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Elon University students who participated in the March for Justice in honor of 17-year-old Trayvon Martin defined justice as equal treatment for all citizens under the justice system. Sophomores Nia Duke and Eden Etzel, co-presidents of the crime studies club, organized the march to illuminate fallacies in the criminal justice system and to educate peers about the incident.

Students voice disappointment with police conduct during Martin case

Melissa Kansky
News Editor

The murder of 17-year-old Trayvon Martin continues to capture the media's attention and the interest of Elon University's crime studies club. The club's co-presidents, sophomores Eden Etzel and Nia Duke, organized the March for Justice to illuminate fallacies they believe to be embedded in the justice system.

Although, according to Etzel, those aware of the case typically reduce the injustice to a murder, those who participated in the march believe there are other issues involved in the incident.

The members of the crime studies club aim to illuminate fallacies in the criminal justice system and educate peers about past crimes and current conflicts. This case specifically attracted the club's attention because of

discussions regarding police negligence and apathy, Duke said.

Holding neon-colored signs, Elon students marched through Young Commons April 11 to bring attention to the national conflicts represented in the murder of Trayvon Martin.

"I want to be here to participate and show that it's not just another murder," said sophomore Kiley Brandt. "It's something that reflects on our legal

system and reflects on the way we view crimes."

With respect to the justice system, the two co-presidents acknowledged that the relationship between George Zimmerman and Martin revealed greater national concerns.

Etzel predicted that had the races been reversed, the aggressor would

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STAND YOUR GROUND LAW

In the first five years of the law, (Oct. 2005-Oct. 2010) which permits forceful self-defense and allows aggressors to use the legal system as a defense, **93** cases were reported. **65** of those cases were fatal, **28** were non-fatal. Of the cases that went to court, **57** people had no charges, **7** were acquitted and **19** were convicted.

Kangaroo gas station charged with selling alcohol to minors

Katherine Blunt
Assistant News Editor

The Kangaroo gas station on West Haggard Avenue was found in violation of alcohol sales laws after a countywide alcohol law compliance check. Lieutenant Lyle Anibal of the Town of Elon Police Department charged the store with a misdemeanor Thursday, which is currently pending through the Alcohol Law Enforcement division (ALE).

The compliance checks, which are conducted

periodically through the ALE and local sheriff and police departments, are covert and unannounced. Underage individuals employed and trained by the police enter targeted convenience and grocery stores and attempt to purchase alcohol. If asked for identification, the underage person produces their state-issued license showing their actual age. The store is charged with a violation if the sales clerk continues with the transaction.

Of 37 stores within the county that were checked, 12

were found in violation. The Kangaroo is the only store in Elon facing charges.

"We had three underage people with us during the checks, one 16 (-year-old) and two 17 (-year-olds)," Anibal said. "A safety officer accompanied the underage person into the store and witnessed the transaction. I wrote (the Kangaroo) a misdemeanor ticket and submitted it to the ALE."

Alcohol law violations are a licensing issue, which must be processed at the state level, said Randy Jones, the

Alamance County Sheriff's Department spokesperson.

"Store employees can be charged independently too, depending on the details of the case," he said.

The number of violations within the county is a cause for concern, said Karen Webb, coordinator of the Elon Community Coalition to Prevent Underage Drinking, an organization that helped facilitate the latest checks.

"(The North Carolina) driver's license, the graduated license, identifies an underage person with a red bar around

the picture," she said. "If you were a clerk and you saw a red bar, you'd think that'd be a red flag."

Although the store may only face a fine, Webb said he hopes the store management will send its employees to alcohol sales training provided by the ALE and the Alcoholic Beverage Control commission.

"Stores have options," she said. "They can go to meetings or participate in webinars. Our ultimate goal is for every store to be compliant and never sell alcohol to underage (people)."

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News

Handmade cooperative's first event spurs excitement for future endeavors

Grace Elkus
News Editor

The Elon community's new handmade art cooperative is all about variety. There is diversity in the type of art displayed, the make-up of the contributing artists and the demographics of the people purchasing the art. It's this diverse involvement and relationship with the local community that attracts the Elon University students involved with the art co-op.

"We're hoping to attract both



GRACE ELKUS | News Editor
Sophomore and Handmade Cooperative co-founder Mat Goldberg helps set up the display.

Elon community members and Burlington area members, so bridging that gap between the 'Elon bubble' and Burlington area, where no one really ventures out to as much," said sophomore Brittany Graham, who recently jumped on board with the co-op to help plan the first event.

The cooperative's first art showcase was held Sunday, April 15 at Company Shops Market, a food co-op in downtown Burlington. Just as Graham had hoped, the event attracted both Elon students and members of the Burlington community.

Sophomore Meredith Rose and junior Caroline Taylor stopped by to check out the display and to support the new art cooperative. Jennifer Hodges, who lives down the street from Company Shops Market, said she enjoys anything that allows people to demonstrate their creativity.

"I just enjoy seeing all the pretty things, and the fact that people are so creative when you tap into it, it's just amazing," she said.

Four Elon students, an Elon faculty member and three community members contributed the art that was for sale, which ranged from wooden carvings to wine bottle lamps and sculptures.

"We always want more (art), but this is a great start," said sophomore Samantha Italiano, one of the four Elon students who founded the cooperative. "We haven't even been around for three months, so I think it's a pretty great turn out. We hope to get some more artists involved, but we also need owners and people who want to buy art."

Italiano and the three other founders, sophomores Mat Goldberg, Sara McLaughlin and Megan Rollins,



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The Handmade Cooperative's first event offered a variety of art, including wooden carvings contributed by a local artist. The event was held April 15 at Company Shops Market in downtown Burlington.

are not strangers to the concept of cooperatives. All four took Community Empowerment, a sophomore Leadership Fellows class taught by adjunct professor Patrick Harman during Winter Term, where they came up with ideas for cooperatives in the Burlington area.

"(Harmon) taught us different strategies about how to get involved in the community and make a difference, and the first day of class our project was to create a co-op that the Burlington community could use," Goldberg said. "We took everything that he taught us and the tools and lessons and different paradigms of our learning and are working to make it a reality."

The concept of an art cooperative differs from that of an art sale because of the opportunity of involvement. Anyone can become a lifetime owner of the cooperative for a one-time fee of \$75, which entitles he or she to

discounts on the art and signs them up to receive newsletters and promotional items. Contributing artists who decide to become owners also receive an increase in their share of the profit. For non-owners, the split is 40/60, with the artist receiving 40 percent of the profit and the cooperative receiving the rest. The split is 50/50 for owners.

The money the cooperative receives is being collected to provide for future endeavors, Goldberg said. In particular, the founders hope to open a store front, and the money will be put towards rent and supplies.

Italiano, who is interested in performing arts, said she looks forward to expanding the co-op beyond the fine arts. She hopes they will be able to offer classes and performances.

"We envision this to become an art center and not just a one-day art event," Goldberg said. "We see the world as our oyster. There are a lot of possibilities."

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Elon Microfinance Initiative provides local, international business support

Grace Elkus
News Editor

For the Elon Microfinance Initiative, Muhammad Yunus's visit to campus this month meant more than just a Convocation speech. The EMI has been inspired by Yunus since the group was founded in 2009, and his presence on campus in April helped kick off Microfinance Month.

At Convocation, Yunus spoke of his personal work with microfinance, which involves providing collateral and interest-free loans to impoverished women.

"Dr. Yunus' visit to campus was the perfect way to kick off the month and spread awareness," said senior Kelly Cavanaugh, president of EMI. "Elon students heard that our generation has the potential to make an incredibly valuable difference in the world and how a small loan can make a big impact in breaking the cycle of poverty."

Microfinance Month is a way for college microfinance organizations to raise awareness and plan relevant events. Although the word "microfinance" might sound intimidating, the work of EMI is something many students can be enthusiastic about, Cavanaugh said.

"We're trying to encourage people from outside the business school to get involved," Cavanaugh said. "It's about sustainable poverty relief, which a lot of people can relate to and have a passion for, more than just people in the business school."

The initiative works both locally and globally to provide support to new business owners. On a local scale, the initiative provides creative work and networking assistance. The money raised at local events goes into their Kiva account, which is the system that allows the initiative to give loans to



Local author Jennifer Busfield speaks about her upcoming projects with senior Kelly Cavanaugh, president of the Elon Microfinance Initiative, at Busfield's book signing at Local Yogurt April 10.

international business owners.

EMI kicked off its local consulting work by connecting with Milele Archibald, small business director at Alamance Community College. Archibald led EMI in a business consulting session and helped connect them to people in the community. In October, Cavanaugh attended Archibald's How to Start and Fund Your Small Business in Alamance County class. It was at the class that Cavanaugh met local author Jennifer Busfield and her business partner, Joe Wilson. Shortly after, Busfield became EMI's first local client.

"It has been an absolute pleasure to work with the Elon Microfinance Initiative," Busfield said. "They understand the value of planting seeds now in order to reap a harvest later. This comes into play as we've talked about how to carry forward next school year with continued projects that will

increase their exposure within the community."

Busfield is the owner of Jab's Plethora, a small business that provides consultation services to people looking to improve their print or online content. She is also the mind behind the Love Letters project, which is a culmination of a website and two books that focus on the importance of sharing love.

When Busfield released her second book, "Love Letters Volume 2: Being Adult," EMI decided to host a book signing at Local Yogurt.

"We chose LoYo because it's local yogurt, so it's also emphasizing the idea of working with and strengthening the community," said junior Alexis Deprey, vice president of Operations for EMI. "We had people write love letters, which she then posted on her website, and she talked to an Elon student who is interested in publishing her own small book of poetry. She was an inspiration

for a lot of aspiring authors."

The event was held from 2 to 5 p.m. April 10, and Busfield donated a portion of her proceeds to EMI's Kiva account.

Through the account, EMI has been able to provide loans to people in multiple countries, including Guatemala, Ecuador and Chile. The initiative began with four borrowers, but the number has since grown to nine.

"We've worked with people selling shoes, having a wheat farm, a lot of food businesses," Cavanaugh said. "Most of them are women, because it's all about women empowerment, and they are traditionally shown to have a better repayment rate than men."

Deprey said she realized the importance of their work after listening to Yunus speak about the lack of support underprivileged people receive from banks.

"It is so hard for poor people to get loans from a bank, because a lot of banks have the mindset that if you're poor, you won't be able to pay us back," Deprey said. "The whole point of micro credit and micro loaning is to give those people a chance."

The EMI aspires to become a microfinance institution, which would entail it being a non-profit organization. This would allow the initiative to provide financial support to their local partners as well.

"The thing we are struggling with is we're not sure if the amount of money we raise here will be as effective in the United States as it is with Kiva, where the international dollar is worth a lot more," Cavanaugh said.

The group is looking to provide support to an increasing number of local and international business owners, and plans are in the works for a second book signing with Busfield.

What lies beneath: course in Hawaii exposes the state beyond the tourism

Melissa Kansky
News Editor

Senior Laura McCabe counts Hawaii among her study abroad experiences, often provoking laughter from the prospective families to whom she gives campus tours.

"But when I tell them what I learned, they stop laughing," she said.

While images of a sunny Hawaii attract those looking for a moment in paradise, the Winter Term course in the archipelago breaks through the facade of hula dancers and floral air.

For the two trip leaders — Jeffery Pugh, professor of religious studies, and Kenn Gaither, associate dean of the School of Communications and associate professor of communications — the three weeks in Hawaii provide a new lens through which to view the United States and the development of post-colonial culture.

Before leaving the Raleigh-Durham airport in 2010, McCabe remembers turning to Pugh and expressing guilt visiting a state marked by suppression of the indigenous people.

"After you learn about what we did to these people, you can't look them in the face and feel justified being there because it is not your land," McCabe said. "It's theirs."

Discussions during the preparatory course and interactions with local Hawaiians and Hawaiian elders communicate the resurgence of culture lost after the explorer Captain Cook invaded the island, she said.

"The dominant discourse we get about Hawaii is tourism, and what the dominant discourse ignores is the deep cultural implications of Hawaii and the cultural diversity," Gaither said. "The course bulldozes the dominant discourse and digs much deeper to see what is there that is ignored in the branding of Hawaii as a tourist destination."

Although the course was established in 1997, it did not continue last year because not enough students enrolled in the class. Pugh said he attributes the level of interest to the strong affiliation between Hawaii and tourism.

"I think people are far more interested in what sounds exotic and the understanding that there is an enormous amount of diversity within the United States gets lost," he said.

The course, Hawaii: Nation or State? In Search of Hawaiian Identity, explores the conflicting opinions concerning Hawaii's classification as one of the 50 states.

"We're looking at the indigenous Hawaiian identity and there are a lot of people there in Hawaii that don't believe Hawaii is a state, and that we are illegally occupying Hawaii and have been illegally occupying Hawaii," Pugh said.

McCabe said the amount she did not know about a corner of her own country surprised her.

"I was shocked to learn they couldn't speak their language and they had trouble tracing back their ancestral history," she said. "Things we take for granted in our every day lives are things they struggle with to reclaim their history."

The course examines the often overlooked piece of American history and studies the recovery of Hawaiian culture as a means to better understand the inhabitants' identity. Pugh identified language as a significant component for the formation of identity in humans.

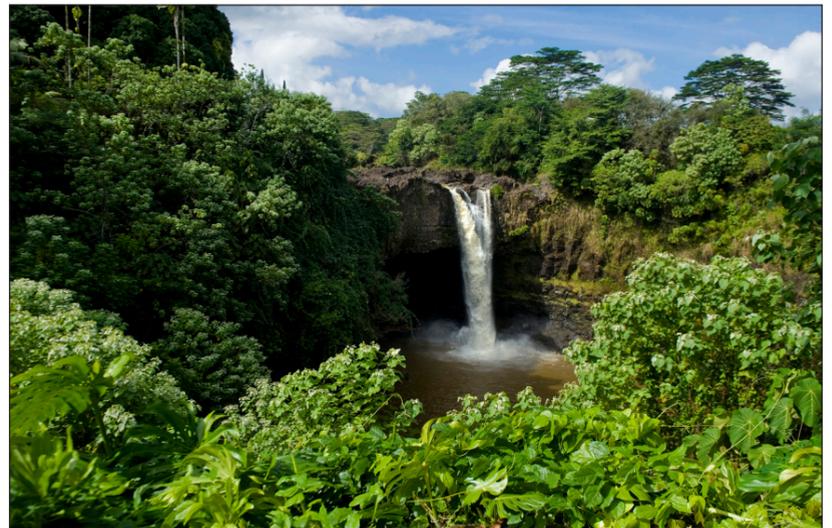
Hawaii serves as a microcosm for understanding the formation of cultural identity following imperialism.

"When we learn about that piece of colonialism, we can open a window to understand how the United States' actions around the world are perceived today because it is looked at differently by those around the world that have this piece of history," Pugh said.

As Hawaiian history straddles national and international studies, Elon University categorizes the course as a study abroad as well as a domestic study away program. The domestic program enables students to probe deeper into the nation's history and reveals the diversity inherent within, Gaither said.

"What students can gain from a course like this is it broadens their aperture from viewing a country to viewing their world, and they have a better critical framework for the understanding of cultures and how they define themselves, and not just how they define external forces," Gaither said.

Throughout the course, participants experience three different islands and four cities. The class starts in Honolulu and provides an introduction to urban Hawaii. The class then travels to rural Hilo, located on Hawaii, the Big Island.



During the three-week Winter Term course Hawaii: Nation or State? The Search for Hawaiian Identity, students will visit rural Hilo, located on Hawaii, along with three other cities in the state.

On Hawaii, students travel to Kona and study the recovery of the Hawaiian language. The last island visited is Maui. Nevertheless, students observe a

common trend among the visited sites.

"The Hawaiian culture is not just one path," McCabe said. "It's holistic. Everything is connected."

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Prospective students granted sneak preview of the Phoenix life

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Assistant News Editor

It was a small taste of what was to come.

"I had never visited campus before," said Brittany Werts, an admissions counselor and 2009 Elon graduate. "I'm originally from California, so North Carolina is obviously very different. It was an opportunity for me to see a classroom and see what that was like, and I met another student from the West Coast. I had not yet decided (on Elon) and it helped facilitate the decision."

Werts attended a Phoenix Friday, an event designed to give potential students a taste of Elon student life, before choosing the school in 2005.

Ninety-six prospective students saw college life through the eyes of those currently enrolled in Elon University during a Phoenix Friday event April 13. Those in the Elon community involved with Phoenix Friday aim to entice prospective students to choose to attend Elon.

Werts now partners with Ashley Pearson, a fellow admissions counselor, Elon graduate and assistant director of Admissions, to give prospective students the same experience she had by coordinating five Phoenix Fridays each year. After arriving on campus, the students attend a mock Global Experience class and had lunch with a currently enrolled student.

"Elon's population has grown, and the events themselves have grown," Werts said. "But one thing that has not changed is the personal touch that the students feel when they come to campus."

Although the academic experience at Elon is emphasized on Phoenix Fridays, student life is the main focus, according to sophomore Sarah Wells, who volunteered to have lunch with students.

"We want to introduce (prospective) students to the Elon community," Wells said. "We want to show them what we do in our down time. It's a less formal way to show the school."

The casual atmosphere of Phoenix Fridays allows prospective students to let their guard down and assess the university from a more genuine perspective, she said.

Nevertheless, the goal is to advertise the school.

"We want to show them that (Elon) is better than other universities," said junior Michael Soucy, who participated in a variety of skits about student life during "The Advising Advantage," a presentation shown to prospective students at the end of the afternoon.

Some prospective students aren't entirely sure, though, that Elon is the right school for them, and Phoenix Fridays provides another avenue to learn about the institution. High school senior Jackie Peiffer was accepted to both Elon and Clemson



At the Phoenix Friday event April 13, students from Elon's orientation team performed skits about possible freshmen year situations and gave student perspectives of life on campus.

University, and before attending Friday's event, she said she was more inclined to commit to the latter. But after experiencing a bit of Elon's campus life, her preference became less certain.

"After today, I really feel comfortable here," Peiffer said. "I'm still not sure, but (the day) definitely (made) me put Elon more into the picture a lot more than I had."

MORE ONLINE

Hear how potential students felt about last week's Phoenix Friday.

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KATHERINE BLUNT | Assistant News Editor

'A day as President' offers lens into life beyond the office

Lambert dresses down to speak with students about his journey through the university

Lambert's Life at Elon

1999

Leo M. Lambert named 8th president of Elon College.

1999

Transition to NCAA Division 1 athletics is completed.

2000

College of Arts and Sciences, Schools of Education and Communications established.

2000

The Phoenix is adopted as the new athletics identity.

2001

Elon College becomes Elon University.

2001

Rhodes Stadium opens.

2003

Elon enrolls first class of Doctor of Physical Therapy students.

2004

Martha and Spencer Love School of Business achieves AACSB International accreditation.

2006

Elon University School of Law opens in downtown Greensboro.

2006

Elon is named one of the nation's top three universities for community service in President Bush's inaugural Higher Education Service Honor Roll.

2007

The Lumen Prize is established.

2009

Phi Beta Kappa Society votes to establish an Elon University chapter.

2011

Elon trustees approve establishment of a School of Health Sciences.

Mary Kate Brogan
Senior Reporter

President Leo Lambert's journey to Elon University had always been marked by students.

While waiting for a train on vacation with his family in 1999, Lambert was discussing Elon with his wife. Then the train pulled up. In front of him stood a student wearing an Elon T-shirt. Lambert took this as a sign and has been trying to locate this student ever since.

Although perceived as an authoritative figure, President Leo Lambert spoke to students as if he was on the same playing field during Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity's "A Day as President" event open to the entire student body.

Lambert arrived wearing jeans and an Elon basketball polo and carried pictures from his childhood and his life as university president during the meeting April 10. Lambert spoke about his life and experiences, the administrators and staff he works with and how he maintains communication with students.

"I hope (students) see me as someone who is accessible and they feel comfortable around me," Lambert said. "I think they do. But, I also know the position might sometimes appear to be intimidating to students, so I think events like tonight go a long way towards making my office seem more personable and accessible."

Sophomore Immanuel Bryant, an English professional writing and rhetoric major who attended the event, said he enjoyed hearing Lambert speak.

"It's not too many times that you catch Leo Lambert willing to talk about everything," Bryant said.

Senior Brandon McGee, a psychology major and the former treasurer and sergeant-at-arms of Alpha Phi Alpha, came up with the idea for this event while Alpha Phi Alpha was on a retreat last year. He said it was a good way for the fraternity to support one of its philanthropies, Go-to-High School, Go-to-College.

"With that, I took my own personal spin and interpreted that you need to know about your college, you need to know about your university and your education," McGee said. "And I explained this to President Lambert

and he told me that the program was definitely doable, he saw the fit and the need, and he wanted to be of any help that he could to make sure that we are educating Elon about his role and the vision of Elon."

At the start of the event, McGee and sophomore Danny Sellers gave a brief overview of how important it is for students to know what's going on above and around them at the university. McGee then introduced Lambert, who told students a little more about what he does as president of the university.

"What do I do on a daily basis?" Lambert asked. "I'm not here a lot on a daily basis, and that is, I think, one of the challenges of the presidency is that you have to be everywhere. You have to travel a lot. You are the university to a lot of the external constituencies of campus and they expect to see you so that means a lot of traveling and a lot of fundraising."

Lambert praised Twitter as a great way to help him stay in touch with the university while away, using his handle, @HeadPhoenix.

"I find (Twitter) to be very cool, and I really like it because it helps me keep a finger on the pulse of the university," Lambert said.

He gave the example that April 6, he and his wife Lori spent the day in Connecticut thanking an elderly couple who sent a gift in support of Elon Academy and telling them how much their gift meant to the university and the scholars. Upon landing in Raleigh, Lambert checked his Twitter and a student had direct-messaged him to tell him about a musical theatre performance happening that night, so he and his wife got a slice of pizza and went to the show.

Lambert also told students about how important being president of the university is to him, and how he stands behind the statement that he made in the university's admissions video.

"Next to raising my own two daughters with my wife Lori, being president of this university is the most wonderful professionally and personally fulfilling thing that I could imagine anybody doing," Lambert said. "Just being around you guys every day, watching you go off and do extraordinary things, it's just the most wonderful thing. I believe in my heart of hearts that every year Elon sends out 1,200 gifts to the world. You are those gifts."

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Lumen scholar wins prestigious science scholarship

Hannah DeLaCourt
Senior Reporter

An Elon University junior biochemistry major recently became the second Elon student to win the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship, which is awarded each year to about 300 college sophomores and juniors nationwide who are interested in pursuing careers as scientists, mathematicians or engineers. Junior Julie Ronecker received an honorable mention.

Kelsey Van Dalfsen, a Lumen scholar, said she was not expecting to win.

"I was really surprised because I never expected I would be named as a scholar," Van Dalfsen said. "But I'm really proud that I accomplished this, and I'm grateful for the potentials this opportunity could provide."

Recipients of the scholarship can receive up to \$7,500 per academic year. The amount given is based on financial need.

Van Dalfsen said it is not only the financial support that will be helpful in the future, but also the recognition of the award by graduate programs.

"It helps to give me confidence as I apply for things next year as well as the

recognition will be an asset as I apply to (graduate) schools because it shows I have already worked hard," she said. "It will show that I'm passionate about science, and I have the capacity to be successful."

Van Dalfsen said she hopes to get a Ph.D in either biochemistry or molecular biology and is interested in research surrounding cardiovascular disease because of a family member who has the disease. She said her ideal job would involve working for either the National Institutes of Health or for a disease research foundation.

Van Dalfsen has been conducting research on understanding mechanisms of high glucose-induced cell death in heart cells with her mentor, Vickie Moore, an assistant professor of chemistry. It has been shown that patients with diabetes have a higher incidence of heart cell death, so she is interested in understanding how aspects of diabetes, such as high blood glucose, accelerate this kind of cell death.

Van Dalfsen mentioned this research in her scholarship application, but the scholarship isn't given for specific research. Rather, recipients are chosen based on their overall qualifications.

Moore said Van Dalfsen's recognition



Junior Kelsey Van Dalfsen became the second Elon University student ever to win the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship, recognizing her as an outstanding and qualified student of science.

is impressive, considering the scale of the application pool.

"I think it's one more example of the excellent student that she is and the potential she has in scientific research,"

Moore said. "On a national scale she has been singled out as a strong scientific researcher. It's really great that she won, and it's great for Elon because it boosts national recognition."

Daily double: Elon students bet it all in environmentally-themed trivia

Adriana Miano
Senior Reporter

For one night only, Belk Pavilion was transformed into a game show set for an environmental-themed trivia event. Students from across campus gathered to participate in Environmental Jeopardy, a trivia game with the goal of raising awareness about environmental issues.

The event, co-hosted by Elon's Amnesty International and Sierra Club chapters, also aimed to educate students about the role sustainability plays in their individual lives.

"I think we have a responsibility to educate people about how to live responsibly, and that includes a lot of the day to day choices that (students) make," said junior Rachel Stanley, co-coordinator of Amnesty International.

The event's organizers hoped to attract students from a wide range of academic backgrounds, despite the common perception that sustainability is a more scientific topic, Stanley said.

"You don't have to be very involved professionally or academically in science to learn more about this (topic), and to live a more sustainable life," Stanley said.

The organizers said they hoped that its casual format would make the event attractive to those who didn't have much knowledge of the topics discussed or experience with trivia games.

Participants of the April 11 event formed three teams and answered questions within the categories of sustainability, energy efficiency, environmental justice and alternative energy.

The final category was centered on ways Elon supports and promotes themes of environmental sustainability. It called attention to on-campus composting locations, the community garden and Zimrides, Elon's ride-sharing program.

Participants of the event said they were particularly surprised by how much they learned about the university's sustainability initiatives and were appreciative of the fun and laid-back setting in which this information was provided.

"I think it was nice that it wasn't really competitive and you didn't feel (bad) if you said the wrong thing," said junior Elissa Krapf, who decided to attend the event after hearing about it from a friend in Amnesty International.

The idea to raise awareness through a Jeopardy-style game was inspired by the success of trivia nights hosted by local restaurants and other campus organizations, according to Stanley.

"The beauty of the trivia set-up is that it's not a lecture, it's not (the same as) reading a book, but you can pull out really fun and interesting facts pertinent to people's everyday lives," she said.

The winners of each round of trivia were awarded environmental awareness themed prizes. Reusable eating utensils and sandwich bags, gift certificates to Company Shops Market in Burlington and coffee mugs made of recyclable materials were among the prizes.

Although the game, which was planned as an early tribute to Earth Week, was intended to be fun and engaging, Stanley said she hopes those who participated left with a better understanding of the issues raised throughout the evening.

Being a student at a liberal arts university that provides education about environmental issues means having a responsibility to live in a way that reflects an understanding of these issues, she said.

"I'm lucky enough to go to a school (that promotes) this type of education, and I think that creates a responsibility for me to learn how to reduce my impact," Stanley said.



Students wear hoodies, reminiscent of Trayvon Martin's attire when he was shot, to show solidarity with Martin during the March for Justice April 11. The crime studies club organized the march.

Student-organized march advocates for Martin

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have been arrested immediately. Negligence in police behavior reduces minority groups' confidence in law enforcement agencies, she said.

While other events on campus have discussed the commonalities between Martin and the nature of other recent conflicts, those conversations centered around the evil intent embedded in the crime rather than the pursuit for justice in the aftermath, according to Duke.

"Justice for me means that George Zimmerman is prosecuted and that people are aware of the type of event so it doesn't continue to happen," said freshman Darron Daniels, who participated in the march.

The national coverage attracted Daniels because he identified with Martin, he said. Participating in the march enabled him to represent and advocate for Martin, he said.

"As a Black, African-American male, hearing that this random kid was just one day walking home from a store and got shot hit me personally," Daniels said. "I don't look too far off from the him, so it kind of struck at me."

Duke said she believes media coverage of previous cases involving Black individuals perpetrating crime in suburban neighborhoods perpetuates racial profiling and provided Zimmerman with an already crafted perception of the 17-year-old pedestrian.

"Our media plants messages in our head that says these are the types of people that plan these offenses that led Zimmerman to commit this offense," she said.

Furthermore, Etzel said she wanted to direct thought to the language of laws that enable aggressors to use the legal system as a defense. The Stand your Ground law

Justice for me means that George Zimmerman is prosecuted and that people are aware of the type of event so it doesn't continue to happen.

-Darron Daniels
FRESHMAN

permits a person to legally use force, including deadly force, as self-defense when there is a reasonable belief or threat of imminent bodily harm.

Although the facts are obscure, the club co-presidents said they are inclined to favor Martin based on police recordings and reports from eyewitnesses.

"What we heard on the police records is that the police instructed Zimmerman against following (Martin), and he was actually pursuing him," Duke said. "He pursued him after the police officers told him not to, so that moved my understanding that Martin was walking around with a packet of skittles, and he was not a threat to the community."

MORE ONLINE

Hear what members of the Elon community had to say on the matter.

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EMILY HARING | Multimedia Reporter



Freshmen Rachel Mehaffey and Sarah Paterson high-five April 11 at the environmentally-themed Jeopardy Night. The event was organized by the Sierra Club and Amnesty International.

Sunglasses, hat drive shines light on needs of Honduran farmers

Hannah DelaCourt
Senior Reporter

Traveling to Honduras, Elon University's chapter of Global Medical Brigades will leave more than footprints.

The chapter of the national organization had a donation drive last week to collect sunglasses and hats to give to farmers in Honduras during its fourth annual brigade there this summer.

Global Medical Brigades works with licensed medical professionals to provide free health services in rural communities, specifically in Honduras, Ghana and Panama.

Twenty-eight Elon students along with a doctor, dentist and OB/GYN will travel to Honduras Aug. 8-14 and set up makeshift medical clinics in rural communities going from town to town providing basic health care and medication.

According to sophomore Ashley Meerbergen, the treasurer of Elon's chapter of the brigade, for every patient they see, the brigade also gives a donation of either medication, an item of clothing or toys for children. After her last trip to Honduras, Meerbergen said she wanted to bring what the people needed most.

"Last year we saw people who mainly worked outside, like farmers,"

Meerbergen said. "We saw a lot of them with this chronic disease where, to protect the eye, the eye grows an extra layer of skin to protect it from the sun and it causes the farmers to go blind so they cannot work. There's no medication to fix this, so by supplying protection through sunglasses and hats, we can help prevent this problem from being so prevalent."

Junior Julie Ronecker, the president of the organization, said she hopes this will be an easy way for Elon students to give back and that they are accepting sunglasses and hats in any condition.

"We realize there are a lot of Elon students that have extra hats or sunglasses lying around, so we contacted sports teams and Greek organizations that might have extra," Ronecker said.

Meerbergen said that what the people need most are things Americans consider very basic.

"It's really basic stuff like Tylenol, cough syrup or eye drops, so people walk for miles just to come either because they are sick or as a preventative measure in case they are sick in the future," Meerbergen said.

Global Medical Brigades mainly targets students who are pre-med, who are able to work under and observe health professionals that accompany them on the trip and get hands-on training that many students do not get



Sophomore Sybille Molesta collects donations in Moseley for Honduran farmers. As part of Global Medical Brigades, Elon students and health professionals will take these items to Honduras.

until they attend medical school.

But along with helping people and gaining education, Meerbergen also said the trip has allowed her to become more of a global citizen.

"It's a great opportunity to see more of the world, learn a new language and see a different culture," she said. "It's just about people helping people, and I think there's so much you can learn

in that."

Global Medical Brigades collection

What: hats, sunglasses, sporting equipment, clothing, toys and school supplies.
When: until August
How: Contact either jronecker@elon.edu or ameerbergen@elon.edu to make a donation.

Clash of values prompts debate over birth control mandate

Natalie Allison
Managing Editor

Across the nation and at Elon University, a dispute over church-affiliated organizations, hospitals and colleges having to cover birth control in their employees' health insurance plans has resulted in a debate that stems from two arguments: the lack of contraception availability for some women versus a violation of religious liberty for employers.

In light of the Obama administration's federal requirement that employers include complete contraception coverage under all health insurance plans, conservatives and some religious organizations not exempt under the original rule — any that are not considered a church or house of worship — expressed disapproval of the mandate. The Obama administration has announced an accommodation for these organizations, according to a news release from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

"Most Catholics think (the accommodation) is a Band-Aid to the problem," said Gerry Waterman, the university's Catholic campus minister. "We feel as though it's an infringement of religious liberty, and the rule is taking our rights away."

The Obama administration said the accommodation would require insurance providers, not the religious organizations themselves, to offer women complete coverage of birth control.

But some conservatives still believe that the root of the issue — the government's infringement on religious institutions' right to refuse actions that contradict the Church's teachings — is not being solved.

"This health care bill should be viewed as a serious threat to religious liberty," said freshman Austin Faur. "Usually, people say churches are forcing their beliefs into government policy, but now, the government is attempting to force its policy into churches. Right now, it may just be contraception, but this could set a precedent for future mandates that will allow the government to force religious institutions to do something more extreme."

Leigh-Anne Royster, director of health services and health promotion, said though Elon students would not be affected by the measure concerning birth control purchases through the university's health services, which doesn't accept insurance as a form of payment, the availability of contraception to all women is something she supports.

"I don't view it as a religious liberty question," Royster said. "I view it as a preventative health care strategy."

Royster said taxpayers in America already indirectly support federally funded programs that provide

reproductive health services.

"Things like Plan B and abortion services are health care options for women that are available in our country," she said. "If you are someone employed and paying taxes and contributing to federally funded programs, you are contributing to that. In addition, you are contributing to emergency health care for people who don't necessarily have access to preventative health care strategies."

Senior Elisabeth Maselli said the issue is complicated, and though church-affiliated organizations shouldn't be required to compromise long-held beliefs, other non-religious organizations shouldn't be able to take advantage of any exceptions to the mandate.

"If the government can legally mandate the activities of religious organizations, this violates the separation of church and state," Maselli said. "But the way the law is worded now, any private employer can claim any vague religious reasons to skip out on providing female employees a more comprehensive, and thereby more expensive, health care plan."

Religious organizations' objective to not have contraception as an option under employer-associated health plans is a concern of senior Kelly Little, who said women who want to use birth control should easily be able to purchase it under their company's insurance plans.

"It is important to respect people for their beliefs and allow them to express their opinions," Little said. "However, I passionately believe that every woman should have access to birth control and the ability to choose for herself. Choosing not to use birth control yourself because of religious beliefs is one thing, but inhibiting others from making their own choice about birth control is another."

But Faur, who along with other Catholics is not completely confident in the Obama administration's guarantee that religious organizations will be able to avoid even indirect funding of birth control, believes the universal contraception coverage rule has more implications than some realize.

"This would be extremely harmful to the United States, because many of the Catholic hospitals, universities and charities that take a burden off the government would no longer be operating," he said. "Some of the best universities in the country would be forced to close or pay astronomical fines. Charities which would have no way of paying these fines would no longer be able to operate."

Additionally, Faur said a major component of his and other Christians' stance on the issue comes from the notion that birth control is not health care.

"Health care is something that prevents or treats some sort of ailment," he said. "Birth control does neither. Birth control prevents pregnancy, which has never been considered a disease. In fact, pregnancy is the opposite of disease — it

is the earliest stage of new life."

Royster said the dilemma between private institutions and the government's funding of conscience-violating programs is one that may have no easy fix.

"The whole separation of church and state in our culture is hard," she said. "We do have nationally funded programs and you just can't get away from the fact that things are probably against some people's ideals. If we really look down at funding related to ideology, there's no way to protect or guard against that in a blanket sort of fashion."

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM:

Democrats: **11%**
Republicans: **42%**

WOMEN'S HEALTH:

Democrats: **39%**
Republicans: **10%**

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7 recent larcenies in Smith residence hall rile residents

Mary Kate Brogan
Senior Reporter

Smith Residence Hall has had seven cases of theft as of March 16. Items that have been stolen include four iPods, three Macbooks, two iPads, a watch, a pair of headphones, an IBM laptop and a wallet containing a debit card, a driver's license and an ID card. The idea that students' property is entirely safe has been questioned by residents of Smith residence hall over the course of this semester. Smith residents, including freshmen Bill Webb and Stephen Rittersbach, are frustrated with the situation.

"I feel like in Smith everyone's pretty friendly with each other," Webb said. "This is just violating everyone's trust that somebody who everybody's friendly with (might be doing this). It's just frustrating that we have to deal with this and make sure we're locking our doors and being extra careful."

Webb and Rittersbach live on the second floor of Smith, where six of the

seven larcenies reported this semester have occurred. Webb said students always used to leave doors unlocked, but now they generally don't. Rittersbach and Webb agree that although the thefts affected the hall's sense of community, they remain a close-knit group.

"Initially, I feel like everyone was very suspicious of each other," Rittersbach said. "I mean we all know each other pretty well, we came to our senses and realized we wouldn't do that to each other."

Angel Garcia, assistant director of residence life for East Area, said he and his staff's top priority is to ensure the safety and security of students. East Area residence life is trying to be more proactive with their approach and with communication with residents about the larcenies, not only through email, but in other ways as well.

"Every time I walk the halls (of Smith) and I see students, (I say), 'Hey, make sure you lock your doors,'" Garcia said. "And sometimes when I play basketball with

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-Bill Webb
FRESHMAN RESIDENT

them, I say, 'Make sure you do (lock your doors).' We do two fire drills per semester. During fire drills, before they come back to their halls, I give them a speech and

make sure to let them know that if they have any questions, they have me to come to. I think that community responsibility is the greatest of educational tools."

Chuck Gantos, director of campus safety and police, said the police are doing what they can to help prevent further thefts from occurring.

"We've tried to increase the number of patrols in the area, and we've been canvassing locations that usually fence products that have been stolen to see if we can find anybody who has tried to move the stolen products," Gantos said.

Garcia said he hopes students feel comfortable coming to him to talk about what's going on. He also hopes that any student who has had something stolen will report it to campus security so it can have more clues to catch the culprit.

"I'd just like to find out who it was," Rittersbach said.

The investigations are continuing, and students with information about the thefts are asked to contact campus security at (336) 278-5555.

Local organizations benefit from human services project

Kristen Olsen
Senior Reporter

The students in Bud Warner's Designing and Assessing Administration of Human Service Programs class had only one project: to give back to the community.

For the class, the students were split into two groups and had to work together to create a proposal for a donation to a non-profit organization in the community.

"These students got the sense that their involvement was not theoretical, but real," said Warner, associate professor of Human Services Studies. "They are gaining first-hand knowledge about philanthropy."

Warner applied for a grant from the Learning by Giving Foundation, which promotes the study of undergraduate philanthropy, and was given \$10,000, which he divided between both semesters. The students this semester separated the \$5,000 between the two groups, which they donated to the Burlington Housing Authority and Allied Churches April 10.

Tara Nager, a senior human services studies major, worked to give to the Burlington Housing Authority.

"It was the most rewarding experience, working with Alamance County's needs," she said.

The Burlington Housing Authority is an organization devoted to offering affordable housing for families, elderly, disabled and handicapped people who are in need of a home. Nager and the rest of her group gathered information about the organization to create an



Elon students in Designing and Assessing Administration of Human Service Programs present representatives from the Burlington Housing Authority with a \$3,500 grant April 10. The Burlington Housing Authority is an organization that offers affordable housing for families.

effective proposal.

The students have been working with their chosen organizations since February, and were happy to have the opportunity to work and give back to the community.

Sarah Baig, a senior human services studies major, was a member of the group who gave to Allied Churches,

a homeless shelter and kitchen in Burlington, and said she understood the specific needs of the organizations through research.

"We gathered data from the area and found that they were in need of bed bug prevention," Baig said. "They could have been shut down from the bed bugs."

The class, which was only a half semester course, was aimed at giving the students firsthand experience in proposing, creating and designing a donation to an organization in the community.

"These students are the future in human services organizations," Warner said.

Online gaming site offers students tuition grants

Elon participants win big in Grantoo tournaments, donate percentage to charity

Grace Elkus
News Editor

Financing college just got a whole lot more fun.

Grantoo, a social gaming community that gives college students the chance to win tuition money and donate to charity, recently opened its website to Elon University students.

Within the first week and a half of play, sophomores Taylor Pewitt and Katie Ryan each received the first place prize: a \$1,000 scholarship.

Pewitt placed first out of 73 students in the April 8 tournament, and Ryan placed first April 15. Three other Elon students have placed in the top 7, all receiving at least \$100.

Pewitt said practicing the Grantoo games with her friends helped prepare her for the tournament.

"My suitemates and I had played a few rounds during the week before, because it's a lot of fun even if you're not playing for money," she said. "The game varies in difficulty, so I do a lot better in categories like pop culture than in categories such as international sports."

Elon is one of 40 campuses that is part of Grantoo's pilot program. The website does not open to the public until May.

"I feel like it's the perfect opportunity for students to reduce their tuition costs while playing games, which they are probably already doing," said Ali Obradovich, an Elon sophomore and Grantoo intern. "And it's a way to increase the reach of your philanthropy."

The premise is simple. Students sign up to participate in a tournament and compete against other students in one of three games. Before the tournament begins, students will pledge a percentage of their winnings toward a charity of their choice. The eight players with the highest scores receive money from the prize pool, and each finalists' winnings will be divided based on how much they pledged to receive in scholarship grants and how much they chose to give to charity.

Before the tournaments begin, students can log into the website using their Elon email address and play the games to collect Tokens, Grantoo's version of tokens.

The three games are Quiz Night, a trivia game; Wordy Birdy, a mix of Scrabble and Uno; and Grantoo Hold 'Em, which is similar to Texas Hold 'Em.

"It doesn't take long to get into the games, and they're very easy to play," said sophomore Kristen Kibby. "I think

students should get involved with this because there's nothing to lose, and I think everyone could use some money for school."

The tournaments are sponsored by companies that use Grantoo's website to increase the visibility of their donations. The logo of the company that sponsors the tournament appears in the back of the play screen, and relevant words are incorporated into the games.

"If a (coffee company) hosts a tournament for us, and (in Wordy Birdy), say you use a word like 'latte,' you get extra points," Obradovich said. "It allows the company to advertise and allows them to help pay off tuition costs."

As the site progresses, more prizes will be incorporated into the games, Obradovich said. If a player uses a long, complicated word in Wordy Birdy, for example, he or she could win a prize such as free ice cream from a national ice cream vendor.

In an effort to increase its reach and draw people towards the site, Grantoo has launched a social media campaign, primarily on Facebook and Twitter. This could help students who might otherwise not remember to sign up, Kibby said.

"I think some students might not get involved because they could forget

about it," Kibby said. "I think having it on Facebook and Twitter is good, because when students procrastinate on these sites, they can see Grantoo and decide to check it out."

But Grantoo made a smart decision in choosing Elon to participate in the pilot program, Kibby said.

"I think it can be successful on Elon's campus because of the smart and involved population of students," she said.

Grantoo Tournament Finalists

April 8

1st place: Taylor Pewitt; won \$1,000, donated \$100 to The Hunger Project

3rd place: Ali Obradovich; won \$150, donated \$30 to Mama Hope

7th place: Katie Ryan; won \$100, donated \$10 to The Hunger Project

April 15

1st place: Katie Ryan; won \$1,000, donated \$100 to The Hunger Project

2nd place: Isabella Bouchard; won \$250, donated \$25 to Face Aids

NEWS BRIEFS

School of Business interviews four business dean candidates

The Business Dean Search Committee has finalized four candidates, each of whom will interview at Elon University during the next three weeks.

Twelve professors and faculty members within the Love School of Business headed the search committee and narrowed the pool of applicants.

The candidates will also make public presentations to the school, all of which will be themed "Educating Business Students of the Future."

The schedule is listed below.

- Raghu Tadepalli, dean of the Olin Graduate School of Business, Babson College: 4:15 p.m., April 23, LaRose Digital Theater
- Raju Balakrishnan, senior associate dean of the College of Business and Behavioral Science, Clemson University: 4:15 p.m., April 26, LaRose Digital Theater
- Denise Schoenbachler, dean of the College of Business, Northern Illinois University: 4:15 p.m., April 30, LaRose Digital Theater
- Daniel Murphy, department head of Accounting and Information Management, University of Tennessee: 4:15 p.m., May 3, LaRose Digital Theater

Physical Plant director promoted to assistant vice president

Robert Buchholz has been promoted from Physical Plant director to assistant vice president for facilities management and director of Physical Plant.

Buchholz is a registered professional engineer and has managed physical plant facilities for more than 33 years, including those of the U.S. Navy. He has worked for private firms in Guam, Spain, Lebanon and the Philippines.

Buchholz earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from North Carolina State University and a master's degree in civil engineering from the University of Washington, Seattle.

Elon Community Church Farmer's Market returns to campus

The Elon Community Church Farmer's Market will make its first annual appearance on campus April 19.

The market, which sells a variety of produce, breads, meats and spreads, will be set up weekly on the corner of West College Avenue and Williamson Avenue from 3:30-6:30 p.m.

Students will also sell handmade pottery at the market.

Office of Sustainability volunteers will distribute reusable shopping bags for the first hour, and Campus Kitchen at Elon will also be present.

Elon ballroom dance team places in national competition

In its first national competition, Elon's ballroom dance team, Flight of the Phoenix, placed in the USA Dance 2012 National Dance Sport Championships in Baltimore.

Three pairs from Elon were sent to the competition, and all placed in the semifinals. One team advanced to the finals.

Information sessions to be held on national and international fellowships

Students considering pursuit of Fulbright scholarships and international fellowships are invited to attend two back-to-back information sessions 4:15-6:15 p.m., April 19, in Lindner 106.

Each session will last one hour and discuss the various advantages and means of applying for national and international grants. Fellowship opportunities are available to sophomores, juniors and seniors, but the sessions are open to students of all ages.

Weekly Wrap-Up

The Weekly Wrap-Up provides quick snippets of speeches and events that occurred on campus throughout the week.

Full articles are available at elonpendulum.com.

'Symposium on Human Trafficking' discusses proximity, global context of human slavery

Katherine Blunt
Assistant News Editor

It's not legal anywhere, but it exists everywhere. Often out of sight and out of reach, the industry of human slavery continues to operate on a global scale.

In an effort to emphasize the relevancy and urgency of these clandestine operations worldwide, four panelists convened at a "Symposium on Human Trafficking" to discuss the various facets of a deeply complex issue April 11 at Elon University.

The panelists included Kevin Bales, president of Free the Slaves; Helen Grant, professor and clinical director of the Elon University School of Law; Tony Williams, director of World Relief's affiliate office in North Carolina; and Richard Smith, a cultural anthropologist.

Bales began the discussion by distinguishing human trafficking from human slavery.

"While this was built as a human trafficking symposium, it's about slavery," he said. "Trafficking is a process by which people are taken into slavery. If you make it so they end up in a situation where they cannot walk away, the ultimate result is in slavery. There have been cases denied in criminal courts because (of discrepancies) in wording."



Kevin Bales (second from left), president of Free the Slaves, participated in a panel discussing human slavery. Other panelists included Tony Williams, Helen Grant and Richard Smith.

An estimated 27 million people are enslaved each year, which is the highest number ever enslaved at any given time in history, Bales said. But he was quick to relate the figure to the world's growing population.

"Twenty-seven million is a very large number indeed. It's very significant in terms of the number of people enslaved," he said. "But it's also the smallest fraction of the global

population to ever be enslaved, and the smallest fraction of the global economy historically."

Despite the relatively small proportion of slaves in a global context, the industry continues to generate growth and profit for the estimated 6 million slaveholders worldwide. The problem is perpetuated not by apathy, but by a general unawareness that spans continents, Bales said.

Author Kate Bornstein shares personal transsexual experience

Katherine Blunt
Assistant News Editor

She identified as a hippie who didn't grasp the peace movement. A phone sex hostess with the voice of a man. A daughter who used to be her mother's son.

Throughout her life, author and playwright Kate Bornstein, 64, has been a contradiction. Now, she's best known for what she's not.

Through a series of personal anecdotes and dramatizations, Bornstein illustrated her physical evolution from a man to a woman and her emotional evolution from hopeless confusion to contented ambiguity.

"I am not a man. I am not a woman," Bornstein said in a speech April 12 at Elon University. "I've got a girl body, but it doesn't make me a girl. It doesn't make me a woman."

Bornstein was born a boy into a largely patriarchal Jewish family. Giving birth to two sons was a source of pride for her mother, she said. But her pride gave way to denial when Bornstein announced a plan to undergo sex-change surgery.

Bornstein made the decision when she was 38 years old. She said she eventually recognized the need for a more permanent change.

The surgery cost her more than just her male physiology. The Church of Scientology, to which she dedicated 12 years of her life, labeled her as a "suppressive person."

But Bornstein embraced the change and her sexual uncertainty. Through articles, plays and books, she publicized her experience living as both a male and a female at once. Her works helped promote and advance the transgender movement, she said.

Elon University School of Law makes plans to expand

Grace Elkus
News Editor

The Elon University School of Law in downtown Greensboro will expand its campus to make room for additional classrooms, office space and student organization workspace, according to a release from the Office of University Communications. The renovations are scheduled to be complete by August 2012, before the start of the fall semester.

The law school will renovate three buildings within a half block of the law school and a 5,700-square-foot commercial property at 101 W. Friendly Ave.

The three buildings, which were purchased in December, are located at 218 and 219 Friendly Ave.

and 208 Commerce Place. Tentative plans for the building at 218 Friendly Ave., which is 1,200 square feet, include offices for law clinics and student organization workspace. Elon has no immediate plans for the development of the other two properties.

A 40-student classroom, study rooms, a student commons and a new Career Center will be constructed in the space at 101 W. Friendly Ave. This space has been used in recent years for law student organization workspace.

The growing number of student organizations indicated the School of Law needed more space, according to Alan Woodlief, associate dean of the Elon University School of Law.

April 18 – April 25

<p>April 18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "The Last Survivor" film screening: 7:00 p.m., McEwen 011 • Elon's Giving Tree: noon-4 p.m. between Moseley Center and Koury Athletic Center 	<p>April 19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colin Beavan speaks: "Saving the World, Being Yourself," 7:30 p.m., McKinnon Hall • John Stuhr speaks: "God, Death and the Absurd" - 7:30 p.m., Isabella Cannon Room 	<p>April 20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bench Press Competition: 2-4 p.m. outside Koury Center • Rock the Lawn: 7:30 p.m., Colonnades Quad 	<p>April 21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watson and Odyssey First Annual Masquerade Ball: 7 p.m., McKinnon Hall • Carolina Surf & Turf: noon-3 p.m., between Pandora's Pies and the Elon Community Church
<p>April 22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campus Recreation Classic: 2 p.m., South Campus 	<p>April 23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elon Outdoors Beach Weekend Interest Meeting: 6 p.m., Koury Commons • "Kony 2012" screening: 7 p.m., LaRose Digital Theater 	<p>April 24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SURF Day • Elon University Orchestra Concert: 7:30 p.m., McCrary Theatre 	<p>April 25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Camerata and Chorale Masterworks Concert: 7:30 p.m., McCrary Theatre

International

Elon Hillel gives back to Nicaraguan community

Rachel Stanley
International Reporter

Elon Hillel has been going on alternative spring break trips for the past four years.

This year, they went through the American Jewish World Service to San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua. They went to work with and learn from the Servicios Medicos Comunales (Communal Medical Services), or SMC.

"There is a profound learning and sense of connection that happens on an alternative spring break trip," said Nancy Luberoff, Hillel campus director. "This trip was truly life changing, and I don't use that phrase lightly."

SMC was founded in 1990 in rural southern Nicaragua by five community organizers.

As members of their communities, they saw a drastic need for improved health care and decided to conquer this problem by working toward rural health education.

The organizers figured if they taught members of the community ways to raise healthier families, then the overall health of the community would improve.

After five years, SMC stopped and evaluated their work. Much to their disappointment, they found the programs weren't having the desired impact. Malnutrition was still rampant, and disease prevention wasn't going as well as they thought it could. SMC spoke with people all over the region and came to an important conclusion: Education had to come first. Without adequate education, there was no way the health education programs could succeed.

In the 15 years since then, SMC has been working on education for children and adults as a means to improve health, a primary human issue.

Many of the communities SMC works in are extremely rural and become less accessible when the rainy



Elon students volunteered with Servicios Medicos Comunales in Nicaragua over spring break. PHOTO SUBMITTED BY RACHEL STANLEY

season washes out roads. An average rural Nicaraguan is lucky to complete primary school, but few even reach that level.

SMC has stepped in to address this problem by helping children and adults finish or go back to school and by helping adults learn trades. The project Elon Hillel worked on was the first building of a new campus for these adult learners. SMC has a trade school that trains students in construction, tourism or agriculture, but the next step to being better equipped for regular classes is to build a full campus.

Elon Hillel spent the week working side by side with the people of SMC, several of whom were former students volunteering their time for the betterment of the organization.

"The people with whom we worked were fearless individuals that were really inspiring," said sophomore

Kyla Sokoll-Ward. "Every time they identified a problem in their community, they found a sustainable and far-reaching way to respond to it."

Even more moving for Elon Hillel than seeing this organization in action was the chance to work with inspiring individuals all week. The people coming of age now are the first generation of Nicaraguans in many decades to know life without war. This is the first generation of people in some time that have a true opportunity to develop Nicaragua and take care of their communities.

The trip was able to bring to life all the politics, history and developmental concepts that professors teach every day in class.

The Elon students said they will never forget their time in Nicaragua, the people they met at SMC or the impactful work they were able to be a part of.

Brits hunt for massive eggs

Leigh Iler
International Reporter

More than 200 eggs were dispersed throughout the city of London in 12 different zones earlier this year. Participants could access zone maps online to assist them in their search, which listed the eggs that were found in that particular area. For those requiring more assistance, a cheat sheet showed the location of all of the eggs using Google Maps technology.

Peter Faberge, the namesake of the hunt, is most well-known for his imperial Easter eggs.

Each egg measures two and a half

feet tall and is intricately designed by an array of artists, designers, architects and jewelers, making for a diverse range of eggs.

Though the most eggs remain in the same place during the event, one particular egg moves around the city, presenting a challenge for serious hunters. Similar to the classic children's books where readers search for the missing man in red and white stripes, the "Where's Wally" egg changes locations throughout the hunt.

Once participants found an egg, they could text in for a chance to win the Diamond Jubilee Egg.

Throughout the duration of the hunt 12,773 egg hunters sent in messages, which created a new Guinness World Record.

The eggs were auctioned off both at Sotheby's and online. During the live auction at Sotheby's, 30 eggs were purchased, totaling £667,000. The remaining 180 eggs were sold online.

The money that was collected benefits two charities, Elephant Family and Action for Children.

In an effort to spread awareness and protect habitats, Elephant Family has ongoing projects in India, Thailand, Malaysia and Sumatra, to which the money raised from The Faberge Big Egg Hunt will go.

Action for Children supports 50,000 neglected kids throughout the United Kingdom to provide support and counseling to their families.

While living in London during their semester abroad, various Elon students participated in the fun.

Sophomore Emily Liberatore and junior Sarah McDowell diligently searched for the eggs, covering a few different zones throughout the hunt.

"It was a really fun way to see areas that I wouldn't normally go to," McDowell said.

Liberatore said they both enjoyed the experience.

"We met a lot of new people this way," she said.

Those unable to successfully find all of the eggs had the opportunity to view them at the conclusion of the event, when all the eggs were displayed together in Covent Garden Piazza from April 3-9.



Leigh Iler with her brother Logan at the end of The Faberge Big Egg Hunt in London. PHOTO SUBMITTED BY LEIGH ILER

INTERNATIONAL BRIEFS

Taliban attacks Afghan capital

The Taliban carried out a series of seven attacks on the Afghan capital April 15. NATO bases, Parliament and western embassies were targeted.

The latest report claims two people have been killed and five wounded in Kabul, where fighting was still going strong. Three other eastern cities were also attacked in nearly simultaneous assaults.

Explosions, gunfire and suicide bombers have flooded into the Afghan capital, which has been heavily guarded for months.

Spanish king receives criticism for expensive elephant hunting trip

The Spanish king, Juan Carlos, 74, received nationwide criticism for his expensive elephant hunting trip to Botswana amid the country's financial woes.

To make matters worse, during the trip, he survived an accident that forced him into hip replacement surgery upon returning to Spain.

His son, Prince Felipe, 44, will take over as temporary king for the month while he recovers. Spanish media is condemning the actions of Juan Carlos as anti-diplomatic and highly detrimental to the country.

Troops attack South Sudanese town

Sudanese troops attacked and briefly occupied a South Sudanese village on the border of the two countries following a series of clashes between the nations. Sudan was hoping to open new fronts along the border, but South Sudan continues to fight against them. Last July, South Sudan declared independence from Sudan, and there have been attacks and conflict between the two nations ever since.

Russians protest election fraud through support of hunger strike

Thousands of Russians gathered in the city of Astrakhan April 14 to protest election fraud and to support the hunger strike of the politician who claims he rightfully won the election. Oleg Shein said he was the victim of election fraud last month that denied him his earned position as mayor. Support for him has strengthened in recent weeks. Thousands approve of his hunger strike, although doctors fear for his health as he becomes increasingly weak.

England launches memorial ship in honor of Titanic's 100th anniversary

Balmoral, a cruise ship honoring the memory of the passengers of the Titanic, took 1,309 travelers on the same route the Titanic took 100 years ago. Two memorial services were performed aboard the ship, one at the exact time the Titanic hit the iceberg and the other at the exact time it sunk underwater. The ship launched from England, but passengers came from near and far to experience the trip.

Balmoral recreated the atmosphere of the Titanic, minus the disaster, and many people dressed in period costumes for large balls and dinners onboard. The ship hopes to provide healing and empathy for those affected and those onboard the Titanic.

First speech by North Korean leader

North Korea's new leader, Kim Jong-un, made his first public speech April 15 and told the nation of his desires to strengthen the military.

He also reinforced the point that supremacy in military expertise was "no longer monopolized by imperialists."

Jong-un's speech came two days after the launch of their internationally-debated missile disintegrated midair, proving they may have further to go than the nation originally thought.

Editorial

Joint effort at transparency in evaluations is beneficial to all

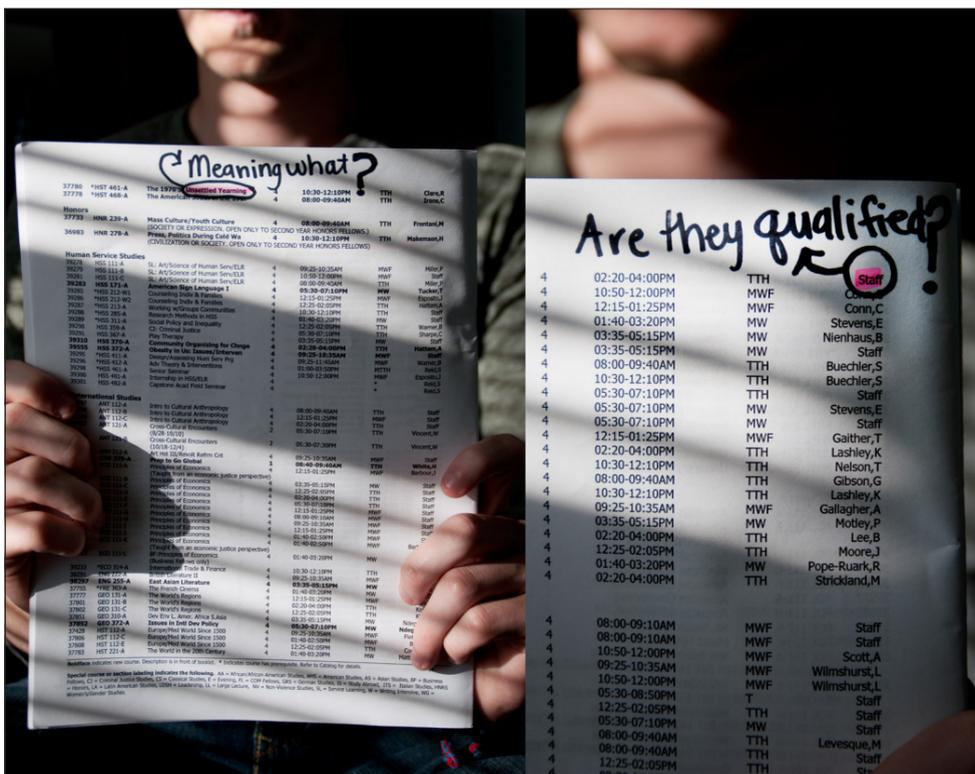
Besides OnTrack, there is one site that students frequent during the hectic time of class registration. RateMyProfessors.com may be outdated and characterized by polarizing reviews of professors around the country, but it's one that students have come to rely on for the important decision of selecting courses.

Last November, The Pendulum informed you about the redesign of the course evaluation process, finalized by a group within Academic Council. Renamed "Student Perceptions of Teaching," the new process placed emphasis on gauging a student's engagement with the course as well as the option for faculty to include questions personalized for each course.

In no way are we questioning the anonymity, validity or benefits of such a system for the good of the faculty, staff and administration at Elon.

But what good does it do for the students of Elon University if those evaluations are kept behind closed doors, only to be viewed by department chairs and passed along to professors? What good does it do if students cannot hold their professors and the administration accountable when classes are not taught effectively?

The bland, brief descriptions available in the course catalogue tell students nothing about the personality, teaching method or expertise of a professor. This leads to students increasingly turning to



Students deserve a transparent, user-friendly system through which to access course and professor evaluations.

unreliable websites, such as RateMyProfessors, for analyses that are often less than respectable.

While it's not always feasible within a particular major to pick and choose professors, seeing real feedback about a course is an option that should at least be readily available so students have an idea of what they should be expecting before the start of a semester. If several semesters of evaluations show that a course simply isn't working, students should be able to address this concern directly,

using examples of student feedback to make a case for change.

When we are paying upwards of \$1,600 per credit hour, depending on course load, we should also be proactive during the semester.

Instead of waiting until evaluation time to write scathing reviews of professors who did not perform to our utmost satisfaction, we should take advantage of the opportunity to address issues directly mid-semester.

Elon's Center for the

Advancement of Teaching and Learning (CATL) offers faculty the option for a third party to conduct an anonymous mid-semester evaluation. The professor leaves and a faculty member from CATL spends time discussing the class with students. Feedback is then transcribed and given anonymously to the professor.

This method should be used more frequently, and students should encourage faculty members to seek this kind of honest, useful feedback.

Take, for example, the

Global Experience course, required for all first year students. Although there is a relatively unifying theme to all of the sections of this course, there is no guarantee the professor will follow the expected structure. Within one group of freshmen, the experience in the course can vary between a professor who lectures the entire class time and assigns a paper each night to another professor who shows a movie every class.

If students had the option of viewing a candid, but fair, evaluation of their impending professors, it would allow them to make better decisions about their education.

Students, this doesn't mean you should get a free pass to bash your hardest professor in order to discourage other students from enrolling in his or her class. Rather than writing about your most negative experience with a professor, be constructive, tactful and fair in your analysis. And be honest. Perhaps explain some of your own personal weaknesses or shortcomings that could have affected your classroom experience. Share some of the positive interactions you had with the instructor.

The Pendulum is not calling for a website where professors should be blasted for every misstep they've ever made in the classroom.

But, through a joint effort of transparency from the university and tactful evaluation from the students, we believe the academic life of the university will be greatly enhanced.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Spectrum, Elon's queer straight alliance, invites the campus community to participate in the national Day of Silence on Friday, April 20, as part of our 2012 Pride Week (April 16-21). The Day of Silence is an annual event when high school and college students across the United States take a vow of silence to call attention to the silencing effect of anti-lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQIA) bullying and harassment in schools.

Research from Campus

Pride's 2010 State of Higher Education for LGBTQIA People shows that lesbian, gay, bisexual and queer college students and faculty experience significantly higher rates of harassment and discrimination than their straight counterparts. Transgender and gender nonconforming students and faculty report even higher rates of harassment and discrimination, as do LGBTQIA people of color.

These statistics are reflected in the experience of LGBTQIA people at Elon, in big and small ways.

Spectrum recognizes that LGBTQIA people, children of LGBTQIA parents, straight allies and parents of LGBTQIA children are silenced on our campus in a variety of ways. Some of us are silenced by the day-to-day experience of living in the closet, while others of us are silenced in classrooms, dorm rooms and other spaces as a result of prejudiced comments and behavior.

Join us April 20 to call attention to this silencing and continue dialogue on our campus. Email spectrum@elon.edu to request

stickers and "speaking" cards that explain the purpose of DoS. If you are unable to take a vow of silence for whatever reason, we invite you to show your support with a sticker. All participants and allies are invited to break the silence with Spectrum Friday evening at 5:30 p.m. in front of Moseley Center, and a cookout will follow. Please find us on Facebook or email spectrum@elon.edu for more information.

Thank you, Spectrum

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Opinions

Overextended, sleepless ... happy

Extracurricular experience irreplaceable, no matter how demanding

It's a running joke in The Pendulum office that if staff members were paid by the hour, they'd be some of the most well paid students on Elon's campus.



Caitlin O'Donnell
Columnist

In reality, many of us devote 40 or more hours a week to what equates to a full-time job, while also balancing separate academic and social lives. We don't do it for fame or glory. We obviously don't do it for the money. Anyone who enters

the profession of journalism should know better than to work for either of those fleeting desires. We do it for our audience. And, as student journalists, we do it for the experience.

This week, Elon students participated in the cringe-worthy, hated necessity of registering for fall semester classes. Anyone who has even glanced at their degree audit knows Elon strictly monitors the number of credit hours that can be completed each semester.

But while students may not be allowed to devote their time to more than four or five courses per semester, nothing is stopping them from pouring themselves into extracurricular organizations. And nothing should.

I'm not alone when I admit that the vast majority of my time goes to my interests outside of the classroom, largely, of course, The Pendulum. Elon students are known for overextending themselves and thinking they can

juggle it all – just consider the number of groups you naively joined at your first Org. Fair.

But even when I don't know how I'm going to keep my sanity while also keeping up with my schedule, I remind myself that the real-world experience and knowledge I'm gaining simply cannot be replaced.

It's easy to learn about ethical considerations within the comfortable walls of McEwen. But when an ethical conundrum or angry source comes marching through the door of our office, my learning moves to a whole new level.

Now, don't get me wrong. The knowledge I have acquired in the classroom from professors is the strong foundation on which I will build my career.

But nothing will ever replace the hands-on skills I have learned as a reporter and editor for The Pendulum.

The same goes to any organization on campus to which Elon students devote themselves.

Student Government Association, Spectrum, club sports, Model United Nations. All of these transport the learning process outside of the classroom and, even with the Elon bubble, give students a taste of the real world and the complex nature of working with others.

So, Elon, keep doing what you're doing. Let students pour their hearts and souls into their extracurricular activities.

And while the system is not flawless – with extra responsibilities comes more stress and less sleep, more juggling and



Students today struggle to balance their time between coursework, extracurriculars and sleep.

less peace – what cannot be replaced is the experience that comes from being an engaged, overworked, committed student and learner.

Whether it's learning how to layout

the front page of a newspaper or learning that, in fact, you cannot do it all, the balancing act of college life is one of the most important lessons a student can learn.

Bullying: not a YouTube viral sensation

Bullying – it's a term everyone is familiar with, and may have even experienced personally at some point in



Ashley Fahey
Columnist

time. We've seen kids get shoved into lockers, mercilessly taunted or even isolated by peers because they seemed "different" or "abnormal." There are dozens of ways a child, adolescent, teenager or even young adult can get bullied by his or her peers, but no matter what the bully prescription is, the effects of it can be drastic and tragic.

The documentary "Bully", a character-driven film that tells firsthand accounts of bullying, was released April 13 in movie theaters across the nation. The documentary has been highly praised by critics and conveys an incredibly important message of the bullying epidemic in America.

But what does the release of "Bully" really mean for the bullying epidemic in America?

Human interest causes have recently captured a whole nation's attention very fervently, at a very rapid pace. People are now using Facebook and Twitter to promote causes or to draw attention to issues they are passionate about.

But a downside of this rapid advocacy of human rights issues is the viral effect we constantly see in YouTube videos. For a short span of time, a certain video will be linked, shared and tweeted by millions of users, but after that span of time expires, that video is forgotten and put into the virtual trash bin along with all the other expired viral sensations.

Unfortunately, this trend seems to be rubbing off on advocacy and human rights issues as well. Only a month ago, it seemed like no one could get away from #Kony2012 or #StopKony, but now, with little mention of the campaign on Twitter



"Bully" is the latest human interest campaign to go viral.

or Facebook, the issue has hardly been discussed since.

The issue of bullying, although it has been around for decades, has recently seen a dramatic advocacy interest in society.

Lady Gaga has started an anti-bullying charity, video testimonials of bullied kids have garnered popular interest and last week's release of "Bully" are all testaments to what is apparently the latest hot button social issue. But issues such as bullying should not be viral sensations.

We exist in a viral-based society in which things are popular for short bursts of time, matching our rapidly shortening attention spans.

But an issue that involves widespread verbal, physical and psychological abuse should have continuous support and campaigning. We shouldn't champion a cause because it's popular – we should champion it because it's the right thing to do.

University should delay in requesting donations from recent graduates

As graduation day approaches and the Class of 2012 prepares to don the cap and gown and claim our diplomas, it becomes time to evaluate how truly valuable an Elon education is.

Don't worry if that thought hasn't popped into your head yet. It will soon enough. That's because, like at practically any university in the country, it won't be long after our college days are behind us before we get a phone call or an email asking us to donate to the school that over the previous four years helped shape the direction our lives have taken and will take into the future.

Unfortunately it's not the best timing for these calls. We're in a time of great economic uncertainty. Many of us haven't found jobs yet and even more have thousands of dollars in unpaid student loans. It simply is not in most students' budgets to donate a significant amount of money to Elon at this time.

That's not to put the school at fault, per se. It's obvious why they do this. First off, it's pretty much the status quo. It would be odd for a school not to at least put the thought of giving back in a former student's head.

Secondly, the school needs money. To keep the university running, the endowment needs to grow at a pace proportionate to the student population growth. It all makes perfect sense when you think about it. Without gifts from donors, the school has to hike tuition rates for future generations. When that happens, the pool of talented students willing to apply to Elon drops significantly. The goal of any institution should be to attract the best applicant

pool. It's logical, but it's still depressing.

Depressing on many levels. Firstly, these calls remind us that our time at Elon is growing short. This is where the majority of us truly grew up. We picked our majors, then changed our minds and adopted new plans, eager to find enlightenment in our future endeavors. There have been countless memories that we'll treasure for the rest of our lives. College has been a time that, for better or worse, will remain a part of our lives for years down the road.

But, these calls also remind us that at the end of the day it's all about money. Elon wants us to succeed, sure. It looks good on a pamphlet. But they also want to be able to add new facilities to make Elon an even better place for future students. Unfortunately, we just can't afford it right now.

That is why the school should refrain from requesting donations until at least five years after a student graduates. That gives ample time for us to not only find our first entry-level jobs – it also gives us time to either get a promotion at that job or take a different, better, higher-paying position elsewhere.

This solution will be better for all parties. The administration wouldn't insult any fresh graduates by asking for money after already receiving hundreds of thousands of tuition dollars over the last four years. As former students, we'd have time to breathe for a little bit before catching up with a proverbial old friend – albeit one that asks for our money.

At the end of the day, all we want is respect. We know a diploma from Elon is invaluable and we hope other students will have similar – heck, better – experiences than we did. And we understand a big endowment goes a long way to accomplishing this. All we ask Elon is to give us time to get our finances straight.



Adam Lawson
Columnist

Walking Back Through Time

Danieley relives university's growth

Earl Danieley may not work in Elon University's admissions office, but he does give one of the most memorable tours around campus. This is a collection of stories of Danieley's favorite experiences in his 70 years at Elon, tracing some of the biggest changes the university experienced. If you're interested in reading more in-depth about his walking tour, turn to the next page for the entire story.

Compiled by Rebecca Wickel, features editor
 Stories by Earl Danieley, president emeritus
 Illustration by Ronald Chang

Alumni Gym

"We did not have an electrical contractor, but the physics class wired Alumni Gym. My wife had a brother who was in that class and helped with the wiring. Professor Alonzo Hook was a licensed electrician, so he directed the operation, and they built the gymnasium with student wiring. You really can't imagine that happening in these days. We've replaced the floor since then, so I'd imagine the wiring has been redone."

Alamance Building

"When they designed the college, President William Harper way should we face Alamance? Should it face the road or the train?" And one student said 'Dr. Harper, when I polish the heel and I polish the toe.' And Dr. Harper asked 'we should face the building both ways?' So that's how we on each side. They had a double driveway coming in one circle on the other. Whichever way you come to campus, you the front."

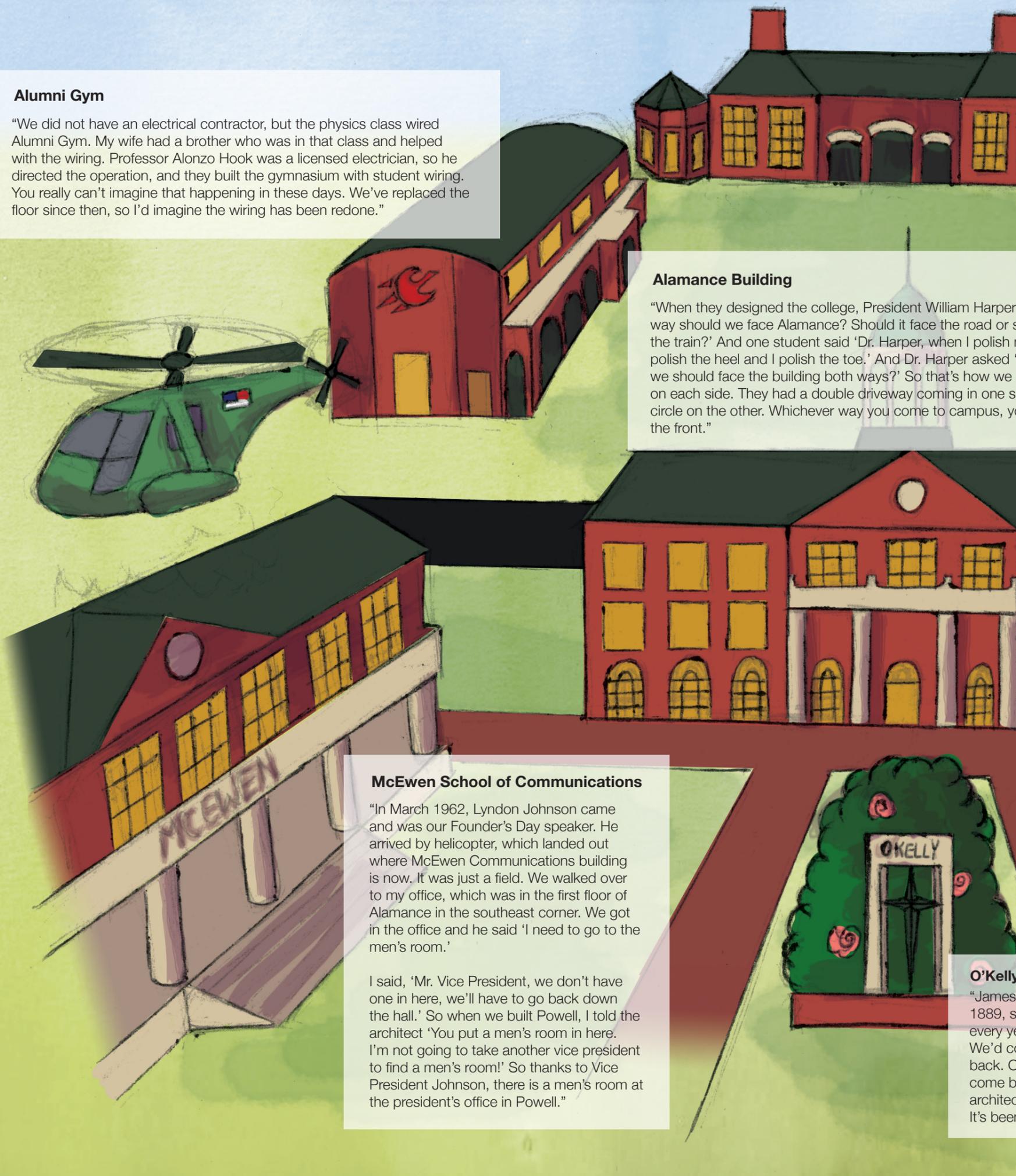
McEwen School of Communications

"In March 1962, Lyndon Johnson came and was our Founder's Day speaker. He arrived by helicopter, which landed out where McEwen Communications building is now. It was just a field. We walked over to my office, which was in the first floor of Alamance in the southeast corner. We got in the office and he said 'I need to go to the men's room.'

I said, 'Mr. Vice President, we don't have one in here, we'll have to go back down the hall.' So when we built Powell, I told the architect 'You put a men's room in here. I'm not going to take another vice president to find a men's room!' So thanks to Vice President Johnson, there is a men's room at the president's office in Powell."

O'Kelly

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To interact with the map of Elon and to see a photo gallery of the tour with Dr. Danieley, visit <http://pend.lu/Danieley>.

Lake Verona

"One day, Fred Young called me and said he wanted to name East neighborhood the Danieley Center. I said, 'Fred, on one condition. You do it in honor of me, and not in memory.' And they did. Leo (Lambert) came one day and said 'I'd really like to name the lake down there for your wife.' On her 80th birthday, we were having a party and Leo got up and announced it was going to be called Lake Verona, and until that moment, she did not know a thing. She was very pleased and very happy about it. I would kid her from time to time 'I have a center, but you have a lake.'"

asked, 'Which should it face my shoes, I So you mean end with a front side and a traffic you're coming to

Magnolia Tree

"Down here is a gorgeous magnolia. It was planted in September 1939. It was the 50 year birthday (of the college) so we celebrated by planting the magnolia tree. The governor of North Carolina, Clyde Hoey, came to plant the tree, and Dr. J.U. Newman, who was an original faculty member, was also here for the planting. It's a gorgeous tree, and it's been allowed to grow."

O'Kelly Monument

O'Kelly started the Christian Church in 1794, and that Christian Church started Elon College in so that is a monument to James O'Kelly. In the old one was a marble urn. It became customary, near at Halloween, some of our men would take that urn out of the monument and take it away. Some in after celebrations and it'd be gone. We learned not to be excited, because it would come one year, it didn't come back. And it didn't come back. And then, they found it, and it wouldn't come back in one piece. It was a beautiful marble urn, so I faced the problem of what to do. I called my artist and said 'You draw me a cross to go in the O'Kelly monument, and we'll make it out of copper.' It's there ever since, and nobody's ever gotten it."



Style

Lifetime of Maroon and Gold

History of Elon University through eyes of beloved faculty member

Rebecca Wickel
Features Editor

He calls it “WWW” — “what was where.”

Earl Danieleley, president emeritus and adjunct chemistry professor at Elon University, offers an unrivaled campus tour full of passion and humor. Danieleley has witnessed both prosperity and hardship in his 70 years on Elon's campus.

As an Alamance County native, he has seen sprawling cornfields become academic buildings and the homes of old friends make way for the classrooms of thousands of students. The result is a campus rooted in tradition, history and a relentless need for growth.

Danieleley's personal walking tour, a marriage of engaging anecdotes and factual accounts, provides a vivid picture of life at Elon. In a way, nothing is as it was when Danieleley graduated from Elon College in 1946. In another way, it hasn't changed at all.

“I've had alumni talk with me about their feeling that we're getting too large,” Danieleley said. “My response has been that as long as you have the community spirit, as long as you have small groups, as long as you have living, learning communities, then you're not too big. It's not a matter of numbers, it's a matter of attitude. And I think we still have that knowing people is important to us, being friends with people is important to us.”

He admits that the graduates are not wrong — the campus has grown tremendously. When Elon College was built in 1889, only two buildings christened the campus. The administration building, affectionately called Old Main, and East dormitory were the only two buildings standing when the college opened its doors to 76 students.

Today, the 600-acre campus hosts more than 40 major buildings. But according to Jo Watts Williams, Class of 1955, the growth has improved the university.

“The diversity of the students, it's almost miraculous the way the institution has emerged,” she said. “I think it's enhanced (the campus). There were probably 450 on-campus students, maybe 250 commuters. It's amazing. It's almost hard for me to remember or believe that that was the case.”

Building a legend, family



Danieley used to park his car in front of Alamance, where a parking lot used to exist.

When Danieleley began teaching at Elon College in 1947, the rural town was quintessentially American, according to Danieleley. Although many of the homes he often walked past are no longer there, he can still name each of the families that lived on Haggard Avenue and the surrounding sidestreets, describing their personalities, hobbies and occupations.

Where McMichael Science Building now stands was the home of W.P. Lawrence, English professor and part-time dean. Next door lived Professor Ned Brannock and his two daughters.

“My first two years as a professor here, I rented a room in their house,” Danieleley said. “I paid \$10 a month rent, and I ate my meals in the dining hall on campus. At the end of those two years, I got a permanent roommate.”

Danieleley married Verona Daniels Sept. 1, 1948. She was serving as secretary for President Leon Smith when the two met. Together they purchased the land adjacent to Professor Lawrence, which became the family's orchard and garden.

“I grew up on the farm, and wherever we lived, I always had to have a garden — except for the one nine-month term where we lived in Baltimore while I was working at Johns Hopkins,” he said. “I needed very much to have that, having grown up with the garden.”

The Danieleley family lived in multiple homes in Elon, including six years in an old frame house next to the current Elon Community Church, followed by the former president's home, now called Holland House. Despite these various locations, Danieleley always spent time in his garden.

“In 1963, I built my house next door to (the garden),” he said. “I had plenty of land out back, so I had over 100 rose bushes back there. I had an orchard back there with apples, plums, peaches, nectarines, figs, pears, apricots, grapes and Lord knows what else. I grew lots of things; I would plant so much that I would have to have help. I would hire one of the boys from school to be my helper.”

In the mid '90s, Danieleley sold his home on the orchard to Elon College to



LEFT: Williams participated in her sorority initiation at Elon College in her freshman year. Photo submitted by Jo Watts Williams. ABOVE: Earl Danieleley now works in the McMichael Science building where his home used to stand.

make room for a new science building. He now teaches chemistry in the building that sits where his home once stood.

A struggling institution

As Danieleley raised his three children, he similarly watched Elon College grow. The campus was accepting more and more students, as it built academic buildings and residence halls. But incredible growth was not the only type of transformation Elon witnessed.

Following the fire of 1923, Alamance, Duke, Mooney, Carlton and Whitley buildings were built, and the college was more than \$500,000 in debt.

“There was no way in the world we could raise enough money to pay for the interest, let alone the debt,” Danieleley said. “In the spring of 1931, (President Harper) resigned. In December 1931, the college was bankrupt. There were debts we could not pay, we had only 80 students and we lost our accreditation. It was just about as low as an institution could be. You would expect, given those facts, the institution would close down.”

Leon Smith became president in 1931 and successfully restored the institution.

“He took over at that point and saved the college,” Danieleley said. “Knowing where we were in 1931, and aware of where we are now, I say this: There is no more remarkable story in the history of American higher education than the story of the growth and development of this institution. I'd put it up against any institution anywhere in the country.”

And Danieleley had a lot to do with that growth and development.

Rapid change

Danieleley's passion for farming brought him closer to his neighbors. The relationship he built with those in town eventually helped bolster the university.

He befriended A.L. Rich who lived in the house now occupied by the Financial Planning Office.

“(It's) the only one from that era that's still around,” he said. “Rich worked in the textile mill, and his wife was an Elon graduate. Mr. Rich and I would garden together. He was a master gardener and a great friend.”

According to Williams, Rich's farm was a major part of the community.

“There was a wonderful grape vine back in the vicinity of Belk Library, where I'd pick grapes,” Williams said. “Mr. Rich lived in that house and he had cows. There was a barn right where Belk Library sits. He delivered milk to the residents of the little village.”

Danieleley bought Rich's property, but included a life estate which allowed the family to live there until they passed away.

The acquisition of Rich's property marked the beginning of exponential growth for Elon College. It included a large cornfield, where a powerhouse was built in the '40s. Danieleley then converted the space into a parking lot. President Fred Young finally made the space Moseley Center and Young Commons, bringing the hub of student activity from Long Hall to the opposite side of Haggard Avenue.

During his time as president, Danieleley oversaw the construction of Hook, Brannock and Barney residence halls, as well as the McEwen Library — now the School of Communications — and Powell building. Students took part in the first study abroad trip, and the first national fraternity and sorority came to campus.

Through his dedication and commitment, Danieleley has helped Elon become a home for thousands of men and women. He both contributed to and witnessed the development of a university that has risen from the ashes.

“We have come from nothing to national prominence, and it's so incredible,” Danieleley said. “If we hadn't done it, I wouldn't believe it. But we did it, and it's been a great story to see it grow and develop over the years, and it's not done yet.”

In college, on call: Elon junior prepares to be birthing coach

Gabriela Szewcow
Senior Reporter

At any moment — night or day — Bridget Riley could get a phone call. She could have to drop everything she is doing at that moment and meet one of her clients at the hospital, where she could remain for more than 24 hours.

Riley is a junior human services major at Elon, and she is training to be a doula.

"It was always my passion to work with pregnant women, with childbirth or parenting for infants," she said. "And that's how I stumbled on doulas."

Doulas, also known as labor coaches, are nonmedical individuals who assist a woman before, during and after her pregnancy. A doula also provides support to the woman's partner and family.

Riley first looked into midwifery, but knew it wasn't right for her because she has no interest in medicine.

"I wish I could work as a midwife and go to medical school, because it's such a beautiful profession," Riley said. "But being a doula is the perfect fit for me, because it provides emotional and physical support."

Her interest in midwifery led her to information about doulas. There are a number of organizations that train and certify doulas. Riley chose to get certified through DONA International, the oldest and most respected doula association in the world.

The certification process involves a childbirth class, a breastfeeding class, a doula workshop, reading five books and participating in at least three documented births.

Riley got her first client when she was working with the YWCA in Greensboro, where they work with pregnant teens, teen and adult moms. Her client from the YWCA referred her to other clients and her name got around by word of mouth.

"It's hard starting out," Riley said. "New moms may have other pregnant friends, and then your name gets out there in a community of mothers, and that's how it works."

Her Facebook page and cards that she hands out have also been helpful in finding clients.

So far, she has only worked with women under 30, but Riley insists doulas are for anyone. She said most women stumble upon the idea of a doula if they are looking into pregnancy without medication.

All doulas have their own methods, but Riley said she strives to create an



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Junior Bridget Riley is training to be a doula, a labor coach who assists women during childbirth.

atmosphere of calmness and comfort during a birth with her clients. Doulas are there with their clients from the beginning to the end of a pregnancy and they are also present for the birth, from the first contraction until it's all over.

Doulas are not ethically allowed to give medical advice to their patients.

"I always say I don't do anything I need to put gloves on for," Riley explained.

She is also careful not to give her opinion on specific birth practices or methods. She gives information to her clients, but advises they make their decisions with their doctor or partner.

"I can't even say 'I think we should go to the hospital,'" she said. "That has to be the client's decision."

Being a doula is not a profession you can make a living off of, according to Riley, who has had four clients so far. Her most recent client began contractions at 6:15 a.m. and didn't give birth until 1:30 a.m., after which Riley slept for a little bit and made it to class at 12:20 p.m.

"I was mentally up and ready for the whole time I was at the hospital," she said. "The energy and the adrenaline just keeps you going."

That's why she plans on being certified before she graduates from Elon, and eventually becoming a childbirth educator. This would allow her to work out of her home or at a local community center wherever she is living in the future. Riley is working on creating her business in the

Greensboro area now, and she wants to continue to add to it.

"I want to become a postpartum doula, learn belly-casting and prenatal photography," she said. "I want to be able to offer more and more services to my clients through my personal business."

When Riley has her own children in the future, she said she definitely wants to hire a doula.

"I might even have four," she joked. Riley and two of her doula friends created the idea of a birth circle in Greensboro every other Friday.

"It's a place to empower women," she said. "They can share and help one another through talking and sharing opinions."

Doula friends provide Riley with a network of support. Her parents are also supportive and proud of her for pursuing her passion. The encouragement from her family and friends is extremely important to her.

Riley is passionate about her beliefs and what she does. She spoke about the message that young girls are receiving today regarding pregnancy. She said the media encourages girls not to get pregnant much more than it encourages girls to avoid getting STDs.

"This is why people are scared of childbirth and think it's awful, but it's not," she said. "I think people need to talk about and think about childbirth and pregnancy, because whether it happens at 20 or 45, it's still going to be beautiful."

3 best breakfast spots in Burlington

If breakfast is the most important meal of the day, then brunch is the most important meal of the week.

Whether it's to recover from a night out or to socialize after the morning's worship, brunch is a momentous weekend fixture. And it's a gastronomic genre in which Burlington really excels.

For me, brunch is very nostalgic. When I was growing up, my father would drag me out of bed every Sunday morning to go to church. I'm not exactly the staunchest Catholic, but perhaps the biggest motivation to go was the brunch with family and friends afterward.

Brunch is a unique meal — it's the only true hybrid out there in our established eating times. It provides a diverse range of options thanks to this adjunction. It's nice for the eater to have those options, but it's a real strain on the kitchen, who must be ready for anything from an omelet to a burger.

Food aside, brunch's great significance is in the social aspect. It's a time to review the events of the past week and recharge for the events in the upcoming week.

The following restaurants are ranked based on the quality of the brunching experience, in which characteristics of food and atmosphere are taken into consideration.

3. Burlington Diner

The atmosphere at the Burlington Diner is weak. Plain and strangely spacious, the interior feels more like a convention center. With improvements, it could compete with the other two. The atmosphere alone places it lower.

Its food, on the other hand, is impressive. The diner provides a large selection fit for any brunch occasion. They do corned beef-hash right, with the correct corned beef-to-potato proportion, and the cook gives it a nice crisp from the pan. The homefries, pan-fried smashed-potatoes, were dense and crispy. With the egg yolk mixed in, the homefries were my favorite part of the meal.

2. Pano's

Pano's is a quaint roadside diner. It'll surprise you in its tiny size, but once sitting in a booth or at the bar, it will hook you with its charm. You feel important here, and the service really caters to you. It's great for a non-morning person.

Though the menu is simple, the kitchen does it right. Omelets are the house's specialty. I'd recommend the classic bacon and cheese omelet. I found the grits to be the best of all three restaurants. Creamy and rich. Don't be afraid, Northerners. Give them a try. They won't bite.

1. Grill Worx

Grill Worx is everything I ever want in my brunch experience. The friendly old people included. The exterior isn't much to look at, but once inside, you get the feeling that this is how brunch is supposed to be. It's the closest thing I've ever experienced to Paula Deen's table.

And it only gets better with the food. Indulge, and get something hearty. You've got all day to work it off. The country-fried steak with eggs over easy will stick to your ribs. This is a true Dixie-land delight.

ABAN teaches Ghana to make something out of nothing

Elon students team with organization to take stand against poverty on a global scale

David Turkel
Reporter

A Ban Against Neglect (ABAN) is already an up-and-coming charitable organization, but now, it's gaining a stronger presence at Elon as well.

The organization was founded in 2008 by three students at the University of Ghana: Callie Brauel, Rebecca Brandt and Emmanuel Quarmyne. Brauel and Quarmyne were Americans studying abroad, and the three were appalled by two major problems in Ghana — the abundance of litter and the large number of homeless children. Together they started ABAN with the intention of fixing both issues by training homeless, adolescent mothers to create products from recycled trash.

As ABAN grows, its presence at Elon grows as well, and Elon senior Gretchen Honnold has been part of that process. Honnold first became connected with ABAN through her roommate at the time, Amanda Olmstead, who studied abroad at the University of Ghana in the spring of 2010.

Since then, Honnold has been highly involved with ABAN and spent last summer interning for the organization in Ghana. She has also hosted several ABAN product sales and written staff bios for ABAN's website.

ABAN has connected with Elon in a number of other ways. Founders Brauel and Brandt came to Elon in the spring of 2011 to give a presentation and show a short documentary on their work.

Since then, Brandt has come back to speak to the Africa's People and Environments class, taught by Heidi Frontani, professor of geography and chair of the department of history and geography. Additionally, Elon seniors Keyona Osborne and David Gagne worked with ABAN while studying abroad at the University of Ghana last fall.

"ABAN's constant evolving and multifaceted approach to empowerment make it a unique and important cause to understand and support," Honnold said. "The ABAN program is genuine and full of personality."

Senior Rachel Stanley, co-coordinator for Amnesty International, also sees the importance of ABAN.

"Its entrepreneurial system addresses two problems at once," Stanley said.

Of course, Honnold has dedicated a lot of her effort to working with ABAN, but said she has gotten plenty out of the experience herself.

"As an international studies major who is interested in social justice, this experience gave life to the classroom



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ABAN teaches impoverished women in Ghana to create products from recycled trash.

lessons," she said. "Most importantly, I gained relationships with people from a different, yet beautiful culture. I gained friends. These relationships sustain my potential to learn and be learned from and help me to better understand the culture of Ghana and of the U.S."

Honnold said she thinks students should become involved with the organization for many reasons, both personal and professional.

"ABAN has an outlet for any area of expertise, from business entrepreneurship to public health to international studies to communications," she said. "There is so much to learn from this organization and so many ways to get involved."

Taking the ultimate taste test: Alamance County residents eat out to raise money for Red Cross

Audrey Horwitz
Senior Reporter

Monday evening, the courtyard of Best Western on Huffman Mill Road exuded enticing aromas of freshly prepared cuisine and blared the musical talents of a local band.

Taste of Alamance, an event where local food and beverage vendors offered samples of their cuisines to hungry guests, was responsible for the commotion. Guests paid \$25 to taste samples provided by 33 local vendors from Pandora's Pies and Panera to B. Christopher's and Grill 584.

Guests of Taste of Alamance rode in style to the event. They were told to park in the lot behind Starbucks on Huffman Mill Road, where transportation was provided to the Best Western down the street. Piedmont Limousine transported them in a party bus equipped with two televisions, (empty) champagne glasses, floor-lit illumination and a polite, well-dressed driver.

Once they got to the event, guests said they enjoyed themselves. If they weren't busy munching on a snack, they were eyeing the next booth to check out what samples were being offered at their next destination.

Local resident Paul Gill was particularly impressed with the seafood samples offered at Grill 584.

"That shrimp was banging," Gill said.

Mary Robertson, also from the area, could not get enough of the double twice-baked potato from Village Grill.

Tyra Harmon had a harder time choosing her favorite dish.

"I can't decide," Harmon said. "I liked everything."

The atmosphere in the courtyard was bustling. The Chick-fil-A cow was roaming around the venue, local Boy Scouts were on trash duty and people crowded around booths waiting for

their samples. Aside from delicious cuisine and a clean venue thanks to the Boy Scouts, entertainment was provided by a band from Mebane. The band Crossover Drive performed over the chatter of the event.

"We call ourselves a hip-shakin', rock funk'n' soul band," said drummer and vocalist Chris Conley.

Band members got the chance to taste some of the samples during their break.

"As you can see, none of us are shy at the dinner table," Conley said. "I didn't get to try everything, but I was impressed with Chick-fil-A's new cookie."

The vendors at the event also received perks.

"It's a great way for us to network with other restaurants," said Dave Bengel from Pepsi-Cola, the exclusive beverage sponsor for Taste of Alamance. "Plus, I haven't had one person come by and say, 'Do you have a Coke?'"

An owner of Company Shops Market, a co-op in downtown Burlington, was there to serve home-made ice cream with locally-grown, organic toppings.

"It's just a great way to tell people about the co-op and let them try our products," owner Tricia Moss said. "We can also tell them things they might not know. For example, we have wine tasting and live music at the co-op on Friday nights."

Smitty's Homemade Ice Cream was also at the event to advertise its new Elon location. They were excited to partner with Red Cross.

"We partner with local organizations," Smitty's employee Nicole Arslan said. "Our goal is to help our community."

Taste of Alamance started with a woman named Brandy Miller. As a board member and financial development chair of the Piedmont Carolina Chapter of the American Red



AL DRAGO | Staff Photographer
Galdino Aguilar (left) and Tiffany Sechrist (right), employees from the Texas Roadhouse of Burlington, serve barbecue to a guest at the fifth annual Taste of Burlington. The sold out event hosted 450 guests at the Best Western, and a portion of the profit goes to benefit the Red Cross.

Cross, Miller decided to start planning Taste of Alamance to raise money for the organization.

Miller has been organizing the event since it started five years ago. Each year is a learning experience for her.

"My favorite part is when everyone has set up their tables and right before the madness starts," Miller said.

Thanks to all of her hard work, they sold about 450 tickets this year. According to Miller, Taste of Alamance has outgrown their Best Western venue. Next year, they plan to hold it in downtown Burlington in front of Company Shops Market on East Front Street.

The event was a success for the Piedmont Carolina Chapter of the American Red Cross, and a success for guests who left satisfied.

"Well, I can't eat another thing," resident Rosa Bailey said on her way out.



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Kevin Lee, a culinary student from Alamance Community College, prepares appetizers.

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Minor aims to please, grows despite resistance

Rebecca Wickel
Features Editor

It has 28 course offerings, 18 participating study abroad programs and 12 affiliate departments on campus.

But the Asian studies program at Elon University has only 38 students, which is an increase from the 17 who declared in 2009.

"I think the program is small simply because of the lack of popularity and the stigmas of Asians we have in America today," sophomore Sarah Wells said.

Wells is an Asian studies minor interested in eastern religion. Although she said she believes the program is unpopular on campus, she sees great importance in studying eastern societies.

"I like the opportunity to study such a large and influential culture that contrasts greatly with the West," she said. "Growing up in the southern United States, I knew little about Asian culture; basically I was ignorant about half of the world."

Pamela Winfield, coordinator of Asian studies, has been trying to bolster the program. She said she believes understanding Asian culture is the key to success in the future of her students.

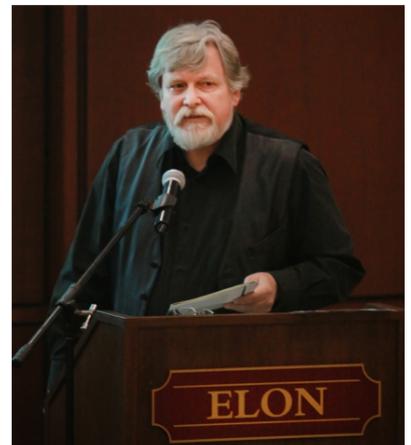
"The elephant in the room is China," Winfield said. "It is the fastest growing economy in the world. If (students) want to recognize that nothing comes from nothing, we need to study the past."

The importance of understanding the financial success of China is not lost on Asian studies minors. Sixty percent of students in the program are pursuing degrees in business, and according to Winfield, they need to.

"In Pakistan, Ramadan is a bad time to do business," she said. "Students need to know these sorts of things. In International work, you need to know cultural cues."

According to Paul Swanson, professor at Nanzan University in Japan, another reason for the necessity of the program is ending ignorance.

"Michele Bachmann said that Japan is an example of the dangers of socialized medicine," Swanson said. "Where is



SARA HUDAK | Staff Photographer
Paul Swanson, professor at Nanzan University, spoke April 12 at LaRose Digital Theater about understanding Japanese culture.

she getting this information? Ending stereotypes about East Asia is important."

Despite the motives behind the program, some students said they feel it isn't supporting their needs.

The Asian studies minor only requires five courses, which is an insufficient amount of exposure for some.

"I never thought I'd want to major in Chinese, but now I really do," freshman Madelon Craig said. "I don't like the program as it is, I really want a major."

Craig is not alone in her desire for a Chinese major. According to Craig, she has been working with sophomore Callan Spicher to bring Chinese programs to Elon, as either a major or minor.

"Callan is bringing petitions all over campus, but it's hard because only students who are 100 percent certain they would major or minor in Chinese are able to sign," she said.

Until a decision is reached, students will continue to use the Asian studies program as a gateway to China, and Winfield expects there to still be interest.

"The region is so important, in terms of diplomacy, economy, culture and history," she said. "If you want to continue living in the world or working in any part of it, you're going to need the knowledge and skill set this minor provides."



For the kids

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Participants at Elonthon 2012 work to keep morale high in Alumni Gym.

10th annual Elonthon raises more than \$100,000

Lindsay Kimble
Senior Reporter

Cooper Thomas was born 14 weeks early, weighing only 15 ounces. Doctors told his parents his chances of survival were slim.

Today, Thomas is alive and well at 14, and joined Elon University students April 13 and 14 to help raise money for Duke Children's Hospital & Health Center at the 10th annual Elonthon.

Elonthon is a 24-hour dance marathon that raises money for Duke Children's Hospital, part of the Children's Miracle Network. Since 2003, Elonthon has been the largest student-run philanthropic endeavor on campus.

Participants enjoyed food, dancing and entertainment, as well as testimonials by children like Thomas and their families who have been helped by the children's hospital. These children are known as "miracle children" — children with diseases, injuries or birth defects that receive or have received treatment at

Duke Children's Hospital.

Mason Lindley, a child injured in a lawn mower accident, was Elonthon's first miracle child and attended each year until passing away in 2005 at the age of six. His family still attends the event to raise awareness and speak out about the work being done to support the children.

Participants were required to stand for the entire duration of their shift, with the intention of helping them understand any pain and fatigue they felt was small in comparison to the hardships the children face daily.

This year's dance marathon raised \$105,397.64 for the children's hospital and welcomed more than 1,000 participants. Of these, 300 students chose to participate for 24 hours straight, while others rotated in six-hour shifts.

"I think this year was such a success because we implemented a new online donation system that allowed us to raise over \$100,000 by the end of the event, which has never been done before in previous years' events," said Margaret

Rowland, director of operations for Elonthon. "It was especially important because this was the 10th anniversary of Elonthon."

According to Rowland, money donated to Duke Children's Hospital will go toward a wide variety of needs, ranging from purchasing small diapers for premature babies to buying toys for children who are sick in the hospital on Christmas morning.

"Since we began work on planning for the event last July, we made some huge changes that I think really paid off," said Jennifer Petinge, facilities chair for Elonthon. "There was more entertainment than in past years and we really tried to utilize social media during the event with a Twitter feed. We heard so many positive remarks and comments from students during the event. It was so great to hear."

Entertainment included DJs, carnival games, Zumba instruction, competitive jump rope team SkipSations and performances by Elon's a cappella groups, among others.

During each shift, a coordinated dance called the "morale dance" was also taught to participants. The routine was created by the morale chair and is centered around the event's theme each year. This year's Elonthon theme was "Come Sail Away."

Ultimately, Petinge said she hopes students will appreciate the true meaning of Elonthon even more in years to come.

"I hope that some of the stigma of standing and dancing for the event disappears from Elon," Petinge said. "And that students can understand why they're participating and how awesome of a cause it is."

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(Left to right) Freshmen AnnaMary Harris, Kasey Sullivan and Kenna Meyerhoff play Twister in between dances at Elonthon April 13-14.



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Sophomore Mike Dara (left) and junior Laura Hashem enjoy free time.



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Fourteen-year-old Cooper Thomas (second from left), a patient at Duke Children's Hospital, thanks the crowd for its support.

From the page to the stage

Department of Performing Arts prepares for 'Pride and Prejudice' adaptation

Ashley Fahey
Copy Chief

It isn't always easy to bring a 200-year-old love story to life. But that is exactly what Elon University's Department of Performing Arts has been working to achieve for the last several months.

The department will present Jane Austen's "Pride and Prejudice," written in 1813, as this year's spring play April 19-22. But bringing such a well-known piece to the stage has presented unique challenges for the rehearsal process.

"My experience in directing well-known stories is that you have to accept what a knowing audience is going to bring in, but then you also have to engage with the story in a way that you find new things that haven't been brought out," said Kevin Otos, director of "Pride and Prejudice" and associate professor of theater. "You find something that's like, 'OK, our production is going to be unique because we emphasize more of this.'"

And finding those unique elements in one of Jane Austen's most famous works has given the cast and crew chances to find creative approaches to a frequently-adapted piece.

"(The play is) not a stagey version of the movie and it's not a stagey version of the book," Otos said. "It's its own unique thing, and I think the person who is familiar with both the novel and also some of the films is going to be able to appreciate that. They're going to be able to see how it's similar and different, how it's alike and how it's unique."

A timeless classic

Although Austen's literature has been widely read for more than a century, there has been a notable resurgence of her work in the last several decades.

"I think everything in popular culture tells us that we're still interested in courtship stories and love stories, and that's what Jane Austen has," said Rosemary Haskell, professor of English teaching a Jane Austen literature course this semester. "I think it is the love story, and I suppose we're always interested in finding out how individuals manage to survive and thrive in their own particular culture."

"Pride and Prejudice" offers readers not only a classic romance, but a compelling story laced with wit and satire, not to mention colorful characters, according to Haskell.

"I think Elizabeth Bennet is such an attractive character to men and women," she said. "She's witty, she's charming and she's funny. She's slightly rebellious, but

her rebellion doesn't cause her life to spin away into disaster."

Senior Stephanie Lloyd, who will play Elizabeth in Elon's production, said she believes her character connects well with readers and audiences, both in the early 1800s and in modern times.

"She does have a wit, she likes to read," Lloyd said. "She uses her mind and she has a way of communicating with people that I think is unexpected and why women have constantly looked up to her and her vivacity."

Additionally, many parallels can be found between the issues faced by the characters in the novel and individuals in modern society.

"I think her books remain popular because they discuss issues that we still face today," said junior Rachel Jones, a student in Haskell's Jane Austen class. "Money issues, family issues, finding and losing love, misunderstanding other people and feeling out of place are all still relevant today as they were in her life, though perhaps not for the same reasons. In many ways, her novels seem more like realistic fairy tales — an idea that is currently very fascinating to our culture."

Bringing classic literature to modern theater

The cast of "Pride and Prejudice" has been using a play adaptation written by Jon Jory. According to Otos and many of the cast members, Jory's dialogue and narrative are very similar to Austen's dialogue in the novel.

"There are a lot of challenges in taking this novel and making it into a piece of theater," Otos said. "But I think Jon Jory has succeeded in that the narrative of the story keeps moving right along. The scenery is flexible enough that it can be a variety of spaces."

Jory's dialogue is not only almost identical to Austen's, but it annotates the novel and keeps the play moving at a reasonable pace.

"While the nuances of the novel and most of Austen's wry narration are inevitably lost in translation, Jon Jory's script does perform a considerable feat by telling the entire story in just two hours," said sophomore Colin Gardner, a member of the ensemble in "Pride and Prejudice" and a student in Haskell's class. "The novel has more humorous social critique while the play focuses more on the romance angle, but both the novel and the play will appeal to love story enthusiasts, people with a good sense of humor and Anglophiles — three categories which cover a broad range of people."

Bringing famous characters such as



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Senior Stephanie Lloyd (left) and junior Michael Moore run through a "Pride and Prejudice" scene.

Elizabeth Bennet and Mr. Darcy to the stage presents challenges as well. But according to Lloyd and junior Logan Sutton, who are playing the respective roles, they welcome the acting challenges.

"I felt the history of the role only makes me prepare more," Sutton said. "It was important to me that I delved as much into what other people have done and what the author herself said."

Other challenges in bringing classic literature to life include the technical aspects of the show. As the novel has many locations and scene changes, Otos, along with the cast and crew, had to work together to make easy set transitions while still accurately portraying the time period and setting.

"In movies, you have all kinds of

advantages," Lloyd said. "You can recreate the set exactly and all of the tiny props and tiny details. In a stage setting, it's a lot more difficult to keep track of all those things. Our director affectionately referred the blocking we did for this show as algebra, because the scene transitions move so fast and it's so precise."

But in the face of these obstacles, the cast and crew of "Pride and Prejudice" said they hope to perform in a way that is as enjoyable as the novel.

"The theater is a medium for telling stories," Gardner said. "Classic literature becomes classic because it says something truthful about the world in which we live and the people with which we share it. These are the same elements that make for compelling theater."



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(Left to right) Senior Alyson Wells, junior Claire Manship, senior Ashley Couture, senior Katie Elinoff, junior Michael Moore and senior Stephanie Lloyd rehearse in preparation for "Pride and Prejudice."

Students explore 'Lessons' of love on first mixtape

Lindsay Kimble
Senior Reporter

For Elon University junior Deanna Fox and senior Darrius McQueen, a lifetime of relationship experiences resulted in something beautiful — the completion of "Life Lessons," their first mixtape as Dulcet Entertainment.

"Life Lessons' is just what the title says it is — a mix of songs that take a person through the feelings of a relationship and the lessons that someone usually learns," Fox said.

McQueen said the 13-track R&B mixtape allows for a variety of teachings.

"The tracks each have a different viewpoint of relationships," McQueen said. "It has stories about finding that one person. It also has stories about breakups. A lot of this is drawn from personal situations as well."

Fox and McQueen decided to record the mixtape after many suggestions from their fellow Elon Gospel Choir members.

"Both of us are in the Elon Gospel Choir and that's how we met last year in the fall, and we built a relationship and a friendship from choir," McQueen said. "People would tell us to make some music together and toward the end of last school year, we did."

Fox said the duo started recording songs over the summer, and only toward the beginning of the school year did they decide to record a complete mixtape.

"The process was fun, crazy, stressful, but a great experience for me," Fox said. "We had times where we would get frustrated with ourselves, the music, the process in general but it was well worth it."

According to Fox, she and McQueen each wrote their own verses and individual songs, and then collaborated on writing the choruses. McQueen produced all the music for the mixtape, a process he learned as he went along.

When recording, McQueen said they often did work on the album from across state lines.

"I was in Florida at home for most of the time, but most of the recording together was done at Elon," McQueen said.

The name the duo chose to record under, Dulcet, came from a long process of searching for something that both felt represented their music.

"We looked for a long time to try and come up with a name that was unique and one that's never been used and one day we came across Dulcet," Fox said. "I love the name for the meaning, which is sweet and soothing, melodious. Since we are an R&B group I think this represents us well."

All 13 tracks on the mixtape are original and are intended to tell a story. Every song has a different tone, some happy and some intended to help propel someone through tough times, Fox said.

Fox and McQueen's favorite track on the album is "Fade Away" because it was the first song by Dulcet and the first song Fox wrote.

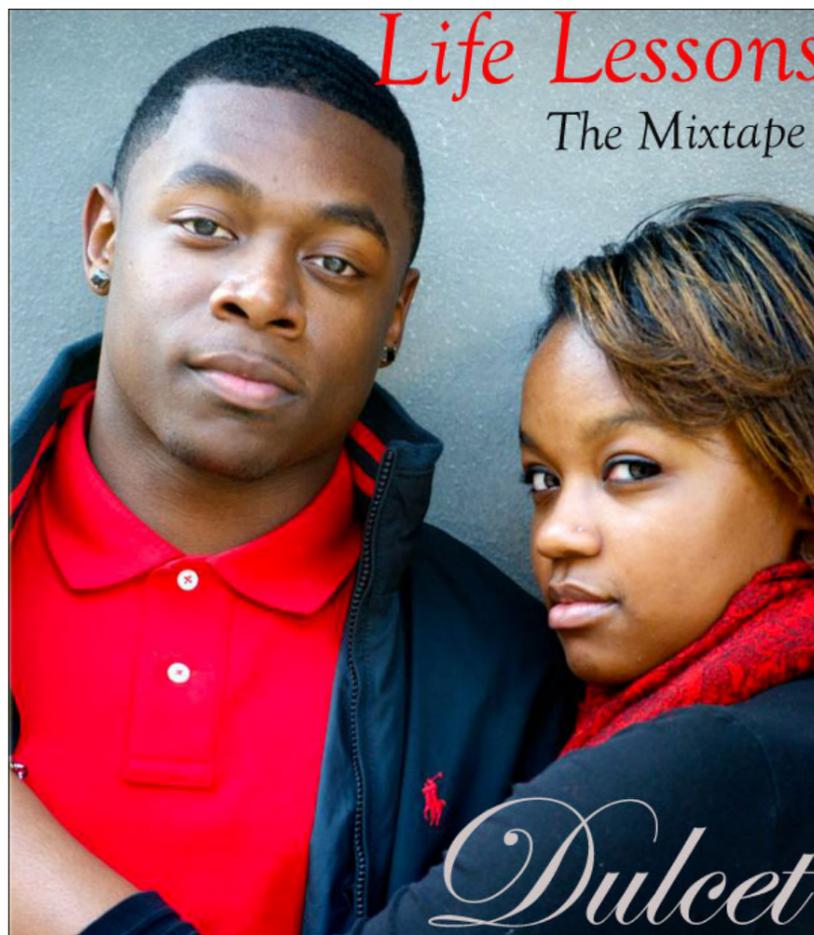
"I also like 'We Will Be Alright' because of the beat and the feel of the song," Fox said. "It's very uptempo and a happy song in general."

McQueen agreed "Life Lessons" takes listeners on a journey.

"The mixtape takes you from the beginning to the end of a relationship," McQueen said. "If you've been in a relationship, you know there's a lot of lessons that can be learned, and 'Life Lessons' explores that."

Both Fox and McQueen have a strong background in music. Fox played in her high school band and sang in her school's chorus. McQueen's mother has been singing since her youth and started him on piano lessons at only five years old.

"I went from piano to saxophone," McQueen said. "So I've always been around music and always loved



Senior Darrius McQueen (left) and junior Deanna Fox explore music through "Life Lessons."

music."

On a football scholarship at Elon, McQueen said music "jumped back into (his) life" when he joined gospel choir and praise team. The praise team is a group of six students, including Fox, who do praise and worship and visit several churches.

Both said they wish to continue working with their love of music

by performing more this spring. McQueen said the duo is currently in the writing process for another potential mixtape as they promote "Life Lessons" via Facebook and Twitter.

"We are trying to have another performance for SUBLive soon before the year ends, so look out for that," Fox said.

Dance Company returns from European festival performance

Stephanie Butzer
Senior Reporter

It was a stroke of luck that brought members of Elon's Dance Company to France for the Semaine de la Danse Festival. Nine dancers and two professors took this opportunity to get Elon's name out internationally.

"It was the first time our dance company has gone to Europe to perform, so it was really a big deal," said Karl Green, assistant professor of performing arts and costume designer for the dancers.

Green spent last summer in Paris and, through a connection he made there, received an invitation to bring Elon's Dance Company to the dance festival in Aurillac, a town in the south of France.

The Semaine de la Danse, or Week of Dance, is a nationwide festival. Elon was the only non-French group that was invited to perform in Aurillac.

"Not only were we able to perform, but knowing that we were invited to show off our hard work internationally was very motivating," said senior Katie Yahner.

First, the company went to Paris for three days. They went on a cultural tour of the area and visited museums that incorporated the history of dance, which was one of Yahner's favorite things about France. Visiting the Louvre, the Pompidou and the Paris Opera was inspiring, Yahner said.

After a seven-hour train ride to Aurillac, the dancers performed twice for the festival. The theater was built in the 18th century and had been renovated. Although the town was small, the dancers performed for full houses both nights.

Lauren Kearns, associate professor of dance, taught classes and Green showed his costumes in

a workshop to French students. Both of them were invited to return next year, although this is not yet set in stone. The dancers also took classes with other performers in the festival.

"Even though most of them did not speak English and we didn't speak French, it was nice to interact with them in a way that didn't require us to talk," Yahner said.

The French experience was fully immersive for the dancers, right down to their lodging on the trip. According to Green, the Dance Company stayed in an 18th century farmhouse with other artists.

"France really supports the arts a lot more than the United States does, so they have housing so when they have guest artists, they have places for those artists to live," Green said.

Kearns choreographed "End Game," the piece showcased at the festival. The routine is contemporary, edgy and theatrical. Kearns also had a composer write original music for the piece.

Green said the dancers seemed to have a great time. It was not only something to add to their resumes, but they got the chance to perform in another country and all the experiences that come with it, he said.

The dancers will perform for the Elon community Tuesday, April 24 during the Student Undergraduate Research Forum.

Dept. of Performing Arts Events

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Two Elon men's basketball recruits honored

The future of Elon University men's basketball team got a little brighter this past week, as two recruits for head coach Matt Matheny's squad were named to county all-star teams.

Tanner Samson, of Regis Jesuit High School in Aurora, Co., was named to the All-Continental League first team for his play during his senior season. He averaged 16.6 points, 7.5 rebounds and 3.3 steals per contest. The 6-foot-4 Samson is from the same high school as current Elon freshman forward Ryan Winters.

Will Trawick, of Fox Lane High School in Bedford, N.Y., was named to the tri-county first team for Westchester County. He led the Foxes in scoring (15.2 points per game) and rebounding (11.1 rebounds per game). Trawick helped his team to a 17-4 record for the 2011-2012 season.

Records fall for Elon track and field at UNC meet Saturday

Two Elon University track and field records were made at the Kent Taylor-Joe Hilton UNC Invitational April 14.

The 4x100-meter relay team, made up of sophomore Bria Bell, senior Dana Cataldo, sophomore Veronica Luedke and senior Amy Salek, set a new Elon record with a time of 46.55 for second place in the meet.

Bell then took sixth in the 200-meter dash by setting a school record with a time of 24.60, breaking her previous record by .07 seconds.

The Phoenix will look to better last year's program-best finish of third at the SoCon Outdoor Track and Field Championships April 21-22, in Cullowhee, N.C.

Student-Athlete Advisory Committee collects tabs for Ronald McDonald House Charities

Elon University student-athletes collected 135,120 tabs from aluminum cans in an effort to raise money for the Ronald McDonald House Charities across the nation.

The Phoenix finished second out of Southern Conference teams in the conference-sponsored "Keeping Tabs on Kids" programs to help raise money for RMHCs, which support programs that "directly improve the health and well-being of children," according to the charity's website. Western Carolina University student-athletes brought in 182,264 tabs.

All of Elon's 18 varsity sports participated in the tab collection with the cheerleading team winning an informal competition among the individual programs.

Elon Student-Athlete Advisory Committee President Dale Riley said he was encouraged by the outpouring of support from his fellow student-athletes and, although Elon did not win, he was happy with the amount of money that will come from the tabs.

Football team visited by NFL veteran Rhodes

Current Arizona Cardinals cornerback Kerry Rhodes visited the Elon Phoenix football team April 5.

According to head coach Jason Swepton, Rhodes was on campus working out for the 2012 NFL season with a track and field coach and was given an opportunity to speak to the team after a spring practice.

"He understands that he still has to work hard to survive in the NFL, and he shared that message with our guys," Swepton said in a post on ElonPhoenix.com. "It gives validation to the guys that they have to work hard. You might not be the best player on the team, or the best player in the conference, but if you're not working hard 24/7, someone will beat you out."

The team will have four more practices before the spring game, including one in Rhodes Stadium at 2:30 p.m. April 21. The 2012 season will begin Sept. 1 against the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill at Kenan Stadium in Chapel Hill, N.C. The Phoenix finished 5-6 last season.

SuperFan Steve:

heckling expert

Adam Lawson
Assistant Sports Editor

It takes about 15 minutes for Steve Roth to morph into his alter ego.

First, the junior throws on a No. 19 Elon football jersey. Next, he wears a Phoenix baseball jersey on top of it. After throwing some pants on, Roth grabs his Aviator sunglasses. It doesn't matter what time of day or night — these shades are essential. Finally, he puts on a Coach hat and the look is complete.

What's that in the stands? It's not a bird. It's not a plane. It's "SuperFan."

Roth brings along his trusty sidekick and roommate, senior Max Gongaware, and a tub of props with him to the Elon Phoenix baseball game. For three years now, Roth has made his presence known at Latham Park.

"There's not a whole lot of students that go to Elon baseball games," Roth said. "And that's a shame. So one thing I wanted to do was be loud and obnoxious so that not only could people enjoy the baseball game, but maybe get some entertainment, too, so it's even more of a reason to come to baseball games."

Roth's taunting starts at the game's first pitch — sometimes even earlier than that. As Towson University's Brendan Butler steps up to the plate in the Tigers game against the Phoenix April 13, he's greeted with a loud, screeching "Brendannnnnnnn" that carries on throughout the at-bat.

Later in the inning, Tigers right fielder Dominic Fratanuono enters the batter's box. This time Roth chimes in on the No. 3 hitter's surname. "Fratatatatanino!" Roth exclaims. Those in proximity to Roth, mainly adults past their college years, can't help but laugh at the oddity.

In addition to yelling at the players, Roth must keep the umpires honest after what he perceives are bad calls.

"When I say something, everybody can hear, whether they want to or not," Roth said. "So, when we all get on the umpires, they understand they messed up or at least they made a questionable call."

Connor Glassey has been writing for baseball magazine Baseball America since 2008. His job description is to watch as much baseball as possible, so he makes it to about 70 high school and college games per year.

During a March 9 contest against Georgia Southern University, Glassey tweeted "I think Elon might have the most annoying fan in the country. A young Gilbert Gottfried."

Gottfried is a popular actor and comedian who, among other roles, voiced Iago in the film Aladdin.

"Chris Beck was pitching for Georgia Southern," Glassey said. "He was just screaming at him and kept yelling 'Christopherrrr' in this really annoying voice, and that's what made me think of Gilbert Gottfried."

Roth begs to differ. "Personally, I thought I was louder than Gilbert Gottfried," he said. "But I still appreciate that as an insult-slash-compliment."

Roth wears the distinction of "most annoying fan" like a badge of honor. He's there to get in the other team's head, and that's just what he does. He's even earned himself a semi-cult following because of it.

He's been asked for his autograph a time or two. But nothing compares to what happened at the April 10 game



Junior Steve Roth has made a name for himself heckling Phoenix baseball opponents from the stands of Latham Park on weekends, earning a nickname from a Baseball America writer.

against East Carolina University, when Roth had a run-in with the father of East Carolina catcher Zach Wright.

Wright's father produced a printout of Roth's face from Elon outfielder Niko Fraser's blog and asked Roth to sign it. After introducing himself to Roth, things got stranger.

"He invited us to the East Carolina game later this year at East Carolina," Roth said. "At that point, I said 'OK, maybe we're interested in doing that.' He said 'We got to get you guys out. We got to get you tickets.' I'm like, 'Oh, should we trade contact information?' and he says, 'I already got your number.'"

Turns out, Wright's father had printed out Roth's resume, which he had found online. The resume included "SuperFan's" phone number.

Wright's father went on to greet Gongaware by name and said he enjoys the radio show Gongaware and Roth host together for WSOE. Roth said the incident creeped him out a little bit, but after taking a moment to process things, he went back to his heckling ways.

He doesn't simmer down in the slightest when the Phoenix comes up to bat, either. In his prop bucket, Roth has swimmyies for junior catcher Alex Swim, a Slim Jim for sophomore pitcher Jim Stokes and a stuffed elephant for freshman catcher Michael

“When I say something, everybody can hear, whether they want to or not.”

-Steve Roth
SUPERFAN

Elefante. He even has a "Thomas the Tank Engine" lunch box in homage to freshman shortstop Joey Tomko.

While not every opposing player or fan enjoys Roth's antics, the athletes in maroon and gold love the support.

"He's got me cracking up sometimes," said senior left fielder Jake Luce, for whom Roth coined the nickname Abso-Luce. "He brings life to the ballpark, that's for sure. We appreciate him."

For Roth, going out to the ballpark means an escape from the monotony of everyday boredom. It's a chance to get away for a couple hours — an opportunity to lose himself in the pageantry of America's game.

"This is where I go to stress relieve," Roth said. "A lot of people do their own thing or they go to the gym. I haven't been to the gym in a while. Instead, I come here, I start screaming at people and I have a lot of fun."

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Sophomore Cameron Silverman has been a key player for the Phoenix this season.

Silverman looks for comeback opportunity as men try to rebound from 2011 letdown

Adam Lawson
Assistant Sports Editor

Sophomore Cameron Silverman remembers watching as his Elon University Phoenix men's tennis teammates bowed out of the Southern Conference Tournament last year.

A bout of mononucleosis prevented Silverman from taking the court as Samford University upset the No. 1 seeded Phoenix in the second round on the way to a SoCon championship.

"It was definitely tough for me to have to just watch from the sidelines," Silverman said. "I couldn't even really say much because my throat was killing me."

Now healthy, Silverman will attempt to lead the charge as Elon (8-14, 5-5 Southern Conference) enters the postseason as a proverbial underdog.

The Phoenix is without four seniors from last year's team. Six players, including Silverman, have never played in the SoCon Tournament. That changes April 19 when Elon takes on No. 11 seeded Georgia Southern University (2-19, 1-9).

Youth is something that has harmed the Phoenix lately. Elon has lost six of seven matches, the last of which was a 4-3 defeat at East Carolina University. It was the third straight match Elon has lost by a solitary point.

"It's just youth," said head coach Michael Leonard. "If you look at our results, we've gotten to 3-all and then usually there's a freshman playing that decides who wins the match against a junior or senior on the other team. That's been the difference. They've been in the fire. They've been in that situation more. We haven't."

Elon enters the tournament with a gigantic question mark: The health of senior Eric Turner. Turner missed time earlier this season after he suffered from food poisoning and a hip flexor in a match against Wake Forest University, and then fell again a couple of weeks later and reinjured his hip.

Turner returned to doubles action against East Carolina Saturday, but wasn't able to go in singles play. Leonard said he was optimistic about Turner's ability to return for singles and doubles action this weekend.

If Elon gets by Georgia Southern, the Phoenix will play Appalachian State University, a team that defeated Elon 5-2 in their match March 28.

If Elon wins that game, it will

likely get paired with the College of Charleston, another team that beat the Phoenix 5-2.

Winning the doubles point may be key for Elon's postseason lives. The Phoenix lost the doubles point three matches in a row, all matches that Elon lost 4-3.

"We've struggled a little bit in doubles without Eric being in there," Leonard said. "Getting Eric back, I think that's going to help us in doubles. If we can get that doubles point, we feel like we have a good shot at getting three points in singles. Against most of these teams, the problem is we've lost the doubles point against these better teams and then we have to get four singles and that's a challenge."

It's been more than a month since Elon was able to string together consecutive victories. In order for the Phoenix to keep its season alive, it must now go out and win four in a row.

But it starts with the first match against Georgia Southern. If the Phoenix wins that, they get to play on, which is really all they want.

"Our expectation is to just get some confidence," Leonard said. "I feel with this team if we can win a match against a 3-seed and just pull it out and just fight, then I think these guys are going to start believing they can beat anyone in the conference."

For Cameron Silverman, it is a chance to come back and win what eluded the Phoenix last season — a SoCon championship. But at the sixth seed, Elon will have to play three winning matches to take the crown.



FILE PHOTO BY MERISSA BLITZ
Sophomore Frida Jansaker is 16-4 in singles play this season.

Women riding hot streak of close matches, seeking to surprise in SoCon tournament

Zachary Horner
Sports Editor

The Elon University Phoenix women's tennis team is holding to the mantra of better late than never. Just ask sophomore Frida Jansaker.

"We've had a way better season than last year, even though our record is the same," she said. "I feel like we definitely have a stronger team this year, it's just a matter of everyone stepping up at the right time and I feel like we're peaking at the right moment."

The Phoenix has played very tight matches going into the Southern Conference Tournament, which begins April 19, when Elon will take on 10th-seeded Wofford College in the opening match at 11:30 a.m. Thursday. The Phoenix routed the Terriers 7-0 April 1.

"I've seen the team, especially in this past few weeks, really step up," said head coach Elizabeth Anderson. "We've had our toughest competition towards the end, and we've had very close matches with them and had opportunities to beat them."

One thing Jansaker pointed out was the difference in the match score in losses. Of the Phoenix's five SoCon losses, four were by the score of 4-3, the lone exception a 5-2 loss to UNC-Greensboro April 10.

Sophomore Jordan Johnston likes what she has seen from those close losses.

"It shows a lot of growth that we've had, especially in the past year," she said. "We're actually putting ourselves in the position to win matches, which is really a big deal. Success doesn't come overnight, and it's definitely been a process, but we're obviously going in the right direction, and we can only get better with the team that we have and the team we're going to get."

One of the keys for the Phoenix is the play of Jansaker and Johnston, especially at the top doubles pair. The team had a 19-2 record during the regular season, giving them the top SoCon doubles record. Anderson points out how well the two play together and the consistency they bring as singles and doubles players.

"You know what you're getting out of them each given day," she said. "And even if they're having a bad day, you know they're going to fight through it and they're going to make the most of it and find a way to win, even if it's not pretty. And I think that there's a lot to be said for that, and they set a really good example for the rest of the girls to follow."

Both rank near the top of the SoCon in their singles winning percentages. Johnston has been victorious in 65 percent of her matches, fourth-best at No. 1 singles, while Jansaker has won 80 percent of her matches while playing at several different positions.

"The biggest thing for us is to get out there and get the win towards the doubles point and try to have the team look up to us and say, 'Hey, if they're doing well, we can do well too,'" Johnston said. "Just pick everyone up. That's what we want to do."

But the Phoenix will need effort from all over the roster for a victory. Anderson said she still wanted better play in what she called "critical points," but she has confidence in her team.

"The tournament presents a great opportunity for us, and I know this team wants it really bad," she said. "We're willing to do what it takes to win those matches, and I think we've had our share of close-enough wins that it makes you even hungrier to win it."

Jansaker said she feels the Phoenix will be especially strong because of the consecutive nature of the tournament.

"We have a good, strong team, good conditioning," she said. "Especially in the tournament, it all depends on what team is the strongest and can play consecutive matches strong. I feel like this is our time and we can turn those 4-3 losses into 4-3 or 5-2 wins."

Anderson fully expects a victory, riding the confidence of those close matches and a heavy dose of healthy optimism in hopes of a conference championship to bring home to Elon.

"If you're coming in hot at the right time, you can achieve it," she said. "It doesn't matter what seed you are in the conference tournament, you have the opportunity to play anybody and everybody. We just want to take it all, and we're not going to be satisfied with anything else."

Men's Tennis Fast Facts

Record: 8-14 (overall), 5-5 (conference)
Home: 5-6
Away: 3-7
Neutral: 0-1

Singles

Stefan Fortmann: 16-7
Cameron Silverman: 16-9
Jordan Kaufman: 12-11
Juan Madrid: 6-10
Andrew Prince: 6-12

Doubles

Cameron Silverman/Eric Turner: 8-6
Stefan Fortmann/Cameron Silverman: 5-0
Jordan Kaufman/Cameron Silverman: 2-1
Stefan Fortmann/Juan Madrid: 2-2
Stefan Fortmann/Jordan Kaufman: 3-5

Women's Tennis Fast Facts

Record: 15-8 (overall), 5-5 (conference)
Home: 10-3
Away: 4-5
Neutral: 1-0

Singles

Frida Jansaker: 16-4
Viviana Stavreva: 15-6
Maria Camara Ruiz: 13-6
Jordan Johnston: 13-7
Barbora Lazarova: 11-11

Doubles

Frida Jansaker/Jordan Johnston: 19-2
Briana Berne/Maria Camara Ruiz: 11-5
Katy Canada/Kaylyn Smialek: 3-0
Briana Berne/Viviana Stavreva: 3-2
Maria Camara Ruiz/Barbora Lazarova: 3-3

Freshman power play boosts baseball

Adam Lawson
Assistant Sports Editor

For Elon University freshman infielder Tyler McVicar, the 55 days between his first collegiate at-bat and Friday night's game against Towson University could best be described as waiting for the proverbial opportune moment.

He saw the field sparingly in that time, serving mostly as a pinch hitter that had failed to hit. Then, a switch flipped on. McVicar deposited a 1-1 second inning pitch from Towson's Sean Bertrand over the right field wall for his first collegiate home run. An inning later, he drove the first pitch he saw well over the fence in left center field — taking out his frustration on back-to-back pitches.

The positive vibes continued on Sunday, when McVicar added a pair of hits and reached base four times in the series finale, a 6-2 Phoenix win that gave Elon (21-17, 12-6 Southern Conference) the series victory.

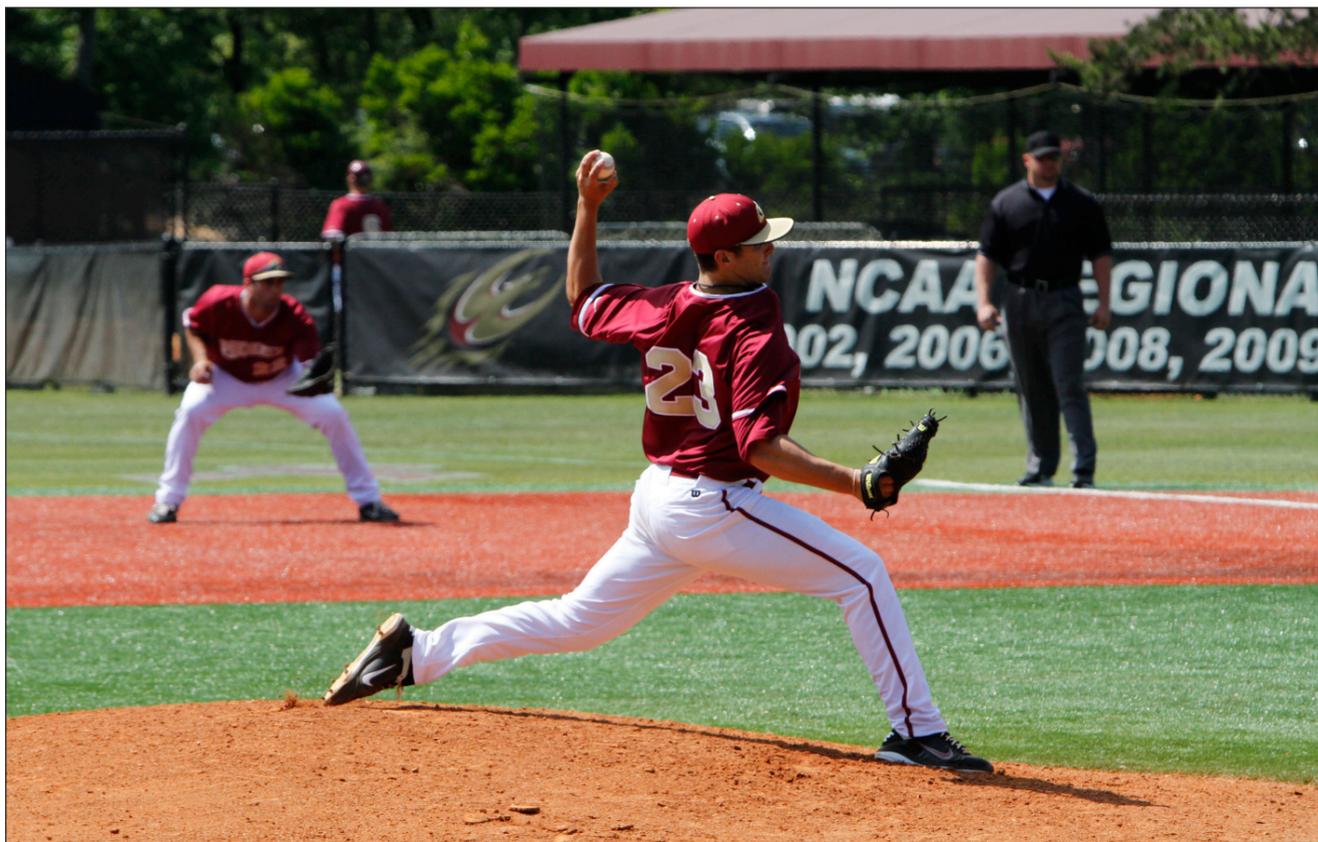
"It felt good because I was struggling big time," McVicar said. "Nothing was going my way and then finally it came and I got some hits together. Hopefully I'm out of it."

The wins halted a brutal stretch of five losses in six games, but there was still much to be desired. The Phoenix booted the ball around all weekend, making eight errors in the three-game series, seven during the last two games.

Adventurous defense has been a theme for the Phoenix this year. Elon has committed more errors (67) than any team in the SoCon.

"It's always a concern and it's got to be more important to our guys," said head coach Mike Kennedy. "That's the message we're trying to hammer away. They're all worried about hitting, hitting, hitting. Well, you know what, you can worry about that until you're blue in the face but you're not doing that real well right now. So we got to catch the ball to stay in games."

The Phoenix will get to test its defense at home against High Point before heading on the road to face the team at the cellar of the SoCon, Wofford College. It's an opportunity to correct what has been up to this point a subpar season by Elon standards.



Junior pitcher Spencer Medick won his first game in an Elon uniform Sunday, scattering four hits over six innings and allowing two unearned runs.

"Personally, I don't think 21-17 is where we want to be as a team," said freshman outfielder Quinn Bower. "I think that we think we're a lot better than that and our record doesn't show. We have played tough competition, but we have to come away with wins."

The fact that Wofford sits at the bottom of the conference doesn't give Kennedy ease. He saw what happened when his team faced — and beat — top conference foes like Charleston and Georgia Southern.

But he was also there when the Phoenix dropped a pair of series to Furman University and Davidson College, two teams Elon had no business losing to.

"I think the mentality is to come out and play hard right from the start," Kennedy said. "We try not to worry about who we're playing. If you do, you get caught up in not showing up sometimes. It's easy for kids to go 'OK, Wofford's 3-11 or 3-12, this is going to be easy.' But it's never easy."

A key factor for the Phoenix may be the health of two key regulars. Junior center fielder Niko Fraser hasn't played since becoming concussed at Furman April 6.

It was the fifth documented concussion Fraser has suffered since high school. Kennedy said Fraser may play Wednesday against High Point and that returning Friday against Wofford is a realistic goal.

X-rays on senior utility player Garrett Koster's elbow came back negative. Koster was hit by a pitch April 14 and did not play the following day. His status for the upcoming week is unknown.

But if he's out, the Phoenix may need a breakthrough performance from an unsung hero to pull out a weekend series victory.

McVicar provided that for the Phoenix this past weekend as one of several freshmen making noise this year for Elon. The Bower twins are at the top — Blaine is batting .364 in 17 games and Quinn has eight RBIs to go along with a .254 batting average. Infielder Joey Tomko has 13 hits and six RBIs, while fellow utility man Casey Jones has 7 RBIs in 18 starts. Redshirt freshman pitcher John Antonelli is second on the team with a 2.95 ERA and has two saves, second on the team.

With a key man down, Elon will need all hands on deck for the rest of the season.



Freshman infielder Casey Jones is second among Elon first-years in RBIs (7).

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Upcoming Schedule

vs. High Point University – April 18 – 6:30 p.m.
@ Wofford College – April 20 – 6 p.m.
@ Wofford College – April 21 – 3 p.m.
@ Wofford College – April 22 – 1 p.m.

Top Players

Jr. C Alex Swim – .365 BA, 1 HR, 23 RBIs, 57 H
Sr. OF Jake Luce – .317 BA, 1 HR, 25 RBIs, 44 H
So. 2B Sebastian Gomez – .293 BA, 2 HR, 13 RBIs, 43 H
Sr. SS Garrett Koster – .265 BA, 8 HR, 27 RBIs, 35 H
So. 1B Ryan Kinsella – .265 BA, 4 HR, 23 RBIs, 35 H

Top Pitchers

Jr. RHP Dylan Clark – 7-2 (10 app.), 3.55 ERA, 45 K, 13 BB
Jr. LHP Andrew MacDonald – 4-2 (16 app.), 3.56 ERA, 17 K, 19 BB
Jr. RHP Nate Young – 3-1 (16 app.), 2.70 ERA, 13 K, 9 BB
Jr. RHP Kyle Webb – 3-3 (8 app.), 3.51 ERA, 33 K, 14 BB
Jr. LHP Spencer Medick – 1-2 (9 app.), 2.96 ERA, 42 K, 16 BB

Softball kills losing streak with key SoCon series victory

Zachary Horner
Sports Editor

Ending an eight-game losing streak was sweet. The way they did it was perhaps even better.

The Elon University Phoenix softball team took two out of three wins from Appalachian State University this weekend, improving its record to 19-14 overall, 8-7 in the Southern Conference. Elon will take on North Carolina State University April 18 in a single game in Raleigh and play a series against Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, N.C., April 21-22.

Phoenix head coach Kathy Bocoock was more than pleased with the end of the streak.

"We got that monkey off our back a little bit," she said. "We were sliding. We knew App State was a great team and they weren't going to go away. We knew that, and we had to fight and it's good for us to get ourselves in that situation because I don't think we've been in very many of those, and us to get ready to go to tournament, that could happen a lot."

The series win was keyed by senior pitcher Erin O'Shea, who made big contributions on the mound and at the plate. She pitched 14.1 innings, allowing just three earned runs and striking out 14. The highlight was the first game Saturday, in which she allowed just two hits and struck out five in a series-opening 8-0 win April 13.

"I'm just trying to do what I can for my team at this point," O'Shea said. "Fortunately, I had two good games yesterday and had five good innings today. I'm just trying to give my team a

chance to win."

Bocoock points to O'Shea as the key to the entire team.

"(Erin)'s very determined right now," she said. "She wants to go out with a bang her senior year. She's doing everything she can in her power to do that. I wouldn't trade her for anything in the world. She's just really working hard and she wants to win, she's very determined."

O'Shea was part of a turnaround on the offensive end for the Phoenix. After scattering 22 runs over the losing streak, which included 10-1 and 7-0 losses to James Madison University April 11 in Harrisonburg, Va., Elon knocked in 18 runs over the three weekend games.

"We know that Elon softball is putting runs on the board, and we don't win if we don't put runs on the board," said junior infielder Ali Ford. "I think it was a good example the first game this weekend — if our bats do the work, it gives our defense confidence and we go out there and make plays and get the wins."

Bocoock saw a positive combination of the three key parts of a bat-and-ball sport as the jumping board behind the victories.

"We've been struggling a bit offensively, so hopefully that will put us back into where we need to be," she said. "One of the things I told the girls (Saturday) was that, when you play this game, you've got to have offense, defense and pitching. And (Saturday), we had all three. (Sunday), I thought we did too."

Ford pointed out the importance of doing the little



Elon sophomore infielder Johanna Spencer slides into third behind an Appalachian State tag during Sunday's game. AL DRAGO | Staff Photographer

things right, including winning Saturday.

"I thought we came out focused, especially snapping our losing streak and doing it in a big way in the first game," she said. "Then just coming out and taking care of business the first day is extremely important."

Bocoock wants to give younger pitchers some experience against NC State and save O'Shea for the weekend series against Western Carolina University, a team that sits last in the Southern Conference.

"We definitely need to play up to our level of play and not Western's, and it's going to be really important for us to do that," O'Shea said. "Western's

capable of beating anyone in the conference, so we have to come out and show some fire and passion, and everyone needs to be on the same page to come out on top."

But possibly the most important part of breaking this losing streak is knocking the SoCon record above .500 and getting a jumpstart on the rest of the conference.

"Western Carolina may be down at the bottom, but they're playing really well against people, and so we've gotta go ready to play and get those wins," Bocoock said. "Next weekend will be big again, and it will continue to be big all the way out."



Freshman outfielder Charyssa Parent has scored two runs this year. AL DRAGO | Staff Photographer

Softball at a Glance

Upcoming Schedule

- @ North Carolina State University – April 18 – 6:00 p.m.
- @ Western Carolina University (double-header) – April 21 – 1:00 p.m.
- @ Western Carolina University – April 22 – 1:00 p.m.

Top Players

So. OF Carleigh Nestor - .394 BA, 1 HR, 22 RBIs, 37 H
 Jr. OF Tomeka Watson - .375 BA, 3 HR, 23 RBIs, 39 H
 Jr. C Camille Hill - .353 BA, 0 HR, 8 RBIs, 30 H
 Sr. SS Danielle Lafferty – .306 BA, 5 HR, 18 RBIs, 26 H
 Sr. P Erin O'Shea - .287 BA, 4 HR, 22 RBIs, 25 H

Top Pitchers

Sr. LHP Erin O'Shea – 12-7 (26 app.), 3.08 ERA, 104 K, 60 BB
 Jr. LHP Kari Pervell – 2-2 (13 app.), 2.29 ERA, 21 K, 8 BB
 So. RHP Karen Berna – 2-2 (8 app.), 3.59 ERA, 7 K, 4 BB
 Fr. RHP Caitlin O'Shea – 2-3 (13 app.), 4.42 ERA, 9 K, 19 BB
 Jr. RHP Tomeka Watson – 1-0 (5 app.), 3.00 ERA, 5 K, 9 BB

Southern Conference Standings

Georgia Southern 14-1 (28-14, overall)
 Chattanooga 11-2 (27-13 overall)
 College of Charleston 11-7 (28-16, overall)
 Elon 8-7 (20-13, overall)
 Appalachian State 7-9 (17-19, overall)
 UNC-Greensboro 6-9 (16-27, overall)
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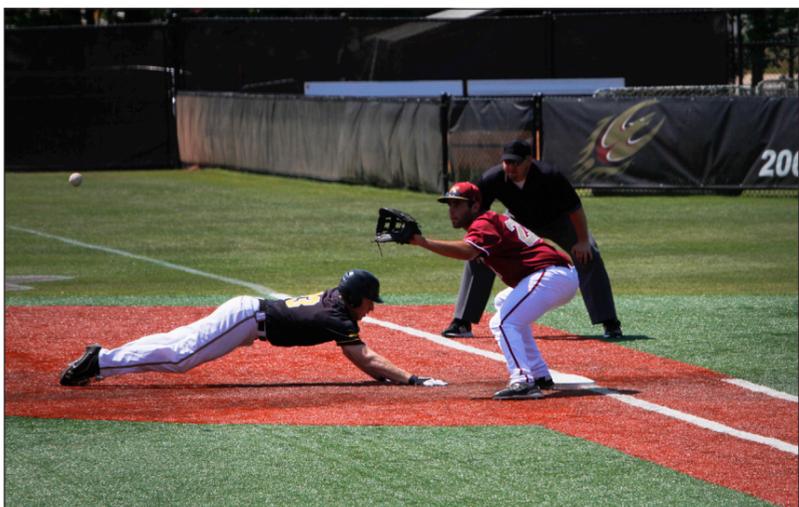
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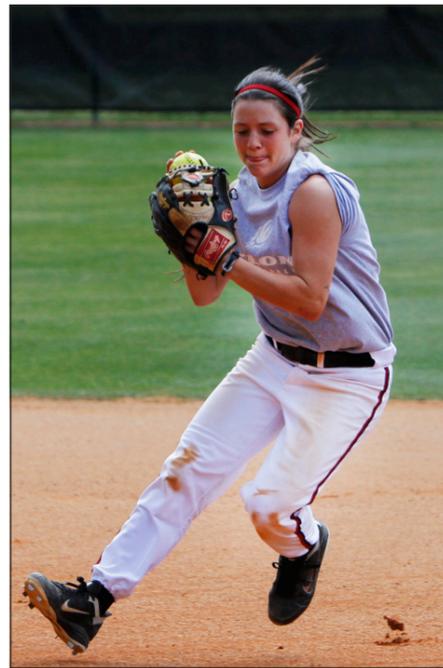
The Elon Phoenix baseball team won two out of three games in its weekend series against Towson University April 13-15 at Latham Park. The two wins were part of halting a streak where the Phoenix lost five out of six games. Assistant sports editor Adam Lawson was there this weekend and took in all the action, *for the full story, see page 20*. Also, see his story on baseball "SuperFan" Steve Roth, who has some strange stories to tell of his heckling days, *on page 22*.

Ali Ford swings like a butterfly, shoots like a bee for Elon



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There are not many athletes who can accomplish what junior Ali Ford (pictured left and right) is currently doing. She holds the Elon University women's basketball record for career three-pointers, hitting her 235th in the second half of a Phoenix loss to Samford University Jan. 28. She also currently holds a .905 fielding percentage and a .267 on-base percentage for the Elon softball team. She is an All-Southern Conference point guard for the women's basketball team and a starting second baseman for the softball team. Ford is one of merely a handful of Phoenix who have played multiple sports. Scott Riddle, class of 2010, was Elon's starting quarterback for four seasons and played infield and catcher for the baseball team from 2008-2010 as a sophomore and junior, and junior David Wood also pulled double duty on the baseball and football teams in the 2010-2011 school year as a sophomore. Online this week, senior reporter Andrew Wilson will look into Ford's double sport life. Check elonpendulum.com Saturday for why she did it, what her coaches and fellow teammates say about it and the tough life that a dual-sport student-athlete lives.



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