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## Investing in the sun

*Elon puts money towards solar panels for alternative income source*

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Elon University took a step toward a greener future last week. Suntuity, a solar power generation project managing company based in Holmdel, New Jersey, began installing solar panels in the Loy Farm field, located across from the Intramural fields.

The Elon Environmental Center at Loy Farm includes a greenhouse, a composting yard, beehives

and more, and will soon house almost 10,000 solar panels.

The solar panel system is scheduled to be fully functional by the end of April. There is not a current final cost figure, but Buchholz said the project has taken \$3 to \$4.5 million.

“[The farm is] a place where you can continue, or start, learning about caring about the land,” said senior Megan Porter.

The current project began about two and half years ago, according to

Robert Buchholz, the assistant vice president for facilities management and director of Physical Plant.

“We hope it is something that leads to additional renewable energy on campus,” Buchholz said.

Loy Farm Solar, LLC is leasing the land from Elon and is working with Petra Engineering Industries Co. to sell the solar-generated energy to Duke Energy.

“We aren’t using the electricity,” Buchholz said. “It’s a source of income rather than a source of energy for us.”

Although the energy isn’t going directly to the university, the energy used on campus can be offset by the solar energy Duke Energy is supplying to its users, Buchholz said.

“It’s not going to solve all of our energy problems, but it will take some of Elon off the grid,” said senior and farm manager Allison

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## Freshman struck by car outside Oaks

Caroline Fernandez  
News Editor

Freshman Gabriela Rosales was struck by a car on N. Williamson Avenue and airlifted to UNC Hospitals Monday evening.

According to an Elon University Police incident report, the accident occurred at 7:50 p.m. and Elon University Police arrived four minutes later.

When found, Rosales was unconscious, according to the report.

Burlington resident Pat Madren, 75, was driving south on N. Williamson Avenue past the Performing

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## Elon student charged with sexual assault

Caroline Fernandez  
News Editor

According to The Alamance County Clerk of Court, freshman Tristan Pierre Hardinger has been charged with second-degree rape and second-degree sex offense.

It was initially unclear as to exactly when the alleged offense occurred.

Hardinger posted his \$75,000 bond Sunday afternoon, according to Alamance County Jail.

Smith Jackson, vice president for student life, said in an email to The Pendulum Monday that the Office of Student Conduct is conducting an investigation separate from the police investigation.

“In situations such as this, until the university student conduct process is concluded, students are permitted on campus only to attend classes and they are not permitted to live in campus housing,” Jackson said. “As of today, Mr. Hardinger is still enrolled as an Elon student and can decide whether he will attend classes this week.”

He concluded that allegations of sexual misconduct are taken very seriously by the university, and the university addresses these situations thoroughly and expeditiously with the safety of all students in mind.

## ‘Green’ coffee shop opens in historic Burlington

Tanza Loudenback  
Senior Reporter

Historic downtown Burlington welcomed The Blend & co., a coffee, tea and smoothie cafe, to Front Street Saturday, March 14. The shop is a passion project for owners Holly Treadwell and her father, Robby Adams and values sustainability, community outreach and education.

“Sustainability application through small businesses is important to us,” said Treadwell, a graduate of Savannah College of Art and Design. “Every decision we make affects the environment around us and our living conditions, so [we’re discovering] how we can apply systems that allow us to be more conscious.”

Treadwell grew up visiting her father in Burlington. Adams,



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The Blend & co. offers a wide variety of items that are all central to their environmentally friendly mentality.

a business owner of 30 years, is passionate about his community and healthy living. The two decided to team up with Dzenita Blackwell, The Blend & co. gen-

eral manager, after recognizing a need for sustainable business in Burlington. The trio and their team of four baristas are now working together to make the

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# Burlington's oldest mall faces competition

Diana Stancy  
Senior Reporter

It's right near Cookout, Dunkin' Donuts and La Cocina — all popular places among Elon University students. But few students have actually stepped inside Burlington's first indoor mall, and some don't even know it exists.

Holly Hill Mall in Burlington is home to various retail stores, including Game Stop, Journeys and Starbucks. But business in the area has decreased, and many spaces in the mall are vacant.

Tanio Romero, who has been a saleswoman at Shoe Dept. Encore for seven months, said the mall used to be a lot bigger — and then stores started to relocate to Alamance Crossing in August 2007.

"It's pretty quiet," Romero said. "It used to have a lot more stores, but then Alamance Crossing was built."

The vacancies are evident throughout the mall. As people pass through, they can see the remains of a deserted Victoria's Secret still standing as the pink polka-dotted walls peek through the bars that block the entrance off from the rest of the mall.

Belk, Aeropostale and Foot Locker have all moved from Holly Hill Mall to Alamance Crossing.

This economic transition is not just occurring in Burlington. In fact, malls nationally have been struggling.

In January, Nelson D. Schwartz wrote an article for the New York Times examining this specific issue.

Schwartz claims that nearly one-fifth of the United States' malls have concerning vacancy rates. If a mall's vacancy is 10 percent or greater, the shopping centers begin to run into trouble. Once a mall reaches the rate of a 40 percent vacancy, then it will



Burlington malls empty out with the increasing construction of other malls, such as Tanger Outlets and Alamance Crossing.

be labeled a "dying mall."

Holly Hill Mall is definitely not a "dying mall," even though businesses have faced some transition in the area. Based on the number of open spaces in the mall, less than 15 percent of the mall is vacant. The mall has reason to be concerned, but has a long way to go before it reaches the "dying mall" stage.

Schwartz's identification relates to the economic situation of shopping centers in the Triangle and Triad regions of North Carolina.

Built in 1968, Holly Hill Mall was the first indoor shopping center in Alamance County. Shortly thereafter, in the early 1980s, Tanger Outlets began erupting throughout North Carolina. As of today, there are 44 Tanger Outlets in 24 different states.

The construction of Alamance Crossing in the mid-2000s is another example of this continual renaissance of malls.

Rob Marcer, who has been working at Hursey's Bar-B-Q in Holly Hill Mall, noted that the nature of the shopping center has changed dramatically since the opening of Tanger Outlets and Alamance Crossing.

"It used to be the hub of Alamance County," Marcer said. Gregory Lilly, associate professor of economics at Elon, agreed with Marcer and said this trend is a standard case where certain areas become "uncool" as newer locations sprout up.

"Most retail areas go through this cycle," Lilly said. "Ultimately, I don't know to what degree you can fight this cycle of popularity. People like to go to the newest thing." "It seems like there are popular places to shop and unpopular places to shop."

While business has been difficult for most stores in Holly Hill Mall,

not all have suffered dramatically.

Hannah Shields, who has been working for Shoe Dept. Encore for three years, noted that the size of the Holly Hill Mall location still attracts customers.

"This store is still steady because it's bigger than our other two stores," Shields said.

Shields said another reason Shoe Dept. Encore's business has not been impacted too heavily is because they have a door visible from the outside of the mall, so customers can actually see the store just from the parking lot or from the main road.

Not all businesses in the mall are as fortunate. For some, like Fashion Express, no one would know the store exists just by taking a drive through the parking lot. Instead, people would have to walk through the mall to even know it stands.

Lilly said the mall has made significant strides to rebound, including

hiring an entirely new management team in 2010.

Both Lilly and Marcer recognized efforts being made to revive the mall and said it's doing the best it can. Marcer noted that the mall is always looking to recruit new stores to fill the vacant spaces.

A&D Vapors just opened in the mall, along with Alyssa Bridal and Mel's Good Time Cafe.

The most challenging aspect of recruiting stores is the tough competition, according to Lilly. Even if Holly Hill Mall were to lease a Vineyard Vines store, or other clothing lines popular with Elon students, there would be incredible competition with Tanger Outlets, who already have many of the stores where Elon students shop.

The shopping center has some creative uses though. Most evident is middle-aged Burlington residents using the space to walk and exercise. This is because it's indoor and the layout of the mall provides ample room for people to complete laps.

"That's an everyday thing," Romero said.

During holiday seasons, shows will sometimes occur in the mall. This attracts larger crowds, in addition to car and motorcycle shows that sometimes take place in the shopping center. Marcer said those events fill the mall.

"Those usually bring pretty big crowds," he said.

Ultimately, Lilly noted that this constant cycle of rebirth among shopping centers is potentially indicative of U.S. culture as a whole — a "throwaway society" where things are replaced frequently.

"Everything is short-term here, it seems like," Lilly said.

# Revealing untold refugee stories

Alice Su sheds light on Syrian refugee crisis through shoelace reporting

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Every day, a Syrian refugee in Jordan travels by bus into the capital city of Amman to clean the floors and basements of a mall. The man has not always cleaned for a living, though. Before fleeing to Jordan as a Syrian refugee, he was a respected educator with a doctorate.

As the refugee crisis in Lebanon and Jordan fails to make progress, Alice Su, a 23-year-old freelance journalist based in Amman, has brought many refugees' stories to life through in-depth reporting.

With a degree from Princeton University in public policy and international affairs and little journalism training, Su moved to the Middle East after graduating in 2013. Before taking the leap to freelance journalism, she worked at an NGO and as a media affairs officer in Jordan.

Unlike many journalists in the Middle East, Su didn't go to Jordan with the backing of a media organization.

Instead, she tracked down names of editors and repeatedly sent them story pitches, whether they responded or not.

"I would go and stalk the outlet and send them the cold pitch," she said. "They would email me back, then started assigning me stories and giving me pitches."

Her persistence paid off. Since May 2014, Su has written more than a dozen stories for The Atlantic and Al Jazeera America, as well as a piece for The Guardian.

Adjusting to living in the Middle East was more of a mental adjustment, Su said.

"I came from an elite university," she said. "I went in with a savior complex. I thought maybe if I wrote enough stories the conflict would be solved. It's very humbling to see the scale of conflicts going on but then to realize I can't fix it."

Su saw her jump and experiences as something anyone can do, if they have the courage and proper education, not to mention the financial resources.

"Just don't be scared," she said. "The great thing about journalism is to go out and report on something you don't know about."

While the refugee crisis may not be growing exponentially, it isn't getting better.

One out of four people in Lebanon is a Syrian refugee, for a total 3.8 million people who live outside in United Nations and aid-supported shelters and housing.

Eighty-four percent of Syrian refugees live in urban areas, while others live in camps that



Freelance journalist Alice Su speaks to Elon students about her work involving Syrian refugees.

Su said are makeshift shelters in the middle of the desert comprised of metal enclosures. The urban areas may give the refugees a little more independence to do what they want with their lives, but they're also faced with paying rent and electrical bills and finding work.

"At the time I thought those were just temporary since the camp had just opened but conditions are still like that a year later," she said.

There's a large discrepancy, too, in terms of giving aid to the refugees. The United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR) signed for a \$3.7 billion appeal but only 61 percent of that has been funded — a gap of \$1.48 billion.

"What's most troubling is there's no right to work," Su said. "They're not allowed to have an income."

Su said she once encountered a group of Sudanese men who live in a small place together and go out every day looking for small jobs to earn some money. They designate one person a month as the treasurer, who collects the money, and they share it to buy food and

pay rent. "I think many organizations are doing their best trying to help," Su said. "But there's a lack of understanding of what people need, and a lack of coherent planning on how best to move forward. The aid system is overburdened... and the donor company says it doesn't have enough money. The media doesn't do a good enough job of explaining what's happening."

Su hasn't been in the field for long, but is quickly making her name known. She has learned a lot from the refugees, many of whom she meets through friends.

"When you talk to refugees, they'll admit yes, they're hurt, weak and traumatized," Su said. "They've been through a lot. But they're not content to be victims. They don't want you to feel sorry for them. They're hungry for opportunities to seek work and climb back up."

## SOLAR from cover

Hren. The new system will generate enough electricity to power more than 400 homes.

Prior to installation, many trees were cut down to make room for the vast number of panels that will be placed in the fields.

Suntuity wanted to cut down the whole forest located near the field but, "we considered that a working forest," Buchholz said. "We were very selective in what they were allowed to do."

Most of the trees cut down in the process were considered safety issues, such as the many trees that had grown into the telephone lines. This project gave Elon an opportunity to ensure the safety of the power lines in future ice storms.

"I think now is a good time," Porter said. "LEED buildings like Moseley were built and that was great, but it was kind of like, 'so what?' It was time for something new, something besides just another LEED building."

Elon has been adding LEED-certified buildings since Lindner Hall was Gold Certified. Now, dining halls, classrooms and residence halls have been added to that list. Adding photovoltaic panels in Loy Farm is a "cool, new direction," Porter said.

"I think the reason that Elon picked this is that it's a prominent way to show off a sustainability mindset," Hren said. "It makes Elon look really good."

Not only does it showcase Elon's commitment to be carbon neutral by 2037, but it will also provide a new atmosphere for students to learn.

"We have an agreement with [Duke Energy] to use this project as an educational tool for the school," Buchholz said.

Students will be allowed to take tours of the grounds, and professors are working toward using the solar panels in classes for environmental students as well as business students, who will look at how the planning and building of the field was coordinated strategically.

The new addition to the farm will be beneficial to both students and the community.

"I think it will bring more awareness, not just to university students, but also to the Town of Elon about solar energy," Porter said.

The field of solar panels has allowed Elon to further its sustainability goals and help the larger community.

"[The farm] is an amazing educational tool, and it has the potential to be so much more as it expands in the future," Hren said.



Gabriela Rosales sustained severe injuries and was airlifted to UNC Hospitals in an unconscious state after she was struck by a vehicle on N. Williamson Avenue Monday evening. In addition to the Toyota Camry that hit Rosales, one pair of shoes and one sock were found at the scene of the accident, according to Elon University Campus Police's incident report.

## CAR ACCIDENT from cover

Arts Center and the Oaks Apartments when her Toyota Camry struck Rosales. The impact left the vehicle's wind-

shield and left headlight visibly damaged. According to an email Tuesday morning from Smith Jackson, vice president for student life, Rosales is in critical condition.

"First-year student Gabriela Rosales sustained serious injuries around 8 p.m. last night when she was hit by a car while she was crossing Williamson (in front of The Oaks)," Jackson said in the email.

"She is in critical condition in the UNC hospital. University staff and family are at the hospital offering support."

Jackson's email said cards and messages for Rosales are welcome and should be delivered to University Chaplain Jan Fuller.

The Sacred Space in the Numen Lumen Pavilion is also open for prayers and reflection.

## Correction

In the article, "Would you like a hashtag with that? #ElonDay uses social media to connect Phoenix from around the globe," from the March 11 edition, freshman Kaz Colquitt's feelings on the day were inaccurately paraphrased and implied that he does "not bleed maroon and gold." He does have school spirit for Elon. The Pendulum regrets the error.

# Alternative Breaks inspire service, giving for students

Tommy Hamzik  
Managing Editor

Working with elementary school children in Jamaica through the Alternative Breaks Program inspired senior Josh Kaufmann to take on some new challenges.

First, he took on a role as a student director for the Alternative Breaks Program through Elon Volunteers!

Now, he has chosen to serve in the Peace Corps.

"Living authentically through service initiatives has become a big part of my life, and that is why I have accepted to serve in the Peace Corps, an opportunity I could not be more excited about," Kaufmann said. "But without my experiences through Elon Volunteers!, the Kernodle Center and the Alternative Breaks

Program, I would not be where I am today — that is, ready to take on this next chapter in my life."

This year, the Alternative Breaks Program is sponsoring eight different experiences during Spring Break, each focusing on a specific social issue.

The programs abroad will hone in on rural education and poverty in Jamaica, affordable housing in Nicaragua and community development and agriculture in Costa Rica. Five will stay in the United States, concentrating on immigrants and refugees in Florida, housing rehabilitation and disaster relief in New Orleans, Native American issues in South Dakota, urban education in California and environmental sustainability in Kentucky.

There are 10-12 participants on each experience, in addition to two

student coordinators and two faculty or staff members who serve as advisers. Costs range from \$600 to \$1,300, a price which covers program fees, transportation, housing and food.

"These programs are also a great alternative for students who maybe can't or don't want to go home or just don't want the typical college break experience," said junior Allison Weiler, a student director. "All of our breaks are completely substance-free and involve extensive reflection and education components."

The Alternative Breaks program is led entirely by students with the supervision of Evan Small, assistant director of the Kernodle Center for Student Programs.

"The goal of the Alternative Breaks Program is to encourage an interest in service and engage stu-

dents in new and exciting forms of service," Small said. "These programs are also immersive experiences where students are able to get to know the local communities by living and working there."

Kaufmann is in charge of domestic programs for both Fake and Spring Break, and Weiler is the fundraising director and the coordinator of fall break programs. Meredith Birk is the third student director in charge of international spring break programs.

They help the coordinators of each program through the planning process, covering things such as housing, food and who the community partners will be.

Like Kaufmann, Weiler went on the experience in Jamaica. She then returned the following year to co-coordinate it.

Participants in Spring Break programs have to attend a class, taught by Small, in the spring. Coordinators go through a class in the fall. Weiler, Birk and Kaufmann are TAs for the class, which dives into social issues and service learning while looking at power, privilege, identity and oppression.

"I am passionate about individuals participating in authentic, meaningful and purposeful service experiences, and thus was excited to co-facilitate the coordinator prep course in the fall as well as the participant prep course this semester," Kaufmann said. "Being able to see the growth of these coordinators who will be learning these breaks has been one of the most rewarding aspects of my role, and I cannot wait to hear about all of their successes and experiences once they return."

# Making the move: Exploring the

Erin Valentine and Preston Willett  
Senior Reporter and Reporter

They walk among us. They look like every other student at Elon University. But they have a different story to tell.

Transfer students' distinct perspectives are not popular topics of discussion at Elon, but these students bring new attitudes to campus.

Senior Lauren Schuessler was chatting with a friend the other week. Halfway through the conversation, Schuessler casually mentioned the year she spent at the University of Rhode Island (URI). Her friend paused, tilted her head and asked, "Are you a transfer?" she asked.

Schuessler's friend never knew. "Some transfer students [have intentionally] gone to a local community college and know from day one, 'I want to transfer out,' or 'I want to go to Elon,'" said Kevin Napp, associate director of admissions and director of transfers and special admissions. "You have other students that have gone to a state school, to other private schools, and for a variety of reasons have decided they want to transfer. It could be a family situation. It might be a financial situation. It might be they are looking for a change of climate or just scenery."

The transfer population at Elon is typically smaller. In the fall, between 90 and 100 students often enroll as transfers, which is a small percentage of the freshmen class size about 1,450.

To apply to Elon, a prospective transfer student must have a minimum grade point average of 2.7, at least one completed full-time semester of coursework from the original institution, official transcripts from attended institutions, an evaluation form from their past institution's dean of student life and a completed transfer application.

"For our transfer student population, it's on a rolling process, meaning that when they complete their application, they can get a decision quickly and kind of go from there," Napp said.

While high school work is still important, students' academic records at their previous colleges or universities are one of the most essential parts of their applications to Elon. According to Napp, these records allow the university to know if the student can achieve and function at the collegiate level.

## Hiccups in the transfer process

Some transfers encounter a lack of available merit-based scholarships when applying to attend Elon. To alleviate the problem, Napp said Elon has recently set up a merit-based scholarship for students transferring from Alamance Community College. The ACC scholarship offers \$22,500 from an anonymous donor.

According to US News & World Report, most schools grant merit-based scholarships to transfer students — Elon does not. There are need-based awards available, but merit-based scholarships are not offered because of limited funding.

"The limited funding that Elon currently has is tending to be directed toward our first-year students who are going to be here hopefully for four years, compared to a transfer student, who could be here anywhere from one to three," Napp said. "Obviously, for someone who is going to be here less time, their total out-of-pocket expense is going to be less. They still can earn need-based awards, outside scholarships."

Admitted transfers often also run into problems with securing housing. On-campus housing for transfer students is limited, and assignments are based on the date deposits are received. Once on-campus housing is full, students can continue to apply as commuter



students and live off-campus.

"Because all first-years and sophomores are required to live on-campus, that's kind of the priority right now," Napp said. "So when space is available, we'll do our absolute best to house as many [transfers] as possible. And some don't want on-campus housing. Some are intentionally looking to live off-campus."

To ease the transfer process more, administrators are working continuously to improve the transfer atmosphere at Elon.

One addition is the newly formed Transfer Student Organization (TSO), which offers a variety of services and social activities for transfer students.

"They do a wonderful job of helping transfer students acclimate to campus, giving them just familiar faces and resources," Napp said.

There is also a recently introduced mentor program that pairs a new transfer student with a current student. This is a helpful addition to Napp's work.

"I can answer questions, but I think there's a little bit more weight, sometimes, when it comes from a current Elon student," he said.

Napp has plans to keep improving the transfer experience at Elon. His long-term goals include increasing merit-based aid, increasing the number of transfer students at Elon, raising opportunities for on-campus housing and developing the mentor program further.

## Thomas Goode, sophomore

Thomas Goode wanted an education that gave him choices in his classes. Unfortunately, he didn't find that flexibility at the University of Colorado-Denver. Now a double major in entrepreneurship and music at Elon, Goode seems to have found his place.

After moving to Colorado, Goode discovered Denver was not at all like his hometown of Mooresville, North Carolina.

"Part of the reason I didn't really like it was the people weren't southerly [sic], so that was kind of a culture shock to me," he said.

Goode missed freshman orientation at Denver because he was sick, so it was difficult for him to build relationships with people outside his residence hall.

The main reason for transferring was the limited class selection at Denver. Goode wanted to take a variety of classes, but his adviser told him he would only be able to take

business classes.

"I wanted to do some film classes, and I wanted to do music classes," he said. "I was talking with an adviser, and he was just like, 'That's not going to happen.'"

So Goode began to consider transferring. Eager to move closer to home, he looked at Elon, Clemson University and the University of Virginia. Goode finally chose Elon because it offered a variety of programs.

"I expressed what I wanted to do, and Elon Admissions said, 'Yeah, here's what classes you can take. Here's the programs we offer,'" Goode said. "And all these things —

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FreshTV and all sorts of programs that they have — just really appeal to me."

For Goode, the transfer application process was different from applying to colleges right out of high school. He ran into issues such as problems with transcripts and an initial rejection from Elon. But he petitioned the rejection and was eventually accepted.

"It would have been a lot more difficult if I hadn't been in constant contact with people here," Goode said. "And that's another really big thing that confirmed my desire to be here ... the communication that I had with the deans and trying to figure this out. They really worked with me and helped me out as much as they could."

Goode knew he didn't want to stay at

Denver and transferring anywhere would be a risk, but it was one he was willing to take.

"There's definitely the fear that, when you transfer, it will be the same in that you won't fit in anywhere else," he said.

Goode was pleased with Elon's transfer process and orientation, but he especially appreciated the help and advice TSO provided.

"I feel like I fit in better here, and that I can express myself how I want to and do everything I want to do," Goode said. "So I feel pretty confident with everything I'm doing here."

## Victoria Chiappa, sophomore

Victoria Chiappa knew she was going to transfer from Central Connecticut State University as soon as she started freshman year.

"I didn't know where I was going to transfer, but I didn't really have a lot of time my senior year to pick a school because I had a tragedy happen in my family — my father passed away," Chiappa said. "So I knew I didn't want to be far away from my family."

Chiappa focused on finding an institution with a strong theater program and promising opportunities, as she hoped to become involved in theater and major in vocal studies.

Chiappa got to know herself better in the years between first applying to colleges after high school and applying to transfer.

"I definitely had different perspectives on things to write essays about," she said. "I think it showed more of who I was becoming as a person, because at that point, I was more developed in my mindset of who I was."

Chiappa was initially ready to choose Montclair State University, but they didn't seem to want her at their institution.

"It was almost like they accepted me because they had to because of who I was, that I looked very good on paper, and that I was good in my interview," Chiappa said. "But they didn't necessarily want the transfers. They didn't want to deal with that."

Once Chiappa decided to go to Elon, she ran into a small problem — she had the opportunity to perform with "Disney on Ice" for a year. Chiappa was initially concerned the additional year would ruin her plans, but Elon assured her she would still have a place here Fall 2014. The university promised to email her updates, and Chiappa was told she

# transfer student experiences at Elon

was welcome at Elon.

"From that, I knew [Elon] was the right decision because people don't go above and beyond any more, and that's just how it was here," Chiappa said. "It was just an easier process."

From previous experiences, Chiappa was not looking forward to orientation, but Elon's transfer orientation was different.

"[Elon's orientation] was just better in that sense, in that it was just more ... they gave you more room," Chiappa said. "And I don't know if that was because we were transfers, so they knew that we had stood on our own two feet before. But there was less hand-holding. They were more there to be a friend."

Chiappa said Elon was welcoming to transfers because it doesn't focus on the differences between transfer students and other students.

"I think we do what we can by making [transfers] feel normal by ignoring the fact that they're different," Chiappa said.

Still adjusting and finding her place at Elon, Chiappa is looking forward to her time here and is happy to have an instant bond with oth-

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## SCOTT POWELL SOPHOMORE

er transfer students.

"If I meet another student that is a transfer, it's like you guys are sisters," she said. "You come from the same place. You know each other."

## Scott Powell, sophomore

The environment sophomore Scott Powell thought he wanted at a college turned out not to be the environment he needed.

Powell transferred to Elon from the University of Georgia.

"It's kind of interesting how, in high school, I had this idea of what I wanted out of college," Powell said. "And then once I got there, things changed a lot."

Powell knew he wasn't where he should be when he wasn't looking forward to returning to Athens for his second semester of college.

"I was like, 'Well, when is the next time I'm going to be home?' or, 'When's the next time I can go visit my friend?'" Powell said. "And those are kind of the moments when you realize, 'Oh crap. I don't like being here. I don't want to be here. I haven't created a home.'"

Powell decided he needed to switch environments. He began to tell people he was planning to transfer, which turned out to be difficult.

"It was nerve-racking," Powell said. "It was awkward. It was uncomfortable, and I really struggled with it."

He found it difficult to tell people who were having a great time that he was not. He knew that not everyone would understand.

When choosing his new school, Powell looked for somewhere he could create a home. He focused on academically stimulating places with smaller student bodies, a liberal arts education and less-intense social scenes.

His short list of institutions included University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, University of Virginia, Denison University, Virginia and Elon.

Powell went through a slow and gradual selection process before choosing Elon.

"It wasn't like a light bulb moment where I said, 'Oh, Elon is the place for me,'" he said. "It was more a process of elimination."

Powell was welcomed by Elon's supportive transfer orientation when he arrived in North Carolina.

"At Elon, I have a small transfer orientation group — that was big for me," Powell said. "It was other transfer students who were going through similar things, and we had an orientation leader that helped us out a lot. There was also a lot of structure in the first three days, which I thought was good because it gave me reason to go out and meet new people."

Powell, who lives in Danieley, has met and lived with multiple transfer students.

"I think it's nice that there's not a stigma around transfer students," he said. "There's



Clockwise from top left: Thomas Goode, Victoria Chiappa, Lauren Schuessler and Scott Powell have all transferred from various schools to Elon University, which they now attend.

four or five transfer students on my hall, and sometimes you'll be asked, 'Oh, you're a transfer student?' People don't even know sometimes."

Powell respects Elon's transfer program and its efforts to make transfers feel at home when there are approximately 1,450 freshmen also at orientation.

"Elon University did a very good job of ensuring that the student is not left without any resources, as far as transfers," Powell said.

## Lauren Schuessler, senior

From her first day at URI, senior Lauren Schuessler knew it was not the school for her.

"I liked my major, but that's about all that I liked," Schuessler said. "And I just knew that I wanted to be somewhere that I was in love with."

Schuessler, an early childhood education major and Italian Studies minor, has found a home at Elon.

Schuessler noticed many students were not happy at URI, but few did anything to change their situations.

"A lot of people that go to URI, they hate it," Schuessler said. "And a lot of people hate it, and they don't leave because they don't really want to go through that transition

again."

In her search for a new school, she looked at institutions that she previously hadn't considered or didn't think she would be accepted at. After narrowing her choices to the College of William & Mary, State University of New York at Geneseo and Elon, she finally decided to make her way to North Carolina.

Schuessler hit a couple bumps along the way. The first was the lack of merit-based scholarships available for transfers at Elon.

"The only negative thing — and it is kind of a big negative thing — is that they don't offer any money to transfer students," Schuessler said.

Schuessler found it frustrating to leave her large scholarship at URI and come to Elon, where she had no scholarships and no opportunities to join honor programs.

The lack of guaranteed housing for transfers almost prevented Schuessler from coming to Elon.

But once she arrived at Elon, she found transfer orientation to be a different experience from freshman orientation at URI. While not completely satisfied with her transfer orientation upon arriving to Elon, Schuessler found the process to be beneficial.

"Elon made it really easy to meet people, whether they were freshmen or whether they were senior orientation leaders, and everyone was extremely friendly," Schuessler said. "I never went anywhere alone — that just wouldn't happen here. It was a huge difference. I felt more at home. I felt comfortable. I was excited to be here. I was more positive. It was the opposite of URI."

Schuessler knew she wanted to be involved at Elon, so she worked to make it happen.

"I knew, before I even came, some of the things I wanted to be involved with," Schuessler said. "And I did. Getting that experience of being in a club and having that family and that group of friends, that just changed everything for me."

Schuessler has had three years since her transfer to acclimate to Elon and reflect on how her transfer experience affected her college experience.

"I just see Elon as like heaven," Schuessler said. "And I know that most people here, they love it, but they don't see it with the eyes that I have. I am grateful that I had that experience, even if it was a terrible one. It led me to enjoy Elon and the rest of my college experience much more."



This map of Fall 2014 transfer students' previous institutions shows that most transfers come from near Elon, but there are some from around the world.

### CAFE from cover

shop a success. "I believe knowledge allows you to create a better product," Treadwell said. Although Elon University is located nearby, Treadwell said she didn't want to count on Elon to make ends meet. Still, Burlington residents and Elon students alike have been supportive of the shop's long road to fruition. Social media has played an important role in gaining momentum. The Blend & co. had amassed more than 1,000 Facebook likes before Saturday's grand opening. "We want to continue to grow, not necessarily shop after shop but really producing a quality product... We can grow to create an all-encompassing experience for our customer," Treadwell said. The Blend & co. already works with a milk provider that uses glass bottles it can return and reuse, according to Treadwell. Eventually, the shop hopes to use its coffee grounds to start a community garden and to donate extra grounds to local farms.

Treadwell said she'd even like to use coffee grounds to create soaps and candles one day. Treadwell and her partners also realized a need for community outreach in the area. Educating the community about health and having a place that supports that lifestyle is essential, Treadwell said. "We'd like to be a haven for the community, a place where people can come hang out and feel comfortable," she said. According to Elon junior Sarah Riley, The Blend & co. grand opening was the liveliest she's seen in Burlington. "I think it's a really good start to bridging the gap be-

tween Burlington and Elon University," Riley said. Treadwell, who hopes to one day use the shop for community seminars, said the shop will also soon provide employees with volunteer opportunities like serving Blend & co. products to the homeless. Another goal, she said, is to be in direct trade with a coffee farm. The Blend & co. currently serves fair trade coffee and tea, no-sugar added fruit and vegetable smoothies and gluten-free granola and parfaits. "We're looking at the endless opportunities through sustainability to help preserve the world we live in," Treadwell said.

## THE BLEND & Co.

**Location:**  
127 E Front St, Burlington

**Hours:**  
Monday - Thursday  
7am - 8pm

Friday - Saturday  
7am - 9pm

Sunday  
CLOSED

# Asian culture seeks more representation

Diana Stancy  
Senior Reporter

Amid the clamor of words like "diversity" and "inclusivity" tossed around on Elon University's campus, statistics remain stark: Elon is 82.2 percent white, 5.8 percent Black, 5.1 percent Hispanic and 2.2 percent Asian. In addition, 1.8 identify as International, 1.8 percent as two or more races and 0.7 percent unknown, 0.3 percent American Indian and 0.1 percent Hawaiian or Pacific Islander. While Elon tries to incorporate diversity on campus and as part of the curriculum, even leading the nation in the number of students who study abroad, it is a predominantly white campus and Asians are the least represented minority group. Students at Elon say it's more than just a low Asian population — it's a lack of interest in Asian culture as a whole. "I see a lack of enthusiasm toward Asian culture," said sophomore Maria Gant, president of the Asian Studies Club. "Why have more cultural events, classes, etc. if there are only so many students who identify as Asian

or show interest toward the Asian culture?" Pamela Runestad, assistant professor of anthropology who studies in Japanese studies, said many students from Asia probably are not aware of Elon and are, therefore, not as likely to attend. "Elon's probably not high on the profile for Asian students to come to school," Runestad said. "The South is probably not on their radar." For Asian-American students who may have heard of Elon before, they may not feel as comfortable here as they would at a school with a higher Asian population. "When you're looking for a school, you're looking to see if you fit in," Runestad said. "And if you don't see people like you, that will be a turnoff." Gant agreed. "Is it because when they come on tours to Elon, they see the 80 percent of those who identify as white?" Gant said. "Or is it because they see that their culture and traditions are rarely celebrated?" Junior Katherine Lamb, secretary for the Asian Studies Club, said there has been some

effort made on Elon's part — but student interest is low. Combined, this makes it difficult for an Asian presence on campus to exist. "Elon tries by holding the Lunar New Year Festival and many speakers and other events, but I feel like there is not enough student interest on campus," Lamb said. "There is our Asian Studies Club and World Food Night but not a continuous Asian feel throughout campus every day." Runestad noted a distinction between what her students want and what Elon's administration thinks the students want. She said some of her students want to take Japanese language courses but can't since the courses have been eliminated. "There's a disconnect to me between students being able to articulate their needs and what the administration thinks they want," Runestad said. "I would really love to see the administration make an effort to find out what the interests of students are for Asia." Gant has urged administrators to include more Asian Studies classes, but the administration believes there is a lack of interest.

Gant claims that while interest among students exists, the lack of options for course offerings can be off-putting. "Speaking with administrators, I always hear that there has to be interest shown by the student body, but the students that show interest aren't going to take classes that don't count for something," Gant said. Currently, students can minor in Asian Studies. Chinese is the only Asian language offered, and other courses to fulfill the minor are primarily religion or political science courses. Runestad noted one of the best ways to increase the Asian population and cultural awareness on campus would be to offer more Asian studies courses. She said many second or third generation Japanese-Americans are generally very interested in taking Japanese language courses, and might give Elon more consideration if those courses were an option. "Perhaps if that were there, there might be a draw for more Asian students," Runestad said. "That's probably a really great way to develop an Asian-American community."



## INTERESTED IN APPLYING TO THE PENDULUM?

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# Elon Poll: transparency lacking

*Low trust in government, little understanding of 'Sunshine Laws'*

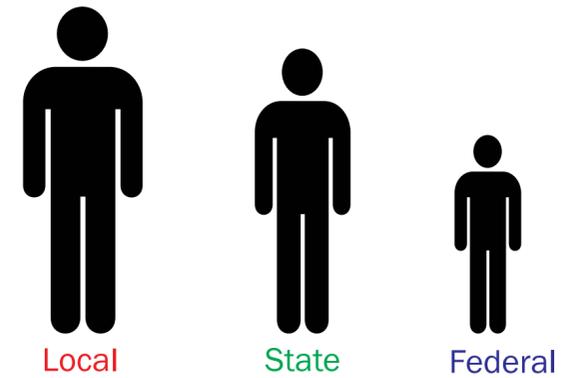
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More than half of North Carolinians don't trust the state or federal government, and a significant number of respondents to the latest Elon University Poll support measures to increase government transparency, ranging from making police body cameras public record to having all government meetings be public record. The mid-march release of the poll was designed to coincide with Sunshine Week, a weeklong national series of events to raise awareness of government transparency and public records law. The Elon University Poll collaborated with the N.C. Sunshine Center to gauge public opinion on government transparency within the state. In particular, the poll focused on police body cameras and government drone use, in terms of implications for personal privacy and its relationship to government accountability. "Support for police body cameras is nearly universal and is clearly a response to increased media attention on police shootings, especially the incident in Ferguson, Mo.," said Kenneth Fernandez, director of the Elon University Poll and assistant professor for political science and policy studies. "And while national surveys have shown substantial support for the use of unmanned aerial drones for surveillance in

other countries, the Elon Poll found support is far more limited when discussing their use by local law enforcement here in the United States." Near mirroring past Elon University poll findings, more than half — 62 percent — said they were unaware that sunshine laws existed to provide for public inspection of government records. The dismal statistics are disheartening for transparency advocates who say they have their work cut out for them. "Sunshine laws are foundational in a democracy because they provide the path for citizens to inform themselves about their government," said Jonathan Jones, director of the N.C. Open Government Coalition, which runs the Sunshine Center. "These poll results show that a great deal of work remains to educate North Carolinians about their right to know how their governments and elected leaders do business." On average, people still tend to trust their own local government significantly more than the state or federal governments, the poll found. "Trust in the federal government is up since our last open government survey, but that survey was conducted shortly after the 2013 federal government shutdown when approval ratings for the president and Congress were remarkably low," Fernandez said.

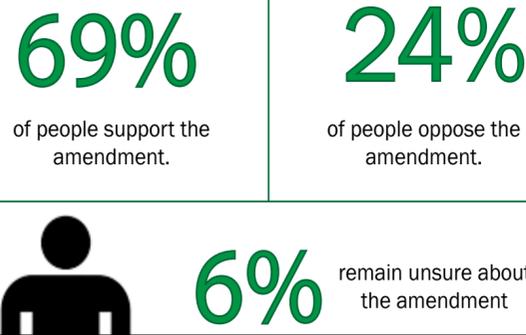
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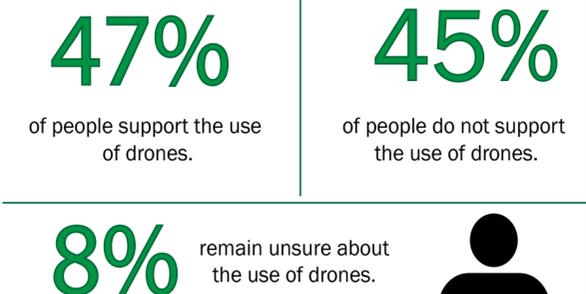
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corruption comparison: 69% of people agree that we have more corruption today than 100 years ago

### Use of drones for police surveillance



### Use of body cameras for on-duty police officers:

Although 90% of people support the idea of body cameras on police men, only 63% agree that the videos taken should be available to the public.

# Cheat Sheet: Ferguson shootings

Want a complicated news story explained? Email [pendulum@elon.edu](mailto:pendulum@elon.edu) and find it in next week's Cheat Sheet



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Shots fired by Jeffrey L. Williams outside a Ferguson, Missouri, police station early in the morning March 12 left two officers injured.

## What's going on in Ferguson?

Turmoil erupted again in Ferguson, Missouri, when shots were fired outside the city's police station during a protest early Thursday, March 12.

The gunshots — four in total — wounded two officers who were guarding the police station from protesters. The police officers were treated at a hospital and later released.

## Who did this?

Jeffrey L. Williams was arrested Saturday evening after a two-day manhunt by the St. Louis County Police Department.

Charged Sunday with first-degree assault in connection with the shooting of the two Ferguson police officers, the 20-year-old suspect told

investigators he shot the officers by accident, saying he was targeting someone else when he fired shots from inside of his car.

At the time of the shooting, Williams was on probation for receiving stolen property.

## What happens now?

Williams made his first court appearance before a St. Louis County judge Monday morning. He didn't make any statements but is set to appear in court again March 31.

## How did people in Ferguson and on a national level react?

Williams' arrest increased tensions between protesters and law enforcement. While protesters at the station spoke out against police officials

for alleging the shooting was linked to their protests, the officers standing guard outside the station had concerns for their safety.

The incident produced more public support for the Ferguson police and increased friction between these supporters and protesters.

Local, state and national officials spoke out and condemned the shooting incident.

Attorney General Eric Holder said the attack "turned [his] stomach, because in the week since the Justice Department released its pattern-and-practice report on Ferguson, [they] have begun to see really important signs of progress."

When President Barack Obama appeared on "Jimmy Kimmel Live" March 12, he said, "What had been happening in Ferguson was oppressive

and objectionable and was worthy of protest."

## Haven't I heard Ferguson in the news before?

Yes. If Ferguson, Missouri, sounds familiar, it's not *deja vu*.

In August 2014, Darren Wilson, a white Ferguson police officer, shot and killed Michael Brown, an unarmed 18-year-old black man, thus spurring months of protests and conversations on race and discrimination in Ferguson and on a national level.

A grand jury decided not to indict Wilson November 2014.

# News Briefs

## Neil deGrasse Tyson to speak at Spring Convocation April 2

Accomplished astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson is set to visit Elon University April 2 to speak at Spring Convocation in Alumni Gym.

Tyson, whose keynote speech for the event is titled "The Sky is Not the Limit," earned a degree in physics from Harvard University and a doctorate in astrophysics from Columbia University.

In 2001, President George W. Bush appointed Tyson to serve on a 12-member commission that studied the future of the U.S. aerospace industry. In addition, Tyson is a television personality and has written many books on his thoughts and studies.

Tickets to the event are sold out, but a standby line will be available in the case of cancellations or unfilled seats.

## Community Connections panel on hunger in Alamance County scheduled for March 31

Community Connections: Hunger in Alamance County will take place Tuesday, March 31 in Elon University's McKinnon Hall 7-8:15 p.m.

The four panelists — Kim Crawford, Wendi Woods, Linda Allison and Svetlana Nepocatych — come from organizations around Alamance County and the university and are well-versed in key information surrounding hunger problems in the area.

This is the third and final panel in a series sponsored by Elon and The Burlington Times-News. The general public and community members selected the three themes — domestic violence, the future of Alamance County and hunger — through online voting and College Coffee.

The event is free and open to the public.

## Nominations for Staff Member of the Year now being accepted

Students are encouraged to nominate Elon University staff members for Staff Member of the Year awards for the 2014-15 academic year.

Staff can be nominated in the following categories: Physical Plant staff, office staff or administrative staff. The deadline for nominations is Friday, April 3. Nomination forms can be obtained by calling the Office of Human Resources at 336-278-5560.

## Elon Law Curriculum featured in U.S. News & World Report

Elon University's new law curriculum was featured in an article in the U.S. News & World Report as an example of measures law schools across the country are taking to attract students as enrollment numbers decline.

The new curriculum promises a quicker graduation time for students — two and a half years — by shifting the schedule to trimesters. Elon Law also lowered tuition by 12 percent and guaranteed that it will not increase for the entering class of 2017.

The article highlights the key points of the new curriculum.

# Editorial

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

## Campus security should make body camera footage public

Elon University's Campus Safety and Police showed commitment to building trust with the Elon community when they outfitted their officers with body cameras in August 2014. Video evidence from body camera footage provides a layer of security for the police and the people they serve, and that evidence should be accessible to the public.

The North Carolina General Assembly defines public records as any documentary materials, including film and recordings, made or received in connection with the transaction of public business. Based on this definition, it seems body camera footage falls squarely into the category of public record.

But the laws distinguishing what is accessible to the public are tricky. Footage from criminal investigations is exempt from the public records statute. Body camera videos document suspected or actual criminal activity, and law enforcement officials may withhold them from public scrutiny.

Even though agencies don't have to release body camera footage, the law doesn't prohibit making the videos public. Officers have the power to exercise judgment on what should and shouldn't be made public. In the name of transparency, officers should opt to share that information.

Director of Campus Safety and Police Dennis Franks said video footage is available under limited circumstances, but he did not elaborate on what specifically would call for its release.

Footage captured by Elon police officers, with the exception of videos involved in ongoing investigations, should be open to the public. Officers can then use their discretion to protect victims by blurring their faces and omitting other information that would identify students.

It's important to note that North Carolina's general public record laws don't apply to personnel files and employee records. Information collected by city agencies for the purpose of evaluating employees is confidential. Some content obtained by Elon Police's body cameras will likely fall under this exemption.

Adding body cameras to the arsenal of safety measures at Elon was a major step in holding police officers accountable and deterring crime. But to achieve transparency between law enforcement and the Elon community, individuals should have access to the data captured when police officers attend to calls on campus.

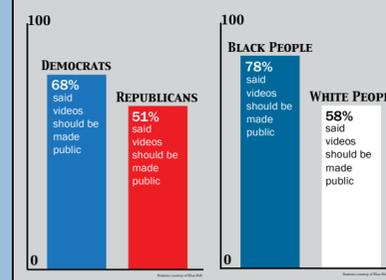
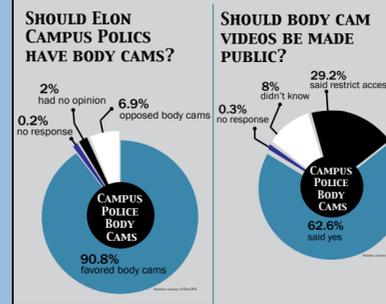
In the latest Elon Poll, released March 11, participants were split along party lines when asked if video footage should be made public, with 70 percent of democrats saying the videos should be public record. Participants were also racially divided on this issue, with 78 percent of black respondents advocating for public release of body camera footage.

The poll indicated 90 percent of respondents supported on-duty police officers wearing body cameras. Given the overwhelming support and recent demand for police body cameras, it's a no-brainer that local law enforcement agencies should implement this technology if they can afford to do so. Elon spent about \$4,800 on four cameras, battery packs and related accessories for storing the footage, but the equipment is a worthwhile investment.

Body camera technology is currently ahead of the laws governing what becomes of the data collected. The cameras are used by law enforcement for purposes that don't fall squarely within the definition of public records, but the question of whether they should be treated as such pits transparency against privacy.

The type of video captured by body cameras stimulates public and media interest. It's a form of documentation the Elon community has the right to see.

### POLL ON CAMPUS POLICE BODY CAMS



GRAPHIC BY STEPHANIE HAYS | Design Editor

# Introverts, unite — separately, in your own homes

## Allow introverts to lead instead of trying to place them in a box

Sometime in elementary school, I was "diagnosed" with "acute awkwardness." I was told I was too quiet to be considered a "ray of sunshine," too shy to be a team leader and too anti-social to earn an "A" in participation.

I was surrounded by people who tried to "cure" me — best friends faultlessly gave me social queues, professors put me on the spot in class and counselors gave me tips on how to make more

friends. The truth is, preferring solitude as a source of stimulation has nothing to do with social awkwardness or shyness. It just makes you an introvert, and that makes you completely normal.

At some point, we were taught intro-

verts are glitches in a system that celebrates extroverts as the natural state of being. Being outgoing was the preferred social state, and institutions emulate these values.

It's the reason we sit at roundtables in classrooms, why office spaces have become noise-vacuums where everybody sits a few inches away from each other and why "creativity" is associated with teamwork and group thinking.

It starts in elementary school when teachers subscribe to this way of thinking by publicly praising the most animated, expressive and vocal students in class. Quieter students are those who "need extra help" and who are penalized for asking if they can work by themselves.

It continues in high school when teachers label necessary moments of silence as signs of depression, and when classmates confuse self-drawn states with unfriendliness.

It appears again in college when

friends, proscribing to the social expectation to "go wild," don't understand why some prefer some quieter weekends with only a couple of friends. Where you are constantly told reserved people can't be "the life of the party." Where you forcefully "put yourself out there," because your mentors tell you it's the only respected way to network.

Finally, it follows you to your career where you are forced into groupthink situations and asked to perform in an environment where you have to constantly strive to function in a way that doesn't allow you to perform at your highest capacity. Research also shows that introverts are constantly denied leadership positions over extroverted candidates, despite having more creative ideas.

We remain shackled and chained to a system that forces us to try and behave in ways that make us feel inferior, uncomfortable, apologetic and — more importantly — not ourselves.

It isn't fair. It doesn't do justice to the countless thinkers, leaders and innovators — including Albert Einstein and Leonardo da Vinci — who gifted the world with their creativity when they were given the freedom to be their introverted selves.

It's time to reveal the fact that introverts have been running the world — just a little more quietly.

Contrary to popular belief, introverts cannot and will not be "cured." Stop treating them like they have a disease. It's a state of being, an aspect of identity, and it is absolutely normal.

To my introverted friends, in a world that forces us to try and change ourselves to fit a certain mold — don't listen. If society continues to connote silence with "awkwardness," then so be it. Go forth and be proud, "awkward" rays of sunshine.

# CRIME REPORT

## March 10

### LOST WALLET

ELON: A 21-year-old Elon University student reported a lost wallet to the police. She said she last had it at Tony's Pub-N-Subs March 10. It contains her driver's license, a credit card and a dorm room key.

## March 12

### PARKING INCIDENT

W. HAGGARD AVENUE, ELON.: A 21-year-old female driver backed out of a marked parking space and collided with a yellow protective post Thursday evening. Both the car and the post sustained minor

damage. No injuries were reported at the scene.

## March 13

### POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA AND DRUG PARAPHERNALIA

MORGAN PLACE PARK, ELON: A 24-year-old male was cited for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia by the Elon Police Department. An officer saw his vehicle parked after hours at Morgan Place Park and smelled alcohol upon approaching the vehicle. While searching the man and his vehicle, the officer found a small amount of marijuana, an open pack of cigars and a 40-ounce beer bottle. The police released him after confiscating the drugs

and paraphernalia.

### STOLEN PROPERTY

ELON: A 69-year-old male reported items stolen from around his mailbox. The stolen property was described to the Town of Elon Police Department as a large urn planter, two large planters and two alberta spruce trees. The items were estimated to be approximately 60-70 pounds each.

### DEER COLLISION

COOK ROAD, ELON: A 49-year-old male struck a deer while traveling southwest on Cook Road. The estimated cost of the car's damage is \$300, while the state of the deer was not reported.

## Phoenix card touch access good example of technology integration

Elon University students use their Phoenix Cards on a daily basis. They're a gateway to basic aspects of college life like meal plans, printing dollars and buildings on campus.

Tim Melton  
Columnist

Recently, the Phoenix Card swipe method was dropped in favor of a faster, more convenient touch method. This method enables students to perform the usual functions with their cards simply by touching them to a receptor.

Although many criticize the university for overspending on major projects like new buildings, it is comforting to see a simple yet effective change being made to pre-existing structures on campus. This change is not being made out of necessity but for the convenience of students.

The change from swipe method to touch method has already been implemented in on-campus dining halls and eateries. It is beneficial in making transactions quick and effortless. If this current integration of touch technology is any indication of its success, its use across campus will streamline day-to-day activi-

ties on a broader scale.

Touch technology allows Phoenix Cards to be used without being removed from a wallet or bag, something previously impossible with the swipe technology.

The benefits of implementing touch technology and its planned integration on campus are obvious. Since swipe technology is less convenient than touch, this new technology should be installed wherever possible.

The collaborative efforts of Campus Safety and Police, the Phoenix Card Office and Instructional & Campus Technologies have allowed the implementation of the new touch cards. Touch access will be progressively added to academic buildings this semester, with plans to implement the new technology in residence halls this summer.

This new measure of convenience for students is a step forward in on-campus technology integration, and for that, we should be thankful. Although the actual conversion from swipe to touch is simple, it raises the question of what other ways new technology can be used to help students live and learn.

Beyond further changes in how Phoenix Cards are used, there are numerous possibilities of on-campus technology integration that could be explored.

There is still much potential

for how technology is used in the classroom to enhance learning. Perhaps we could see more instances of mobile devices and social media in course curriculums or further developments programs meant to aid in student collaboration like Google Docs.

These are a few examples of technology integration that aims for convenience because they

take advantage of devices and services that are nearly universal among students.

The new Phoenix Card touch system isn't Elon's first major technological advancement, and it certainly won't be the last. Nevertheless, it's important that we support Elon's programs for campus technology, whether it's pioneering newer technology or

developing entirely new methods of integration. We should accept that these kinds of change are important and beneficial in terms of their immediate and long-term applications.

Submit a letter to the editor at [elonpendulum.com](http://elonpendulum.com)



JANE SEIDEL | Photo Editor

Phoenix Card access points are in transition from the old swipe method to a newer touch method like the one above.

# DOCTORS' ORDERS KICKING THE FOMO FROM SPRING CONVOCATION

**Rx PRESCRIPTION**  
Doctor's Orders is a weekly satirical column in which two unprofessional, definitely fake doctors offer up prescriptions for their Phoenix patients.



Lauryl Fischer & Frankie Campisano  
Columnists

The world-famous Neil deGrasse Tyson is coming to Elon University as the 2015 Spring Convocation speaker. You're probably not going to see him in person, though.

Maybe you were lucky enough to get a ticket during the 15 minutes they were available. After that, signs were posted that may as well have said, "If You're Reading This, It's Too Late."

Oh, you were in class when the tickets were released? Better luck next year, when we might be fortunate enough to book some guy from a podcast you've never listened to, or perhaps a journalist whose work you're

not familiar with.

Maybe Elon University will save money by asking Brian Williams back for Convocation 2016. He will probably still need the work, and we've already sworn him our allegiance. No matter who we pick next year, it's not going to be as great as Neil. Trust us.

This year's Convocation is go big or go home, and most of us didn't get a choice. We're diagnosing everyone who didn't get a ticket but wanted one with FOMOCOSMOS — the fear of missing out on experiences as stellar as a stellar speech from the host of COSMOS. Should have skipped class, suckers.

You can still enjoy the livestream, though, if you're interested in missing out on the most relevant part of Convocation — the fact that Neil deGrasse Tyson will be on campus, in the flesh. If you'll be "attending" convocation through the livestream, why stop there? You can "attend" many other great events, like any of the millions of Neil deGrasse Tyson clips available online, or classics like Woodstock or even George W. Bush's "Mission Accomplished" speech (OK,

you caught us — we're just looking for any possible way to remind you that Dick Cheney made money off the Iraq War).

Maybe start "attending" class via livestream, too. We don't really know why we haven't started doing that anyway. We go to class in pajamas already, so there's no point in leaving the bedroom. It's all the same, right, Elon? That's why you released the tickets during class, because you knew it wouldn't matter if someone ditched their education to snatch a seat at Convocation... for their education. Tricky mind game you're playing, Elon, but we're onto you.

Some of you suffering from FOMOCOSMOS probably won't settle for the livestream because you recognize that this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Or you don't know how to work a livestream yet because you have a TV on campus and haven't had to stream episodes of "Empire" to avoid spoilers. Or you're one of Neil's groupies. Whatever your reason, you're feeling pretty hopeless right now. In that case, you have two options:

1. Break into Convocation.
2. Kidnap Neil deGrasse Tyson.

Neither of these options are what we would call legal. But you couldn't get tickets. Desperate times call for desperate measures. If you're fond of option one, we suggest watching the Spy Kids series for tips and tricks. Or maybe Totally Spies reruns.

If you're a fan of option two, leave Elon. You have bigger issues we don't have time to attend to. Seek professional help. Stop watching all of those "Taken" movies (Thankfully, Liam Neeson says he's gonna stop making them, so he won't contribute anymore to the unhealthy glamorization of kidnapping).

## Alumnus nominated for Bareilles arrangement

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Kyle Whitaker '14 was in the zone. To perfect his arrangement of Sara Bareilles' "I Choose You" for his a cappella group, Twisted Measure, he listened to the song for hours each day — while driving, while doing homework and while walking to and from classes.

His work paid off, and he was nominated for a Contemporary A Cappella Recording Award (CARA) for Best Mixed Collegiate Arrangement, which are the best arrangements by individual members for college level male/female a cappella groups.

The CARA winners will be announced April 11. He will be competing against University of Denver Colorado's Edifice, University of Delaware's Vocal Point, Pennsylvania State University's The Pennharmonics, University of Saint Andrew's The Alleycats and University of Rochester's After Hours.

When Whitaker joined Twisted Measure his freshman year, he said he became a part of an "incredible family" that he is still in contact with.

Whitaker tried to keep his arrangement of "I Choose You" as close to Bareilles' version as possible — a likely reason for the nomination.

"I think the instrumentation of the voice parts and the syllables we used really sound just like strings being plucked or background singers singing a call-and-response, just like the origi-

nal," he said.

Whitaker was after a sparse and simple feeling that would become a more emotional and complicated arrangement.

"As the song and the emotion behind it grow, I added more harmonies, more complex rhythms, and really just let the arrangement fall into place from there," Whitaker said.

Whitaker arranged the song in fall 2013, but the group still performs it in his absence. Junior Tyler Meacham is the lead soloist for the arrangement — her first solo performance — with senior Stanley Dowell as a vocal percussionist and other members providing soprano, tenor and bass.

The difficulty of the song meant Meacham did a lot of practicing in order to hit the harder notes. To make the song her own, Meacham took a few aspects of Bareilles' original and enhanced them.

"I Choose You" is originally a lighter pop song, pretty easy listening, but to get that climax that a cappella demands, I decided to belt on it more than Sara did in the original," Meacham said.

Dowell, president of Twisted Measure, said their recording of "I Choose You" has a live-sound — as opposed to a recorded — feel to it. The recording can be downloaded from iTunes.

Twisted Measure has been performing since 1999, but in the past two years they have had more exposure in the wider a



ASHLEY KING | Staff Photographer

Twisted Measure performs "I Choose You" in their signature colors, black and red, in the Make-A-Wish concert.

cappella community. They were recently invited to sing at the Georgia Tech.

"We've begun to branch out," Dowell said. "I've been able to watch it, and it's pretty cool."

Even if Whitaker doesn't win the CARA, the nomination is an honor of its own and great for Twisted Measure's exposure.

"Winning would be personally validating, but there's no way it could ever compare to the intangible rewards that the group has given me over the years," Whitaker said. "It's always nice to feel loved and supported by the people around you, especially when

so much of what you do is for your audience."

Twisted Measure was previously nominated for a CARA in 2013 for alumna Emily Mooney's '12 performance of "What Turns You On."

"That was the first time that I realized that the CARA board really does listen to the songs we submit," Whitaker said. "It opened my eyes to the possibility of being recognized."

This second nomination motivated Twisted Measure to produce their best work for their 15th anniversary album "XV," because they knew judges would be listening to their submitted

material.

Whitaker is teaching English to students in Malaysia on a Fulbright Grant until November. He has arranged two songs for Twisted Measure since graduating and will continue to do so over the next few years. But he is confident the group will continue to flourish without his help.

"It's strange but really comforting to attend a concert as an alum and to realize that the group doesn't really need you anymore," Whitaker said. "It's a testament to just how incredible Twisted Measure really is."

## Not just another Cinderella story

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Senior Reporter

When Cinderella wanted to go to the ball, she was lucky enough to have a fairy godmother to give her a beautiful dress. But not all girls have mice and godmothers to make their dreams come true. That's where the Cinderella Project at Elon University comes in.

The Cinderella Project is a national nonprofit organization that promotes confidence and self esteem of financially challenged young women by providing dresses for formal events, reducing the financial burden that associated with attending such events.

Every year, Cinderella Project volunteers collect prom and formal dresses from students for local girls who cannot afford them. Currently, Elon's chapter works only with Cummings High School in Burlington, but the executive board is looking to add more schools.

To encourage donations, volunteers will be doing a Dorm Storm March 18-19. Members will be going around with flyers and knocking on doors to ask students to bring back dresses from spring break. Dresses can be dropped off in Moseley 2330.

Collecting dresses is just one part of the Cinderella Project. It does much more than give the girls a dress they'll wear once — it also empowers them.

Every spring before Cummings' prom, the Cinderella Project hosts a conference that focuses on self-esteem in females.

This year, the theme is Be-YOU-tiful, and the conference will be April 18 in the Numen Lumen Pavilion.

"During the conference, we have workshops geared toward things like body image, having a safe prom night, how to apply makeup — things of that nature," said senior and executive board member Desiree Porter. "We also invite a keynote speaker who will be covering topics like self-image."

When they enter the conference, the girls are paired with an Elon student as their "fairy godmother."

"[Fairy godmothers] pretty much serve as mentors," said senior and executive board member Kenna Meyerhoff. "They go with the girls through the workshops all day."

For some students, the bond between mentor and mentee lasts longer than just the conference.

"I was at the high school the other day, and one of the girls said, 'Yeah, after the conference I came to Elon to hang out with my mentor,'" Meyerhoff said. "Things like that do happen, and it's just from one day of time spent with these girls."

Porter emphasized the importance of reaching out to the community and of the connections students make with the girls.

"I really like how we can serve as a conduit between the two communities, connecting Elon with the outer Burlington community," Porter said. "I think it's great to form those relationships that can continue beyond this conference."

After a day of workshops and activities,



Photo courtesy of the Cinderella Project at Elon

The 2014 leadership team for the Cinderella Project, left to right, Megan Gravelly, Rebecca Porter, Chevonne Sewer, Desiree Porter, Tierney McDonnell, Kenna Meyerhoff and Eryn Gorang.

the girls scramble for the moment they have waited for — selecting their dresses. "Once they find the perfect dress, we have makeup artists that will do their makeup and teach them how to do it to match their dress," Porter said.

Additionally, the project gives out gift bags and jewelry so the girls can perfect their looks.

Last year, the Cinderella Project hosted 50 participants and had 35 volunteers, but they hope to increase these numbers this year.

Senior Daniela Dwyer discovered the

Cinderella Project when she met Porter their freshman year. She was excited and moved by the project and has worked with it ever since.

Now a senior preparing to graduate, she fully understands the impact the project has had on herself and the girls of Cummings. "Cinderella Project is not only about providing prom dresses, but furthering it into women's empowerment and making sure it's about mentoring and networking making sure the girls are making positive relationships," Dwyer said.

# Finding clarity through teaching

## Student instructor discovers fitness, well-being in group exercise classes

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At 7:20 a.m., Tuesday: the sun had yet to rise over Elon University. In Koury Athletic Center, low acoustic music drifted from Studio 5. Inside, the lights were off. Twenty people lay flat on yoga mats, eyes closed and hands relaxed at their sides in the savasana pose. Senior Bridget Creel moved deftly through the room and laid a lavender-scented towel over each student's eyes.

Creel — who introduces herself to her students as Bee — is a fitness instructor with Group X, Campus Recreation's group exercise program. Her "Sunrise" yoga classes begin at 6:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and but Creel doesn't let the fatigue show.

"I like to work out first thing when I wake up, working out on an empty stomach then having a huge breakfast," Creel said.

It was Creel's suggestion that led to the introduction of a morning "Cycle" class at 8 a.m. Wednesdays. Creel teaches all Group X's morning classes and afternoon "Yoga" at 4:15 p.m. Thursdays.

"She's brought a new outlook on morning classes," said sophomore Sarah Alger, another Group X instructor. "We've implemented a lot more sunrise and morning classes because of her wanting to do them, and we've gotten good feedback so far."

Creel teaches four exercise classes a week, and some weeks, she subs for more.

As a sister in Alpha Xi Delta sorority, a print and online journalism major, an occasional Elon Local News health reporter and an intern with a Colorado-based yoga magazine, Creel has her hands full. But through it all, she is unceasingly optimistic.

"I think Bee, as an individual on the team, brings the most positivity," said senior Katie Perez, Group X team leader.

### The journey to fitness

Creel came to Elon having never taken a group exercise class. In high school, she danced and played field hockey, but she was never interested in exercising for the sake of being active alone.

"Coming to Elon has been a huge wake-up call for me," Creel said. "Not that people are so obsessed with body image, but it's really made me think, because I'm not enthusiastic about the way I look. It's important to be comfortable in your own skin, not so critical, and I think exercise has really helped me, because I feel strength. I feel like a strong person when I exercise, when I teach, so it's not so much



Creel (far right) helps a student get the most out of her workout during the 6:30 a.m. 'Sunrise' yoga class, which is on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

about, 'I'd like to change this part of me.'"

Creel began attending "Zumba" classes her freshman year. The following year she applied to the Group X team. Creel originally wanted to be trained to only teach "Zumba," but Group X certification requires training in strength, mind/body and cardio. This holistic training gives instructors the ability to teach a variety of classes.

"We have the ability to sub for people if we want to, so it's good to have that versatility," Creel said.

Group X's training program introduced Creel to yoga and cycle, her two favorite classes to teach. As a mind/body class, yoga was very different from Zumba, but now Creel does it every day.

"I think it's important to do yoga every day, whether it be 10 minutes, five minutes, whatever it is," she said. "The yoga part of me is the wholesome part, the calm part. It's really where I go to reflect, where I find my stability."

Creel's favorite part of yoga is "savasana," or corpse pose. For her, it's the most important part of yoga because it allows the yogi to shut everything else out.

"It's a reminder that you're in the right place," she said. "You're meant to relax. You're here for a reason."

Creel also enjoys teaching her "Cycle" classes, where she can get her heart racing and take a break from the mellow, soft

songs that provide background music for her yoga classes.

"Not all of our instructors can teach yoga and a high-intensity like cycle, which she does," Perez said. "She's always willing to step up. If someone needs a sub, she's very open-minded and a very versatile instructor."

### A true calling

Creel's classes — even the ones that start at 6:30 a.m. — are usually full. Many of the attendees are regulars who attend her classes multiple times a week. For Creel, seeing the same faces every week is validating.

"That's how I know I'm doing something right — when people keep coming back," she said.

Alger said Creel's personality keeps people returning week after week.

"She is so down-to-earth, sweet and friendly," Alger said. "I'm sure anyone who talks to her will say the same thing. She's so friendly. She genuinely cares about other people, which especially comes across in her classes."

Instructing exercise classes has rewards for Creel beyond familiar faces.

"It's amazing what teaching has done for me," Creel said. "It has definitely been my source of mental clarity. When I'm teaching, I'm in this other world for an hour. Because I'm so focused on the energy of other people, I get back so much."

Aside from teaching classes, Creel works out on her own, as well. She admits teaching classes detracts from her own workouts, though that's not necessarily a bad thing.

"The thing about teaching ... I'm giving myself wholly to other people," she said. "Even if I'm doing the workout, which I am, it isn't at the intensity level as it would be if I were working out on my own, which is probably why I like it more. I'm enjoying my time because I'm putting it toward others. I'm distracted."

Alger admires Creel's devotion to teaching.

"When she teaches a class, she wants to make sure that you as an individual are giving your full attention," Alger said. "You're getting something from the class. You're not just there attending. She wants you to be present, and she's also there to help you."

### Living fully in health and wellness

Creel incorporates health into all aspects of her life.

"I try to work out every day, but I don't beat myself up," she said. "It's such a mental thing for me. On days when I don't work out, I feel sluggish. I just want to sleep. It just doesn't make me feel good."

Creel sees exercising as a way of appreciating the body and its abilities. As an extension of the mind and self, the body also deserves to be appreciated.

"By taking that initiative to work out, you're showing care to your body and your mind," Creel said. "That's very important."

She extends this perspective to her diet too.

"I love eating healthy, because when I do eat healthy I feel so much better," Creel said. "It fuels my workouts — it's just a win-win situation."

Creel avoids eating for fitness, by which she means the energy drinks and protein bars some exercise enthusiasts swear by. Rather than just fueling her muscles, Creel tries to feed her body natural, wholesome foods that will help it function efficiently.

Creel loves to cook and tries to make all her meals herself. She will even bag them up and bring them to campus. She tries to stick to a pescatarian diet and eat as few processed foods as possible, though she doesn't deny herself the occasional cheeseburger.

"I love to show people that, no matter what state they're in, they can have the happiest life they deserve," Creel said. "I think that it's important for people to know how to get to that point, and I think health is the root to all that."

7:28 a.m., Tuesday: As the final minutes of her "Sunrise" class came to a close, Creel raised the volume of the music and sat on her mat at the front of the room.

"Slowly begin to wiggle your fingers and toes as you return to yourself," she said. As her students remove the towels from their eyes and sat up, Creel smiled.

"This is the best thing you could have done for your body today," she said. "As you go through the rest of the day, remember that you've done this for yourself today."

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All smiles, Bridget Creel leads her morning 'Cycle' class through a cardio workout.

# Get motivated, get active

## Students, faculty count steps, reach goals with fitness trackers

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with it."

### Stepping away from sedentary

Sophomore Danielle Dulchinos jogged down Truitt Drive, training for the half marathon she will run at the beginning of spring break. At mile four, her wrist began to buzz — she just reached her step goal.

Fitness trackers have arrived on campus. Students and faculty wear brands such as Fitbit, Jawbone and Nike FuelBand on their wrists to track the steps they take, the hours of sleep they get, the calories they burn and the number of minutes they are active each day. These trackers use accelerometer technology to accurately represent the wearer's daily activity.

Already active, Dulchinos got her Fitbit Flex for Christmas two years ago thinking it would make her more aware of her daily movement. She didn't expect it to make her more aware of her running.

"I usually reach 12,000 to 15,000 steps," Dulchinos said. "On my 12.5 mile day, I got close to 30,000. It was awesome. It's good to have concrete data to know where you're at. Also, it's great bragging rights."

People who are not in training but just need a little motivation to get moving also use fitness trackers.

Sean Burrus, adjunct instructor in religious studies, made his New Year's resolution to be active 20 minutes a day, take 10,000 steps a day and exercise at least three times a week. His Fitbit Flex has helped him achieve these goals.

He said that because it's on his wrist, it's a constant reminder he has goals to finish.

"It motivates me," Burrus said. "Even on the weeks when I don't really get my goals in, I do better than I would without it. I feel guilty if I don't meet my goals. I'm more likely to go after my goals

with it." Lynda Butler-Storsved, senior lecturer in health and human performance, uses a Nike FuelBand. She can fall into "active couch potato syndrome," meaning she exercises every day, but she will spend the rest of the time sitting and working.

By having a fitness tracker, she can better monitor her activity and remind herself to go for a short walk when she is being inactive.

"I think a lot of people do want to be more conscious of their activity level, but the convenience level isn't always easy," Butler-Storsved said. "This is easy. People can overestimate how active they are. People are shocked to see how long they are sitting."

Standing burns twice as many calories as sitting. According to a study in the Annals of Internal Medicine, sitting for more than eight hours a day increases the risk of cardiovascular disease, cancer, diabetes and early death.

"Do allow yourself to put some focus on your unstructured activity," Butler-Storsved said. "Take note of what you're doing throughout your other time during the day, and set a specific goal around those. Decrease the amount of time that you're sitting."

Burrus found that, because of his Fitbit, he now goes out of his way to take more steps. Before, he would drive to the grocery store and downtown area, which are only a few blocks away. Now, he almost always walks there.

"I have volunteered to get things at the grocery store even though it wasn't completely necessary," he said.

Freshman Olivia Vaz got her Fitbit Flex because both her mom and stepfather have one and gave

	 FITBIT FLEX	JAWBONE UP	NIKE FUEL BAND
Cost	\$99.95	\$129.99	\$99.99
Tracks Sleep	✓	✓	✗
Social Features	✓	✓	✓
Tracks Runs	✓	✗	✓
Food Analysis	✓	✓	✗
Extras	Interchangeable colored bands	Smart Coach that gives personalized insights	Tracks Nike Fuel points and gives trophies

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good reviews. Although there are other apps that track similar things, she likes that she has all of the data in one place.

The Fitbit automatically sets the step goal at 10,000, but Vaz upped it to 12,000 to encourage her to move more, especially as she trains for a half marathon this summer.

"I changed it because I wanted to do more of a challenge," Vaz said. "I love how much it motivates me each day to reach my steps. If I'm 500 steps short at the end of the day I'll walk up and down my hall."

### Getting social

The Fitbit app allows users the opportunity to connect with other users as "friends." A leadership board displays how many steps each friend takes and ranks them. Friends can challenge each other to see who takes the most

steps in one day, one week or one weekend. The app also encourages users to send pokes and messages to one another.

Vaz has 12 friends linked to her account.

"With the leadership boards, you don't want to be last of all your friends," she said. "At first, I didn't think it would be that popular among college students, but I've seen it get increasingly popular."

Burrus and his wife don't use the app's challenge feature. Instead, they use the data from their trackers to compare and motivate each other on their own.

"It's good with family in particular," Burrus said. "We just keep count of the steps and we see who won on Sunday. We are very competitive. We taunt and cheer each other and send a few messages here and there."

But, some disagree that this social aspect helps. The competition could demotivate people if they aren't at the top or the list or lose a challenge.

"I thought about doing it, and that doesn't seem worth it," Dulchinos said. "Some days I feel like it would be good to compare others, but other days it could be negatively competitive. I like that I have the data that I can choose to share or not."

### Making use of the data

The Fitbit and Jawbone both have apps that sync with the trackers and display steps, sleep and calories burned throughout the day.

"I like the data," Burrus said. "I like getting all that data and sorting through it. I am somewhat of a dork for that kind of thing."

Michael Vaughn, an instructional technologist who teaches Nerdy Fitness Tools to classes, finds that these fitness bands do not pass the "so what" test: they give the user the information but don't tell them what to do with it.

For example, the heart rate for

the fat-burning zone is around 90 bpm, but this low rate could also be caused by stress, when the body is storing fat rather than burning it. The app doesn't distinguish between the two or tell users what to do if they plateaued in weight loss. It is up to the user to go out of their way to research and apply the data.

"Until they take the information, its more of a measuring stick to see what can be done," Vaughn said. "It's more about trying to take the data that's given to you and make it meaningful in your life."

Vaughn said the best fitness band, in terms of affordability and features is the Fitbit Charge HR, which tracks heart rate using LED technology. He also said fitness trackers are great motivational tools at first, but it won't be long before a user ignores the app and stops charging the band.

"You just need to make the commitment alongside to these fitness apps to benefit your health," Vaughn said. "There has to be more to it."

A solution is to teach more health and wellness professionals about the bands. They could use them with their customers. If a personal trainer were friends with their client on Fitbit, they could be aware of their activity and challenge them to improve.

Even if users don't implement the data to make improvements to their lives, these fitness bands can be a constant reminder to move. After a year, Dulchinos is still motivated by looking at the band on her wrist.

"My whole thing with the Fitbit is it's constantly there and tracking things, and I don't have to think about it but I can think about it if I want to," she said.



Fitbit Flex is the only fitness tracker with interchangeable bands for students to match with their outfit.

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# 'Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt' breaks television

For 15 years, she was in a bunker in Indiana, forced into an underground cult and brainwashed to believe the apocalypse had come. Newly freed, she makes a life for herself in New York City, and hilarity ensues.



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Netflix debuted its newest original series, "Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt," March 6. Co-created by Tina Fey, the comedy stars Ellie Kemper, known for her roles in "Bridesmaids" and "The Office." Kemper plays 29-year-old Kimmy Schmidt, who has been newly hired as housekeeper for a wealthy family and is rooming with a struggling wannabe Broadway actor.

Supporting cast members include "30 Rock's" Jane Krakowski as self-absorbed trophy wife Jacqueline Voorhees — Kimmy's new boss — Broadway star Tituss Burgess as Kimmy's sassy, over-the-top roommate Titus Andromedon and legendary actress Carol Kane as Kimmy and Titus's cranky and semi-senile landlord Lillian.

"Schmidt" has an underlying dark premise, as Kimmy is haunted by the memories of the cult led by Richard Wayne Gary Wayne, played by Jon Hamm.

Despite her twisted backstory, Kemper's cheery, infectious personality lights up every scene and steals the show. Quick-witted humor, hilarious plot lines and a remarkably talented cast has made "Schmidt" a

light-hearted, binge-worthy show.

The show has been on Netflix for less than two weeks, but ratings and reviews seem to be going in the same positive direction of other Netflix originals such as "Orange Is the New Black" and "House of Cards." These Netflix shows have been nominated for Golden Globes and Emmys and have pushed the boundaries of traditional television watching.

"Schmidt" and Netflix may not intentionally be creating a media shift, but they are contributing to a modern-day media nightmare — the decline of network ratings.

The comedy was initially airing on NBC. According to NPR, NBC "declined to put it on its schedule," and shortly after, Netflix picked up the 13-episode first season. NPR television critic Eric Deggans believes NBC is moving toward comedies with larger audiences, attempting to mimic the success of shows such as ABC's "Modern Family" and allowing Netflix to pick up shows with smaller target audiences.

Netflix's having shows with big, recognizable names behind them, such as Kemper and Fey, allows for greater interest and subsequent increases in Netflix memberships.

According to CNN Money, 4-in-10 American households that own traditional televisions also subscribe to online streaming services such as Netflix, Amazon and Hulu Plus. This is bad news for networks — Nielsen ratings say 36 percent of American households subscribe to Netflix, and this percentage is increasing.

Asynchronous media is becoming the

norm because it fits more easily into the American lifestyle of fast-paced multi-taskers. People simply do not have time to sit down and watch live, scheduled television. They prefer to watch on their own time.

In the 18- to 24-year-old age range, according to Business Insider, television viewing has dropped 16 percent within the past year. The number may seem low, but it is rapidly increasing, and the Cabletelevision Advertising Bureau said as much as "40 percent of TV-rating declines" can be attributed to streaming services.

Companies are becoming more aware of the influence that online streaming services

have. HBO announced March 9 that they will be releasing an exclusive partnership with Apple that will allow members to stream HBO on their Apple devices, rather than paying for the HBO premium channel with their cable provider.

"Schmidt" has been praised by the likes of The Hollywood Reporter and The Washington Post and has already been picked up for a second season. It is an addicting binge watch that combines satire with hilarity and adorable Kemper with outspoken Krakowski and questions where media, and the future of television, is headed.

## NETFLIX ORIGINAL SERIES

Name of Series	Premiere Date	Number of Seasons	Number of Award Nominations
BoJack Horseman	Aug. 22, 2014	Renewed for 2	None
Hemlock Grove	April 19, 2013	Renewed for 3	2
House of Cards	Feb. 1, 2013	Renewed for 4	87
Marco Polo	Dec. 12, 2014	Renewed for 2	None
Orange Is the New Black	July 11, 2013	Renewed for 3	53
Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt	March 6, 2015	Renewed for 2	None

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# Pitching becoming issue for Phoenix

## As team scores runs, Elon pitching gives up more

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Head baseball coach Mike Kennedy could be seen from the stands at Latham Park speaking very emotionally to his team following Elon University's loss to East Carolina University March 16.

The Phoenix gave up 11 runs and blew an 8-7 lead at the top of the ninth inning — its first and only lead of the series.

The loss was the team's fifth in as many games, falling to East Carolina, Wake Forest University and The Citadel.

"We just have to play better," Kennedy said after the March 16 loss. "If we're expecting to win games, we're going to have to play better across the board. We're not going to win unless we start playing better — that's the bottom line."

Offense hasn't been a problem for the Phoenix as it has scored 125 runs already. Though Elon has not entered conference play yet, it leads the Colonial Athletic Association teams in batting with the highest team batting average, hits and runs.

Senior catcher Chris King and sophomore utility player Nick Zammarelli rank in the top two in the CAA in RBI with 23 and 21, respectively. Senior outfielder Quinn Bower and senior infielder Casey Jones rank in the top three in runs scored, while junior utility player Joey Tomko is second in the CAA with a .424 batting average.

The problem, as Kennedy has mentioned frequently throughout Elon's recent games, is pitching.

The Phoenix has a team ERA of 7.62, giving up 208 hits thus far with 127 earned runs. Defensively, Elon has accumulated 28 errors from the field as well.

Against East Carolina March 20, four Elon pitchers were responsible for five wild pitches and hit three Pirate batters in the process.

"All you have to do is look at our numbers," Kennedy said. "We're down some arms, and we have guys taking roles that they probably shouldn't be and probably aren't ready for. But when you're down a couple arms, that's what happens."

Elon is missing two of its players — sophomore pitcher Dimitri Lettas is recovering from elbow surgery and junior pitcher Brandon Kacer hasn't thrown in nearly six months. Both men are officially out for the remainder of this season and have forced Kennedy to utilize various players for their reliever role.

Currently, senior pitcher Jake Stalzer and junior pitcher Tyler Menez remain as Elon's only healthy left-handed throwers to choose from.



ASHLEY KING | Staff Photographer

Senior pitcher Jake Stalzer took the mound for the Phoenix last week against Wake Forest, giving up six earned runs in Elon's 25-12 loss.

The Phoenix has used a number of its pitchers as a result and, at one point, even put All-American first baseman Casey Jones on the mound out of desperation during Elon's 25-12 loss against Wake Forest March 10.

"I made some good pitches, and I made some bad pitches," Jones said after pitching for the only time this season. "But that's not really my thing."

In that game, Elon used six pitchers — all of whom gave up more than three runs in the process with the exception of sophomore pitcher Mike Krill, who came in at the end of the game.

Dissatisfaction was obvious in the silence of the team following the Saturday loss against East Carolina after Kennedy spoke to them in right field.

Zammarelli didn't have much to say regarding the team's performance after the loss. "It's not really frustrating," he said about getting no pitching support. "We know we're going to hit, and we know the pitchers are going to do their job, so in the end it all equals out."

Kennedy had a different opinion.

"I hope that it's frustrating to the whole team," Kennedy said. "I hope we're frustrated offensively, I hope we're frustrated on the mound, but we have to do more than just swing the bat and they have to buy into how important it is to play good defensive ball."

With the irritation mounting, it's easy for the team to lose optimism. Senior outfielder Ryan Cooper said the team needs to keep playing and not worry about the losses and how little support the team is getting from the pitching.

Cooper had one of the best games of his career against East Carolina, driving in three runs on three hits with a three-run home run in the bottom of the eighth to give Elon the lead heading into the ninth.

"We just have to stay together as a team and keep fighting," Cooper said. "That's all we can do. We have to win games — we're not trying to see how many runs we can score — that's what it comes down to."

The team was quiet in the dugout during Saturday's game, but Cooper said it should be louder to keep the morale up throughout the game.

"We have to stay up in the dugout," Cooper said. "We just have to stay together."

The Phoenix is two days away from its first CAA series against James Madison University at Latham Park. If Elon can muster a more solid pitching performance before then, the Phoenix could quickly put the struggles it has faced in the beginning of the season behind.

Kennedy said the imminence of conference play is what the team is looking towards to put its non conference losses in the rear-view mirror.

"We're going to try to figure out the best group to help us win the league and compete in the CAA," he said. "That will be the goal going into next weekend."

## A CONTRAST IN NUMBERS

### Offense

- 125 runs  
First in CAA
- .311 team batting average  
First in CAA
- 187 hits  
First in CAA

### Pitching

- 7.62 team ERA  
Second highest in CAA
- 208 hits  
Most in CAA
- 127 earned runs  
Most in CAA
- 88 walks  
Second most in CAA

(As of March 16)

GRAPHIC BY MEGAN GRAVLEY | Design Editor



# Sal's Italian Restaurant

Danielle Deavens  
Senior Reporter

Tucked along Burlington's Huffman Mill Road between Krispy Kreme and Cook-Out is a white building with an orange roof.

Inside, customers step into a dim dining room with green and red booths and drapery that runs through the center of the room.

The sign outside says Sal's Italian Restaurant. The menu promises quality on a budget.

Sal's opened in 1977. Today, Sal and Marco Mazzurco — sons of the Sicilian-born founder — manage the restaurant named after their grandfather, the oldest Sal in the family.

The brothers have spent most of their lives in the area. Both graduated from Elon University, Sal in 2006 and Marco in 2012.

Sal worked at his family's restaurant during college and went on to open the Red Bull Tavern in Burlington in 2008. Marco also left Sal's for his own restaurant endeavor, but both were drawn back to their family's establishment.

"Our parents wanted to retire, so we came back and took over the restaurant so they could," Sal said.

Sal's has long had a good relationship with Elon students. It has donated to Elonthon for the last decade and has contributed to other student organizations as well.

"We try to give back to the students," Sal said.

One of Sal's future plans to offer more to students is the dorm feast. This to-go option includes a meal, salad and breadsticks for students interested in having home-cooked Italian in their college homes. Sal is hoping to roll out the new offer next fall.

The restaurant offers an instantly comfortable and relaxed dining experience. So relaxed, in fact, that when a patron asks what the soup of the day is, the waitress answers with, "I don't know, somethin' weird," and turns

around to ask a coworker.

In some establishments, this might be considered inappropriate or unprofessional. At Sal's, the unapologetic honesty is just part of the overall charm.

Beyond the charm is simple, good food that offers something for everyone. Italian classics such as lasagna and eggplant parmesan are complemented by an unexpected spread of deli sandwiches.

"It's as if you're eating in the comfort of your own home," said senior Bria Turner.

The lasagna comes to the table piping hot and smelling like the perfect combination of beef, cheese, sauce and fresh pasta. There is an overabundance of olive oil, but the ricotta is more carefully added, and the combination results in a creamy, gooey three-cheese mixture.

Another of Sal's most popular dishes is the penne alla vodka. Though the pasta is a bit past al dente, the sauce is just right.

The onion, garlic and tomato base is enhanced with vodka —

which cooks off — mixed with a touch of heavy cream and left to simmer. Sal's sauce has a hint of spice and a great deal of flavor, and it arrives at the table in a shallow white bowl, tossed thoroughly with the penne.

Other dishes are popular among Elon students, as well. "The ziti is to die for," Turner said.

Dishes come with a side salad and a basket of breadsticks. Sliced cremini mushrooms add an unexpected twist to the Caesar salad, while the house salad keeps it simple with romaine lettuce, tomatoes and red onions.

The breadsticks are straight to the point: no garlic, no cheesy center, no extras at all — just warm, toasty bread ready to be pulled apart and dipped in one of the three sauce options or leftover vodka cream sauce.

Sal's makes no attempt to be upscale and certainly avoids being overpriced. The food is the main event, and there is no garnish, unfamiliar wines or flourishes by the wait staff to distract from the dishes.

In the land of butter, biscuits and gravy, this restaurant offers an entirely different flavor palette with a comforting home-cooked taste. When the biscuit makers go home for the day and a Styrofoam to-go box seems too casual, Sal's is a low-cost alternative that yields yummy results.



LANE DEACON | Staff Photographer

Sal's Italian Restaurant serves classic penne alla vodka tossed in a cream sauce with a slightly spicy onion, garlic and tomato base. Each dish comes with choice of a caesar or garden salad and breadsticks.



ASHLEY KING | Staff Photographer

Senior outfielder Quinn Bower currently ranks in the top three in the CAA in runs scored.

# Battle for the O'Shea legacy

*Caitlin O'Shea ties older sister in career saves, two away from all-time record*

Robbie Nanna  
Senior Reporter

It is rare to find athletes who come to Elon University and reach record-setting heights. Even more rare are athletes that have this talent and come from the same family.

Senior pitcher Caitlin O'Shea tied a softball mark for second place all-time in career saves in a game against Lafayette College March 7. By tying this mark, Caitlin cemented her name next to older sister Erin O'Shea (2009-12) in the program record books. The sisters sit tied at five career saves each.

Not only are the two sisters, but they also spent the 2012 season as teammates at Elon. During the season, the softball team reached the fourth game of the Southern Conference Softball Championship but lost to the College of Charleston.

Erin pitched in the game, ending her career on a loss, but also receiving a few accolades. She left Elon in second place all-time in strikeouts (464), the all-time leader in game appearances (128), and with a SoCon title (2010) under her belt. Caitlin reflected on Erin's influence on her as a sister and teammate.

"I actually started pitching because Erin was a pitcher, and I wanted to be just like her," Caitlin said. "When I had the opportunity to come to Elon, I couldn't pass it up. Playing a collegiate season with her is something I'll always cherish."

Erin's influence made an immediate impact on Caitlin when she arrived to Elon. In her freshman season, Caitlin made 16 appearances — five starts — in which she pitched 38.1 innings and 12 strikeouts with a 4.02 earned run average for the season. In addition, Caitlin recorded her first save with Erin as her teammate.

Caitlin's older brother Corey was an offensive lineman for the Elon football team (2006-09). Corey was a member of the

same Elon football team that was granted the school's first Football Championship Subdivision playoff berth in 2009 before losing to the University of Richmond.

Since Erin graduated, Caitlin has kept the O'Shea legacy going at Elon. In her four years, Caitlin has pitched a total of 213 innings, recording 56 strikeouts and a 3.38 ERA in her 10 career wins. Just this season, Caitlin has pitched 14.1 innings, only allowing five earned runs contributing to her 2.44 ERA. With two saves this season, O'Shea sits alongside senior Chelsea White, tied for second in the Colonial Athletic Association.

Though their careers posted different statistics, head coach Kathy Bocock described the similarities between the two.

"Caitlin and Erin, although totally different people, have a similar demeanor on the mound," Bocock said, "They both are composed and handle pressure situations very well."

In her career at Elon, Caitlin has received other awards, such as SoCon Pitcher of the Week (2014), and was named to the Academic All-SoCon team (2014).

Although inter-family competition isn't what drove Caitlin to her record-worthy career at Elon, she still has 24 games remaining to become the all-time program leader in saves this season. Caitlin would only need two saves to put her name at the top. Though she is close, records are not Caitlin's priority in the time she has left.

"My goal for the rest of the season is to play a major role in contributing to a CAA championship," Caitlin said, "I also hope to leave Elon having upheld the character and work ethic as my brother and sister before me."



Senior pitcher Caitlin O'Shea is part of an Elon legacy that includes her older sister Erin (2009-2012), who played softball and her older brother Corey (2006-2009), who played football.

ASHLEY KING | Staff Photographer

# Mitchum racking up awards in rookie season

*Freshman pitcher ranking among top CAA players in wins*

Robbie Nanna  
Senior Reporter

While many freshmen take months or years to earn their spot in a Division I lineup, Kiandra Mitchum, a freshman pitcher for the Elon University softball team, started opening day for the Phoenix.

So far this season, Mitchum has made 14 appearances, 12 of which she started on the mound. With a total of 60 innings pitched as of March 16, Mitchum has recorded seven wins, 24 strikeouts, two complete games, one save and a 2.22 earned run average.

With these statistics, Mitchum leads the team in innings pitched, ERA, wins, strikeouts, complete game appearances and games started. Her performance through the opening half of the season has not gone unnoticed by the Colonial Athletic Association.

Mitchum was awarded CAA Pitcher of the Week Feb. 10 for her performance. During that week of play, the freshman earned two wins, throwing 12 innings and recording a 1.75 ERA.

Nearly one month later, Mitchum added her second CAA award March 10 when the conference announced her as the Rookie of the Week. This award was granted because of her three wins in four appearances throughout the week in which she pitched 21.2 innings and posted an ERA of 0.65.

In addition, Mitchum only allowed her opponents a

batting average of .188. Though the numbers speak for themselves, Mitchum was modest when speaking of her accomplishments.

"This is definitely a team accomplishment — they have helped me so much," Mitchum said. "Without them putting hits together or making plays behind me, this would not be possible."

**"MY GOALS ARE TO FOCUS ON MAKING MY PITCHES AND TO CONTINUE TO HAVE THE SUPPORT OF MY TEAMMATES."**

**KIANDRA MITCHUM  
ELON SOFTBALL PITCHER**

The numbers Mitchum has put up this season put her alongside the top pitchers in the CAA. Among conference teams, she is second in wins (7), tied for fifth in innings pitched (60), third in saves (1) and tied for second

in games started (12).

Head coach Kathy Bocock correlated Mitchum's success to the team's focus on improvement.

"Any time a player gets recognized for individual successes, it's a testament to the hard work the entire team puts in day in and day out," Bocock said. "They all push each other every day at practice to be better, and as a coach, that's exactly what we need from our players."

All of these awards and statistics have been recorded before Mitchum has thrown in a conference game. The Phoenix must wait until March 21, when it travels to College of Charleston to play its first game in the CAA. "My goals are to focus on making my pitches and to continue to have the support of my teammates," Mitchum said.

While the majority of her time is spent on the mound, Mitchum has also seen playing time in the batting order, proving her versatility. She has six at bats on the season, and though she awaits her first hit, she has scored one run for the Phoenix.

With the premise she's already showing in her first year, the possibilities for her next three and a half are limitless. "Kiandra takes things day by day and pitch by pitch," Bocock said. "This is why she has been successful for us thus far, so our expectations are for her to continue to do this. We are going to do the same."

# Lindgren filling in at No. 1 singles for men's tennis

Friday, March 20

Baseball vs. James Madison, 6 p.m.

Saturday, March 21

Women's tennis vs. James Madison, 11 a.m.

Men's tennis vs. James Madison, 1:30 p.m.

Women's lacrosse vs. Davidson, 2 p.m.

Softball at College of Charleston (DH), 1 p.m. & 3 p.m.

Baseball vs. James Madison, 4 p.m.

Sunday, March 22

Softball at College of Charleston, 1 p.m.

Baseball vs. James Madison, 1:30 p.m.

Women's golf at MSU Ocala Spring Invitational

Men's golf at Blue Devil Spring Invitational

Monday, March 23

Women's golf at MSU Ocala Spring Invitational

Women's tennis vs. North Central in Hilton Head, South Carolina

Tuesday, March 24

Women's tennis vs. Savannah State in Hilton Head, South Carolina, 9:30 a.m.

Women's tennis vs. Wisconsin-Eau Claire in Hilton Head, South Carolina, 3 p.m.

Men's tennis at College of Charleston, 3 p.m. Softball at Radford, 2 p.m.

Baseball at NC State, 6 p.m.

Women's golf at MUS Ocala Spring Invitational

Jordan Spritzer  
Assistant Sports Editor

Junior Robert Lindgren became the first player in the history of the Elon University men's tennis program to take home the Colonial Athletic Association's singles player of the week. And it didn't take long.

Just a year into its new conference, the Phoenix is proving to have some of the most talented tennis players in the league.

"[Lindgren] is certainly going in the right direction," said head coach Michael Leonard. "We knew going into the season that No. 2 and No. 3 [singles] were going to be tough, and we would need guys to step up."

Although he is the first Elon player to earn the title, Lindgren is the third team member to claim Player of the Week honors.

Seniors Stefan Fortmann and Jordan Kaufman each grabbed Southern Conference Player of the Week awards last season — Fortmann won the honor twice in 2014, while Kaufman earned his play Feb. 24 to March 2, 2014.

Lindgren's award came after his two wins March 7 against North Carolina Central University sophomore William East and Georgia Southern University freshman Jose Landin.

Lindgren won both matches in straight sets, defeating East 6-2, 6-2 and beat Landin 6-2, 6-4 later that afternoon.

"He's been a very good player for us over the years, especially the past few weeks, so he deserves it," said senior Brian Kowalski.

Lindgren's most recent defeat was against Longwood University March 12. Battling through a cold, Lindgren fought to win the second set and force a super tiebreaker only to lose in nail-biting fashion 11-9.

Leonard noted Lindgren was unable to finish off points and rallies because of an undisclosed sickness, forcing him to retire.

So the junior answered the call in the next match against George Washington University, cruising past freshman Chris Fletcher 6-2, 6-2.

"I really liked the way he came back," Leonard said. "He played really well."

Lindgren said it had more to do with his mentality going into the match, rather than anything physical.

"I came out trying to play aggressively," Lindgren said. "I got on top of him and tried to play with a lot of energy."

Lindgren's name has been penciled in at the top half of the lineup for much of his

collegiate career. The Sweden native played much of the last two years from the No. 3 singles spot. He also filled in the No. 2 singles spot on occasion last year when Fortmann dropped lower in the lineup during a brief slump.

After former team star Cameron Silverman graduated last spring, the No. 1 singles spot naturally fell to Fortmann, who solidified himself at No. 2 singles for the majority of the past two years.

The two vacant spots at the top half of the Phoenix lineup allowed Lindgren to step up.

Elon was plagued by low temperatures, rain and snow for much of the early part of the season, forcing the team indoors more often than they would have liked. Lindgren said his style of play is better suited for outdoor tennis.

"It's a little slower, the ball bounces a little higher, points



Elon men's tennis struggled with weather, forcing it to play indoors.

ASHLEY KING | Staff Photographer

are longer and it's easier to play defense," he said about playing inside.

Like the rest of the team at the beginning of the year, Lindgren struggled, but he expects to heat up with the weather.

"For me, I enjoy playing outdoors again," Lindgren said. "I just like the weather

getting better."

Despite inconsistent performances, Lindgren said he senses a shift in the team's spirit.

"It feels better now. We're playing better as a team," he said.



ASHLEY KING | Staff Photographer

Junior Robert Lindgren took home the CAA singles Player of the Week honor last week, the first for Elon.

SPORTS SCHEDULE: FRIDAY, MARCH 20 – TUESDAY, MARCH 24

# Women's basketball ousted by Dukes

Phoenix accepts bid to play in National Invitational Tournament at Georgia Tech

Pendulum Sports Desk

The Elon University women's basketball team fell to No. 1 seed James Madison University Saturday, 63-60 in the Colonial Athletic Association Tournament semifinals. The loss marks Elon's third to the Dukes this year.

"I'm very proud of the way my team came out and competed," said head coach Charlotte Smith. "I felt like we played with a lot of passion, a lot of fire and a lot of heart, and I'm very proud of the way they executed the game plan today."

Things started off well for Elon. Freshman guard Shay Burnett had 10 points in the first half, going five for five from the field and tallying

three steals. The Phoenix led by as many as six with 1:46 to play, going into the locker room leading 35-32.

After halftime, the Phoenix was able to maintain the lead until the 13:46 mark, when James Madison junior Destiny Jones made a layup to give the Dukes a 41-39 advantage.

The Phoenix subsequently tied the game twice to keep it alive, but the Dukes held the lead for the rest of the contest. Elon had another shot with 46 seconds left. Burnett's layup didn't fall, and the Phoenix missed two 3-point attempts on a later possession. James Madison missed four free throws in the waning moments, but also recovered its offensive rebounds.

Burnett led the offensive charge for the Phoenix with 18 points on the day, but Elon struggled to shoot effectively, making just 29 percent of its shots from the field in the second half and going 0 for 4 from beyond the arc.

Elon made a meager 20 percent of its shots from beyond the arc in the contest — senior forward Sam Coffey and sophomore guard Essence Baucom both made one.

"We're just going to build on [our foundation] for next year," Burnett said. "We'll keep the tradition going."

Next week the Phoenix will face Georgia Tech March 26 in the first round of the NIT



FILE PHOTO BY ASHLEY KING

The Phoenix will return to the court in Atlanta against Georgia Tech on Thursday, March 19 in the first round of the Women's National Invitational Tournament. It's the first time the Phoenix has appeared in the WNIT, and it's the third overall postseason appearance. If Elon wins, it will face the winner of Mississippi and Tennessee-Martin.

## Sports Briefs

### Baseball swept by East Carolina

The Elon University baseball team dropped its first two games against East Carolina University this past weekend, losing the first contest 10-3.

Starting sophomore pitcher Matt Harris received his first loss of the season after giving up seven runs off 10 hits in six innings.

East Carolina got off to a fast start in the game after scoring a run in both the first and second innings, including a home run from sophomore second baseman Charlie Yorgen.

East Carolina tacked on three more runs in the eighth and ninth innings to seal the seven-run victory over Elon.

In the second game, the Phoenix scored eight runs, but it wasn't enough to hold off the Pirates, losing 11-8.

Elon took the lead in the bottom of the eighth inning after trailing for the entire game but lost it in the top of the ninth by giving up four runs. Junior closer Joe McGillicuddy took the loss after giving up the ninth inning runs.

The Pirates took the third game from the Phoenix in dominating fashion, winning 20-4. Elon was shut out for most of the game up until the seventh inning when sophomore infielder Nick Zammarelli hit a two-run homer.

The loss marked the first time Elon has been swept in a nonconference series at Latham Park since 1999.

### Softball splits games against UNC Charlotte and NC Central

The Elon softball team went 2-1 in its last three games. The Phoenix fell to the University of North Carolina at Charlotte 3-0 March 12, but rebounded with a 6-1 home victory against North Carolina Central University March 13.

After winning back to back games earlier in the week, the Phoenix dropped the contest in a no-hit shutout by Charlotte.

Freshman Kiandra Mitchum started in the circle for the Phoenix. In her four innings pitched, Mitchum only allowed the 49ers three hits but took the loss.

But with their three hits, the 49ers managed to drive across three earned runs, enough to seal the deal. Junior Kayla Caruso relieved Mitchum, not allowing Charlotte another hit or run for the game.

On Friday, the Phoenix offense rallied behind sophomore outfielder Alaina Hall to defeat NC Central 6-1.

Hall had three hits in her four at-bats on the day, along with three RBI and a run scored. A two-out triple that drove across two runs was the highlight of the day for Hall.

It was a team effort for the Elon pitchers that had four players contribute to the win. Mitchum started, throwing three innings, giving up two hits and one unearned run, the only run the Elon defense would allow for the day.

Against the University of North Carolina at Greensboro March 15, the Phoenix earned its first road win.

Freshman pitcher Kiandra Mitchum took home her seventh win of the season for Elon after pitching 5.2 innings, as

the Phoenix rode its offense to a 6-2 victory.

The team faces East Carolina at home March 18 at 6 p.m. Elon then takes on College of Charleston for its first CAA series of the year, first March 21 for a doubleheader at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. and again March 22 at 1 p.m.

### Men's tennis takes down Longwood

The men's tennis team defeated Longwood University 6-1 March 12. The Phoenix jumped ahead from the beginning by taking the doubles point. Elon senior Jordan Kaufman and sophomore Chris Humphreys defeated Longwood sophomore Florian Uffer and freshman Alfonso Castellano at No. 2 doubles 6-2.

Soon after, Phoenix junior Robert Lindgren and senior Juan Madrid clinched the point with a 6-3 win at No. 3 doubles over Lancers junior Bharani Sankar and sophomore Rosen Ilchev.

Seniors Stefan Fortmann and Brian Kowalski completed the sweep of doubles play with their win at No. 1 doubles.

Elon continued its roll going into singles play. Kowalski lost only two games in his match as he cruised to a 6-1, 6-1 victory over Steed Johnson at No. 4 doubles.

Freshman Josh Luck also lost just two games as he breezed past Sankar at No. 5 singles 6-2, 6-0. Madrid earned the win for the Phoenix in familiar fashion, losing just two games on the day. The senior outmatched Ilchev at No. 6 doubles 6-2, 6-0.

Against George Washington March 15, Elon lost its match after faltering in the doubles point.

Jordan Kaufman and Chris Humphreys won their first match but the combinations of Brian Kowalski and Stefan Fortmann and Robert Lindgren and Juan Madrid all lost their matches to prove the difference for Elon.

The Phoenix has an overall record of 5-9 this season, with its next match coming when it hosts James Madison March 21 at 1:30 p.m.

### Women's tennis bounces back against UNCW

The women's tennis team defeated the University of North Carolina at Wilmington on March 12 with a 6-1 win in Wilmington. Previously, the Phoenix was defeated by Liberty University, 5-2 March 8.

Liberty outlasted Elon to win the doubles point early on. Elon junior Taylor Casey and freshman Erica Braschi defeated Liberty sophomores Emily Groeneveld and Marily Hassey at No. 3 doubles 8-5 to get things going for the Phoenix, but Liberty answered right back through senior Brittany Yang and sophomore Maria Khval.

The duo outmatched Elon freshman Kirsten Ward and senior Barbara Lazarova at No. 1 doubles winning 8-3.

The tie meant the doubles point would be decided by the matchup at No. 3 doubles. The back-and-forth match was tied at 7 games apiece, but Elon freshmen Olivia Lucas and Bridget Liddell fell just short, losing to Liberty freshman Evangeline Crist and junior Valerie Thong in a tiebreaker 8-7 (7-3) to win the doubles point.

On Sunday, the Phoenix took down George Washington 5-2 after sweeping the doubles point and effective play at the singles matches.

Maria Camara and Barbara Lazarova both won their matches in dominating fashion, only losing a combined four games.

The team will host two home matches this week — East Carolina March 18 at 2:30 p.m. and James Madison March 21 at 11 a.m. — before traveling to Hilton Head, South Carolina, next week for three consecutive matches.

### Women's lacrosse rebounds against High Point

The Elon University women's lacrosse team downed High Point University 16-10 at Rhoads Stadium March 11. The Phoenix had four players score multiple goals, including freshman midfielder Stephanie Asher, who scored five.

Elon had a stellar day on offense, taking 38 shots in total. Freshman attacker Nicole Sinacori and freshman midfielder Abby Godfrey had three goals each, while sophomore attacker Sloane Kessler scored twice.

Elon took an early lead, scoring three goals in the first ten minutes of play as Asher, Kessler and sophomore midfielder Molly Garrigan all found the net.

After the intermission, Elon began to pull away, scoring five unanswered goals and leading by as many as eight. Many of the Elon's goals were unassisted. Asher and Kessler had one assist each, the only two for the team.

The victory gives Elon an overall record of 5-3, while High Point falls to 1-6. The Phoenix's next game comes at 2 p.m. March 21 against Davidson College at Elon.

### Golf takes 18th in Cleveland Golf Palmetto Invite

The Elon University men's golf team wrapped up play at the Cleveland Golf Palmetto Invite in 18th place. Freshman Jake Leavitt and junior Jonathan Dilanni led the way for the Phoenix as the two finished tied for 42nd with a three-round score of 216.

Jonathan Dilanni, redshirt freshman Charlie May and senior Will Dilanni all shot three-over rounds of 73 on Tuesday. Leavitt shot a four-over 74, while junior Troy Beaver rounded out Elon's roster with a final round score of 76.

Leavitt recorded the only under-par round of the tournament for the Phoenix, shooting a one-under round of 69 during his second round Monday, March 9.

Will Dilanni was not too far behind as he finished the day with a three-over score of 143. The score put the Purdue University transfer tied for 42nd after day one.

May finished third for the Phoenix, shooting a nine-over round of 149.

The Phoenix will return to the links Sunday, March 22 in Durham at the Duke University Golf Club when it takes part in the Blue Devil Spring Invitational.

# Top Photos and Top Tweets at Elon



JANE SEIDEL | Photo Editor  
Adam Salaymeh performs with Rip\_Chord at this year's Woodstock themed Acappalooza March 14.



JANE SEIDEL | Photo Editor  
Richmond-based multi-cultural worship band Urban Doxology performed in McKinnon March 12.



NICOLE OSGOOD | Staff Photographer  
Sophomore Tony Velasquez takes a pie to the face at Historic Neighborhood's Pie Your RA event March 14.

## Top Tweets

**Jenifer Rhodes**  
@jeniferrhodes32 - March 15  
S/o to @ElonBaseball for watching the @ElonWBasketball game yesterday! It meant a lot that y'all were supporting us!

**Allison Long**  
@ALONG4theride - March 14  
I'm sorry for my excessive snapchat story tonight, but Acappalooza is blowing my mind!!!

**Sweet Signatures**  
@SweetSigsElon- March 15  
We had a great night at Acappalooza with our Elon aca-community! @TwistedMeasure @Rip\_Chord @varsityvocals @ShirleyTempos @SmoothPros

**Meggy Macks**  
@meggymacks - March 16  
I like warm weather because I can wear dresses and therefore I'm not wearing pants.

**Jaleh Hagih**  
@ElonJaleh - March 14  
Congrats @ElonWBasketball on a great season. elonphoenix @CAABasketball

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