to make other people comfortable," Ringelberg said. "That's a pretty powerful thing, that we're all



Dozens of students, faculty and staff gathered at a vigil Monday night to show support for LGBTQ rights. Kirstin Ringelberg, coordinator of the LGBTQ office, led the vigil.

here together to fight for our right to be treated like individuals."

While marriage rights will not be changed, the amendment would revoke the ability for public and private entities to offer domestic partner benefits. Elon is one of many private institutions that offers such benefits and while the ability to do so would not be automatically challenged by the state, Ringelberg said, the government would no longer protect these rights.

"There are a lot of business owners throughout the state who are concerned this would affect business negatively,"

she said. "A lot of people would work to find a way to make those kinds of benefits work, but rights certainly could be taken away by interpreting the bill in that way and that's what we're concerned about. I think also we're concerned about the restatement for the millionth time of our lack of dignity and of human rights, and that's a big part of the equation for me."

Lambert attended the vigil because he thinks the amendment is unnecessary, he said.

"I wanted to come and show support for the group," he said. "There are other

things our legislature should be turning its attention to at the moment and this is not one of them."

Lambert said he hopes Elon's ability to offer domestic partner benefits will not be influenced because of the bill, and he does not expect them to be challenged.

"If it doesn't pass, then nothing will change," said Shawn Long, the administrative coordinator of Equality NC, an equal rights organization that has been leading protests, postcard campaigns and phone trees to raise awareness and protest the bill. "If it does pass, it would be incredibly stigmatizing to North Carolina and the gay community."

Long said he and his partner of 16 years adopted a child together, but because same-sex couples cannot legally adopt children in North Carolina, his employer would no longer be able to offer health insurance and other benefits to his partner and son. His son was technically adopted by his partner, which would mean Long would not be considered the boy's father if the amendment passes.

Junior Lauren Clapp organized a group of students to attend a rally in Raleigh on Tuesday and said she thinks there is a pretty serious chance the amendment could pass, which would make the push for equal rights more challenging.

"It takes it a step further to legalize discrimination like this," Clapp said. "It definitely will hurt any sort of movement for equality."

MORE ONLINE

See clips from the vigil

<http://bit.ly/EPvigil>

KASSONDRA CLOOS | News Editor



Students, faculty and staff shared their personal stories about LGBTQ rights at Monday's vigil near Moseley Center in protest of an amendment to the state constitution.

Student speaks out against racial discrimination

Natalie Allison
Senior Reporter

Junior Brenna Humphries never thought she would be leading a forum to speak out against racial slurs at Elon University. On Friday, Sept. 9 she did just that, speaking to a group of concerned students, faculty and staff about being the target of a racially charged, derogatory term while walking alone Sept. 7.

"I've always felt safe at Elon," Humphries said. "I've always been content and happy. I've felt safe as a minority student and proud of who I am."

At the forum, Humphries described in detail how several young men in a silver BMW nearly ran her over before shouting a racial slur at her. On her way from Moseley Center to her Colonnades Residence Hall, Humphries said she was crossing North O'Kelly Avenue at a crosswalk when she heard the car speeding up to reach her. For her safety, Humphries ran to get out of the way of the car.

After getting out of the road, Humphries said she looked back and got a glimpse of the men in the car.

"They saw me, saw my facial expression

— but I never said anything to them," she told the group that was gathered at the forum.

Smith Jackson, vice president and dean of Student Life, said no one has come forward yet to admit to harassing Humphries. The incident is a violation of Elon's Honor Code, Jackson said, as well as the university's policy on respecting diversity.

"There will be very strict consequences," he said. "Depending on what we find out, it could include suspension."

Jackson said police are continuing to investigate the incident, including examining video camera footage and a database of vehicles on campus. The investigators have some leads, Jackson said.

Forum participants spoke out and extended their support to Humphries, who said she sought nothing more than to use this as a learning opportunity for the campus.

"I know this is an opportunity for me to educate the campus that discrimination will not be tolerated," Humphries said. "Elon will not tolerate this kind of behavior, and neither will I."

Leon Williams, director of Elon's Multicultural Center, told the group that the forum was only a starting point of a much-needed effort to promote diversity among all types of groups on campus.

"We will continue to educate on diversity, but it's going to take a shared responsibility because everyone has to get involved," Williams said. "Now, we have to integrate our efforts so it looks more uniform."

Williams said proactive prevention of discrimination must come through continued dialogue on campus — in classrooms, organizations and even casual conversation.

Those present at the forum broke into small groups to discuss how they could continue to facilitate discussion about the value of diversity on Elon's campus. Several participants suggested that the university be persistent in promoting conversation on the severity of acts of intolerance and allowing students to feel more comfortable in speaking out when the issue needs to be addressed.

"I still feel safe," Humphries said. "A lot of times, people want to get a reaction and take away your confidence. From now

on, I won't be afraid. I'll still walk across campus in confidence."

In an email to students, faculty and staff, President Leo Lambert informed the university of similar incidents which took place Saturday, Sept. 10.

"In an academic community that welcomes all and operates on an honor code based on the principles of honesty, integrity, responsibility and respect, each of us much take personal responsibility for protecting and preserving and environment in which we feel safe, a prerequisite for learning and inquiry," Lambert said in the email.

MORE ONLINE

Hear Brenna Humphries speak out about discrimination on campus

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NATALIE ALLISON | Senior Reporter

Students fight back against unexpected parking fee

Caitlin O'Donnell
News Editor

In early spring, Rachel Stanley was on the hunt for housing for the upcoming semester. She eventually found The Crest apartments, which offered a ten-month lease.

"It looked great and it was clear that there was no parking pass required," she said. "I read through it, it sounded good and I understood the costs. I signed up and paid the deposit."

That was until Tuesday morning, when Stanley, a junior, was one of about 25 students given a \$100 ticket for parking in The Crest without a parking pass.

Formerly considered off-campus housing available through B.C. Parker Real Estate, the university acquired the entire complex of The Crest through The Preiss Company last semester, meaning policies for on-campus housing went into effect. That means Campus Safety and Police patrol the area, including parking lots.

"It's considered parking like any other spot on campus so you need a parking permit," said Chuck Gantos, director of Campus Safety and Police.

In Stanley's opinion, not enough forewarning was given to residents of The Crest.

"It's unprofessional to assume a fee and not tell the people who are affected and then let them know by penalizing them," she said. "If it was two business entities conducting business, they would have to lay all the conditions out on the table ahead of time."

When she received her ticket, Stanley immediately began making phone calls and sending emails in an attempt to figure out the situation. Campus Safety and Police said her ticket would be negated if she purchased the required \$160 parking pass by 5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13.

According to Smith Jackson, vice president and dean of Student Life, the Wednesday deadline is not a final one but will reflect meetings and discussions taking place between students and administration in the coming week.

While some students learned of this



Residents of The Crest apartments are protesting a \$160 fee for parking registration, required because the complex is now considered on-campus housing. FILE PHOTO BY MOLLY CAREY

option by calling the office, they were not officially notified until an email Friday from Chris Jamison, residence director for The Crest. To Stanley, that's not acceptable.

"I would like parking passes not to be required through this school year," she said. "If they want to do it in the future, next year, I would understand that. I understand there are reasons for registering cars, but because students signed up to live here under the impression that no parking registration was required, there should not be one."

In an email Monday to residents of The Crest, junior Lauren Clapp said she is meeting with Gantos to discuss the possibility of extending the deadline to purchase a parking pass.

"A week really isn't enough time to come up with \$160, and it's completely ridiculous to expect students to pay so much on such short notice," she wrote.

"I would encourage you all to do the same. Maybe if we overwhelm them with requests they will realize how ridiculous the whole situation really is."

Senior Kileigh Browning purchased a new vehicle two weeks ago under the impression that she would not have to pay for parking.

"Even if they were to postpone it, it's so much money to park so far away from campus," Browning said.

Junior David Brown, SGA president for the Class of 2013 and resident of The Crest, took the issue to Jackson, specifically the lack of enough parking on campus for students, faculty and staff.

"We're building up the university, we have a larger than expected freshman class, the services at Elon are expanding," Brown said. "We need to scale the university with the (number) of people that come here.

We're going to need infrastructure, we have to plan for the future, not just on an academic and financial level but on an infrastructural level."

According to Brown, Jackson assured him that he would address the issue with both Campus Safety and Police and Residence Life.

Jackson said he referred the issue to business and finance and it was discussed Monday, but he had not heard back.

"We've not developed a response, but you can certainly expect to have a response soon," he said. "I certainly want students to come to me if they have any kind of concern."

Brown said he will continue to work with administration on the issue.

"As far as a change in parking and a change in fees, that's going to be a long-haul project," Brown said. "I might not see changes in between this year and next."

Campus Police receives report of on-campus rape

Anna Johnson
Editor-in-Chief

An alleged on-campus rape in one of the Colonnades residence halls was recently reported to Campus Safety and Police.

The alleged rape took place between 10 p.m. Sept. 4 and 3 a.m. Sept. 5, according to the incident report.

The suspect is an acquaintance of the victim and not an Elon student or from the Elon community, said Chuck Gantos, director of Campus Safety and Police.

Alcohol is believed to be a factor in the case, according to the incident report. The victim was treated at the hospital and sustained minor injuries.

This is the first alleged on-campus rape reported to Campus Safety and Police this academic year. Two were reported last year, the first of which resulted in the arrest of a student.

The second case was dismissed.

While every situation is different, Gantos said, there are some parallels. "Every case is unique," he said. "But they do have some similarities. Generally they involved alcohol by one or all of the parties and the victim usually knows the suspect."

According to North Carolina statutory law and Elon University's Honor Code, an individual cannot give legal consent for sexual activity after consuming alcohol.

Students who feel they have been the victims of sexual assault can report the incident to the Counseling Services, the office of Student Conduct, Campus Safety and Police and the Town of Elon Police Department. Students who report their assault can choose to have their case prosecuted in the criminal courts or the Office of Student Conduct or both.

More information can be found at <http://www.elon.edu/e-web/students/saa/default.xhtml>.

Student's court case continued

Anna Johnson
Editor-in-Chief

The case involving Nicholas Pacella, a former Elon University student charged with second-degree rape, is set to resume Nov. 1, 2011. Pacella's case appeared before the court Sept. 6.

The charge stemmed from an incident that occurred between 1 and 2:15 a.m. Sept. 12, 2010 in Smith residence hall. Pacella was arrested five days later by Campus Safety and Police.

A student other than the victim, reported the incident, said Chuck

Gantos, director of Campus Safety and Police.

The victim knew the suspect before the incident and alcohol is believed to have been a factor, according to the incident report.

This was one of two reported on-campus rapes last year.

The second alleged rape never resulted in an arrest due to lack of evidence.

This case, like all other sexual assault cases where the victim does not give explicit permission, was not reported to the student body via email, said Smith Jackson, dean of Student Life, in a previous interview.

59 charges given on students' first weekend back to campus

Anna Johnson
Editor-in-Chief

During students' first weekend back on campus a total of 59 charges were issued at three checkpoints around Elon Friday Sept. 2.

"It was a collaborative effort with many agencies," said Mike Brewer, Elon master police officer. "All three of the checkpoints were connected but a majority of the charges came from the one near Elon Elementary."

There were four charges of driving after consuming alcohol under the age of 21, nine charges of driving while intoxicated, 13 drug violations, including a felony arrest, and the rest were traffic violations including driving without a license, expired

registration or not wearing a seatbelt.

The arrests were carried out by various agencies including the Alamance County Sheriff's Office, Burlington Police Department, Elon Police Department, Mebane Police Department and Gibsonville Police Department. The names of the individuals were not readily available.

Checkpoints are often held every week on various days and times, Brewer said. While it's hard to say how many DWIs are issued at each checkpoint, nine in one night is on the high side, he said.

"With all of the alternatives I don't know why some students choose to drink and drive," Brewer said. "Some just think it's easier to drive instead of waiting 10 or 15 minutes on a ride."



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Hidden costs of college surprise students

Hannah DeLaCourt
Senior Reporter

There are the obvious costs of tuition, room and board and textbooks, but what other costs go into paying for college?

Elon has accounted in some ways for the extra costs of living. Patrick Murphy, director of financial planning, said the estimate for the costs of attendance is separated into two sections.

"One is the direct costs which is room and board, with a double room and All-Access (meal) plan, and then there are indirect costs, which are books and personal expenses," he said.

For the estimated cost of books, financial planning gets its estimate from the national average amount for books, and this year the average was set at \$900.

Some students feel there are still extra costs surrounding books and class materials that are not accounted for in this average.

"There are online class workbooks and extra things like newspaper subscriptions that professors make you pay for in their classes," senior Sarah Alexander said.

Another indirect cost financial planning helps to account for is transportation. According to Murphy, because of the increase in the price of gas, its estimate has increased through the past few years, to up to \$1,100 this year.

Murphy said the indirect costs of college are factored into financial packages, but it's not something the institution actually bills students for.

He also warns students to realize the extra costs of living. If students choose to go out to eat a lot and use transportation



Junior Rachel Shulder, an exercise science major, has paid hundreds of dollars in textbook fees since becoming a college student.

CLAIRE ESPARROS | Staff Photographer

often, that will cost extra money.

The cost students are actually billed for is \$36,971, but with the indirect and miscellaneous costs added in, the average cost for attending Elon is \$40,471.

Some students find the costs of living to be stressful.

"I didn't think about buying groceries, and I only bought the things I needed," freshman Emily Sanford said. "I only get a certain (allowance) of money a month, and now I have to make it the rest of the month with the money I have left."

Students have also complained about the added cost of doing laundry on campus.

Freshman Courtney Vaughn said she was surprised by how much money she realized she will spend on laundry throughout the school year.

"I feel like we are going to be spending hundreds of dollars on laundry by the end of the year," she said.

Murphy said this is why Elon bases financial aid packages on the higher estimate to account for the extra costs. Still, with all the resources financial aid

has, the university isn't meeting all of a student's financial needs.

But Murphy reminds students that they can take out loans.

While these extra expenses can inconvenience students, from what Murphy has seen, the number of students that leave campus because of financial problems is very low, Murphy said.

"This year, even with the rough economy, our retention level has gone up," he said. "I think that speaks well of Elon that more students returned than (left)."

Stocks, housing prices affect job search intensity



Stock market fluctuations may influence jobs.

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Grace Elkus
Senior Reporter

Fluctuations within the economy influence individuals in terms of how much time they spend searching for a job, according to Steve DeLoach and Mark Kurt, professors of economics in the Love School of Business. Their research on the relationship between stocks and housing prices allowed them to conclude that when the stock market falls, people increase the intensity of their job search.

"We find that people are sensitive to the big shock that happened in the economy, noticeably when the stock market crashed," Kurt said. "The 50 percent drop in the stock market caused people to feel much poorer, and those unemployed people increase their search intensity by about 25 percent."

The data used in the professors' research are from the American Time Use Survey, collected by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. DeLoach was equally interested to learn about the direct impact the stock market has on individual behavior.

"It was surprising how much people's time use was related to changes in the

macroeconomy," he said. "It makes sense, but it is amazing how much changes in the economy affect individual decisions like time use."

Although people may be increasing the time they spend job searching, the number of firms hiring is not increasing. This is because of the lack of money being spent, according to DeLoach.

"Firms are not hiring workers because people have not been spending money," he said. "Part of this is that households lost tremendous amounts of wealth over the past few years. Housing and stock values are down, and when people do not feel wealthy they do not spend."

The decrease in consumption began with the drop in wealth, which was caused by the housing market "bubble." This also caused a substantial amount of defaults on loans, resulting in banks having bad debt.

"That change in their balance sheets meant that banks stopped lending money, and that brought the economy, and most of the world, to its knees," DeLoach said.

He describes the economy as a cycle: without the financial markets providing loans to small business to buy inventory

and meet payroll, people lose their jobs and stop spending, which ultimately hurts more firms.

But this doesn't mean give up the job search. People who have higher expectant wages are more thorough in their search, according to Kurt.

"There are different factors that motivate people to search," he said. "If you expect a high wage, you're going to search more intensively for a job."

DeLoach suggests all students take Economics 111 to understand the basics of the driving forces behind the recession. Looking ahead to when students graduate, Kurt gives advice on how to increase one's chances of getting a job.

"The way to get [a job] is by searching, using your network, going to job fairs, applying for jobs, talking to friends and trying to keep your skills sharp," he said. "That might mean volunteering, trying to do anything you can do so that your skills aren't depreciating."

More data and information can be found in DeLoach and Kurt's working paper "Discouraging Workers: Estimating the Impacts of Macroeconomic Shocks on the Search Intensity of the Unemployed."

President's Report on Scholarship reaches wider audience in online form

Natalie Allison
Senior Reporter

Elon University publishes an annual report to highlight faculty scholarship, undergraduate research and institutional milestones from the previous academic year. Now named the President's Report on Scholarship, the 2010-2011 report has been re-invented and is reaching more people than ever in its online-only form.

"All institutions do this kind of thing, so we are constantly receiving print publications from universities and colleges all over the country," said Tim Peeples, associate provost for faculty affairs. "It's a way for people to be aware of other institutions and what they are doing at what quality work."

The report, formerly known as the Provost's Report, was printed and mailed to schools across the country each year. The report listed all faculty scholarship for the academic year and included a couple of feature stories about faculty and student work.

"Last year was the last year we made a print Provost's Report," Peeples said. "The print version was expensive to produce and to mail, and harder to reach as many people. We went online to reach a wider audience."

This year, more people were able to access the university's report, which was previously mailed out to 800 universities and individuals.

"In what was less than a couple of days, we know that more than 2,000 people looked at the President's Report," Peeples said. "We already have more than doubled the number of people looking at the report by going online."

Though the report's new format features only 12 faculty scholarship initiatives, Peeples said the university will be putting a PDF file online, a companion piece with a list of all the faculty scholarship.

"It just will not get the same kind of press that (the work in the) President's Report will," he said.

The university has never featured all of its undergraduate research in

a Provost's Report, but through the President's Report on Scholarship has increased the number of undergraduate research projects featured each year.

The university sought to highlight undergraduate projects that best captured the Elon experience, Peeples said.

"We wanted to find the ones that garnered the most interest when they were originally put out as stories of undergraduate research," he said.

There is no designated committee for selecting what faculty research will be featured in the report. Peeples said he asks the deans and other faculty members to share with him who they believe are doing the most significant scholarship. That list, he said, is still larger than what the university can publish, meaning a smaller list is formed.

"From there, we ask the selected faculty members if they are willing to do a video and have a story written on them," Peeples said. "Some of them might say 'no,' so we would select

someone else."

The featured faculty scholarship initiatives encompass all types of fields of research topics on campus, ranging from exercise science and physical therapy to economics and a book on how Satan would view the world.

Tina Das and Casey DiRienzo, economics professors whose work on the corruption effect in developing countries was featured in the report, have been studying the issue as a pair and plan to continue to do so.

"(We) started working on the effects of corruption — bribery, kickbacks, nepotism, abuse of public office for private gain — on economic and business outcomes about five years ago," DiRienzo said. "The impact of corruption is a theme throughout our work and will continue to be."

Peeples said the university plans to continue publishing the report as an online version, following a similar format of featuring around a dozen faculty members and several undergraduate students each year.

School of Communications upgrades to high definition

Nick Zanetti
Senior Reporter

The School of Communications at Elon University has updated its technology to include high definition equipment. Computers, cameras and an entire studio that has been rewired for high definition encompass the largest technology initiative at Elon since the School of Communications moved to McEwen in 2000.

There were three components to the technology upgrade, according to J. McMerty, the coordinator of video projects for the School of Communications. The first was updating the computer labs with new and bigger monitors and computers. The second was the camera checkout inventory, which replaced all remaining traditional cameras with high-definition digital cameras. Finally, studios in the building were also converted to high definition. The total cost for the upgrades came to more than \$500,000, McMerty said.

Troy Senkiewicz, class of 1998, used his industry connections to donate cable necessary for the upgrade of the studio. Elon Television will not be

broadcast in high definition on cable, but the shows will be in high definition online, according to McMerty.

Although the upgrades were expensive, they are an important part of educating communications students, McMerty said.

"If you fall behind on technology, it hurts the value of the education," he said.

The upgrade will also make Elon graduates more valuable once they enter the job market, as most broadcasting companies will soon be switching to high definition based systems if they have not already, McMerty said.

"I think it will make us a lot more marketable after college," said Megan Wright, co-executive producer of "Win Stuff." "The fact that we have worked with high definition equipment will put us above other candidates for jobs."

These changes will allow students to graduate able to say that they have experience with tapeless, digital workflow when they graduate, said Costello.

"It's nice for a school to actually be current with industry standards," said Vic Costello, the head of the technology committee for the School

of Communications.

Members of the technology committee attend technology trade shows throughout the year where new technology is showcased. One of the largest of these is the National Association of Broadcasters Exhibition in Las Vegas. The trade shows allow faculty to see technology live before deciding to purchase it for the school.

This year, the school of communications will be up for re-accreditation by the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communication. The council evaluates schools on nine standards, one of which is resources, facilities and equipment.

"It's nice that this happened now, because now for the first time we can say that we use completely high definition equipment," Costello said.

To help students learn to use all of the new equipment, the School of Communications will be organizing workshops that will teach different cameras and devices. Wright said these workshops would be required for crew members of "Win Stuff."

Although learning the new equipment might be difficult for some,

communications students will always have to adapt to new technology in their future careers, McMerty said.

"Learning new technology is part of today's world. Technology changes quickly, part of a communications student's education is to adapt to technology changes quickly. It is important for them to adopt the new equipment rather than wishing they had the old back," McMerty said.

But the new equipment doesn't come without challenges, Wright said.

"We are excited for the new equipment, but we are also a little nervous about learning it at the same time," she said.

The School of Communications strives to be on the cutting edge of technology, but not on what he calls the "bleeding edge," where organizations or individuals adopt brand new technology that has not been thoroughly tested or used successfully by others, McMerty said.

"It's not financially responsible for a university to be on the bleeding edge because we don't want to waste money, we want to make decisions that advance us but are not irresponsible," he said.



McEwen School of Communications recently made several technological upgrades to its equipment. Studios in McEwen were outfitted with new high-definition digital cameras, among other things, and the total cost was \$500,000. JULIA SAYERS | Staff Photographer

Elon Law earns full ABA accreditation

Hannah DeLaCourt
Senior Reporter

Earlier this year, the Elon University School of Law received full accreditation from the American Bar Association, ABA.

The Law School was granted provisional approval in the summer of 2008. This allowed Elon Law's graduates to take the bar examinations in all 50 states, according to Alan Woodlief, associate dean of Elon University School of Law.

Full accreditation signifies that the law school's educational program, faculty, admissions, career services and other programs all met the ABA's rigorous standards.

Woodlief said he thinks students are pleased that their personal choice to attend Elon Law has been further validated by the ABA.

"In choosing Elon Law, our current and incoming students had already indicated their confidence in its educational program and excitement at being part of its commitment to preparing students to be lawyers and leaders in the profession and in society," he said. "The law school continues to promptly meet and exceed each benchmark along the way as it establishes a reputation for excellence in the Triad, around North Carolina and across the nation."

Some students have the opinion that the ABA's accreditation is just the final step in proving the assurance they already had in the school, said second year law student Brett Dewitt.

"When I was first looking at attending law school, there were some who had hinted that I made a gamble by enrolling in a law school that was not already fully accredited," he said. "After visiting Elon Law, talking to the professors and learning about the

programs here, I never felt like I was risking anything."

Joe Fulton, third year law student, agrees.

"The accreditation is independent evidence of what the students, faculty, staff and administration have been saying all along about Elon Law School," he said. "That this school is committed to providing a rigorous, innovative and effective curriculum that opens doors for those looking to join the legal profession."

Fulton also said he has already been congratulated by several attorneys for what they recognized as a significant step in the life of the law school.

Some law students now have even higher hopes for internships, their job searches after graduation and their future careers, like second year law student Gwendolyn Lewis.

Lewis said she believes the accreditation will greatly impact her internship search because many internships require an applicant to attend a fully accredited law school.

Many also see the accreditation helping in the process of recruiting new students.

"This school as a whole is poised to have a very successful year recruiting new students as Elon Law adds full accreditation to its already impressive list of accomplishments," Fulton said.

But it is not just the law school that is affected by the accreditation. The accreditation also gives Elon University the distinction of being one of only seven private universities in the nation with accredited schools of law, business, communications and education along with a Phi Beta Kappa chapter, according to Woodlief.

"The faculty, administration, staff and students at the law school are excited about being part of this exceptional university," Woodlief said.

Ever Elon fundraising campaign set to conclude this semester

Donations collected through December

Caitlin O'Donnell
News Editor

The Ever Elon campaign is closing in on its \$100 million goal, according to Chuck Davis, director of the campaign, though the exact amount raised so far has not been released.

At this time last year, Elon had roughly 21 percent of the campaign to go, according to a previous interview with

Jim Piatt, vice president for University Advancement.

Launched publicly in 2008, the campaign to build the school's endowment was intended to conclude in 2011. Donations will continue to be counted through December, Davis said.

"I am really pleased with the planful and intentional way we've approached Ever Elon," Davis said. "These were very intentional strategic gifts that are reflective of institutional priorities and reflective of our own personal values."

Donations to the campaign are broken into four categories, Davis said. These include 55.1 percent for the university's endowment, 27.5 percent for annual giving, 17.5 percent for building and capital project with the remainder categorized under "other."

Davis said the campaign was particularly careful in not being overly demanding with donors.

"Being flexible and creative in our strategy created an increase in planned giving," Davis said. "It helped us reach our goal."

To counter the struggling economy, Davis said the campaign stressed that the university can only complete so much with tuition dollars.

"Constituents and donors understood the case for support and needs the institution has. They have given generously and sacrificially."

- Chuck Davis
EVER ELON CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR

Davis said a new campaign will be introduced.

"The university has clear and distinct ambitions as it continues to work to place itself on the national stage," Davis said. "There will be a continued need for financial resources."

The university is also currently in the process of planning a special event to be held at homecoming in October, though no plans have been finalized.

"At the end of the day, it has little to do with numbers and all to do with providing a platform to express closely-held values by giving," Davis said.

Freshmen elect first SGA officers to serve new class

Grace Elkus
Senior Reporter

The campaigning is over, the votes have been cast and the results are in. Seven freshmen have been elected to various positions within the Student Government Association, with Joe Incorvia serving as president of the freshman class. Incorvia credits his win to a video he posted on Facebook during the summer, claiming he made a name for himself before the school year even started.

"I got some really good feedback, and people were like, 'You should be our president,'" he said. "Eventually I realized I wouldn't mind doing that. I figured it would be a good start because I would get organized and get involved."

Sarah Paille-Jansa, the vice president of the freshman class, was equally as excited to get involved, she said. Although running for the position was out of her comfort zone, she decided it would be a valuable way to see how SGA is conducted.

"I randomly went to the interest meeting out of curiosity," Paille-Jansa said. "I was not in SGA in high school, but I was president of a lot of different clubs. I'm really excited about doing something different and new."

Incorvia also held multiple

leadership positions in high school, but was never inclined to be a part of student government.

"In high school, it's more of a popularity contest, not so much as who wants to do what for the school," he said.

Incorvia said he is passionate about collaborating with his classmates to make a difference at Elon and in the surrounding community.

"My main idea is class unity and bringing all of us together because you can get so much more accomplished that way."

-JOE INCORVIA
SGA PRESIDENT,
CLASS OF 2013

about starting a scholarship for Lauren Astley. Doing things that make it the best four years for us, and for everyone coming after us, and the town and the community as a whole."

Both Incorvia and Paille-Jansa are looking forward to working with their fellow officers. Adrienne Euler is the class secretary and Ciera Martinez the class treasurer. Robert Lachenauer, Joe Duncan and Kristopher Jiles are the class senators.

Ten freshmen ran for office this year: three for president, two for vice president, one for secretary, one for treasurer and three for senator, and there are still two vacant positions.

"My main idea is class unity and bringing all of us together because you can get so much more accomplished that way," Incorvia said. "I've been thinking

"The only unfilled positions in the freshman class are two senator seats, which will be filled by appointments made by the Executive President Sam Warren," said Ellen Fraser, co-chair of the SGA election committee. "Usually, he will offer the positions to those that participated in the election but were not elected."

This election is comparable to ones in the past, according to Rachel Long, executive vice president of SGA.

"The number of candidates in this fall's election were fairly normal," Long said. "Last year, we had a standout year with many more candidates."

Paille-Jansa speculates that because the elections were so early on in the school year, many students were focused on moving in and getting settled rather than running for a position.

"It's something that a lot of people thought about, but there's a lot of things going on," she said. "SGA starts so much earlier than everything else because they want to get the freshman class involved as quickly as possible."

MORE ONLINE

See the full results from this year's SGA elections

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SGA swears in new leadership, discusses homecoming plans, office hours violations

Hannah DelaCourt
Senior Reporter

Elon University's Student Government Association discussed changes to Homecoming and welcomed new freshmen class representatives at their most recent meeting.

Jana Lynn Patterson, SGA adviser, started the meeting Thursday, Sept. 8 by discussing a recent email from Smith Jackson, vice president and dean of Student Life. The email described an incident in which five white males driving in a car yelled a racially derogatory term (the N-word) at a black Elon student Sept. 7.

Patterson said she was disgusted, and this was not representative of the Elon community. She urged all SGA leaders to attend an open forum to discuss the incident and diversity on campus the following day, Sept. 8.

During the meeting, members passed out the 2011 homecoming packet, with the theme Our History, Our Heritage, Our Home.

There are many changes from last year's homecoming, including the addition of an event called Catch the

Phoenix, which is a capture the flag game with teams of 14 players.

One major change involves registration for and the scoring of the homecoming king and queen. In order to register, students must have at least a 2.7 GPA to run, instead of a 2.5 as in previous years.

As for the voting process, 50 percent of the score comes from the popular vote, 25 percent comes from an interview process and 25 percent comes from attendance at homecoming events.

The seven newly elected representatives for the Class of 2015 were sworn in during the meeting. Two Senator positions are still available. Patterson reminded the entire committee that it is an honor to serve as part of SGA, especially because Elon runs on shared governance.

"We are in the minority where students get to serve on faculty committees," she said. "You have a full vote, so we want people committed to serve."

Following the meeting, two senators were brought before the Judicial Committee for missing office hours.

Meagan Chieppor had four absences when only two absences are allotted. She explained it was because of her involvement as a senior intern for the Elon Poll and one absence for an unexpected audition. She received a formal warning and must attend four additional office hours.

Patrick Reynolds also had three and a half absences because of a death in the family. He received a formal warning and must work one event during homecoming.

In other news, the finance committee, led by Executive Treasurer Nick Livengood, brought up the first new allocation of the year for SGA funding.

The organization Autism Speaks, along with the sorority Alpha Xi Delta, requested \$950 for transportation to the Oct. 8 Autism Speaks walk in Charlotte. The transportation would not just be for members of the sorority or Autism Speaks but would be open to anyone on campus who would like to attend the walk.

The allocation was passed, and will allow for the transportation of at least 130 people to the event.

NEWS BRIEFS

Obama to come to Raleigh to discuss employment issues

President Barack Obama will speak at noon Wednesday at NC State University to promote the jobs bill he recently proposed.

The event is free and open to the public and tickets were distributed starting Tuesday morning.

Vice President Joe Biden is to appear at a fundraiser in Raleigh at 9:30 Thursday morning and will visit the Triangle Area later in the day, but details were not yet available as of Monday evening.

Bench to be dedicated to deceased faculty member outside McEwen

A bench in front of McEwen School of Communications will be dedicated to Melody Van Lidth de Jeude 9:30 a.m. Tuesday.

Van Lidth de Jeude was a faculty member in the School of Communications and taught many sections of public speaking. It is estimated that she taught about 20 percent of Elon's current student body.

The dedication will last about 15 minutes and is expected to conclude before College Coffee.

American Bar Association publishes article by Elon Law student

A publication by the American Bar Association, The Young Lawyer, recently featured an article written by Collin Cooper, a third-year Elon University Law student.

Cooper's article was titled "Leadership and the Law: Skills You Need to Survive in the New Economy" and focused on the importance of acquiring and honing leadership abilities.

Historic Elon documents now available for online viewing

Six Elon publications dating back to the early 1900s have been published digitally by Belk Library staff members.

The publications include "The Elon College Monthly," "The Elonian," "The Bulletin of Elon College," "Elon Alumni Voice," "Elon Alumni News" and the "Magazine of Elon."

The project was funded by the LYRASIS Mass Digitization Collaborative, a Sloan Foundation grant-subsidized program that has assisted other libraries with digitization projects.

The publications were scanned cover-to-cover in full color and can be viewed online here: <http://bit.ly/EPdocs>.

DPT students, faculty, alumni travel to Romania to educate, assist

Bill Andrews, associate professor of physical therapy, recently led a team of students and alumni from the Department of Physical Therapy to Romania.

The team participated in educational and service opportunities to assist staff caring for children with disabilities, provide services to their parents, play with children and provide developmental evaluations of the children, among other endeavors.

Calendar: September 14-20

September 14

- Hot Topics in the Law forum on Internet taxation: noon, location TBA
- Information Session with The Washington Center: 4:30 p.m. Duke, 101J
- Final Cut X Workshop: 7:30 p.m., McEwen 205

September 15

- Worship Opportunities Fair: 12:15 - 3:15 p.m. at Young Commons
- "The Intersection of Law and Politics": 7:30 p.m., Isabella Cannon Room

September 16

- SUB \$5 movie tickets, 6 - 7 p.m. at the Moseley Front Desk
- Special forum with David Ogden: 1:30 p.m., room 105 at the Law School

September 17

- SUBcinema presents Bridesmaids: 8 p.m., Young Commons
- Alamance County Meals on Wheels volunteer opportunity, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Burlington City Park

September 18

- Alamance County Meals on Wheels volunteer opportunity, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., City Park in Burlington

September 19

- Information sessions with SPX: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Koury Business Center 204
- Study Abroad in the Sunshine Coast information session: 2:15 p.m., Carlton 209

September 20

- Census Bureau information session: 4 p.m., Duke 101
- Employer Showcase: 12:30 to 3:30 p.m., McKinnon Hall
- Peace Corps information session: 4:30 p.m., Mooney 111

For more dates and information about campus events, visit the calendar on the Elon website.

INTERNATIONAL PAGE

Because of spatial restraints from The Pendulum's special coverage of the attacks on Sept. 11, the International section will not be in this week's edition. Please be sure to look for the International section next Wednesday, where we will be featuring news stories from our correspondents in Dublin, Ireland and Quito, Ecuador.

Style



Russian artist Alex Deyneka did face painting at the Saxapahaw Country Hoedown for both adults and children. William, who attended the hoedown with his family, wanted his face painted like a dragon.

Hoedown raises money, awareness for lung cancer

Julia Sayers
Staff Photographer

An art auction, live music, belly dancing and delicious food provided a carnival-like atmosphere while raising awareness for lung cancer? Roxy Farms Antiques hosted the Saxapahaw Country Hoedown, held Sept. 10, to benefit the North Carolina Lung Cancer Partnership (NCLCP).

Many different artists and local companies participated in the hoedown. There was live music by Chapel Hill band New River Uprising, belly dancing, raffles, face painting, henna tattoos, wine tastings by Benjamin Vineyards and Winery and hors d'oeuvres from Saxapahaw General Store, Vimala's Curry Blossom Café and Company Shops Market in Burlington.

The main attraction of the hoedown was the art auction. Artists donated paintings, prints, pottery sculpture and jewelry to the auction. Some of the artists knew people who had battled lung cancer and one artist, Gregg Kemp, is battling cancer himself. Kemp donated two of his photographs to the auction.

The hoedown raised more than \$2,000 just from the art auction. One hundred percent of the profits from the art auction, face painting and sales of raffle tickets will go to the partnership. Benjamin Vineyards and Winery will donate 25 percent of their wine sales during the event to the partnership. The event's final fundraising tally was \$3,770.

Sue Dayton opened Roxy Farms Antiques in 2008 in a restored 100-year-old house. She held her first fundraiser last spring when she donated 20 percent of all antique sales to help the people of Japan after the earthquake and tsunami.

"I'm not a wealthy person, but I can do my part by contributing to worthy causes through having fundraisers," Dayton said.

Dayton works as a health consultant for the NC Lung Cancer Partnership and decided to host a grassroots fundraiser with them.

"This is the first year for the hoedown and it was a resounding success," she said. "We had about 150 people attend, many from our local community, and I think Sandy Oehler's message about how she got lung cancer struck a high note with people — if you have lungs, you can get lung cancer."

Oehler, a lung cancer survivor, was diagnosed eight years ago with non small cell lung cancer and underwent chemotherapy, radiation and had two-thirds of her right lung removed.

"I wanted to do something to give back, to find some organization that raised money for lung cancer," Oehler said. "To my surprise, there was no one who really did that."

Oehler met Amy Cipau, president of the NCLCP, and Jennifer Garst, an oncologist and lung cancer specialist at Duke University Medical Center, and formed the first chapter of the national partnership. The NCLCP's mission is decreasing lung cancer



Local Saxapahaw bellydancer Leigh Johnson performed veil dances at the fundraiser for lung cancer research.

deaths and raising awareness by doing grassroots fundraising events and the larger Free to Breathe events. There are five Free to Breathe events in N.C. annually. These include two 5k runs, two golf tournaments and one yogathon. These events also help to fund young investigator research grants.

"We developed the chapter to improve the lives of people with lung cancer through research, education and advocacy," Garst said. "We want to do for lung cancer what other big pink organizations have done for breast cancer."

The NCLCP wants to get rid of the smoking stigma attached to lung cancer, since 20 percent of people with lung cancer have never smoked. Cipau and Garst both spoke about this

at the hoedown.

"Lung cancer is the least funded of all cancers, but it's one of the most deadly," Cipau said. "If we don't raise awareness, we're not going to raise money for research."

New developments have been made in research, including the FDA-approved pill Xalkori and a CT scan specially developed to detect lung cancer in earlier stages, according to Garst.

"Our primary message is that lung cancer can happen to anyone. It kills more people each year than breast, colon and prostate cancer combined," Cipau said. "When the community comes out for events like this and supports it, it gives some hope, because right now, not a lot of people have that hope."

Library book sale promotes community values, volunteer opportunities

Kyra Gemberling
Design Editor

In the age of technology, sometimes the feeling of physically holding a book gets lost amid the shuffle of Kindles and eBooks. That sensation is more attainable when students tight on cash get a hand on used books.

MJ Goodrum, director of Alamance County Public Libraries, said the May Memorial Library 27th annual book sale is the bibliophiles' place to go.

"(The sale) is great in this economy when things are so expensive and there's not a lot of money for people to spend on leisurely things," Goodrum said. "It's a fun way to support library services and get some really good books."

The sale, hosted by Friends of Alamance County Public Libraries, started Sept. 9 and continues until Sept. 20. It's held in Burlington at the historic May Memorial Library, which will celebrate its 75th anniversary in 2012.

Debbie Gunyan, co-chair of the sale, said students are encouraged to come because of the availability of books for both school and leisure that range from \$1.50 to \$3.

"They're not going to find a better deal on books or with finding books they love to read," Gunyan said. "They can just stock up and get ready for school by filling up their rooms."

Not only are the books affordable, but all of the proceeds go back into the library to support various programs and other agencies in the community.

"Part of the money goes to the library collection, but we also supply money for all the movie programs, summer reading programs and author visits," Gunyan said. "We also supply for Alamance Reads in the summer to get as many people as possible to all read the same book."

But the most remarkable aspect of the sale, Gunyan said, is the dedication of the library's volunteers. She said volunteers spend a total of 600 hours preparing for the sale and then spend an additional 500 hours during the sale itself.

"We have everyone helping out, from young people to teachers to retired people," Gunyan said. "You meet a lot of individuals who give up their time because they're here to have fun and because they love to read."



Two Burlington residents purchase their items at the 27th annual book sale at May Memorial Library.

Goodrum said the message sent by the library is significant because libraries provide access to information and technology for all types of people, serving as an equalizer between the "haves" and the "have nots."

"I like connecting information to

people, and that's what libraries do," Goodrum said. "It's really important in a democracy that there are places where people who have a billion dollars versus people with nothing can go and have access to computers, books, magazines or movies."

One-man band



Solo artist Preston Pugmire performed at the annual Organization Fair on Sept. 9 and also in Irazu later that night. TRACY RAETZ | Staff Photographer

R&B crooner is a true solo artist

John Tinkelenberg
Reporter

First, a click of the tongue for the beat. A foot clicks a pedal while a few chords on the acoustic guitar are added. Next, some vocal notes. All this rolls underneath as Preston Pugmire performs his acoustic R&B, piecing together sound clips like Lincoln Logs to create the full sound of a large ensemble.

It's a recipe Pugmire used at Irazu Sept. 9 for his second SUBlive performance. He has entertained many crowds at more than 100 shows in his career ranging from his hometown of Rexburg, Idaho, to Florida. Pugmire said, though, that he was a particular friend of Elon.

"Some of the nicest people I've met on tour are here," Pugmire said. "Plus, you guys have a meadow called 'The Boobs.'"

Pugmire kept the crowd entertained and at ease before, during and after his set. He even snuck into a quick Justin Bieber cover in the middle of a song.

"I was just seeing if you were listening," he said.

When Pugmire first performed last year, praise from students was so great that SUB chose to invite him again.

"He's one of the few artists we've brought back a second time," said Joe Ziemba, executive officer of public relations and marketing for SUB. "It's a unique form of music that I hadn't seen until last year and he sounds like an entire band."

Pugmire's show was full of tricks. During one number, he sang through a megaphone, jumped into the crowd and danced with an audience member. He used a variety of instruments as well as his varied voice to make the background music for his singing.

Over the past few months, Pugmire has been recording a soon-to-be-released EP. He played some shows from it Friday, including "Helen," similar in sound to OneRepublic.

If students missed the two performances, SUB said it would be working to bring Pugmire back once more.

One-day plays take Center for the Arts by comedy storm

Rebecca Wickel
Design Editor

Eli Whitney was born in 1929 in Houston, Texas.

No? Well his cotton gin was the OxiClean of the 1940s, according to Sept. 10ths One Day Plays hosted by Alpha Psi Omega, the Theatre Arts Honor Society.

Senior Adam Kaplan's story of a tutoring session gone awry, presenting the inaccurate life of Eli Whitney to three young students, was one of six plays presented at the festival.

The annual event allots 24 hours for writing, directing, rehearsing and performing six student productions.

For the first year, each writer selected a photo from Flickr.com to inspire his or her script.

"It allowed for more creative freedom," senior Katie Nardizzi said. "Writers were less stuck, but there was less variation."

This year's program featured six comedies, unlike previous years when genres were assigned.

Despite the gravitation toward humor, creativity was plentiful in Yeager Recital Hall.

"You're surprised by what we can do in 24 hours," co-producer Sean Liang said. "It feels like a festival because there are groups all over the place rehearsing and scrambling to get their scenes together. No one knows what's going to happen."

In addition to the scarcity of time for memorizing lines, actors can't prepare for the character they will create.

"I could be a yoga instructor. I could be a 5-year-old child," junior Jennifer Roberts said. "I could be a dog for all I know. I really could go in any direction that the writers decide."

She was none of the above. Roberts played "The Woman" in the night's opening comedy, "Through the Light."

Actors were not the only ones under pressure. Writers and directors did not have to memorize lines, but they worried about the audience's reactions.

"The scariest bit comes when it's actually being performed in front of an audience and hoping that people laugh," junior Michelle Wilson said.

Wilson, co-author of "Sleepover," had little to worry about.

"Sleepover" was my favorite," Nardizzi said. "It was the funniest because the comedic timing was great."

Authored by students from the School of Communications, "Sleepover" embodied the festival's commitment to bringing students from different fields of study to the arts.

"We love to have creative writing majors, communication majors, students from all disciplines," Liang said. "The point of APO is to reach out

and enlighten people with theatre."

Not only were students from other majors encouraged to participate, the festival was a great way for new students, especially freshmen, to get involved, said senior Ben Morris.

"I didn't have to audition," freshman Jenna Hokanson said. "I just thought it sounded fun. I loved participating, meeting new people and watching. Every group had its own twists."

Each of the six performances had a lively audience. Laughter and applause emanated from those overflowing in the back to the front row seats, and standing ovations were not uncommon.

"It was impressive for 24 hours," senior Katie Elinoff said. "'Cotton a Pickle' was amazing, Adam Kaplan's writing was great."

The successful evening doubled as a fundraiser for acting seniors and Alpha Psi Omega theatre honors society.

Get to know: Cast of the Second City's 'The FAFSA and the Furious'

Edith Veremu
Copy Editor

Acclaimed sketch comedy troupe the Second City visited Elon on Sept. 6 and 7, featuring cast members Barry Hite, Lyndsay Hailey and Nicole Hastings. They performed a college-themed show, "The FAFSA and the Furious," as well as their standard touring performance. Their Elon connection also runs deep: junior B.F.A. Acting major Sean Liang had the opportunity to study with Second City over the summer.

Q: What did you think of the shows at Elon?

Hite: They were great. You guys have such a great campus and community. Very welcoming.

Hailey: You're what we call "hot houses." You were very responsive, which allowed us to do some of our racier acts.

Q: How was it working with Elon student Sean Liang?

Hailey: Barry and I each had him for a week and that was great.

Hite: He's very positive and has a great heart. And he's just a great kid.

Hailey: He was just a little light in that class. He's naturally funny, so he doesn't even have to try hard.

Q: What other campuses have you visited?

Hite: Syracuse University, DePaul University, St. Mary's College of California, Boston University and Santa Barbara City College.

Hailey: But this is the start of our college tour.

Q: How long have you performed as a group?

Hastings: This is our second college show but first college tour as a group. There are different groups that travel each year and this is our first time as this particular group.

Hailey: We've worked with this specific group for four months.

Q: Why did you choose comedy instead of drama or another genre?

Hastings: I was always cast in comedic roles when I started out, and there's just something about eliciting a laugh when you perform. It's addicting.

Hite: I'm not good at sports, can't sing. The gigs made me a student of comedy.

Q: What brought you into comedy?

Hailey: I was always the person to break the tension, to say, "Everyone, be happy." I was a diver and I'm an adrenaline junkie. As an adult, there's only so much you can do and this is one of those things.

Hastings: I've always been someone who dealt with hard situations with laughter. There's nothing parallel to having something to heal like laughter.

Q: What's the next step for you?

Hailey: Making it big. I don't know what that means, but making it big.

Hastings: We may or may not make it to a resident city group. Some of us have auditioned for "SNL" and some of us

haven't.

Hailey: Beyond that, anything in the realm of comedy is the next step. We write our own material, so anything that allows that would be great.

Q: What do you think is the role of women in comedy?

Hailey: In short, a comedic woman is a ballsy woman and she has a lot of power. If you can be a brave, unapologetic woman, then comedy's for you.

Hastings: Women are rare enough in comedy and when we perform, we don't do it so people can say, "Look at those women trying to be funny." We do it because we love it.

Hailey: There wasn't a Tina Fey before there was a Tina Fey who wrote and produced her own stuff. There are a lot of famous and local women we can think of who've been pioneers — Lucille Ball, Carol Burnett, Gilda Radner.

Hastings: Being women in comedy, we dream of a miracle. Use it as a platform to create change.

Local honeybees benefit all

Ashley Fahey
Features Editor

A distinctive buzz could be heard at downtown Burlington's Company Shops Market Honeybee Festival Sept. 10.

September marks National Honey Month, and to celebrate, local beekeepers came together at the Company Shops Market. Beekeepers such as Altamahaw native Mike Ross talked about the importance of the honeybee and showcased a sampling of honeybees in a case.

"I got my start in beekeeping about seven years ago," Ross said. "I've been hooked ever since."

Ross owns tens of thousands of honeybees in multiple hives and has been observing and tracking their behaviors for the past seven years. His insight on the subject led him to start his own business selling honey and beeswax to local farmers' markets, including the Elon Community Church Farmers' Market.

"A standard box during the summer can hold between 40,000 and 60,000 honeybees," Ross said. "During the winter, that number diminishes to about 20,000 bees."

He said it takes a very large amount of bees to produce even a small pot of honey.

"One honeybee will make one-twelfth of a teaspoon of honey in its lifetime," Ross said.

The beekeepers said honey made by local honeybees has more benefits than most people realize.

"If you use honey produced by bees within 30 miles of your location, it helps your allergies more so than honey produced from far away," Ross said. "Honey has been one of the earliest medicines, used to do everything from dressing wounds to curing sore throats."

Honeybees also contribute to making many other products such as cooking oil and cleaning supplies, according to Logan Dill, who harvests bees. Without their pollination, these products would



Beekeeper Mike Ross, from Altamahaw, sells his local products at the Elon Community Church Farmers Market. Ross has been beekeeping and selling his honey locally for the past seven years.

require other substitutes or additives for the product to be complete.

Beekeepers Paul Jollay and Toni Murray have their own beekeeping business in Glencoe, and provided free samples of their honey products at the co-op event, featuring flavors such as cinnamon and strawberry. Murray said their products can be found at The Nest, a shop in Burlington. They occasionally sell honey from their own driveway in Glencoe as well.

The Company Shops Market is helping to promote locally-produced honey as well.

"Starting this Monday, our honey, as well as Mike Ross's, will be on the shelves for sale," Dill said.

The honeybee festival celebrated not only the importance of honeybees to everyday living, but the importance of buying locally-produced goods.

"You are supporting a rural economy by purchasing locally-produced products," Dill said. "For some individuals, that is their primary income."



Starting Sept. 12, the Company Shops Market will sell honey from local Alamance County vendors, including Ross's and Dill's products.

New Elon Elementary principal aims to uncover students' untapped potential and to create safe school environment

Madelyn Smith
Copy Editor

Intense rain steadily pours outside the office windows and the National Weather Service announces a tornado warning on the desktop radio. Principal Jack Davern gets on the school's announcement system in a friendly, calming voice and prompts teachers and students to begin a tornado drill.

A young student walks uneasily into the front office and asks if everything will be OK. Phones are ringing off the hook, teachers are coming into the office and Davern has a meeting to finish, but he takes the time to reassure the boy that the tornado warning will be lifted soon and his teachers will keep him safe.

Jack Davern has been principal at Elon Elementary since July, and he has already made his mark as a leader who is willing to sacrifice much of his time for his students' success. He has big plans for the home of the Little Phoenix.

He was once a Phoenix himself - or a "relative" to the Elon Phoenix, as he called it. After graduating from Edinboro University in Pennsylvania with a degree in elementary education, he then received his Master's in Education from the University of Phoenix.

Davern said after graduating college, he and his wife Janice, also a teacher, moved to Scotland County to pursue their teaching careers.

"North Carolina was far from where we lived," Davern said. "But we wanted to come here because the state was doing a lot of good initiatives in education and it was appealing to us professionally."

Davern worked in the Scotland County public school system for 16 years, serving as a fourth grade teacher and a curriculum facilitator who worked with school planning and teacher relations.

Davern was most recently a principal at Shaw Elementary prior to seeking a

position at Elon Elementary this past spring. His wife and three children - one in elementary school, one in middle school and one in high school - made the move two hours away to Elon earlier this summer, and he officially assumed his duties as principal July 1.

"I'm thoroughly enjoying it," Davern said. "My favorite part - it's the people. There's a strong desire in everyone here to do what's right for kids and I love it. It makes my job better because of that."

Davern said there is undoubtedly a large amount of administrative work that can add up, but only when students leave for the day does he spend most of his time taking care of what he calls the "paper aspect" of his job.

During school hours, he enjoys making daily pit stops by classes, even if it's just to say hello.

"I try to walk through the halls during the day so students see me and know who I am," he said. "Chatting with students every day, checking up on the occasional broken arm, walking through the cafeteria, it all gives me the opportunity to know them on a deeper level."

Part of Davern's commitment to providing the best environment for his students are his goals to improve Elon Elementary's available technology.

"We have fairly good technology," he said. "But we're behind with some of our counterparts."

In a recently approved two-year \$160,000 plan, the school will implement more SMARTBoards, introduce iPads and kick start more Web-based learning programs, such as BrainPOP.

Another goal Davern has for Elon Elementary is its commitment to learning through immersion.

The school currently has a Spanish immersion program for kindergarten through third grade students and plans to extend it to fourth and fifth grades in the next two years. In the all-day immersion classes, teachers instruct students only in Spanish.



Jack Davern is the new principal of Elon Elementary and would like Elon students involved at the school.

"When instructional and conversational Spanish is used, it's branching out to increase understanding," he said.

Elon Elementary's immersion and other programs also involve the neighboring Elon University community. Elon students come to the elementary school to serve as Spanish tutors, members of the Lunch Buddies peer mentoring program and America Reads math and reading tutors.

Davern said it is very helpful to have Elon students nearby to assist wherever they are needed, and he hopes to continue to create more initiatives with Elon students in the next few years.

"People tend to think, 'you've gotten in touch with the university's education department, right?'" he said. "But we can learn even more from places like the biology and physical therapy departments. We want to make connections to almost every department at the university."

Davern is excited for things to come during his time at Elon Elementary, and he said he will practice consistency in his day-to-day life as principal.

"I strive to be tuned in to what's going on with day-to-day activities," he said. "And I want students to know that school's always a safe place. In my position, you can really see the value and the impact that can be made."

Going Green: what does it really mean?



Sarah Carideo
Columnist

Count how many times during the rest of your day that you hear or see something about "going green."

During the past few

years, the word "green" has become an ever-present term, and Americans are steadily bombarded with information about the newest eco-friendly trend and the battle against global warming.

A recent study done by Yale University and George Mason University showed that many Americans feel it's important to do suggested eco-friendly actions such as conserving water or recycling, but they aren't actually following through.

For example, 76 percent of participants thought it was important to buy locally-grown food, but only 26 percent actually did. Seventy-two percent of participants thought it was important to use public transportation or to carpool, but only 10 percent did.

Americans are less likely to embrace "green" attitudes, according to a poll by Harris Interactive. In 2010, 36 percent of U.S. adults said they were concerned about the planet they were leaving behind for future generations, compared to 43 percent in 2009.

What is causing this disconnect?

There are several reasons for this green fatigue. The main one is "greenwashing," which refers to misleading green marketing to promote the perception that a company's policies or products are environmentally friendly.

Another reason is the lack of an immediate return on a "green" investment, as is the case with many solar-powered buildings. This is especially difficult to rationalize in a challenging economy.

These reasons, combined with the overflow of "green" information, overwhelms and confuses many people to the point where simply doing a good thing for the Earth isn't worth the investigation and investment.

I love the idea of "going green," but like many others, I want it to benefit me. I want to know if spending a couple extra dollars on organic shampoo is worth it to my body. Or that switching to veganism will help the critters and me. Or that unplugging my electrical appliances is worth my efforts.

No matter what your "green" questions may be, this column will cover any and all aspects of the environment. I will include updates on "green" news, suggestions of "green" practices to try, product reviews, shocking information and much more.

The best part? If altruism isn't your thing, all of the information will be about you and whether it is really worth it to make some green, relatively easy changes to your everyday lifestyle.



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The Elon University men's basketball team traveled abroad in August for an 11-day trip, where the Phoenix played against professional European basketball teams and explored Germany and Italy.

Play abroad aids men's basketball team in growth, unity

Adam Lawson
Reporter

After Matt Matheny was hired in March 2009 as Elon University's 17th head basketball coach, he and athletic director Dave Matheny discussed an innovative idea.

"When we were discussing the possibility of this position back in 2009, we talked about a lot of things," said Matheny, who became the new coach after serving 16 years as an assistant at Davidson College. "One of the things we talked about was the possibility of taking a foreign trip, or European trip. We talked about how that would fit into Elon's desire for 100 percent of the student body to study overseas."

That idea was implemented this summer.

This August, the Elon Phoenix took an 11-day excursion through Europe to showcase its skills on the hardwood

against professional athletes. The team arrived in Munich, on Aug. 12. The team hit the ground running, playing its first two games the next day in Vilsbiburg, Germany. Unlike typical games, the Phoenix had no scouting reports to go off of.

"We showed up and played," senior guard Drew Spradlin said. "You can tell as soon as you get on the court who's the point guard, who are the wings. After a couple plays, you know how they're trying to play."

Elon set the tone by winning the first two games. For the three freshmen on the team, those two games were the first they had ever played above the high school level.

Used to playing against people anywhere from 14 to 18 years old, guards Austin Hamilton and Kevin Blake and forward Ryan Winters were now competing against experienced

professional athletes 10 years their senior.

"We had nine total practices, and then we said, 'All right, play.' That's not an ideal environment to perform at a high level," Matheny said. "We understood that as coaches. Not only is it a tough situation where we're asking them to play in our system after nine practices, but now you're playing 28, 29, 30 year olds."

While they were trying to win games on the tour, the coaching staff recognized that these games gave them the opportunity to try new things, experiment with different lineups and look to find combinations that work well on the floor.

"We were able to experiment with guys playing multiple positions," Matheny said. "We played veterans with newcomers, and newcomers with veterans. It was like a laboratory for us."

After a tough loss to Nuremberg Aug. 15, the team left Germany and took a couple days off to travel and take in the sights. After a short stay in Innsbruck, Austria, the team arrived in Italy, where it spent the rest of the trip. In Milan Aug. 20, the experienced club of Blu Basket CoMark Treviglio beat the Phoenix.

"Our last game we played, you could tell they were older. Physically they were bigger than us," sophomore guard Jack Isenbarger said. "They were just a strong team. We were almost outmatched, outsized in almost every position, which hurt us."

Two days later, the Phoenix returned to the United States. As the players prepare for the regular season, their goal remained simple.

"Get better," Matheny said. "We want to elevate our program. Our players are fully aware that we're in a situation where we have an opportunity to get better."

Volleyball team returns to Elon as tournament co-champions

Despite starting with dropped match, Elon among three teams to finish tournament with best record

Adam Lawson
Reporter

After dropping its first match of the Butler Tournament to host Butler University, the Elon University volleyball team rallied throughout the weekend to come back and become co-champions of the tournament and looks to use its momentum this weekend, starting with a game against Campbell University.

The Phoenix started the doubleheader portion of the tournament Saturday morning against Central Michigan University. The Chippewas hung on, but the Phoenix was able to assert itself at the end of sets and took the match by a 25-17, 28-30, 25-20, 25-19 score.

"The team just stayed tough," head coach Mary Tendler said. "We came back and had some good serves at the end of those sets. It's tough to be aggressive and confident in great moments like that, and I feel like our team did that against Central Michigan."

The Butler Tournament was a chance for sophomore right side/setter Cali Estes and senior outside hitter/middle blocker Caroline Lemke, two Carmel, Ind., natives, to go back home and perform in front of friends and family.

But instead of treating the two-day tournament as an opportunity to show off for the hometown crowd, the two kept the focus required to help the team win, Tendler said.

"Caroline and Cali have done a good job of saying, 'We're here to do a job and play to the best of our abilities like anywhere else,'" said senior setter Megan McMahon, who had 123 assists in the tournament. "They did a good job of keeping a level head."

The tournament was played in historic Hinkle Fieldhouse, the non-air-conditioned gym that gained its fame in the movie "Hoosiers."

"We talked about it a lot. We talked about the movie," Tendler said. "We knew what Hinkle Fieldhouse was all about. It was a cool place to be. Playing in Hinkle Fieldhouse is something we'll always remember."

Austin Peay State University, a team that had won only two games entering play Saturday, was trying to pull off the upset of the 7-3 Phoenix.

After besting Austin Peay in the match's first two sets, the Phoenix suffered a letdown in the third, allowing seven straight points en route to dropping a 21-16 lead, as well as the set.

"We were behind in the first two sets quite a bit, and we came back and won," Tendler said. "We had the lead in the third set, and Austin Peay did the same thing to us in that third set. I was just glad that we closed it out in the fourth because it was real tight."

Elon was able to end the match in the fourth set, taking a 28-26 decision. Hours later, when Central Michigan beat Butler, Elon had tied Butler and Chippewas for the tournament's best record and had earned a piece of the championship.

"I am so happy and so proud of this weekend," Lemke said.

The women's volleyball team has a three-game home streak this weekend, where the team looks to improve on their 8-3 record.

Matches start Sept. 16 at 7 p.m.

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Men's soccer achieves first win of season, motivated to face undefeated Campbell

Edith Veremu
Copy Editor

Although the Elon men's soccer team lost its match 3-0 to No. 21 UNC-Charlotte 49ers 3-0 Sept. 9, the Phoenix rallied back to win 5-0 against the University of North Florida Ospreys Sept. 11, notching the program's first win of the season.

"We made some individual mistakes which we were punished for against a highly ranked Charlotte," head coach Darren Powell said. "And we lost our confidence after they scored a goal against us in that game."

The 49ers scored two goals within 10 minutes of each other during the second half of the game and scored a third at the 70 minute of the match. Charlotte ended the match with 18 shots while the Phoenix only had seven. That loss left the Phoenix with three losses and one draw early into the season.

Sunday's match against the Ospreys was vastly different, with Elon leading 2-0 at the halftime after a goal scored by sophomore midfielder Daniel Lovitz at 32 minutes assisted by junior forward Chris Thomas. Thomas scored a goal at 40 minutes, assisted by junior midfielder Gabe Latigue.

The Phoenix led the first half with 14 shots on goals compared to the Ospreys' one shot.

"It was good work and a good effort that resulted in a win even though it took us a while to win," Thomas said.

Thomas scored two goals in Sunday's game.

In the second half, junior forward Archie Karpch scored his second goal of the season at 61 minutes, assisted by Latigue and Thomas. Thomas then scored his second goal of the game and season at 78 minutes, assisted by sophomore defender Glenn Scott, who scored the fifth goal as a result of a free kick for the Phoenix.

The match concluded with a

Phoenix 22-4 shot lead and 6-2 corner kick advantage.

"Everyone before the game was ready," senior forward Denzel Ogunyase said. "We stayed on top of (North) Florida, and they weren't fit to play against us."

Thomas agreed with Ogunyase about the opponent's readiness to play against the team. He said the Ospreys were a bit weaker than the Phoenix, and that allowed the Elon team to control the match from start to finish.

"We gave the other team no leeway," said junior forward Jordan Smith. "We wanted to win, and we needed a home win."

The team's next matchups are against undefeated Campbell

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-Denzel Ogunyase
SENIOR FORWARD

University Sept. 14 on the road and a match against Old Dominion University Sept. 17.

The team will build off its win against North Florida and work harder in practice, Powell

and junior defender Jahan Threths said.

"I hope we can just work off this win during our practice and work harder on what we can do to win our next game," Threths said.

Powell said he is looking forward to the team using its win to play harder in upcoming games.

"I'm more pleased with the performance of the game," he said. "I don't think we've ever completed 90 minutes of intense soccer like this before. I'm very proud of the team and the whole squad and hope they can use this win to kick off the season."

LOOKING AHEAD

Tonight 7 p.m. @ Campbell

Saturday 7 p.m. vs. Old Dominion



Senior midfielder James Carroll controls the ball against University of North Florida Sept. 11.

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Former athletes honored during football game



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At halftime of the Elon University-Concord University game Sept. 10, four former Elon athletes were recognized for their inductions into the Elon Sports Hall of Fame. From left to right, women's soccer player Amy Williamson '93, football player Elliott Armstrong '94, volleyball player Priscilla Awkard '94 and football player and Mitch Rippey '80 were honored.

Williamson is ranked fifth in program history for goals scored. Armstrong scored 29 touchdowns as a running back, which also ranks fifth-best. Awkard currently holds the records for career assists (3,939), assists per game (8.6) and assists in a single season (1,307) at Elon. Rippey currently holds the record for the longest field goal in school history — a 52-yarder against Gardner-Webb University in 1977.



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Scott Riddle '11, the four-year starting quarterback for the Elon University football team, had his number retired Sept. 10 prior to Elon's home opener against Concord University. In his time leading the Phoenix offense, Riddle became the all-time leading passer in Southern Conference history. He graduated with 41 NCAA, SoCon or Elon records. His 13,264 passing yards are the fifth-highest by a quarterback in the history of the Football Championship Subdivision. Riddle is the only quarterback in the 90-year history of the SoCon to lead the league in passing for four consecutive years. He became one of five Elon players to have his football number retired, joining wide receiver Terrell Hudgins, running backs Willie Tart and Bobby Hedrick, and tight end Richard McGeorge.

Sports



Senior defensive back Jonathan Conner celebrates with teammates after returning an interception 99 yards for a touchdown on the way to a 48-10 victory for Elon against Concord University Sept. 10. AL DRAGO | Photographer

Football prepares for final test before SoCon

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Following a 48-10 victory against Concord University Sept. 10, Elon University head football coach Jason Swepson looked apprehensive.

Although the team won by a decisive margin, Swepson said he was already looking ahead, knowing there is a lot of practice needed before the Phoenix travels to North Carolina Central University to face the Eagles Saturday.

"We have a lot of work to do. We are not where we need to be right now," senior defensive back Jonathan Conner said. "We are going to keep working because we need it."

This week during practice, the Phoenix looks to practice sustaining drives and playing a complete game, especially on the offensive side of the ball, Swepson said.

In the first half against Concord, the Phoenix rolled to 352 total yards and four offensive touchdowns. In the second half, Elon gained only 48 yards on offense.

On the other side of the ball, the Phoenix defense yielded only 90 total yards in the first half and gave up 157 yards in the second half against the Mountain Lions.

A big part of the change was because of junior quarterback Thomas Wilson. Before injuring his right ankle just before the half, Wilson was efficient, going 22 for 27 for 201 yards and three touchdowns. But he did not return in the second half.

This week in practice, Wilson is looking to slowly bring himself back to full speed while still being cautious of his ankle.

"Thomas [Wilson] had developed to be a tremendous leader for us," Swepson said. "Anytime you lose a leader on a young team, everyone's asking questions instead of focusing on the task at hand. If someone drops the gun, someone else has got to pick it up and shoot it."

Redshirt freshman Tyler Smith went in for Wilson for the rest of the game against Concord and will look to do the same if Wilson is unable to go against the Eagles.

To alleviate some of the pressure from Smith, who finished 0-4 with an interception filling in for Wilson, Elon will look toward its trio of senior running backs — Jamal Shuman, A.J. Harris and Dontay Taylor — who look to run against North Carolina Central to open the defense up to attack downfield.

"Offensively, we're not going to change anything," Harris said. "We're still going to try to play fast, looking to run the ball a lot and throw the ball a lot."

Against Concord, six different Elon players scored touchdowns, allowing the ball to be spread around to many different targets.

Additionally, two defensive touchdowns were scored against Concord — a blocked punt return for a touchdown and a 99-yard interception return for a score. Elon looks to continue to spread the ball around to be successful, Swepson said.

For the Phoenix, this could mean either running or throwing, as the 2010 Eagles surrendered nearly 360 yards of total offense and more than 26 points per game.

Five of the top six tacklers from the 2010 North Carolina Central team were seniors, so the Phoenix looks to have a balanced attack against a young defensive unit.

"We still have a long way to go, but luckily we have one more test until conference play starts," Harris said, noting this week's game against the Eagles.

Elon's final non-conference test begins at 6 p.m. Saturday.

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday 6 p.m. at North Carolina Central



Junior wide receiver Aaron Mellette leaps over a Concord University defender to put Elon up 21-0. HEATHER CASSANO | Photo Editor