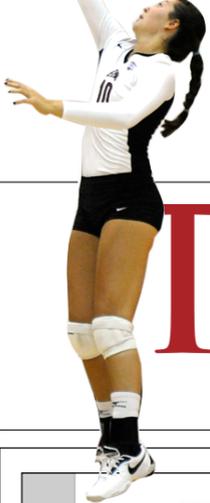


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Elon strives to increase alumni giving

Becca Tynes
Senior Reporter

With the use of social media and programs on campus, Leo Lambert, president of Elon University, and those working in the school's Office of Advancement hope the percentage of alumni giving will increase to include not only graduates, but current students as well.

Lambert sent a video message to all alumni last week, encouraging them to donate to Elon.

"I want every Elon alum to think of themselves as part of the future of this university, not part of its past," Lambert said in the video.

He went on to encourage alumni to remain passionate, committed and involved in the institution.

"We e-mailed the video out to folks, posted it on Facebook and encouraged our alumni board to re-post it on others' walls," said Maggie Byerly, director of annual giving and parent programs. "We also tweeted the video and posted it up on E-Net."

Byerly said encouraging alumni to give back to the school isn't always a simple task.

"I think it's really hard for alumni to see Elon as a charity," Byerly said. "Everything looks beautiful at Elon, so it seems as if there isn't a perception of need here."

Last year, 16 percent of Elon alumni made donations to the school, putting Elon on the lower end of alumni giving participation among similar universities. Wake Forest University had 27 percent participation and Davidson College had

53 percent.

This year, one of the goals of the Office of Advancement and Alumni Relations is to educate students on how Elon alumni can help the school through their gifts and donations. Pass It On, a program that was presented at a College Coffee last March, is designed to teach students more about how alumni can give to the school and where that money goes.

"Having a higher alumni participation influences a lot of things," Byerly said. "The higher the alumni participation, the more likely we are to get larger grants and gifts from corporations."

Byerly said Alumni Relations also began

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Administrators discuss alcohol and hazing with student leaders

Liv Dubendorf
Senior Reporter

Throughout September, student leaders will attend a series of meetings with university officials to discuss the detrimental connection between hazing and alcohol on campus.



Leo Lambert
President of Elon University

The first was held Thursday, Sept. 9. The meetings follow university administration's heightened concern about student safety after last spring, when incidents of dangerous amounts of alcohol consumption and issues of hazing occurred on campus.

"The bottom line is the incidents of hazing, particularly those involving large amounts of alcohol, shouldn't

be a part of this university," Elon University President Leo Lambert said.

Smith Jackson, vice president for student life and dean of students, said students should be concerned about what occurs in their environment involving alcohol and how they can change it.

"You need to know that if you're doing shots, and it's almost always shots, this is dangerous," he said.

Hazing has a broad definition, but the student meetings are working to concentrate the discussions on destructive behaviors.

"Things aren't okay if it's violent, involves stealing or larceny," Lambert said.

The administration called on leaders from varsity sports, club sports, religious life organizations, performing arts groups, Resident Student Association and Greek Life to participate in this forum and make a difference on campus.

According to the National Study on Student Hazing performed by The

National Collaborative on Hazing Research and Prevention, "more than half of students involved in clubs, teams and organizations experience hazing."

This study interviewed more than 11,000 students at 53 college campuses across the United States.

"When (the study) surveyed students about hazing, you see that it's cutting across all student organizations," Jackson said.

According to the study, the most frequently reported hazing behavior across all student groups is alcohol consumption in a group drinking game.

"The point is that it's not confined to one group," Jackson said. "The issue involves all kinds of student groups and all kinds of students. It's an issue on the university level."

Last April, three female students were discovered around campus with blood alcohol levels of more than .30. The legal limit for BAC is .08, if more than 21 years old. The cases had little in common: the women were in

different years at school, found at different times during the day, but all needed medical attention. Two were found unresponsive and alone.

"Had students or police officers not taken any of these three students to the hospital, the results could have been disastrous," Jackson said in an e-mail about the incidents last April.

Taylor Martin, executive president of the Student Government Association, said there are many times when people feel pressured to drink, even if it is not directly implied by their peers.

"When some students feel pressured to drink they can often drink more than they should and end up in an unfortunate position," he said.

Jenna Strucko, vice president of RSA, said the organization puts on programs at high-risk times to give students an alternative to partying and engaging in dangerous activities.

"When you give students things to do that are sociable and fun, then they aren't partying and going out," she said. "We want to give people the option."

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Those attending Graham's Let Freedom Ring event had the chance to take a spin on carnival rides positioned right outside of Graham Square. The carnival area also featured carnival games, fried food stalls, music acts and a chance to look at emergency personnel vehicles.

Letting freedom ring

Graham hosts Sept. 11 commemorative fair



Photos and story by Lindsay Fendt
Photo Editor

The Town of Graham held its second annual Let Freedom Ring ceremony in the town square Saturday, Sept. 11. The event was held as a way to commemorate the emergency personnel who lost their lives in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

The events in Graham featured a blood drive, Skype video conferencing with military personnel abroad, free hot dogs, carnival rides and the chance to look at a number of emergency vehicles. While rain may have dampened the coordinators' goals for a 10,000-person turnout, several thousand people did attend.

The names of 12 law enforcement officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty were read.

"It's a day of thanks," said Mark Mitchell, one of the event's coordinators. "We wanted to give thanks back to all the men and women who serve us on a daily basis and the men and women who serve us in the military at home and abroad."



Event staff work to assemble 7,000 free hot-dogs to give away to those attending the commemorative fair.



A family admires an Alameda County Rescue truck set up for display among other emergency vehicles.



A gospel singer belts out tunes for spectators on a stage decked out with red, white and blue, while a statue commemorating U.S. soldiers stands in the forefront.



Emergency vehicles line up to honor the firefighters and emergency personnel who died in Sept. 11. This is Graham's second Let Freedom Ring ceremony.



Matthew Ward, 7, plays on the back of a Pleasant Grove fire truck set up for event guests to admire.

Elon University prepares for reaccreditation

Process begins now for planned visit in 2013 by SACS representatives

Melissa Kansky
Multimedia Editor

Elon University is preparing to apply for reaccreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, a recognition that signifies a university with appropriate resources, programs and services dedicated to higher education.

Students cannot receive federal loans or grants unless they attend an accredited institution.

"If we weren't accredited we would have a hard time finding highly qualified faculty," said Mary Wise, associate vice president of academic affairs and the current chairwoman for reaccreditation. "It's a big job and an important one."

Although SACS representatives are not visiting Elon until 2013, an explanation of the programs and services and an enhancement plan are due prior to the on-site visit. The application is an 18-month process, and institutions must apply for reaccreditation every 10 years.

George Troxler, the chairman for reaccreditation for the last three decades, describes the reaccreditation application process as a form of self-regulation.

According to the Southern Association of College and Schools manual, the internal review allows an institution to consider its effectiveness in achieving its stated mission, its compliance with the Commission's accreditation requirements, its efforts in enhancing the quality of student learning and the quality of programs and services offered.

"SACS makes sure that we're doing what we claim we're doing and that we are offering the resources and education we claim we're offering," Wise said.

SACS asks each school to review all components of its institution, including the library, the general education, its mission, the administrative staff, the faculty and finances.

"They are really asking questions about responsibility in running the institution," Wise said.

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"They are looking at student life and budgets. You name it; it's fair game."

According to Troxler, the Southern Association

does not overlook diversity either. "One of the things we will want to make a point of is that we have diversity on both the faculty and student body," he said.

SACS also evaluates an institution's development in finance and its endowment.

"The Ever Elon campaign is documentation that says we have the resources and are going to get the resources to accomplish our goals," Troxler said.

In order to accurately represent Elon, each field of study and interest area will have a committee generating reports. Approximately 40 faculty and staff members will coordinate the answers to each question and field.

Elon prepares a report that shows Elon meets the standards of the Southern Association, Troxler said. On all those committees Elon has student representatives and faculty.

In addition to evaluating programs and structures already in place, the

reaccreditation board requires each school to find an area in need of improvement and design a program to reform the weak area. SACS labels this assignment the quality enhancement plan.

"It's a good opportunity to look at what we are doing and ask 'Is this enough?'" Wise said.

Wise said she wants student, faculty and alumni involvement in determining what topic the quality enhancement plan should focus on.

"Most students don't have an awareness about the reaccreditation process when they come to campus," Wise said. "I would like to get students involved. We want to generate as many ideas as we can."

The report of the plan should identify key issues, explain the effects on student learning, show the institution's ability to implement the improvement, emphasize the involvement of the institution and acknowledge goals and plans to achieve the denoted intention.

The plan must be submitted four to six weeks prior to the on-site visit in 2013. She predicts Elon will not begin work on the quality enhancement plan until this spring.

The Compliance Certification, a report explaining all the components of the university, will be completed 15 months before the scheduled on-site visit. A committee from SACS reviews the report, Elon can respond and improve the report and the committee votes to reaffirm the university.

"It feels like we are starting a little early, but it takes a while to get all these things done," Wise said.

Even though reaccreditation involves a lot of preparation, Troxler is not worried about the results.

"Realistically there isn't anything at all that would prevent us from being reaccredited," Troxler said. "It

Elon University must reapply for accreditation, but numerous schools within the university received accreditations from their respective associations.

Teacher Education Program accredited by National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education

School of Communications accredited by Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications

Martha and Spencer Love School of Business accredited by AACSB-International

Physical Therapy Education Program accredited by Commission on Accreditation for Physical Therapy Education

Elon University's School of Law accredited by American Bar Association

is just what every institution has to go through. It's a self-evaluation process, which is good for the institution. Elon is not a marginal institution."



A number of Elon alumni were recognized during halftime of the homecoming football game last season. FILE PHOTO

School uses social media to encourage current, past students to donate

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working with social media last year.

"Young alumni want to do everything online, and quite frankly, so do some of our older alumni," she said.

In order to help enhance social media efforts, Elon began using a Facebook application called "Donorbadge" in February. The application intends to help donors show support for a university or institution and allows them to make donations.

"We're hoping that it will help spread the word," Byerly said.

The university relies on its young alumni most, she said.

"The young alums are the ones who can truly make the difference," she said. "Our greatest opportunity for donor growth is with our younger alumni."

Katie Meyer, a graduate of the Class of 2009, agrees.

"At graduation, they asked each of us to make a donation of \$20, and I think it's really important for young alumni to start out with that \$20," Meyer said. "Overall, I think \$20 is nothing. Most people at Elon can afford that."

The school also hopes current

students will begin giving back to the university, Byerly said.

"Seniors will have the opportunity to participate in senior giving," she said. "We want all of our students to start getting in the habit of giving back."

Byerly said what she most wants students and alumni to understand is that whatever they can give is of the utmost importance.

Lambert echoed this idea in his video.

"One of the things that I'm concerned about as president is that I often think that alumni feel that a small or modest gift won't make a difference," Lambert said. "It makes such a powerful difference."

Last year, alumni and friends of the institution committed more than \$4 million. President Lambert said he will send out another message to alumni in November, updating them on recent gifts and donations for this year.

"Alumni participation rates speak volumes for the value of your education and your degree," Byerly said. "By making a gift to Elon, you can actually show that you believe in this place."



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Elon works to increase students living on campus, considers plan for senior village

Janae Frazier
Reporter

In coming years, Elon University plans to increase the amount of students living on campus from 60 percent to 75 percent.

As a result, a village designated for seniors on campus is being considered, though there will be no junior or senior requirement to live on campus, according to Smith Jackson, vice president and dean of student life.

Jackson said the construction of a senior village would begin after the completed construction of the Loy Center, Colonnades and the renovation of North Area.

There is no set date for the village, but the location is currently set to be near the fire station fields, Jackson said.

According to Jackson, the idea for the senior village came from Wofford College. Wofford's village is comprised of buildings with two or four apartments, each with the capacity to accommodate four people. The senior village would house about 300 students.

Jackson said there are benefits for students to stay on campus, including access to maintenance, food, the library and a fitness center.

"Why wouldn't you want to live

here?" Jackson said.

He said there are more role models for younger students when upperclassmen are on campus. National research has also shown when students stay on campus, their grades are better, they have a higher retention rate and they have a higher chance of graduation.

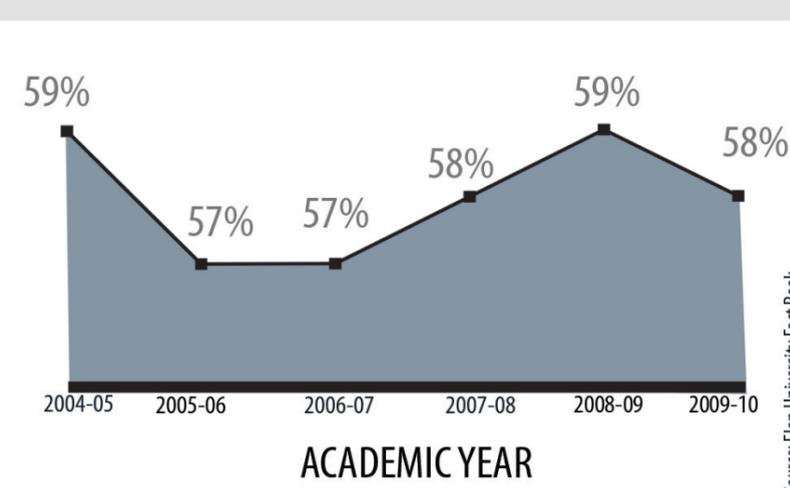
Junior Steph Pinch said she lives off campus in Acorn Residence Inn because it is cheaper and she gets a kitchen and bathroom to herself. Pinch said her apartment has everything that on-campus housing offers. It is fully furnished and has internet, cable, a security alarm, water and utilities all included in her rent.

Pinch does admit that because she lives off campus, she is not as social. She said she has to make a greater effort to stay connected when living off campus.

"It is so much easier to stay involved on campus," said Stephanie White, a senior who lives in the Oaks Apartments. "When you live off campus, you're less likely to be very involved in your organization. You isolate yourself."

Freshman McKenzie Clark said she is excited about the construction taking place at Elon and would consider staying on campus all four years. She said she feels bonded with all the girls on her hall now and

ELON UNDERGRADUATES LIVING ON CAMPUS



SARAH BETH COSTELLO | Graphics Editor

would love to feel this connected with her neighbors throughout the rest of her time at Elon.

Jasmine Spencer, a senior who lives off campus in Partners Place, said she finds it a good transition before graduation. Spencer said living off campus requires more responsibility, but it makes for an easier transition after senior year. She said she has to pay bills monthly,

cook and shop for groceries.

Spencer and Pinch both said a cheaper cost of apartments would have kept them on campus.

Though Jackson said a detriment to living on campus is the cost and amenities, the positives outweigh the negatives.

"When students are living on campus they are in the heart of things," he said.

Access to software offered through VirtualApps server

Sam Calvert
Sports Editor

This semester, Elon University is offering the myElon VirtualApps on-demand software program, through which students, faculty and staff can access software packages anywhere on campus through a cloud server. Through the use of a Web browser, students can log on to the website and use programs as if they were downloaded to their actual computers.

The program will work on both Windows and Mac operating systems, but once someone leaves the campus of the university, access is not available.

"Instead of going to a computer lab, you can access the software wherever you are," said Chris Fulkerson, assistant vice president for technology and chief information officer. "It works as if the software is on the computer, but it actually resides on the cloud server."

To access the software, an Elon username and password and a

connection to the VPN client of the university are required.

The programs include Atlas TI 6, Microsoft Word, PASW Statistics 18, Wolfram Mathematica 7 and those in the Adobe CS5 Design Suite Premium: InDesign, Illustrator, Photoshop, Acrobat Pro, Flash, Dreamweaver and Fireworks.

"I used it the other day," Fulkerson said. "It works great and is very easy to use."

This launch is phase I, Fulkerson said, and Elon is looking to expand the offerings in coming years with the addition of new programs, including more math and atlas software.

Currently, the programs can only handle 100 concurrent users, but Fulkerson said the university is trying to get more licenses.

"It's awesome that they are able to provide (the software) to students," said Sara Kaplan, a senior political science major and communications and history minor. "I know it's expensive."

This is just one of the many ways the

university works to provide software to the students, Kaplan said. It started with Elon offering Microsoft Office to all students for free.

"A lot of schools don't do that," she said.

Although Microsoft Office is offered to everyone at Elon, Microsoft Word is one of the software programs offered through the cloud server.

While students may have the program on their computers, Fulkerson said the VirtualApps program allows them to access it via their iPads, iPhones or other smartphone devices. If students get e-mails with an attachment in Microsoft Word, they will be able to open them through the VirtualApp server.

"This is the way of the future," he said. "We'll get to a point where it doesn't matter what kind of mobile device you have, you'll be able to download whatever program you need from a Web browser."

But such democratization of software will cause ordinarily

expensive software values to decline, Kaplan said. While it helps the student, she said, it could hurt the program's worth.

This balance between advantages and disadvantages is what shapes all new technology, said Janna Anderson, associate professor of communications.

One such situation is the sacrifice of privacy and security for efficiency and convenience by using the cloud server, she said.

She noted that although benefits normally occur, sometimes negative outcomes are also possible.

"It usually winds up being a positive tradeoff in the short term for most people," Anderson said. "But there will be people somewhere, maybe not at Elon, who have their private information exposed or sold to marketers or who have their photos, their documents or other data accidentally erased or misplaced or even moved to a server in another country where the laws are different than in the United States."

Student impacted by peeping visitor on campus

Anna Johnson
Managing Editor

There have not been any new updates on the Tuesday evening, Sept. 7 incident, where a man was seen taking photos up a female Elon student's skirt. The victim was standing in line at the Boar's Head Deli in the downstairs section of the Colonnades Dining Hall when her friend noticed the man taking photos with his cell phone.

The friend confronted the man and tried to grab the cell phone out of the suspect's hand, said Chuck Gantos, director of Campus Safety and Police.

Witnesses have reported two different vehicles the suspect used to flee. One report stated he left in a white pick-up truck while another said he fled on a moped.

Campus Safety and Police officers do have a lead in the

case, Gantos said. They believe the suspect may be mentally disabled.

The suspect was described as having grey hair and beard, 5 feet 10 inches, a semi-athletic build, in his late 40s to 50s. He was wearing a black T-shirt and black shorts.

Vice President for Student Life Smith Jackson sent out an e-mail to all undergraduate students and faculty, informing them of the incident.

Gantos said this is an isolated incident. Other than slight property damage and underage drinking, it's been a quiet start to the year, he said.

Elon University has seen similar incidents off campus, including an indecent exposure case Sept. 2 and a recent arrest of an Elon man, Phillip Wagner, for peeping and indecent exposure.

The victim could not be reached for comment.

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With new weekly on-campus Protestant services, students can worship locally

Liv Dubendorf
Senior Reporter

In order to make attending church more convenient for busy students, an on-campus Protestant worship service will now be held in Holt Chapel on Sunday mornings, according to Phil Smith, associate chaplain and director of religious life.

"Our goal would be to further support religious and spiritual needs and development of our students, staff and faculty," Smith said.

According to the most recent Cooperative Institutional Research Program study, a freshman survey completed every other year to gather information about student characteristics, 51.3 percent of Elon University's student body identifies as Protestant.

"In the last year, different staff, students and faculty asked if there was a Protestant worship service on campus," Smith said. "We started to think what would it take to do that, who would be interested in that?"

An estimated 25 students, faculty and staff attended the first service on Sunday, Sept. 5 at 11 a.m.

"Students have historically and will continue to connect with (Protestant churches in the area)," Smith said. "This was an option for students who don't drive, those who were

interested in worship on campus."

Cat Valero, a sophomore at Elon, found this new on-campus worship service to be exactly what she was looking for.

An active member in religious life on campus, Valero said she found it difficult to attend a worship service regularly last year.

"After Winter Term I had so much going on that going to church or any worship service other than College Chapel was very difficult," she said. "This past Sunday's service meant a lot to me. It reminded me that I really want to be connected to a spiritual group."

Valero, an Episcopalian from New Jersey, said the church service was more personal than what she'd experienced back home.

"I feel like the group going to this service would become a close-knit support group and family," she said.

Smith said the interdenominational service pulls from a variety of Christian traditions.

"It's a work in progress," he said. "Feedback from the first week will inform how we do the second week, but it's always a work in progress, looking for ways to be creative and provide meaningful experiences."

In the future, Valero hopes the congregation will continue to grow.



An on-campus Protestant worship service will be held in Holt Chapel 11 a.m. on Sundays.

MOLLY CAREY | Staff Photographer

"I hope more students will be drawn to come to a service at least to see what it's about," she said.

Smith discussed the need to be involved in the development of Christian students as much as that of religious minorities on campus.

"As we become more attune to diversity, and doing more to reach out to our underrepresented religious communities, we want to make sure we're reaching out to our Christian students and not neglecting them," he said.

Smith said anyone is welcome to attend the service.

"I would encourage anybody who grew up in



Phil Smith, associate chaplain, addresses the congregation.

MOLLY CAREY | Staff Photographer

a Protestant tradition but hasn't connected with a local congregation and is interested in having worship experience to come try it out," he said.

The Protestant worship services take place every Sunday at 11 a.m.

A small breakfast and fellowship precedes the service at 10:30 a.m.

The service is held in Holt Chapel, with the exception of Family Weekend, when it will be moved to Whitley Auditorium.

Substance-free living option may be available by fall 2011

Anna Johnson
Managing Editor

The University Committee on Alcohol, stemming from the Presidential Taskforce on Alcohol, is working to create a substance-free living option for fall 2011.

The location and size of the living option is currently undetermined, but Lauren Martin, coordinator for substance education, said there is a possibility for two suites to be substance free.

"Because ideally, we'd like to have one female and one male suite," Martin said. "If we could do a whole floor, that would be great, but honestly, I think right now we are looking at two suites."

The idea came about from many conversations, said Jana Lynn Patterson, assistant vice president for student life.

"We are really just exploring the option right now as to having a community that would totally be substance free," Patterson said.

According to a December 2007 report by the Presidential Task Force on Alcohol, high-risk drinking on Elon University's campus is higher than the national average.

Based on two recent university surveys, more incoming students are choosing not to drink, Martin said.

Some of the benefits of having this living option is that students who have never drank before or choose to abstain from drinking will find other students with this common interest.

"You know you can come home and no one is going to be intoxicated, keeping you up so you can't study," Martin said. "You know you are not going to walk into the bathroom and have the possibility of vomit on the floor."

The substance-free living option is becoming popular on university campuses, Martin said. She said she is unaware of any disadvantages the living option may have.

"Part of the question might be if there is a stigma attached to it," Martin said. "That depends on what you name the floor and how comfortable the

students are with the choices they've made and talking about. But I don't see any disadvantages with it."

While most upperclassmen live in off-campus housing, some do remain on campus. And since Elon is not a dry campus, those students are allowed to have alcohol in their dorms if they are more than 21-years-old.

Drinking at Elon University

- According to the Presidential Task Force on Alcohol, published in December 2007, the percentage of Elon students who drink alcohol three or more times a week is twice that of students nationally.

- The task force also found the number of first-year students at Elon who drank in high school is 15 to 20 percent higher than peers at selective four-year colleges and universities.

- Based on two recent surveys done by the university, students are increasingly arriving on campus and choosing not to drink.

"So technically there might be some mixed ages in some of the residence halls," Martin said. "So in this substance-free housing even if you were 21 we would ask you to be substance free."

Some students coming from alcohol recovery have also expressed interest in this type of living option, Patterson said.

"We do have students who come to us having come from a treatment program, and some of them find it difficult in the college environment," Patterson said. "We don't have large numbers, but we do have some."

Some students said if there is a desire to have this type of living community, then Elon should provide one.

"They should be accommodating for everyone," junior Jacob VanDyne said. "It's nice to have that option for those who want it. And it's a good way for kids to not be peer pressured."

If students feel strongly about the

proposal and want to see it, junior Ashton Lewis said it's a good idea.

None of the details are set in stone, but Martin said she believes a Resident Assistant would be chosen to oversee the living option and Residence Life would be mindful in choosing that RA.

"And I also think students who opt into this option it would be very clear what their expectations are from the beginning," Martin said. "And I think students that would choose this option would know what they are getting into from the beginning."

Upperclassmen would be able to choose this living option and would have to abstain while in the substance-free housing, even if they are legally able to drink.

A mentoring program with those upperclassmen and the younger students would be one aspect of the housing Martin said she would like to see implemented.

Traveling abroad to help educators:

Elon professor receives Fulbright Award, will travel to Tajikistan

Marlena Chertock
Design Editor

Bird Stasz, associate professor of education at Elon University, will travel to Tajikistan to help train teachers for a month starting in mid-September. She was awarded the Fulbright Senior Specialist Award.

Stasz has specialized knowledge for education in Tajikistan, she said. She has been traveling to the country since 2002, working on other projects and working with non-governmental organizations, such as U.S. Aid and the Soros Foundation.

"Fulbright looks to match up projects and people," Stasz said. "I applied to be on the specialist roster (for Fulbright) and I went through that application process. And then colleagues in Tajikistan had a project that they wanted help with and they had to submit that to Fulbright. And then Fulbright agreed to awarding it."

The Fulbright Program, which is sponsored by the U.S. government, started in the 1920s and has since

then sent 300,000 participants to other countries to increase the mutual understanding between the U.S. and the world, according to the Fulbright website.

Participants are chosen for their academic merit and leadership potential. Fulbright programs usually require international exchanges, where the Fulbright scholar works in a different country than his own, Stasz said. Fulbright programs offer opportunities to study, teach, conduct research and exchange ideas and solutions to shared international concerns, according to the Fulbright website.

The specialist program that Stasz will be working on is designed for people with particular skill sets. For Stasz, this skill set is teacher education.

"Their schools need a lot of stuff," Stasz said. "Their schools are modest in comparison to U.S.

schools. Whenever I show pictures of U.S. schools (to people in Tajikistan), everybody who ever sees them just shakes their head and says, 'Look at all those learning materials.'"

Mark Enfield, assistant professor of education, said Stasz is passionate about improving education opportunities for people in Central Asia.

"This award will contribute to her being able to pursue this passion," he said. "Dr. Stasz is committed to helping schools and teachers reform their practice. Having people committed to improving education there will support a stable and secure future for people of the region and also the world."

The southern part of Tajikistan borders Afghanistan, and Stasz said there is a desire to guard the country from the dangers of extremism.

"Coming to terms with an educational system that pulls people together is one way to offset those kinds of problems," she said.

Stasz does not speak the Tajik language, which has seven dialects, so she will be using interpreters, she said.

"I'm there as a resource," she said. "I'm not driving this bus."

The first time Stasz traveled to Tajikistan to work with U.S. Aid was entirely by accident, she said.

A U.S. Aid worker in Tajikistan called and asked her to come to the country to help with a faltering project. She went to help and has been back several times.

"I just fell in love with that part of the world," Stasz said. "It's incredibly interesting. It's incredibly complicated."

Stasz said she believes that area of the world is going to be the crossroads of religion, energy and cultural identity for the 21st century. Tajikistan has to rebuild after a very violent civil war.

"It's a fascinating part of the world with a lot of potential for growth, I think," Stasz said.

Elon has its own guest Fulbright Scholar, Kamol Jiyankhodjaev, originally from Uzbekistan, who has been in the U.S. since Feb. 1 and will leave Nov. 30. He is involved in a 10-month Fulbright research program. Stasz is one of his U.S. hosts.

Jiyankhodjaev is researching education management issues and management of change in the education sector, he said.

Jiyankhodjaev is also involved in research with Columbia University, which focuses on teacher shortages in six Eurasian countries.

Stasz called Fulbright programs genuine exchanges, where people are truly trying to help others. Fulbright creates a space with equal opportunities, a space for real conversation to happen between East and West, she said.

"There's no real hierarchy here," she said. "Everybody comes to the table with something. They're coming with a skill set and between the two of us we'll see what we can come up with."

Stasz said she and the Tajikistan people have ideas.

"Let's work together, get to do some problemsolving about big educational problems," she said. "It's what we all should be doing."



Bird Stasz

Associate Professor
of Education

Tajikistan country facts

• **Geography:** Central Asia, west of China, borders Afghanistan, China, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan

• **Type of government:** republic

• **Population:** 7,349,145

• **Languages:** Tajik (official), Russian (used in government and business)

• **Literacy:** 99.5 percent of total population (age 15 and over) can read and write

• **History:** under Russian rule in the 1860s and 1870s, became independent in 1991, several civil wars from 1992-1997, remains poorest former Soviet state

Information courtesy of CIA Factbook

Stasz will be working at the university level in Tajikistan. She will have several duties:

- mentoring teachers and student teachers
- working with formative and summative assessments
- consulting with administrators on faculty development
- developing coaching and support programs
- visiting other teacher-training institutions
- lecturing at undergraduate and graduate levels
- participating in and leading seminars and workshops
- conducting needs-assessments
- developing educational materials, developing materials that can be used nationally
- helping professors write manuals and syllabi



Members of the Elon faculty Dr. Earl Danieleley (left) and Associate Director of Academic Advising Jim Donathan (right) listen during New Student Convocation.

Danieleley recognized for outstanding service

Caitlin O'Donnell
News Editor

Earl Danieleley, professor of chemistry and president emeritus at Elon University, was recently recognized as the Distinguished Citizen of the Year by the Civitan International of North Carolina. Civitan International is a non-profit organization supporting volunteers in groups around the world.

A ceremony was held in Danieleley's honor in August, though he was unable to attend because of his commitment to move-in weekend at Elon. His friend, William Gilliam, accepted the award on

Danieleley's behalf.

Gilliam presented the award to Danieleley on Sept. 6 at a meeting of the Civitan club in Raleigh.

According to the citation read at the ceremony, the honor is given to an outstanding citizen residing in North Carolina.

"His extensive service to his community, Elon University and his church demonstrate how his service to mankind fulfills the civitan creed," the citation stated, regarding Danieleley. "Specifically, he greatly embodies 'service to others' by his tireless involvement towards the betterment of all the organizations of which he is part."



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Special SGA election held to break tie for secretary position

Caitlin O'Donnell
News Editor

After a special Student Government Association election held on Monday, Sept. 13 Kyrstin Wallach defeated James Carter for the position of secretary by a vote of 175 to 127.

Wallach and Carter tied for the position in the original election, each with a total of 256 votes.

"As far as I know, this has not happened before, but after speaking with our advisor, the Elections Committee decided it was only fair for another vote to happen," said Taylor Martin, executive president of SGA. "It's crazy to think that they got the same exact number of votes."

The candidates were allowed to continue campaigning throughout the weekend, under the same regulations that applied to the original election.

This includes using chalk to create advertisements after completing the appropriate chalking request form. Candidates can use chalk everywhere, except brick sidewalks on campus. Facebook groups and advertisements are also allowed.

"You are responsible for the appropriateness of every comment on your Facebook page and all ads must be approved by the SGA Adviser, Dean (Jana Lynn) Patterson," Martin said.

Wallach said the election was a great example of democracy at work and how every vote counts.

This year, more than 700 freshmen, more than half of the class, voted in the original election. This is 100 more than last year.

"We are encouraging everyone to vote again and hope that this election will give us some type of closure," Martin said. "It must be hard looking back and thinking that if you had just gotten one more of your friends to vote you would have won."

Before freshmen are allowed to enter the election, they are required to get signatures from students in their class in order to qualify.

"This shows that they are serious about the elections and are taking the time to get to know the students that they will be representing," Martin said.

Potential candidates must complete an application detailing election information as well as a Declaration of Candidacy, stating the position they are running for.

Greg Zitelli, who was elected president in the original election, said he thought the entire election process went well.

"I loved the professional feeling of the election process and how all the candidates running for office were so supportive of each other," he said. "It



Class of 2014 President:

Ryan Budden - 213
George Weschler - 141

Class of 2014 Vice President:

Gregory Zitelli - 372
David Ordog - 316

Class of 2014 Secretary:

Kyrstin Wallach - 175
James Carter - 127

Class of 2014 Treasurer:

Natalie Cuzmenco - 527
Patrick Brown - 164

Class of 2014 Senators:

Josephine McKinnon - 463
Ellen Fraser - 410
Alexandra Briggs - 379
Alice Smith - 352
Danyelle Simmons - 339

was a really positive atmosphere."

According to Martin, the turnout of candidates this year was high, creating a good competition. A total of seven people ran for president and even more for senator.

Martin said each year SGA strives for a bigger turnout than the last by letting people know the elections are happening.

"From e-mails to word of mouth, we try and let students know that they have a voice in electing their representatives," he said. "We're hoping that next year will be even higher."

Zitelli said he is excited to get to work and have the opportunity to voice his opinions.

"I think communication is the most important thing for a good SGA representative," he said. "By constantly talking to people in my class, I'll be able to find out what problems people have in our school and which things we can possibly fix."

Wallach said she was high hopes and aspirations for the Class of 2014.

"Together we will leave a lasting impression in the hearts and minds of all who walk on this esteemed campus," she said. "I plan to work hard to ensure the class creates lasting memories, forges lifetime friendships and exceed the goals and expectations of our parents, peers and the Elon faculty."



Alta Gracia, a clothing line based in the Dominican Republic which pays its employees a 'living wage' is now available in Elon University's campus shop.

New clothing line now available in campus store

Sam Parker
Senior Reporter

Elon University has recently added a new clothing line to the campus book store.

Alta Gracia, an apparel corporation run out of the Dominican Republic, was recently added to Elon's campus bookstore, selling T-shirts and sweatshirts.

Translated as "High Grace," Alta Gracia is built upon the principle of respect, not only toward business but to its employees as well. In order to achieve a higher standard for its workers, Alta Gracia offers 'living wages' and a worker's union to all that produce apparel for the corporation.

The company's workers receive more than three times the minimum wage given to the majority of apparel workers in the Dominican Republic, according to the Alta Gracia website. The wage of an Alta Gracia worker reaches more than 338 percent of typical earnings of similar workers. This means workers are receiving an average of \$3 per hour versus the typical of 80 cents per hour.

The company, with the help of the Workers Rights Consortium, estimated the amount of earnings appropriate to support a Dominican Republic family was around \$500 a month. In regards to food, water, clothing, transportation, health care and education, the company counts these as the most important aspects to constitute a living wage.

Joe Bozich, C.E.O. of Knights Apparel, Alta Gracia's parent company, said he believes Alta Gracia is different because it offers its employees a better alternative to life. He said the brand is the first to compensate its workers out of genuine concern and not out of what is required by law.

"I think the thing that really makes Alta Gracia different and not

just another apparel brand is that we believe it truly can be a pathway out of poverty," Bozich said.

In addition to offering its employees living wages, Alta Gracia has established a worker's union to help employees express their needs, concerns and opinions to officials.

Maritza Vargas, the president of the union and a worker at the Alta Gracia factory, said this union has allowed many employees to feel respected in a country where worker's rights often go unconsidered.

"Alta Gracia's project is part of a history of workers coming together to fight for something better for themselves and their coworkers, so this comes from that history," Vargas said. "At Alta Gracia we have so much more space, better ventilation, extractors to make sure there's no dust in the air, properly marked exits and escape routes in case of emergencies, new bathrooms in good condition, and more importantly, we have management that treats us with a lot of respect."

Kathy Scarborough, Elon's campus bookstore manager, said although Alta Gracia carries out a positive mission statement, she does not think the university made the effort to incorporate it into the campus bookstore as a public relations move.

"Alta Gracia is just a great company who got its foot in the door and has a good product that Elon was looking to try out," Scarborough said.

As Alta Gracia and the stories of its employees continue to reach college campuses across the country, the company is launching its apparel into more than 200 campus bookstores this semester. This expansion is not only creating business, but it's delivering the company's promise of better lives for its workforce as well, Bozich said.

"Our vision is finally a reality," he said. "We believe doing good can translate into good business."

SGA Amendments

Amendment 1: Requires all elected members of the SGA to "uphold all those pledges set forth in the SGA Constitution." 1259-27

Amendment 2: Dictates that each Organization Council "cluster shall hold elections to determine their representative." 1197-83

Amendment 3: Dictates that each Organization Council "Program Representative shall be selected by the Department Chair of their respective program." 970-304

Amendment 4: Amends the SGA Oath of Office to read: "I hereby pledge my faith and honor that I will uphold the honor, integrity, and reputation of Elon University (I will). I will fulfill, to the best of my ability, all duties incumbent upon me as an elected member of the Student Government Association of Elon University (I will). (Optional, 'So help me God')."

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Burlington sees advancement in downtown programs, offers incentives for small businesses



Crosswalks were built on Front Street in Burlington to make the area easier for pedestrians to use. JACK DODSON | Photographer



The crosswalks built in Burlington were part of a larger project aiming to improve the downtown's small business feel, which includes extending sidewalks and adding plants. JACK DODSON | Photographer

Jack Dodson
News Editor

The city of Burlington has seen a series of enhancements to its downtown area during the last few months, including the opening of new businesses, a grants program established by the Burlington Downtown Corporation and a plan for a streetscape development program.

According to Anne Morris, the executive director of the BDC, the organization received national accreditation in August for its work developing the downtown area of the city.

"I describe it as a good housekeeping seal of approval," Morris said.

The BDC has had a hand in many programs during the past year that have been aimed at revitalizing the downtown, Morris said, including a small grants program for local businesses and the streetscape program.

The grants program, which began at the end of the summer, is divided into four parts, Morris said: business up-fit, business sustainability, business rehabilitation and modernization, and downtown residential development incentive grants.

She said the applications for each are at a different time, so applications come in to the organization on a rolling basis.

"There will be multiple opportunities for people to apply," she said. "And the grants will be on a pretty competitive basis."

Harold Owen, the Burlington city manager, said he wasn't sure if the program will be something that catches on, but it's the first time a project of this scope has been available for local businesses.

"You always hear about incentives for big businesses, but you never hear about incentives for smaller businesses, and that's what this is about," Owen said.

Morris said the money allocated for the grant was about \$80,000, coming from a total of about \$105,000 set aside by the city and the BDC. The leftover \$25,000, Morris

said, will likely be used to set up a revolving loan program, though that hasn't been developed yet.

During the past year, Morris said 14 new businesses were opened, and 12 stayed open. One of the new businesses planned for the downtown is an Alamance County food cooperative called Company Shops Market, which will sell vegetables from local farmers.

Morris said Company Shops Market will be on Front Street in Burlington and will open in the spring.

"It's a really community-driven thing and we really feel it's going to be a catalyst for a lot of things going on here," Morris said.

The streetscape program, Morris said, was in part developed by the BDC and also by the city. Through the program, three areas in downtown will see streets paved, the trash cans, banners and ash urns replaced and the sidewalks extended.

Owen said a large part of the project is to develop the roads and infrastructure, including making the downtown intersections more accessible for pedestrians.

"(The project is meant) to create an atmosphere that's more focused on local business," Owen said. "It needs to be something that improves the infrastructure as well as helps the small entrepreneurial businesses."

The changes will be made near the Paramount Theater, Company Shops Market and the Depot, all of which are on Front Street.

In order to complete the streetscape project, the BDC partnered with the New Leaf Society, an Alamance County-based beautification organization, to set up larger planters that will go throughout downtown.

Wireless Internet was also made available to Burlington residents and downtown visitors early in September, offering WiFi in a 16-block radius from Morehead Street and Webb Avenue to Lexington Avenue and Church Street.

Owen said all the changes are being made to make the downtown more small business-oriented.

"Really this is all based on start-up," Owen said.

Sale attracts Elon students, locals for reasonably priced books

Caitlin O'Donnell
News Editor

The Friends of the Alamance County Public Libraries is currently holding its 26th annual Fall Book Sale, which began last Friday, Sept. 10 and will run through Tuesday, Sept. 21 at May Memorial Library.

"We have everything you can imagine," said Laura Wright, a volunteer for Friends of the Library. "We have cook books, children's books, science fiction, history, religion. Basically, anything that would be in the library."

According to Wright, hardback books are sold for \$3, paperbacks for \$1.50 and videos for \$2.

Susan Gant, president of the Friends of the Alamance County Public Libraries, estimated around 75,000 books are available this year.

"Most are donations," she said. "There a few from the (library) shelf, if we bought too many of a book. But I'd say 90 percent are donations."

The book sale has a permanent place in the basement of May Memorial Library and Gant said it is designed like a typical book store and is divided into

categories, such as history and science fiction.

Preparation for the sale began three to four months in advance and with the help of volunteers, the books were sorted and organized on shelves.

"I'd say we have about 50 to 70 volunteers," Gant said. "They wear red aprons so (customers) can ask them questions and get directions."

When the first book sale was held, 1,400 people were in attendance. Since then, Gant said she has seen the event grow.

"It's hard to say, we have hundreds, maybe thousands come," she said. "There are lots of repeat (attendees). There are always new books so they come several times."

Gant said old records, classical literature and popular fiction novels often attract Elon University students as well.

"We have textbooks, all within three years old, that makes good supplemental reading," she said. "It's cheap so you get a lot for your money."

Last year, the fall sale combined with a spring book sale raised \$70,000. Gant said they hope to match those numbers this fall by making \$30,000 to \$40,000.

"It's wonderful, it allows us to put the money back into the local libraries," she said.

When the economy first started to suffer, Gant said the library employees feared it would impact their sales.

"If anything, people realized it was a way to get great books for their buck," she said.

Wright said the money goes directly to the library for the purchase of new books and to sponsor programs with guest authors.

The money also benefits the Alamance Reads program, which promotes the slogan "One Community, One Book."

According to its website, "(This) program is to encourage dialogue among all people in the county around a common interest."

Gant said this involves designating a common reading book for the community, the name of which will be released Oct. 6.

To Gant, the book sale represents a way for the community to make its public library the special place it's meant to be.

"There is no extra money for programs, especially the library," she said. "The book sale provides the money to



Book sale volunteer Doris Ward checks out books for a customer. MERISSA BLITZ | Photographer

add those extra (things)."

It also is a fun community event for people of all different walks of life.

"We see the young, old, poor, rich," she said. "People who like reading and I like to be around those people."



JULIA MURPHY | Staff Photographer

Charles Cook, director of Cook Political Report, speaks to a crowd at Whitley Auditorium Sept. 7 about upcoming midterm elections.

Cook predicts outcomes of 2010 midterm elections

Rachel Southmayd
Senior Reporter

Political analyst Charles Cook addressed a crowd of students, faculty and community members Sept. 7 in Whitley Auditorium discussing his predictions for the 2010 elections and fielded questions about politics from the audience.

This was the fourth time Cook has visited Elon University.

"Voters are not showing a lot of patience or tolerance anymore," he said.

He noted this intolerance is evident in the increasing occurrence of "tidal wave elections," his phrase for elections in which a party overthrows the majority party in Congress. He said he believes the Republican Party has the potential to have this tidal wave effect over the Democratic Party in this year's elections.

Cook said one of the most volatile factors in the elections is not the votes cast by Democrats or Republicans, but rather those cast by the 38 percent of Americans who consider themselves Independents.

"They really are sort of free-floating," he said.

According to Cook, while many Independents voted for President Barack Obama in 2008 and like him as a person, they are dissatisfied with his lack of moderation in policy-making.

"It's not the cruise they signed up for," Cook said.

Additionally, he said in 2008, groups with historically low voter turnout, including young voters and ethnic minorities, turned out in droves, many in support of Obama. Those same people may not come back out to vote in the midterm elections, Cook said, because approval of a president does not typically transfer to the House of

Representatives and Senate.

Cook predicted the House of Representatives will turn over to a Republican majority, citing a poor economy and job market as factors. Though he said he thinks the Senate will retain a Democratic majority, it will still lose seats.

But he didn't want to make a definitive guess as to what the 2012 election will hold for the president. If the current economic conditions of the United States reverse, he said, it will be hard to beat Obama. If no improvements occur in the coming years, Cook anticipates any Republican could beat Obama.

"Midterm elections are terrible predictors of what will happen two years later," he said.

A great deal of Cook's talk was devoted to the near future of the United States, both political and economic. He cited a recent Gallup poll that indicated only 27 percent of Americans feel their children will have more opportunities than they did.

"We're going through a rough patch," he said. "Strange things are happening."

In response to an audience question, Cook said he thought the best way for young voters, like college students, to get a clear picture of the world around them was to read and view news from unbiased sources. He referenced The New York Times, pollster.com and journalist Fareed Zakaria, editor of Newsweek International. He also urged avoidance of radical programming.

"Conservatives have passion. Liberals have passion. Moderates have lives," he said.

Cook is a contributor to several news outlets, including the National Journal and NBC News. He is also the publisher of the Cook Political Report, an independent, non-partisan election newsletter.

NEWS BRIEFS

Construction by McCrary completed

Construction in front of the Fine Arts Building wrapped up last week. Old storm drain pipes were replaced, and the sod was replaced. The pipes were more than 40 years old and were rusted through the bottom. The leaks were first noticed this summer but construction didn't begin until after move-in weekend. Construction took a little longer than expected because several pipes crossed underground at the construction entry site.

Legends of Business address

Maurice and Burney Jennings, Elon alumni, will be featured as the Love School of Business Legends of Business speakers at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 15, in LaRose Digital Theatre.

Maurice founded Biscuitville in 1975 in Virginia and the chain now has 50 stores in Virginia and North Carolina. Burney, his son, is now the president of Biscuitville.

A reception will follow the speech.

EV! hosts interest meeting

Students interested in volunteering as a lunch buddy can attend an interest meeting held from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 20 or Tuesday, Sept. 21 in Oaks 201.

Lunch Buddies are paired with an elementary school student in the area and eat lunch with them once a week.

Students with questions can contact Lauren Clapp at lunchbuddies@elon.edu.

Gifford to lead common reading lecture

Rob Gifford, author of "China Road," will host a lecture at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21 in Koury Athletic Center.

The book, Elon University's common reading for the 2010-2011 school year, recounts a 3,000 mile journey across the Mother Road of China.

Admission is \$12 or free with an Elon ID, and tickets are now available.

Corrections

In the Sept. 8 issue of The Pendulum, Dan Anderson's title was incorrectly stated. He is the assistant vice president and director of University Relations.

In another article, the Department of Physical Therapy was incorrectly called a masters program. It is a doctorate program. The article also incorrectly suggested the possibility of a physician's assistant program at Elon is coming from the Department of Physical Therapy, when it is a university-wide project.

In another article, Anthony Hatcher was incorrectly quoted. He said Elon was founded by the United Church of Christ, and he did not say Elon is about being bigger than a Christian school. Raj Rawal was also left off the list of board members for the multi-faith center.

Bedbugs found in off-campus apartment, not likely to spread

Nicholas Zanetti
Reporter

Three bedbugs were found in the off-campus Provence Apartments and Townhouses of a student at Elon University this month.

College campuses are environments that can be especially prone to bedbug outbreaks, said Kitty Parrish, director of health services at Elon.

"(Campuses) can be vulnerable, only because people are traveling or coming from different areas of the country," Parrish said.

One way that bedbugs can spread is through linens carried across the country in suitcases. This scenario is more likely in a setting like Elon, where there is a geographically diverse group of people.

Although a wider outbreak is unlikely

at Elon, Parrish said there are steps that should be taken if students suspect bedbugs in their dorms.

"They should contact the assistant director of Residence Life for their area immediately," Parrish said. "He or she will notify Physical Plant, who will make arrangements to have an exterminator check if there are bedbugs."

According to Parrish, the incident at Provence was an isolated one, and Elon students should not be alarmed.

"Students should not panic. Unfounded rumors and innuendo can make for anxiety and unnecessary worry," she said.

Although bedbugs may cause small, itching bites on humans, they are not known to carry any diseases, and the bites are essentially harmless, according to badbedbugs.com.

Quick facts about bedbugs

- The bugs are about one-fourth of an inch
- They have six legs
- They can be seen with the human eye
- Bedbugs are not known to carry any diseases
- Chemical treatments will not remove bedbugs
- The bugs will hide in sofa seams, under rugs and in backpacks

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<http://www.elon.edu/pendulum/Story.aspx?id=4112>

Post-game press conference with coach Pete Lembo, Aaron Mellette and Scott Riddle

<http://www.elon.edu/pendulum/Story.aspx?id=4111>

Let Freedom Ring: Sept. 11 commemorative event

<http://www.elon.edu/pendulum/Story>

ONLINE THIS WEEK

BLOGS

SPORTS

Conor O'Neill shares his thoughts on players and teams in the National Football League.

pendulumsports.wordpress.com

FOOTBALL

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pendulumfootball.wordpress.com

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Video Music Awards: Is it worth watching?

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Editorial

Elon students expect academic return on expensive investment

If there is any group of students who value and appreciate the School of Communications professors, it's The Pendulum staff. We know they are dedicated teachers who work hard to provide students with the tools they need in a post-Elon setting.

Even so, we question the recent purchase of iPads for every single School of Communications faculty and staff member.

Fifty iPads were purchased — seven faculty members declined the offer, instead opting for the second-generation model to be released in 2011 — for \$499 per iPad. The total value of the investment: just \$50 shy of \$25,000.

Granted, the money was privately donated to the school — we're just glad it wasn't tuition money being spent.

The base model of the iPad, the 16 GB with Wi-Fi capability, was offered to faculty and staff. Staff would have to pay for extra space or for continuous Internet roaming, and Elon doesn't service the

machines as it does with school-issued computers.

The school purchased the iPads in the most cost-efficient way. We would have loved to have seen an iPad renting system, but the School of Communications Dean Paul Parsons' explanation of why it was not feasible makes sense.

"In the world of apps, you buy apps. You have to have a private account," Parsons said. "If you have 3G capability for Internet roaming, you have a monthly fee. We didn't want to be in the business of buying applications or being tied to monthly fees."

A long-term rental program for professors might have been more reasonable. Professors could check out the iPads on a yearly basis and individual professors could purchase apps or ask for approval from higher ups in the School of Communications to purchase an app. This would prevent unnecessary spending and would force professors to use the iPad for educational purposes.

Instead, the iPads were given as gifts to all of the professors, regardless of their seniority or if they do not stay long-term. And while there may be an understanding that the professors will use the iPads to benefit the students, there is no secure guarantee. We can only hope students reap the technological benefits of the extravagant gifts.

To deny the iPad its rightful spot as a technological advancement would be unfair. The breakthrough in tablet technology has been rumored to end the laptop's rule over portable devices. And the need for the professors at the School of Communications to remain tech savvy and abreast of the changing industry is a must.

But the price paid for these devices is quite steep — one could argue even a bit untimely. We can only hope that Elon professors will uphold the commitment they have made to use this groundbreaking technology to benefit Elon students.

Apathy halts progress toward solutions

Does our will to extend aid reflect pure intentions or guilty obligation?

A massive pipeline explosion recently occurred in San Bruno, Calif., killing at least four people and destroying 37 homes. The country of New Zealand just suffered a massive earthquake that left a new fault line in its wake. One-fifth of the country of Pakistan is underwater, and its residents are floundering in its devastation. What have you done personally to minimize this damage?

If you can't think of anything, think of the reasons why not.

Our immobility as a nation speaks volumes about our motivations. Are we numb, overwhelmed, unconcerned? When so many problems occur around the world, it's hard to imagine any action could scratch the surface of a potential solution. But it seems it is that fear of inadequacy — of not being able to fix everything — that prompts Americans to do nothing.

But how do we justify this inaction? Perhaps we assume someone else will do it. They will rebuild their country themselves — our country has its own problems. Someone else will spend the money,

someone else can fly there. Perhaps you've got a family, kids, a busy class schedule or not enough money.

Paul J. Balles, author of the piece "The Apathetic American," remarked in 2007 that UNICEF estimated the sanctions against Iraq resulted in the deaths of 500,000 Iraqi children under the age of 5. He proceeded to write that Americans couldn't care less. Could we? Are we apathetic, or is it something else?

There are some of us in this country, in this state, in this town, who want to do more than push others to act and who find ways to keep the people around the abreast of what we all have in common: humanity.

Though sometimes our efforts do not register with those we help (former Pakistani ambassador to the United States Tariq Fatemi said, "American assistance is always of a nature that is not seen or felt,"), we must remain steadfast in our desire to treat others as we would treat ourselves.

What's special about Elon University is that our community creates ways we

can contribute to filling the gaps others have left open, specifically through programs like Amnesty International, the Kernodle Center for Service Learning and Community Engagement and Periclean Scholars. Sometimes international government efforts to soothe the pain of natural disaster aren't enough, and as global citizens, we should step in. So, we reach across cultural and geographical boundaries to offer aid. We raise money, bring people in to help and spread the word to those in power, urging them to assist in any way possible.

Consider this: is it enough to help, or should we give with a heart not satisfied until all have the ability to live comfortably? Is it more important to give when you have passion for the cause or to give no matter what? When we help, why are we doing it?

Perhaps, with a bit more contemplation before blindly offering a hand, Americans may begin to understand why we step outside of ourselves and what would happen if we didn't.



SARAH BETH COSTELLO | Cartoonist

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Opinions

Behind glamour emerge true human characteristics



Liv Dubendorf
Columnist

The average American tends to treat famous people like they're something special. Sure, some of them can sing, dance or act, but they can rarely do all three and a fair share can do none of the above. Some famous people have no special talents at all, and we've left wondering exactly why they're famous.

But with consistent headlines about celebrity drug busts and suicide scares, it seems like celebrities do nothing but spend time on frivolous things and live on the edge. It appears that all famous people have something in common: an unquenchable appetite for vice.

Paris Hilton was charged with cocaine possession in Las Vegas. Kanye West is dwelling on the past, blaming his career meltdown on last year's Video Music Awards scandal involving Taylor Swift. T.I. was arrested in early September on drug charges, this in the wake of his MTV show, "T.I.'s Road to Redemption," which has the intention of warning young adults of the effects of drugs and violence.

As a girl who has Perez Hilton's website on her favorites bar, I know all about the chokehold that Hollywood has on the famous. Perez, the king of gossip, writes mostly about transgressions, but who really cares? The fact that I know who he's talking about 80 percent of the time is enough to cause alarm. How can I remember so many people who have no real significance to my life? Why do I care that Mel Gibson's ex-wife is getting him to pay for her public relations expenses, that Kat Von D from Miami Ink was seen with Jesse James or that Robert Pattinson got mobbed when he visited Texas Tech University?

The short answer is that I don't, or shouldn't care what these celebrities do with their free time. But the news is out there. Most of the articles I read about prompt me to concentrate on the juxtaposition between a celebrity's

luminous career and less than charming personal life.

As trite as it sounds, celebrities are average people, just a more complicated version of the same model. I don't believe that fame has that much of an impact on your character. It acts like a magnifying glass; it just amplifies what you already had and who you already were.

So, on that note, is it really a surprise that Paris' latest escapade landed her in jail again? Based on her past behavior, I'm not really surprised. And T.I.'s road to redemption was just another road to rehab. The show aired after he was busted buying machine guns and gun silencers during a sting operation. T.I. and Paris haven't done much to get in our good graces, so why should their behavior now surprise us?

And what about Kanye West? He recently announced that he wrote a song for Taylor Swift after bashing her on the stage at the VMAs.

Something that I found hilariously appalling at the time apparently had quite an effect on Kanye West. He was scheduled to tour with Lady Gaga, but it was canceled because of low ticket sales. Clearly, his most recent dramatic outburst is nothing more than an attempt to rescue his fading career.

So, there are some bad seeds in the public eye. But it seems the biggest issues involved in celebrity misbehavior are the lack of accountability for their actions, bad taste and little concern for consequence.

But, there are celebrities who have worked to make their fame a positive asset for their lives, and for the lives of others. Angelina Jolie went from 'bad girl' to Goodwill Ambassador for the U.N. Refugee Agency. Ricky Martin traveled to Thailand with Habitat for Humanity after the tsunami of 2004. Liv Tyler, Sarah Jessica Parker and Clay Aiken are all ambassadors for UNICEF.

Celebrities, like average people, are span across the character spectrum. Some use their gifts for good and others use them for self-indulgence. Fame isn't the end-all cause of various good deeds and bad behavior. Fame just enables the media to broadcast these choices to the public.

No greater patriotism than acceptance Displays of religious tolerance speak volumes about pride in American culture and values



Rachel Southmayd
Columnist

In the past week, I have attended a Rosh Hashanah celebration, seen my roommate leave for Sunday Mass and had a class canceled so my teacher could celebrate Eid ul-Fitr, the three-day festival that marks the end of Ramadan. And just last week, The Pendulum ran an article about the

construction of a multi-faith center on campus. All signs point toward Elon University being a place one would call "tolerant" of all religions.

If Elon is supposed to be preparing us for the real world, why does it seem impossible for the real world to do the same things we do here? Why is it that the ninth anniversary of Sept. 11 was marred with anti-Islamic protests and threats to burn the Muslim holy text, the Quran?

Most intolerance is supported by fear and in this case, it is fear of the unknown. A number of Americans think because a select few extremists took it in their hands to sully the name of Islam all over the world, their religion must be to blame for their acts of violence.

A 2010 Pew Forum estimate puts the number of Muslims around the world at 1.57 billion. At the time of the Sept. 11 attacks a Newsweek article puts the number of al-Qaida operatives (the group

responsible for the attacks) at less than 1,000.

True scholars of the Quran know that Islam is about living life through devotion to Allah and the practice of peace, mercy and forgiveness. It is not about plotting to end thousands of lives or living under the strictest of laws, denying citizens of their basic human rights, as some groups try to interpret it.

When Americans like Rev. Terry Jones, a Florida pastor who created "National Burn-A-Koran Day," take such radical action against Islam, they are punishing the hundreds of millions of Muslims who work every day to live lives of peace and piety. People like Jones would do well to remember that terrorism is found in all walks of life, and by shoving all of Islam into the category of "intolerant," we are casting the same label upon ourselves.

And now some U.S. citizens are up in arms about the building of a mosque two blocks from the ground zero site in Manhattan, N.Y. These people need to realize that it is not a mosque, it is an Islamic cultural center, but even if it were a place of worship, it would not be the first. Within those two blocks, one can find many churches, synagogues and even a Buddhist temple.

To deny Muslims of their constitutional right to practice their religion is equivalent to spitting on the face of our forefathers and labelling the United States as a nation of hypocrites who do not deserve the freedoms our armed forces work so hard to protect.

College is rough on parents too



Eva Hill
Columnist

We've seen it in the movies, read it in books and experienced it first-hand — the tearful goodbyes of our parents as we move out and head to college. Whether it's the reluctant, tearful mother, or the proud father standing in the doorway, the separation sparks more than just

anxiety.

Although the level of communication may differ among families, odds are that the parents won't cease to check on their young scholar. Some college students receive care packages, unnecessary and frequent phone calls, and — God forbid — surprise visits from their parents.

Jana Lynn Patterson, assistant vice president for student life, said she deals with issues of parent-child separation every day. She said part of their anxiety comes from the new, less structured environment.

"Parents call me, and I talk to them about the resources at Elon," Patterson said. "We spend a lot of time parent-coaching."

Patterson also said some of the anxiety comes from the terrible college stories parents hear on the news and the distance between them.

College is a different lifestyle and with that lifestyle comes adjustment. It's a change in eating and sleeping habits and workload. But it often slips students minds that their parents have to adjust too.

Upon leaving for school, my parents were left with an empty house. An only child without any brothers and sisters. My parents finally had peace and quiet.

I asked my mom, Sharon Hill, what kind of emotions she felt when my college adventure began two years ago. Her responses weren't surprising, but I was glad she was able to remain supportive and optimistic about my future.

"I was a little anxious and I missed not having you around," Hill said. "The house was very quiet, and it was a little odd not being part of your daily routine and knowing what you were doing."

My hometown is Winston-Salem, N.C., so Elon is not too far from my parents. But that doesn't stop my mom from making frequent phone calls and sending me Facebook messages several times a day. It's hard to believe my old-fashioned mother would succumb to the pressures of the social networking age, but it's just another way to keep tabs on her college student.

"I probably would have called more often, but I did want you to have your space and have time to grow," she said. "I was hopeful that everything your dad and I had taught you would enable you to make good decisions, but I was also a little sad, because I knew I was going to miss you."

Considering the circumstances, and in comparison to other anxious parents, my parents have dealt with the separation quite well. My mother was wearing sunglasses when we said our good-byes my freshman year, and although this could have been an intentional distraction, I couldn't tell if the waterworks were on.

Some students are unaware of the impact their leaving has on their parents, but this is a big change for parents, too. They're used to having their son or daughter around the house. Even the little things, like cooking and doing laundry won't be the same with an empty room and one less mouth to feed.

In this new day and age, it's becoming even easier to keep in contact with family members. Facebook, cell phones and e-mail are all convenient, but nothing can take the place of a supportive family.

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Style

ELON is a botanical garden

Caitlin O'Donnell
News Editor

Amidst tests, group meetings, extracurricular activities and dinner with roommates, students can often miss the beauty of Elon University's grounds. But to Tom Flood, director of landscaping and grounds, it doesn't go unnoticed.

As a result of a resolution in November 2004, originally offered by President Leo Lambert and approved by the Board of Trustees, the recognition of Elon's campus as a botanical garden became an institutional priority. A botanical garden is simply a collection of taxonomically identified plants.

"The purpose is for conservation, stewardship, display, research and education," Flood said. "It's an environmental and aesthetic resource."

During the years, the university has introduced publications to support and display the mission of the university gardens.

"We've created a tree trail guide, held seminars," Flood said. "We give tours to garden clubs and groups of other interested people. We have plant labels throughout campus."

Flood said the next step after Lambert's resolution was to join the American Public Gardens Association, a database for publicly accessed gardens.

"We were accepted. It's not a difficult process to become a member," he said. "The more

important part is the resolution that made (the goal) an imperative part of the university."

As a result, students and other members of campus not only learn about different types of plants, but also have a sense of environmental awareness while traveling to class and other destinations.

"Basically, they are there to help remind everyone that everywhere around us, no matter where we look, (there) is an opportunity for learning," Flood said.

Though the exact number of plants is unknown, Flood estimates there are at least 100 unique species on campus. When time and funding become available,

Flood said his department wants to take an inventory of the collection.

"Part of what we do is introduce new plants and learn about plants with potential," he said. "Maybe they'll grow here or not. We try to figure out what doesn't work well."

Though many students are not aware of Elon's classification as a botanical garden, he said the university promotes the fact to students when and how it can.

"Our first priority is to maintain a functional and attractive campus for students," Flood said. "This includes snow removal to clean sidewalks, keeping the grass mowed and places for athletic teams."

After these main concerns are addressed, the school will try to find ways, as resources allow, of promoting the botanical garden mission within the broader goal of sustainability.

To Flood, this includes environmental awareness of campus. For example, when a

student sees an interesting looking plant and stops to think about or admire it.

"In the way we manage landscape, we also try to be sustainable," he said. "We are good stewards of resources and also the environment. We are sensitive to how we do things by setting examples and trying different practices."

This includes using ponds to capture storm water and composting plant materials.

The knowledge gained is then shared with others, including both the grounds management team at Elon and national audiences.

"What we learn here, we try to disseminate that information," Flood said.

Sophomore Andi Cochran said though she was unaware Elon is recognized as a botanical garden, she appreciates the beauty of her surroundings.

"It's definitely nice to walk to class among beautiful grounds," she said. "Now I can appreciate it in a whole new way."

All photos taken by Stephanie Alvarez, Staff Photographer. All photos are of plants, flowers and trees on Elon's campus that have signs next to them listing their common and scientific names.





Hollywood screenwriter of 'August Rush' brings real-world experience to Elon's School of Communications

Madelyn Smith
Reporter

Elon University professor Paul Castro has been an officer in the U.S. Navy, a soccer player for the University of Richmond and a faculty member at the UCLA School of Film, Television and Digital Media.

He also wrote the screenplay for Warner Brothers' 2007 film "August Rush." His next script, "Archery Lessons," is set to star Dakota Fanning, and he will most likely be directing.

This year, he joins Elon's School of Communications.

Castro first heard of Elon during his undergraduate years at the University of Richmond and was more recently involved with the Elon in Los Angeles program.

There, he met Coordinator of Video Projects J. McMerty, faculty adviser for the program, and saw the Elon students' talent firsthand.

"SCREENWRITING IS NOT NERVE RECONSTRUCTION. IT IS NOT THIS TOP SECRET, EXCLUSIVE CLUB FOR THE FEW CHOSEN ELITE. EVERYONE HAS A STORY TO TELL."

- PAUL CASTRO, VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

"The students were sensational and well-versed in many aspects of film and television," he said. "I thought to myself, 'Are they all like this at Elon? (It) can't be.' Then I flew out to meet everyone on campus, and it was true."

Although he is now seasoned in the art of screenwriting, Castro did not always know

professional writing would be his career. Born in New York and raised in Washington, D.C., he always loved visual storytelling. But it wasn't until just after college he realized his passion for the art.

"I was working in the D.C. area in a suit-and-tie job when one of my friends living in Los Angeles sent me his script that some production company was interested in buying. I didn't respond favorably to my friend's script and naively believed that I could do a better job. That blind faith prompted me to decide to write my first script. Knowing nothing about script writing, I decided to put myself through a homemade crash course."

Castro said exploring the art of screenwriting on his own was invaluable to his success in the highly selective graduate film school at UCLA, which at the time selected just 18 out of nearly 1,200 applicants.

While at UCLA, Castro experienced the ups and downs of the writing industry that ultimately resulted in his success with "August Rush."

In Castro's first year of graduate school, his professor and mentor Richard Walter recommended his work to Stan Lee, the founder of Marvel Entertainment. Lee liked Castro's work and hired him to write a second movie.

"That second script I thought was the best thing since the Snuggie," Castro said. "To this day I think it is one of my best. Unfortunately, Stan wasn't a big fan of it. As a matter of fact, he wasn't even a little fan of it. It was a wonderful lesson as a new writer."

In another writing course with Walter, Castro wrote a script titled "Noise" about his musically talented nephew. Walter arranged for Castro to meet with a producer, who liked his work. After several rewrites, Castro renamed the script "August Rush" because his nephew was born in August, and Geoffrey Rush had recently won an Oscar for his movie "Shine."

Years later, that same producer had the script rewritten for Robin Williams, and from there the filming process began.

"I had no idea 'August Rush' would someday be a sleeper hit movie for Warner Brothers," Castro said. "I often say that something tragic happened to (the movie) through the rewrite process — it got better."

Castro said students interested in screenwriting should not worry about scoring that one successful Hollywood script, but rather that they should enjoy "sharing their craft with others."

"Screenwriting is not nerve reconstruction," he said. "It is not this top secret, exclusive club for the few chosen elite. Everyone has a story to tell."



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Above left: New Elon University professor Paul Castro most recently worked in Los Angeles as a screenwriter. He wrote the screenplay for the acclaimed movie "August Rush," released in 2007 by Warner Brothers.

Left: Castro worked closely with the star of "August Rush," Freddie Highmore. Castro's next movie, "Archery Lessons," will tentatively star Dakota Fanning. According to imdb.com, Castro has other projects in the works.

Right: Living and working in Los Angeles lead Castro (pictured with actress Shirley MacLaine) to famous friends. He counts actress MacLaine as a close ally, whom he said he still talks to on a regular basis.

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Fall TV preview

Kristen Wrenn
Design Editor

Every fall, a new television season begins. With each new season comes fresh time slot competition and viewers must decide: test out a new comedy or remain faithful to a favorite veteran drama?

To ease the pain of choosing, here are five new fall series that are worth watching.

'Boardwalk Empire', HBO, 9-10 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 19

Set against the backdrop of 1920s Atlantic City, "Boardwalk Empire" is framed by the dawn of Prohibition and the evolution of American gangster crime. The series comes from Terence Winter, Emmy Award-winning writer of "The Sopranos," and Academy Award-winning director Martin Scorsese.

The series opens as the country is undergoing serious change. Enoch "Nucky" Thompson (Steve Buscemi) is the town treasurer and undisputed ruler of Atlantic City. Balancing the responsibilities of politician and gangster, Nucky recognizes the advantages that come with the city's coastal location and proximity to large cities, and entangles himself with the illegal alcohol trade.

With a rumored budget of \$18 million per episode, a list of executive producers that includes Martin Scorsese, Stephen Levinson and Mark Wahlberg, and a pilot directed by Scorsese, viewers should expect a high-quality program.

'Hawaii 5-0', CBS, 10-11 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 20

A contemporary take on the original series of the same name, "Hawaii 5-0" has a lot working in its favor. First, Daniel Dae Kim is back on the island (shout-out to all "Lost" fans). Second, the rest of the cast. Hello, Alex O'Loughlin ("Moonlight"), Scott Caan ("Entourage") and Grace Park. And third, it's a crime series set in Hawaii.

The reboot of "Hawaii 5-0" brings Detective Steve McGarrett (O'Loughlin) back to Oahu to investigate his father's murder. After Hawaii's governor persuades the detective to stay, he assembles a new team with a mission to wipe out the crime that washes up on the island's beaches.

'Mike & Molly', CBS, 9:30-10 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 20

As CBS has forged ahead as the king of primetime comedy, a single man has emerged as the sitcom-whisperer. His name is Chuck Lorre and he is the guy behind "Two and a Half Men", "The Big Bang Theory" and now, "Mike & Molly." Lorre's track record is reason enough to tune into his newest project, and the goofy plot offers a breath of fresh air to television.

"Mike & Molly" is about two people who meet at Overeaters Anonymous. Yes, they are overweight. But this show deals with real issues that people are facing in society, particularly obesity and being comfortable with your body. All with a good dose of humor, of course. Mike (Billy Gradell) is a good-hearted cop who sincerely wants to lose weight. Molly (Melissa



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With a rumored budget of \$18 million per episode, the set design and costumes for Boardwalk Empire perfectly recreate glamorous 1920s life in Atlantic City, N.J.

McCarthy) is a likeable fourth-grade teacher with a good sense of humor about her curves. Together, they tackle temptation, dieting and a shared quest for companionship.

'The Event', NBC, 9-10 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 20

In the months leading up to the show's premiere, "The Event" has already been compared to last season's "FlashForward", another high-profile mystery drama that quickly lost viewers and dissolved into obscurity. But, with the end of "Lost", "The Event" could be just what viewers are looking for to fill the complex, conspiracy theory crazed void.

The show is told through multiple storylines and centers around a government cover-up that has been kept secret, even from the president (Blair Underwood). Meanwhile, average guy

Sean Walker (Jason Ritter) gets caught up in the mystery when his fiancée-to-be mysteriously vanishes on a cruise.

"The Event" is a show that requires dedication to keep up with all the crazy twists, but the pilot offers up a juicy cliff hanger that is sure to leave viewers wanting more.

'Running Wilde', FOX, 9:30-10 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 21

Will Arnett + Mitch Hurwitz + David Cross = the awesome collaboration everyone is hoping "Running Wilde" will be. Mitch Hurwitz, if you are unaware, is the brain behind the genius that was "Arrested Development." Will Arnett and David Cross both starred in the show, and are now reuniting in "Running Wilde" to carry on their obnoxious yet lovable ways. In addition to Arnett and Cross, the lovely Keri Russell of "Felicity" fame plays the female lead.

"Running Wilde" is not meant to be a reincarnation of the dearly departed "Arrested Development." Arnett stars as the spoiled rich guy trying to win over his childhood love (Russell).



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Billy Gradell and Melissa McCarthy star in "Mike and Molly," about a couple who meets at Overeaters Anonymous.

Drum group SLAMM! mixes theatre, rhythm

Lauren Ramsdell
Arts and Entertainment Editor

What is the sound an ironing board makes when played like a drum?

The answer is not some cryptic riddle, but SLAMM!, a drum spectacle compared to everything from Stomp! to Blue Man Group. SLAMM! will perform at Elon University's McCrary Theatre 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 16.

Bandleader and rock drumming icon Carmine Appice doesn't want the audience to make too many comparisons to other groups, though.

"Our show differs every night," Appice said. "It's more like a rock band."

Like a rock band, Appice's group is not simply there to entertain, but to engage the audience in music.

"Audience response is important," he said, "if the audience is really with you, it'll all be great."

So what is SLAMM! if not like any other touring percussion group? Press for SLAMM!'s prior performances compare it to Stomp! on steroids, a phrase Appice even used to describe his show. Members of SLAMM! use everyday objects, including oil cans, Dixie cups and, yes, ironing boards to make music.

But Appice still admits that it's a shaky comparison: unlike Stomp, the theatrical aspect is left behind and the performers improvise. There are set songs, but solos and other parts are left up to the artists to interpret.

Appice said SLAMM! is different than a traditional rock band.

"This is more original. We do more crazy stuff in here that you wouldn't do in a regular band," he said. "It's a full show with comedy, even a little drama."

SLAMM! just may be indescribable until heard first-though.

SLAMM! consists of five drummers, including Appice, and a guitar player. It seems strange at first that rhythm can make up an entire song with guitar as a background, but Appice's group is a testament otherwise.

"We use the drums to give it the bottom and the top and the rhythm and the melody," Appice said. "Melodic rhythms that are memorable. It creates a whole song that has a whole mood to it."

What may be most memorable about the songs to some students is that they will not just hear them, but perform in them as well. The Fire of the Carolinas drumline will join



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Carmine Appice (pictured at left) performs with an eclectic mix of young musicians in SLAMM!, a rock drum performance.

SLAMM! onstage for a song in which they drum alongside the group.

Director of Bands Tony Sawyer will write a cadence for the drumline to perform, with improvisational parts added in. Appice said he intends to do a call-and-response with the drumline, involving vocal scat and improv from his end.

"I am very excited about having SLAMM! perform at Elon," Sawyer said. "As a percussionist I have heard Appice's playing for most of my life. It will be nice to get a chance to meet him in person."

The drumline will not meet Appice until 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, only hours before the performance. They will rehearse and practice for only a short time before having to

take the stage.

Drumline captain Alex Kunkel said they haven't quite nailed down all of the details of their performance, but the drumline is prepared to improvise. She said that they're also looking forward to being in the spotlight.

"It's fun to play with percussion groups," Kunkel said, "It's a high energy group."

She also said that since the drumline is usually a facet in the marching band, it will be nice to be featured as an individual unit.

"We don't do a lot of things alone," she said, "But most people love drums and drumming."

SLAMM! is free to Elon faculty, staff and students with Elon ID.

Fall into Southern style

Lindsay Kimble
Copy Editor

College is typically associated with comfort: casual clothes that take us from slumber to class without much effort. This is usually not the case at Elon University, a school that rivals New York Fashion Week. Modern, chic style mixed with Southern classics embodies many Elon students' closets. As the school year begins, here are a few staples to invest in that will hopefully last throughout your entire fall semester and maybe the next four years.

Women

Rain boots

Don't attempt to tackle Elon without them. Rainy days are not uncommon, throughout the entire year, and puddles develop on the many paths and sidewalks. Rain boots will keep your feet and jeans dry, tucked nicely into the water-repellent rubber. Stick to neutral shades like black, navy or brown if you want a pair that can match seamlessly with multiple outlets. Try Hunter rain boots, which come in classic, plain colors and varying heights.

If you're looking for a pair that makes more of a statement, try a bright pattern. Target has various styles of boots, such as zebra print, floral and polka dots, all for affordable prices.

Yoga Pants

Elon students rarely rock the "sweats" look, but when they do, the girls still do it stylishly. The perfect blend between comfort and style are yoga pants. The stretchy material conforms the curves of the body and typically flares around the ankle. The fabric is light but has clean enough seams that it can be worn with fitted-shirts as well as baggy sweatshirts and T-shirts. Typically, students opt for the style in black, but other colors can be fun.

Pearls

Again, fitting in to Elon's Southern heritage, pearls pull together any casual outfit, and like many other Elon staples, work well for dressier and more professional events. Real pearls are an expensive investment, so until the day comes with they're affordable, stick with reproductions — they look just as good.

Men

Long sleeve Oxford dress shirt

Elon men sport this style-shirt in varying patterns of stripes, gingham and checks nearly every day. This classic is perfect for various occasions, business casual events, classes or dates. The Oxford sleeves can be rolled up for a more casual look, and often, men wear a plain colored t-shirt underneath, and leave the top buttons undone for a touch of color. The shirt can be paired with khaki or other colored shorts for a preppy look.

Boat shoes

Sperry's Topsiders originated this leather, loafer-like style that men wear for casual and dressy events. They are typically worn without socks for comfort and can be worn through every season. This is a good investment piece because they are versatile and will hopefully last for several years.

Baseball hat

The backwards cap can be seen on the heads of many Elon males. For those with school pride, visit the Campus Shop for various styles, including Polo hats. For hats supporting athletic/sports teams, visit Lids.com, which offers various selections including fitted and adjustable. A popular style at Elon, the classic snapback hat, can be bought online at fasinfrankvintage.com. The website offers a variety of throwback snapback hats, ranging from those with sports teams on them to logos from old TV shows.

Hillel celebrates Rosh Hashanah with campus festivities



Rachel Southmayd
Senior Reporter

Across the globe, most people count January 1 as the first day of the new year. But for people in the Jewish faith, this day is celebrated on the first day of the seventh month of the Jewish calendar. This year, the New Year came in the middle of September.

"This is Elon University's first Rosh Hashanah dinner," Hillel Director Nancy Luberoff said.

Elon University's Hillel organization helped Jewish students celebrate with a variety of events last week.

On the evening of Wednesday Sept. 8, several dozen students gathered in Harden Dining Hall for a kosher meal, with special additions from Hillel, including apples and honey, challah, homemade honey cake and pomegranate seeds, all foods symbolic of Rosh Hashanah.

"We eat apples and honey for a sweet new year," Luberoff said.

She also said that pomegranate seeds are special because each fruit contains 613 seeds, the same amount as the number of commandments in the Jewish holy text, the Torah. Challah, a traditional bread, is in the shape of round loaves on Rosh Hashanah to symbolize the cyclical nature of the year.

Hillel students said blessings over the food and senior Tracy Weisberg blew the "shofar," a ram's horn that makes a sound like a muted trumpet. She said it is used to call in the New Year.

Sam Kahane is a sophomore who has attended Hillel events in the past.

"It helps me identify with my Jewish culture," he said. "And the food's amazing."

Luberoff said she was touched by the amount of students who came out to celebrate at the dinner.

"I'm just thrilled that we have enough people to have a common meal like this," she said.

On Thursday Sept. 9, Hillel held a Tashlich service on the shore of Lake Mary Nell. In Hebrew, "tashlich" means "casting off" and students threw pieces of bread in the water to symbolize the casting off of sins from the previous year.

Weisberg said she was pleased with the turnout at the Rosh Hashanah meal.

"I think it's just a good opportunity, especially with freshmen," she said.

For many of the first-year students in attendance, this was their first exposure to the Hillel organization at Elon.

"It's good to see everyone all coming out together," said Ilana Israel, a first-year student. "I think it's basically a good way to celebrate the New Year."

Hillel also offered transportation to several different services in the area throughout the New Year's week and held their usual weekly Shabbat service in the Truitt Center for Religious Studies on Friday evening.



Left: Senior Tracy Weisberg blows the shofar, a ram's horn instrument used in Jewish religious services.
Above: Students ate a communal dinner in Harden for Rosh Hashanah eve.

BOOK REVIEW



Tasting the feelings in food

Alexa Johnson
Senior Reporter

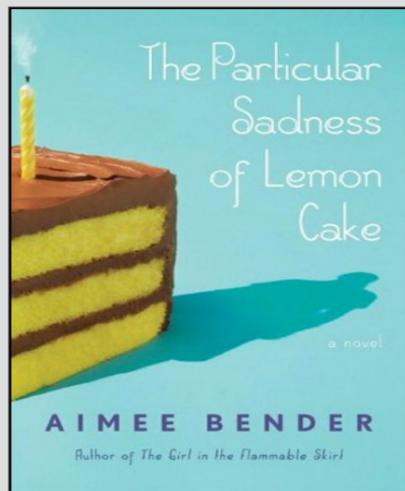


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Reading Aimee Bender is not the kind of thing everyone should do.

It's not because her writing is poor—quite the opposite in fact, she's genius at her craft—but her work should come with a disclaimer: please do not read if you cannot handle sad life details or if you are a writer who is prone to fits of crippling doubt and self loathing. And then, even those who fall under that category should still read "The Particular Sadness of Lemon Cake" anyway.

At the tender age of 9, Rose discovers not only can she taste where the ingredients in her food come from and how they were gathered, but the emotions the food maker felt while cooking.

Unfortunately for Rose, her new ability makes food inedible. Chewing rage and sampling sorrow prove to be too much for the young protagonist, who takes refuge at school by eating out of the vending machine before struggling through the yearning in her mother's nightly meals at home.

Those who have never read Aimee Bender might wonder how such a plot could possibly make sense, let alone come off as true literature. The answer is simple—there is no way to

prepare for the fairytale devastation, the whimsical nature in every page of prose, except by sitting down and reading it.

In 1998, Bender published her first book, a collection of stories called "The Girl in the Flammable Skirt." The stories inside are an unforgettable mix of surreal and weighty, delicate and intense, and unlike anything else anyone is writing. The Los Angeles Times described it best; "Hemingway on an acid trip."

She hasn't disappointed since.

During the course of the novel, Bender slowly reveals how a chipper and outgoing young girl, likened to sea glass, sinks slowly into herself, earns the nickname "Tank," tries to deal with her strange power and the unwelcome knowledge that arrives on every plate.

Bender, Elon's visiting fiction writer last year, manages to walk the daunting line of mystic and realistic. Her writing is spare and descriptive, but minimally so. She feeds you details that will break your heart, but nothing more. She is in the business of pulling you apart.

Enviably sad life details aside, the characters in "Lemon Cake" are the best part of the book. Most notable is Rose's older brother, Joseph, perhaps the most compelling character. Joseph is an anti-social, reclusive genius who loves nothing more than the functionality of a folding chair. His rare moments of tenderness with Rose will feel familiar for those with siblings, who understand that a few exceptional seconds are the kind of things that don't fade. Family tension, detailed descriptions of food and the familiar dinner table talk is when Bender is at her best.

As beautiful as "Lemon Cake" is, it isn't quite perfect. It lacks the careful humor of Bender's short stories, a few ideas don't feel fully fleshed out and some explanations of the past feel unfinished. Despite these shortcomings, the pages upon pages of sorrow and skilled craftsmanship make the book an excellent read and a must for any Bender devotee.

Perhaps after reading this novel, you too might be able to taste the empathy hidden in your Acorn sandwich.

Rob Blackledge entertains Irazu

Kit Arbuckle
Reporter

At the beginning of his concert, Rob Blackledge opened up quickly to the audience.

"I'm feeling extra free tonight," Rob Blackledge said at the opening of his concert in Irazu. With a black baseball hat pulled low over his eyes as his self-professed "safety blanket," Blackledge entertained an intimate audience for nearly two hours Friday, Sept. 10. His repertoire included songs from his latest album, "Inside These Walls," as well as songs he'd written with other artists and songs from his summer-inspired "The Place Where Everyone Falls In Love."

Blackledge, a Mississippi native, attended Belmont University in Nashville, Tenn. "Inside These Walls" plays up his acoustic jazz/R&B sound, with hip-hop and pop influences. More recently, he's delved into country music. Though he claimed it was the first time he'd tried country music in front of a real audience, Blackledge's talent with the genre would suggest otherwise.

"He's very, very talented," said senior Frank Hurd, a frequent musician at Midnight Meals. "I think he's going to become a name (a lot of) people know in a few years."

Onstage, Blackledge was laid-back and unpretentious. He made the audience laugh and laughed at himself over forgotten lyrics or misplayed chords. He took requests, asking, "What do you guys want to hear?" The audience responded willingly with the names of his older work, as well as a list of songs by other artists. That's when Blackledge proved his skill at putting his own spin on other artists' work—his cover of Jeff Buckley's "Hallelujah" left listeners breathless and momentarily unwilling to spoil the moment with applause.

Blackledge performed at National Association of Campus



HEATHER CASSANO | Staff Photographer
Rob Blackledge performed Friday, Sept. 10 in Irazu to a small crowd for more than two hours.

Activities in October 2009, where Elon's Student Union Board discovered him. According to SUBlive co-chair junior Jenna Thrash, SUB "thought that his music would be great for a 'coffee house' type setting." Blackledge performed in Irazu February 2010 "and was a huge hit," Thrash said.

"He was easygoing, great with the crowd, told stories, cracked jokes—the audience loved him," she said. "There's no official agreement to (bring) him back, but we would love to have him."

As for Blackledge, the future looks bright. In addition to the Love and Theft hit "Runaway," he's written songs with Lady Antebellum, High Valley and other big-name artists.

Blackledge says that his next endeavor will be a country album. "It's so much fun to play," he said.

Enjoying himself seems to be key in Blackledge's musical philosophy. When asked about performing at Elon, the artist said, "I do a lot of one-off shows like this. I look at it as a way to get out and have fun, but also to try out new songs."

Elon alum appeared on 'Jeopardy!'

What does it take, Trebek?



Recent Elon Master's graduate Steven Stiegel appeared on 'Jeopardy!' May 2009.

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Can another Elon student make it on the show?

Rachel Southmayd
Senior Reporter

What is the No. 2 syndicated show on television? What is a show with nine million viewers daily? What is two weeks where college students compete for a \$100,000 scholarship? What is the "College Championship" on the game show "Jeopardy!"?

While Elon University has never had an undergraduate contestant on the "Jeopardy!" College Championship, a recent Elon master's graduate, Steven Stiegel, did compete on the regular version of the show Feb. 25, 2009.

His episode aired May 27 of the same year, and he said it was a memorable experience

"People who go on there ("Jeopardy!") spend their entire life being told they could," he said. "It's kind of a personality thing."

Stiegel's journey to the "Jeopardy!" stage began in February 2007, when he took the online test used to weed out thousands of hopefuls. Questions in the \$1,600 to \$2,000 range are flashed for 15 seconds.

"If you know it, you know it within a few seconds," Stiegel said.

A few months later, in May, he

was invited to a regional contestant search based on his online score, where he took another written exam and then played a mock game with actual buzzers and a board as show producers looked, judging contestants on their intelligence and "charisma," as Stiegel put it. He was told he'd be in the "active" contestant file for one year following his regional try-out.

More than a year went by, and in January 2009, just after taking the online test again, show producers called and told Stiegel to book a flight to Culver City, Calif., the location of the "Jeopardy!" studio.

According to the "Jeopardy!" website, the College Championship works much in the same way, with an online test, then regional auditions. But in the championship, the 15 students compete in five semi-final games, three quarter-final games, and then two final games for a total of 10 episodes.

The winner walks away with \$100,000. Each of the 15 contestants receives at least \$5,000. Stiegel said he doesn't know how it works for the College Championship, but regular contestants are responsible for their own hotel and airfare costs.

"That's why they give \$2,000 to the first runner-up and \$1,000 to the second runner-up, to offset the costs," he said.

Although Stiegel was second runner-up in his game, he enjoyed the experience despite the high amount of pressure.

"It's hard enough to get on the show, but the hardest thing is being on it," he said.

Stiegel said that five episodes are filmed each day after contestants sit through a two-hour legal session. During "commercial breaks," producers give tips and advice to the

contestants and do make-up touch-ups. He said they film in "more or less" real time.

"There are occasional times where you stop tape," he said, explaining that a response was challenged, host Alex Trebek flubbed a word, and other delays occurred. Each episode takes about 35 minutes to tape.

Stiegel said the delays are one of the many things most people don't know about "Jeopardy!" He also said a quarter-second penalty is assessed for buzzing in before Trebek finishes reading the clue, that contestants must take a lengthy amount of time calculating their wager for "Final Jeopardy" and have to come up with an extensive number of anecdotes to share with the audience before the producers pick the most interesting.

He said he still enjoys watching "Jeopardy!" on television and would recommend that any hopeful contestants study on j-archive.com, a website with details and clues from each "Jeopardy!" game ever aired.

"Studying is worth it," he said. "There's nobody on that show who's dumb."

This year's "Jeopardy!" College Championship aired the weeks of Aug. 16 and 23, but was filmed in January. This year's winner was Nick Yozamp, a junior at Washington University in St. Louis, Mo.

Yozamp beat out 15 other hopefuls from schools like the University of Michigan, Dartmouth College, Yale University and 11 other institutions.

"Jeopardy!" has been on the air since 1984 and began its 27th season on Sept. 13. The first College Championship took place in 1989. Students interested in trying out for next year's championship can sign up to receive e-mail notifications about the next online testing period on www.jeopardy.com.

How-To: Seamlessly transition your wardrobe from summer threads to fall fashions

Ashley Fahey
Copy Editor

While the rest of the country is experiencing tree leaves changing color, crisp temperatures and the refreshing feeling that fall is arriving, North Carolina is still struggling through hot, humid days. Summer tends to linger here even when the calendar reads well into September and October. With these hot temperatures, it's hard to start thinking about fall sweaters and warm leather boots — but it seems hardly appropriate to be sporting floral sundresses. So how do you transition your wardrobe from the hot days of summer into autumnal pieces that won't leave you sweaty and uncomfortable? A few simple wardrobe adjustments will do the trick.

Hosiery

Whether they are leggings, tights or the new style phenomenon "jeggings," hosiery is a perfect way to make your wardrobe more autumn-friendly. These all act as great transition pieces because most are lightweight yet provide sufficient warmth for cooler days. Additionally, they are easy to pair with, as leggings and tights can accompany your favorite short-sleeved tunics or dresses.

Layering

This season, layering is in style once again, and what could be more perfect on a warm fall day? A loose cardigan worn over a tank top or T-shirt is a great way to accessorize your outfit and make it more fall-friendly. And since cardigans are such a craze in the fashion world, they come in all styles: cropped, long, slouchy and even short-sleeved for those autumn days that feel so much like summer.

Ankle boots

Boots are a classic cool weather wardrobe staple, but it is far too early in the season to drag out your heavy wool-lined boots from your closet. A nice segue into the season is a trendy pair of short ankle boots. They can be paired with almost any article of clothing from jeans to dresses and are generally very comfortable and easy on the feet.

Colors

If you wish to appear more autumnal, then mix up your wardrobe by wearing festive fall colors. Brown, olive, red, orange and gold are excellent colors to make your entire ensemble brim with autumnal goodness. The best part is that you are bound to find short-sleeved and lightweight clothes in any fall color, usually for reasonable prices at stores like Target, Forever 21 or J.Crew.

Accessories

No ensemble is complete without accessories. To start preparing for the next season, gold and earth tones are the best bets for all accessory embellishments. Lightweight scarves, stylish hats, belts and handbags with warm color schemes are all fabulous pieces to dress up any outfit. Gold jewelry pieces are also great.

Three-quarter sleeved tops & tunics

Quite possibly the most ideal transition piece, three-quarter sleeved shirts are perfect to wear as the weather begins to change. With a variety of necklines, patterns, lengths and cuts, adding a few three-quarter sleeved tops will enhance your autumn wardrobe. They look great with jeans, skirts or leggings, which makes them a great staple to have in your closet.

Local talent on Food Network show

Libby Dean
Reporter

It began with Windex and barbecue sauce. When Mary Blevins, a Mebane resident, walked into her home to find her youngest son, Aaron Seelbinder, at age 5 conducting various experiments in her kitchen, she saw the beginning of his future in the food industry.

"At a very young age, Aaron wanted to be a scientist," Blevins said. "I would come home and find the kitchen a mess. He would always be making these wild experiments with food."

Blevins said that over time, Seelbinder discovered he could make a career incorporating the two things he loved: experimentation and food.

Now, Seelbinder is being recognized nationally for his culinary talents.

Aaron Seelbinder and his longtime friend Baylor Ferrier will appear as partners in the Food Network channel's new reality TV show "24 Hour Restaurant Battle." The show features dueling two-person teams of aspiring restaurateurs who have 24 hours to conceive, plan and open their own restaurants for one night.

On each team, one member mostly manages the business aspect of the restaurant as the other handles the culinary side of the restaurant. Seelbinder works the food side of the

restaurant for his team. Seelbinder and Ferrier's concept for their restaurant was a high-class take on Southern cuisine. Their episode is on the season finale of the show.

"I picked Aaron to be my partner on the show because we have had a lot of work experience together, and I knew that we worked well together," Ferrier said. "He has had a lot of experience with cooking, and he's a great chef."

Born and raised in Boone and Mebane, Seelbinder is a graduate of Eastern Alamance High School and attended Johnson & Wales University in Denver, Colo. to pursue his career in culinary arts. Seelbinder also interned at Relais & Chateaux — Il Bottaccio di Montignoso, a five-star restaurant in Tuscany, Italy.

"I always knew I wanted to work in the food industry," Seelbinder said. "It was never 'if' I was going to be a chef, it was 'when' I was going to become one."

Though he can cook in an array of styles, Seelbinder said the Southern style of cooking is close to his heart. Blevins said food has always been at the social circle of the family, and Seelbinder has two older brothers, both of whom also work in the restaurant industry.

"Southern style is home for Aaron," Blevins said. "It's what he's accustomed to and comfortable with. It's funny — I'll be on the phone



PHOTO FROM TOTALTVSHOWS.COM
Aaron Seelbinder, of Mebane, N.C., and his friend Baylor Ferrier, will appear on Food Network's "24 Hour Restaurant Battle" in the season finale. Seelbinder started cooking at age 5.

trading food advice with him and he'll be telling me about French classical cooking styles, and I'll be telling him how to cook Southern."

Seelbinder said the food industry was a natural career choice for him because he loves food and grew up around accomplished cooks in his family. Blevins said she has always been supportive of Seelbinder's cooking aspirations, but told him it would take until he was able to conjure up a delicious meal from scratch for her to know that he truly is a chef.

"A few months after I told him that, Aaron walks into the kitchen and says there is nothing to eat. I told him this was his opportunity to show me that he can make a meal out of nothing," Blevins said. "He walks out with this huge smile on his face and we had this delicious meal that he made from potatoes and celery, and I told him, 'Now, you've made it.'"

To watch the show, tune into the Food Network's next broadcast of "24 Hour Restaurant Battle" at 10 p.m. Wednesdays.

Top-5 thrift stores in the Elon area

Alexa Johnson
Senior Reporter

On Saturdays, don't forget to get up early and scout for yard sales and flea markets. Around noon each Saturday, make sure to take a drive down North Church Street and check out the cool stuff the people of Alamance County are giving up. Make a point to check out listings in the paper and to search the Web for other locations farther away.

Here are some tips to keep in mind:

1. Don't wear any new clothing, shoes or jewelry before washing or sanitizing your finds. Invest in Lysol wipes.
2. Don't be turned off by décor items that are dirty or not in perfect condition. Plates and mugs can be put in the dishwasher, and pictures can be dusted and sprayed to shine. But be careful when inspecting clothing for rips and stains.
3. Set aside an entire weekend. If you decide to search for one item — like a chair — you are probably setting yourself up for disappointment. The best part of thrifting is browsing and finding things that are just ... strange.
4. Don't ignore the weird stuff. Pick up a few records with really awful covers or the framed puzzle. Don't take the adventure — or your college décor — too seriously.



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1. Habitat Restore Alamance County

1176 N. Church St., Burlington, N.C.
(336) 222-8292
Open 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Tues.-Fri. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat.
11 minutes from campus

Still on the hunt for dorm furniture? Check this place out first. Habitat is a great place for nice pieces, furniture for a painting project or anything else. The coolest part is the rows and rows of spare building material like doors, windows, knobs and tile.

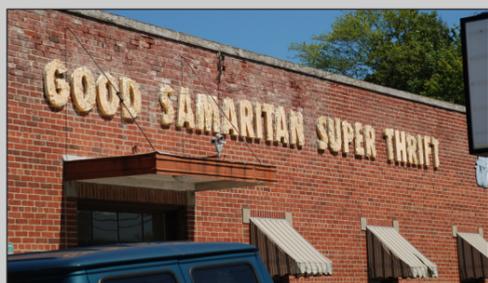


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2. Salvation Army Thrift Store

260 W. Davis St., Burlington, N.C.
(336) 570-2244
Open 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Mon.-Sat.
11 minutes from campus

Need a sassy costume for a theme party? A Christmas sweater with a reindeer? Vintage jewelry? Sal-Val is a hit or miss buffet of awesome clothing. It's fun to browse, it's cheap and it's full of things people are ashamed to have at their home.



BRIAN ALLENBY | Staff Photographer

3. Good Samaritan Super Thrift

1636 N. Church St., Burlington, N.C.
(336) 229-4900
Open 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Weds and Sat
11 minutes from campus

Hands down, the best thrift store within a 30-minute drive. Décor, mugs, shoes, books — it has it all. The Good Samaritan also has a killer selection of cheap furniture (chairs, couches, tables, you name it). The best part? There is a large amount of men's and women's clothing.



BRIAN ALLENBY | Staff Photographer

4. Riverview Thrift Store

1636 N. Church St., Burlington, N.C. 27217
(336) 264-3236
Open 9-4 Mon.-Fri., 9-5 Sat.
11 minutes from campus

After filling your car at the Good Samaritan (and only spending \$10), walk to the right side of the building, where you will find a warehouse of more thrift things. The building used to be crammed with little lighting, but it's now a lot cleaner and easier to browse. This is a great place to scout for décor and hilarious vintage plates. The prices are marked higher than they should be, but if you are nice, you can negotiate a better price.



COURTNEY WHITING | Photographer

5. Trollinger Treasures

403 Trollinger St., Burlington, N.C. 27215
(336) 227-8500
Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m. weekdays, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat.
9 minutes from campus

A thrift girl's dream, Trollinger Treasures has the highest quality goods for rock-bottom prices. The best part is the excellent and wide selection of women's clothing — dresses, jeans, shirts, shoes, scarves — that the staff carefully sorts through for quality control. This thrift also has a small but nice selection of home and décor products and records.

The Web roundup: Videos and links going viral

Current Internet memes offer various forms of entertainment

Alexa Johnson
Senior Reporter

Funny videos, jokes, websites and internet memes often get passed around groups of friends. If these internet memes spread quickly enough and reach a multitude of people, they can be considered viral.

There are several websites that list the best internet memes, the top current internet memes or internet memes by topic. One such website is knowyourmeme.com.

Here are some of the recent viral videos and websites.

Keanu Reeves is the saddest man alive

It's not exactly a secret that Keanu 'Matrix' Reeves can't really act, but hasn't stopped old ladies from fawning over him and the younger generation from considering him a cultural icon. Buzzfeed in particular has an obsession with him and has compiled some really hilariously unhappy quotes and pictures for your viewing pleasure. Check out "10 Best Sad Keanu Pictures."
<http://www.buzzfeed.com/mjs538/the-12-most-depressing-keanu-reeves-quotes>

Squirrels can purr?

It's not too out of the ordinary to hear stories about mama animals caring for babies out of their species. But this is even better. In Mississippi,

a squirrel has become just another kitten from a newborn litter. Watch this to see the animals cuddle and even hear the squirrel meow.

<http://www.buzzfeed.com/danootz/mississippi-baby-squirrel-adopted-by-mother-cat-le-1vjq>

Interested in knowing what goes on and how to get into Fashion Week?

Insider exclusive: Former model and Jezebel contributor Jenna Sauers is handing out tips on how to crash Fashion Week and get into exclusive shows and answers a ton of questions about how the show are put together, the models, designers and more.

<http://jezebel.com/5634188/everything-you-ever-wanted-to-know-about-fashion-week-but-were-afraid-to-ask?skyline=true&s=i>

Miracle Whip commercial spoof

Entertaining and terrifying, comedian Bob Bledsoe and "The Program Show" put together a parody of hyper sexualized and goofy Miracle Whip ads. The weirdest thing is that the quality is so good that it's not hard to imagine this ad showing up on television soon.

<http://www.buzzfeed.com/andrewrhg/miracle-whip-commercials-are-getting-extreme-1crl>



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Google Instant:

Google Instant is a new search enhancement, according to Google. It shows search results as you type. Google Instant claims to help you get better search results, faster, according to Google.

Google Instant shows search results even before all of the search is typed into the search bar, providing instant feedback, according to Google.

Google uses predictions to help guide a search, the website said. The top prediction is shown in gray text in the search box.

Until now, you had to type a full search term, hit return and hope for the right results, according to the website. "Now results appear instantly as you type."

Google claims that the new search technique saves between two to five seconds per search.

10 songs of summer

Robert Wohner
Reporter

Whether you spent your summer on the beach manning the grill or behind the desk of an internship, nothing sets the tone like a great summer soundtrack. These are my top-10 songs of the summer of 2010.

10. "California Gurls" by Katy Perry

While America ponders if Katy Perry is the biggest corporate music act since the Black Eyed Peas, Perry continues to crank out hits America just can't admit how much it loves.

9. "Drunk Girls" by LCD Soundsystem

Off the critically acclaimed "This is Happening" CD, the mix of dance and electronic music blew up indie music blogs everywhere.

8. "This Orient" by Foals

My personal favorite. Everyone needs a song that symbolizes a summer love experience. Foals, who Spin magazine dubbed England's most complex band, created a love song that is, well, quite simple.

7. "Mine" by Taylor Swift

As Swift prepares to release her third album, her message in her lead single, "Mine," hasn't changed. Neither have sales. The song was downloaded nearly 300,000 times in August. Is "Mine" simple "LoveStory" 2.0? Maybe. But who cares?

6. "Not Afraid" by Eminem

The unofficial inspiration anthem of the summer. Here, the veteran rapper outlines his battle against addiction. While the video teetered on the line between epic and cheesy, Mr. Mathers reestablished himself on our playlists.

5. "Non, Je Ne Regrette Rien" by Edith Piaf

Need a new alarm clock song? Try using Leonardo DiCaprio's. Acclaimed composer Hans Zimmer incorporated the song by Piaf, who is considered France's most famous opera singer, song into "Inception," the most popular movie of the summer. There is no loving Inception without loving the music.

4. "Ready to Start" by Arcade Fire

Indie rock continued its push into the mainstream with the release of Arcade Fire's "The Suburbs." Arcade Fire made its case to become the biggest rock band in the world. The Suburbs debuted at No. 1. And "Ready to Start" just rocks.

3. "Bed Intruder Song" by The Gregory Brothers

The summer's greatest viral sensation, Antoine Dodson's rant against his neighborhood's rapist was remixed onto a hip-hop beat by YouTube's The Gregory Brothers and has been viewed more than 40 million times. As one commenter on YouTube noted, the song shows how easy making a hip-hop song can be. The writer may have a point. Still, the song is already charting on Billboard.

2. "Dynamite" by Taio Cruz

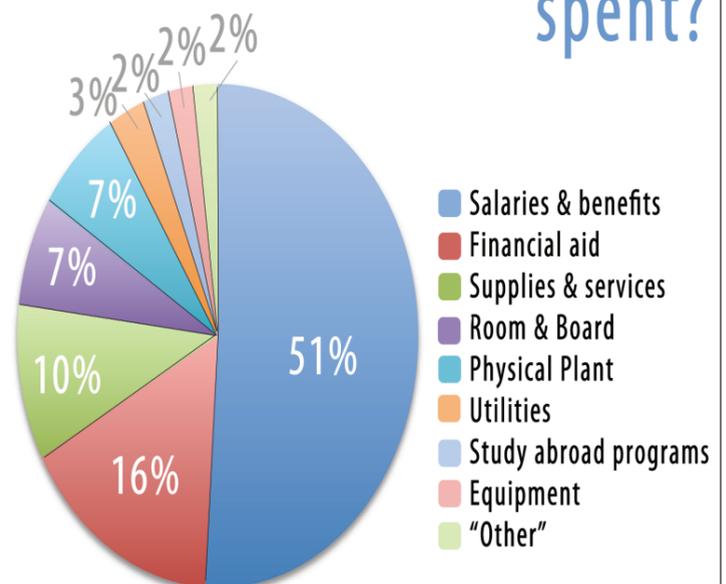
The unofficial, Elon anthem of 2010. Residence Life also made it its official song of the summer.

1. "Airplanes" by B.o.B featuring Paramore's Hayley Williams

The two artists had never met before recording "Airplanes." The duo finally united at the VMAs Sunday night, at last able to congratulate each other on creating summer's most popular song.

How is

TUITION \$ \$ spent?



All faculty, staff and student worker salaries and benefits

Financial aid for students who need it

Supplies and services: from checking fire extinguishers to paper supplies

Food services, housing, cable TV

Operations and maintenance of buildings and grounds

Gas, electric, water

Cost to send students abroad: paying the other universities where students will study

All computers, printers, technology equipment and furniture for dorm rooms

Everything else

Information compiled by Gabriela Szewcow
Information courtesy of Gerald Whittington



Last fall was the first time the Elon University men's and women's cross country teams hosted the Elon Invitational, held on the university's campus. FILE PHOTO

Engel looks to Elon Invitational

Sam Calvert
Sports Editor

Elon University men's and women's cross country head coach Christine Engel talks about the upcoming Elon Invitational and what it means for the teams to have a home meet again this season.

Q: How is the team feeling about the second Elon Invitational on Sept. 18?

A: We're really excited. Obviously, having a home meet is very exciting. Our athletes get to compete in front of their friends and family. It's exciting to compete on home turf.

Q: How important is it for the team to have a meet at home?

A: Every other sport has their own home facilities. For our kids to be able to do this is big. Especially for our seniors to go out and have a first time to be able to compete at home. It's exciting. It shows progress. It also gives our athletes a chance to show the intensity that cross country is. To expose the Elon community to cross country for me is really exciting.

Q: What was the process of getting the Elon Invitational?

A: It was one of the things that have been really supported by the administration here. When I was hired two years ago, they definitely allowed me to move forward with that. To be able to have the opportunity to host meets has been a process, and multiple people have been involved.

Q: What goes into maintaining the course?

A: We have a great grounds crew that helps us maintain and keep our cross country course operational. From mowing to making sure there's no runover after it rains. It's a great group of guys out there on a daily basis making sure the course is in good shape. We don't just use it when we host a meet, we train there on a daily basis.

Q: How advantageous is it to run a meet at home?

A: I definitely think it's a big advantage. We feel we have a level of comfort on the course we train on every day. They know the ins and outs of this course. It's where they sweat every day. On race day, they have the motivation to go out and perform well on the home turf.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Riddle breaks SoCon record, Elon moves to No. 7 in rankings

In the Elon University football win against Shaw University Sept. 11, senior quarterback Scott Riddle broke the all-time career passing yard record for the Southern Conference. He finished the game with 10,558 career yards and will continue to add to his record as the season progresses.

With the 55-26 victory over the Bears, Elon moved to No. 7 in the country in The Sports Network and the Football Championship Subdivision coaches poll.

Irwin becomes shutout leader

Senior goalkeeper Clint Irwin became Elon University's all-time shutout leader with the Sept. 10 victory against the University of Richmond.

The 4-0 win put Irwin to 20 shutouts for his career. This is the second shutout for the goalkeeper this season.

Women's basketball releases 2010-2011 schedule

Head coach Karen Barefoot announced the 2010-2011 women's basketball schedule, which includes 15 home games and 14 away games.

The season starts with an exhibition game against Chowan University and continues through its nonconference schedule, including games against Virginia Tech and Coastal Carolina University. The team plays six nonconference games before beginning Southern Conference play.

The team's first SoCon matchup is against Appalachian State University Nov. 29 in Boone. Elon's play continues until Feb. 26, when it takes on the College of Charleston on the road to conclude the season.

Sanders returns as director of operations for men's basketball

Former Elon University basketball captain Monty Sanders will return to the team as the director of operations. Sanders graduated in 2009 and has been working as an assistant boys' varsity basketball coach at Cardinal Gibbons High School in Raleigh and the head coach of the Garner Road Basketball Club AAU 15U boys' team.

Sanders took the job after former Director of Operations Jack Wooten was promoted to assistant coach.



ONE ON ONE

Luke LeSourd and Willy Pagliaro
Sports Commentators

Who's who in the NFL

The NFL is underway, and we discuss who is the most underrated and overrated team in the league.

LUKE LESOURD:

The most overrated team in the NFL has to be the Green Bay Packers. They are everyone's pick to make it to the Super Bowl this year, and Aaron Rodgers is suddenly an "elite" quarterback along with Drew Brees, Tom Brady and Peyton Manning. I'm sorry, but he's been a starter for two years and he is now in the upper echelon of quarterbacks? Look for the Packers to make it to the playoffs but no further than the Divisional Round.

WILLY PAGLIARO:

I am going to have to disagree with you on that one. I think the Packers are ready to make the leap that they have struggled to make in past years and make a run deep in the playoffs. The most overrated team has to be the New York Jets. The self-proclaimed "soon-to-be champs" will be relying on the right arm of Mark Sanchez, and watching him during the preseason, I don't see how they can be an elite team with Sanchez under center. I think this year they will prove last year was a fluke, and I would not be surprised if they don't make the playoffs. I know this is a bold statement, but I just don't see how this team can live up to all the hype that they have been getting.

LUKE:

I agree with you on that 100 percent.

The Jets have that overconfident vibe to them that worked to their benefit last year, but this year will most likely be their downfall. Not to mention Sanchez is a University of Southern California quarterback, and we all know how they have fared these past couple of years.

The most underrated team in my opinion has to be the Atlanta Falcons. Everyone is picking the Ravens as the team ready to make the leap, but most people forget about the Falcons and Matt Ryan. They are a complete team that is flying way under the radar now that could easily make the jump to the NFC Championship game.

WILLY:

I could definitely see the Falcons surprising some people and make that playoff push, but for me, the most underrated team is the Miami Dolphins. The New England Patriots and Jets are the favorites in that division, while most people are sleeping on the Dolphins. The wildcat duo of Ronnie Brown and Ricky Williams are sure to give defenses headaches once again, and with the acquisition of Brandon Marshall in the offseason, quarterback Chad Henne now has a playmaker wide receiver he can count on. Even though Miami's unconventional offense is what most people talk about, their defense, led by newly acquired Karlos Dansby, will be the key to them making a playoff run. Look out for the Dolphins to make some noise in December.

ATHLETIC RESULTS

AUG. 20 - SEPT. 6

Football

Sep. 11
Elon 55
Shaw 26

Men's Soccer

Sep. 10
Richmond 0
Elon 4

Sep. 12

Elon 1
Jacksonville 1

Women's Soccer

Sep. 9
UNCA 0
Elon 3

Sep. 12

Liberty 0
Elon 2

Volleyball

Sep. 10
Northern Illinois 3
Elon 1

Stetson 0

Elon 3

Sep. 11

Liberty 3
Elon 0

ELON ATHLETICS THIS WEEK

SEPT. 17 - SEPT. 19

Friday 9/17

Women's tennis (Cougar Fall Invitational) — All Day
Volleyball vs. Campbell — 4:30 p.m.
Women's soccer @ Longwood — 7 p.m.
Men's soccer @ Old Dominion — 8 p.m.

Saturday 9/18

Women's tennis (Cougar Fall Invitational) — All Day
Cross country (Elon Invitational) — All Day
Women's golf (Great Smokies Intercollegiate) — All Day
Volleyball at UNCW — 11 a.m.
Football at Richmond — 1 p.m.
Volleyball vs. North Carolina State — 4:30 p.m.

Sunday 9/19

Women's tennis (Cougar Fall Invitational) — All Day
Women's golf (Great Smokies Intercollegiate) — All Day
Women's soccer at Virginia Commonwealth — 1 p.m.
Men's soccer vs. Coastal Carolina — 2 p.m.

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Men's soccer goes unbeaten in Elon Classic, looks to Old Dominion, Coastal Carolina

Justin Veldhuis
Reporter

After failing to score a goal in its first two matches, the Elon University men's soccer team netted five goals in two games Sept. 10 and 12, as the Phoenix improved its record to 1-2-1 on the season.

The team is looking to continue to create and take advantage of scoring opportunities in its upcoming games, head coach Darren Powell said, and the young team is showing progress.

"We created more opportunities this weekend than the previous weekend," Powell said. "We're making strides forward, which is always a positive sign at this time of the year."

The Phoenix hosted the Elon Classic Sept. 10 to Sept. 12 and played nonconference games against the University of Richmond and Jacksonville University.

Elon defeated Richmond 4-0 on Friday night in a game in which four different players scored goals and followed up its win with a 1-1 draw against Jacksonville on Sunday. In the tie, the Phoenix outshot Jacksonville 14-7 and held the Dolphins to only four shots in regulation. Neither team scored in either of the two overtime periods.

Elon senior goalkeeper Clint Irwin, sophomore forward Chris Thomas and midfielders sophomore Gabe Latigue and junior James Carroll were all named to the All-Tournament team. Irwin was also declared the tournament's defensive Most Valuable Player.

The team will continue its nonconference schedule at 8 p.m. Friday at Old Dominion University and will return home to play Coastal Carolina University at 2 p.m. Sunday. The players will get rest after playing two games in three days, Powell said, and then "prepare to play a very talented ODU team."

"The coaches will look to see how ODU sets their selves up and then come up with a system to be successful," Powell said.

Early season games are part of a challenging nonconference schedule, allowing the team to develop the right formations and combination of players on the field, Latigue said. These games also help the team identify its strengths and weaknesses so the team can prepare accordingly for its upcoming games, he said.

"Most of our concentration is at the game at hand,



Junior defender Austen King started in both games in the Elon Classic Sept. 10 to Sept. 12. The Phoenix was 1-0-1 on the weekend. MOLLY CAREY | Staff Photographer

but we do look forward," Latigue said. "We know we play some strong teams, and we're going to work hard during training to fix our weaknesses and make sure we come out strong against our next opponent."

This season's nonconference schedule includes home games against Duke University, West Virginia University, Wake Forest University and an away match at Clemson University.

"Our philosophy is to play as many tough nonconference games as possible in hopes that it will better prepare our guys to be more successful in the conference," Powell said.

The team took a step forward this weekend in

terms of determining who plays well together, Irwin said, and made a great effort defensively to limit shots. As the team looks ahead to its next opponents, Irwin said the focus should remain on improving as a team.

"I know that if we play our best, there's not many teams that can beat us," Irwin said.

Powell added that the team showed positive signs this weekend and can continue to improve as the season progresses.

"The signs this week are significantly better than last week," Powell said. "When you have a young team, that's something to be excited about."



Senior midfielder Alanna Winsper, left, congratulates freshman midfielder Kimmie Krauss for scoring a second goal for the Phoenix in its 2-0 win Sept. 12. COREY GROOM | Staff Photographer



After a 2-0 win against Liberty University Sept. 12, the Phoenix celebrates lengthening its winning streak to five. COREY GROOM | Staff Photographer

Women's soccer extends streak, looks to Longwood

Lindsay Trigoboff
Reporter

With a 2-0 shutout Sept. 12 against Liberty University, Elon University's women's soccer team extended its winning streak to five with only two games left before entering Southern Conference play Sept. 24 against Samford University.

"I thought this was the most professional we've played all year," head coach Chris Neal said. "Liberty is the defending Big South champion, and they've beat some tough teams, so it was good to get this victory."

After an attempt at goal in the 10th minute, senior forward Brittany Hallberg, the SoCon Student Athlete of the Week, finally found the back of the net in the 24th minute.

The team held a one-goal lead at the end of the first half, and in the second half, freshman midfielder Kimmie Krauss added another goal with a shot from the 18-yard line.

The Phoenix finished with 19 shots on goal, while Liberty had only six.

"We played more comfortable as a team, strengthening our relationship as a team," Hallberg said. "We're gaining more confidence

with these wins, especially in the back."

Sophomore goalkeeper Kristen Haney had four saves, contributing to Elon's third shutout of the season.

Elon faces Longwood University Friday in Farmville, Va. Longwood is 4-4 this season and has fallen to Appalachian State University, Long Island University, the University of Richmond and Virginia Commonwealth University.

After Longwood, the Phoenix will stay in Virginia to play Virginia Commonwealth on Sunday afternoon. Virginia Commonwealth is 3-2-1, and has also defeated Liberty.

"Longwood is pretty similar to Liberty, aside from their offensive positions being slightly different," Neal said. "They are more athletic in the back"

In preparation for their first SoCon game against Samford in Birmingham, Ala., Elon continues through its nonconference opponents. The Phoenix has only two games left to perfect its skill.

"There are two things we are excited for this coming weekend," Neal said. "Playing two good teams and being used to away games and being on the road."

WHAT'S NEXT FOR THE PHOENIX

7 p.m.	Sept. 17	@ Longwood
1 p.m.	Sept. 19	@ Virginia Commonwealth
8 p.m.	Sept. 24	@ Samford
2 p.m.	Sept. 26	@ Chattanooga
7 p.m.	Oct. 1	vs. Davidson
2 p.m.	Oct. 3	vs. Georgia Southern

Volleyball 3 matches closer to SoCon play



Diana Davis
Reporter

With just three games left, the Elon University women's volleyball nonconference schedule is quickly coming to a close. The team will begin Southern Conference play Sept. 25 against Samford University.

In the preseason poll, the Phoenix were picked to place second in the SoCon.

"We have the utmost confidence that we will surpass second and win the conference championship," junior right side hitter Traci Stewart said. "We have a talented team with the enthusiasm to win, and we can."

The team finished the 2010 Elon Classic this weekend with a 1-2 record.

Northern Illinois University claimed the tournament title with a 3-0 record, while Liberty University went 2-1, and Stetson University finished in fourth with a 0-3 record. Senior middle blocker Sarah Schermerhorn was honored with an All-Tournament Team selection.

In the final game against Liberty, the Phoenix had the crowd cheering as they battled for every point. The first match went into extra points, but with a final kill by Liberty, the Flames took it 29-27.

"Our passing wasn't up to par in our match today against Liberty, but I thought we blocked well up front and performed well in other areas," head coach Mary Tendler said.

The Flames went on to win the game 3-0 and placed second in the tournament.

"We played a tough game with a lot of intensity on the court," Stewart said. "The Flames just had an edge over us."

Friday and Saturday, the Phoenix will travel to UNC Wilmington to play in the UNCW Hilton Garden Inn Beach Bash. They will be playing matches against Campbell University, UNCW and North Carolina State University.

This is the last tournament before the team begins SoCon play.

"We are really excited to start playing conference teams," Stewart said. "This tournament will give us

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— TRACI STEWART
JUNIOR OUTSIDE HITTER

the fire we need to go into every conference match with confidence and the mindset to win."

After Sept. 25, Elon will only play two nonconference matches. The other 16 matches are against SoCon

opponents, and one of those stands out to sophomore outside hitter Allison Johnson.

"We are really looking forward to playing our rival University of North Carolina at Greensboro," Johnson said. "This will be the first game back in the newly renovated Alumni Gym on Oct. 8, 2010. It will be a new beginning for us, and the start of a successful career in Alumni Gym. There will be new stadium seating for all the fans to come out and cheer us to victory."

Senior outside hitter Lauren Copenhagen had three kills in the 3-0 loss to Liberty University Sept. 11. LINDSDAY FENDT | Photo Editor



Jerry "Lamar" Adams, Whitney Bradham and Robert Eskilsson Reinart were inducted into the Elon Sports Hall of Fame. STEPHANIE ALVAREZ | Staff Photographer

Elon inducts three to Hall of Fame

Jack Rodenfels
Senior Reporter

Three Phoenix standouts took the stage of Whitley Auditorium at 1:30 p.m. Saturday to become the 40th induction class of the Elon Sports Hall of Fame.

While each athlete competed in different ways, whether on a tennis court or a football field, the players' all had one thing in common — their success were enough to be recognized by the university.

"Keep in mind you're part of our future," Director of Athletics Dave Blank said, describing the careers of the three inductees. "Where we go is based on where we've been and that's what the Hall of Fame is all about."

Football players Jerry "Lamar" Adams '92 and Whitney Bradham '57 joined tennis standout Robert Eskilsson Reinart '98 to round out the induction class.

Originally from Sweden, Eskilsson excelled on the court for the Phoenix, collecting All-America honors in his sophomore and junior seasons, and ended his career as the team Most Valuable Player as a senior in 1997. While at Elon, Eskilsson led the Phoenix to a string of successful seasons, ending each season with a top-10 national ranking.

Eskilsson was directed under the tutelage of legendary Elon tennis coach Tom Parham. Parham described Eskilsson's tennis career at Elon as somewhat uncommon, yet successful.

"His secret weapon became his work ethic," Parham said. "He outworked everyone on the court."

Quick to identify with his former coach, Eskilsson noted his success came from the teachings of Parham

and the work ethic he developed while playing for the coach.

The late Whitney Bradham was a true all-purpose player for the Phoenix in the '50s, playing defensive back and halfback as well as contributing on special teams.

"Whit made life miserable for Elon opponents," said David Hibbard, the radio play-by-play announcer for Elon football.

By racking up more than 3,000 all-purpose yards in his career, Bradham could contribute in multiple ways. To explain his lasting impact on Phoenix football, Bradham is still in the top-10 in career all-purpose yards for the Phoenix, an accomplishment that has stood for over 50 years.

Accepting the honor for his late father, Whitney's son, David Bradham spoke in his father's honor.

"He would be very pleased of the direction in which the school is going and the football program is going," Bradham said.

After taking the stage, Lamar Adams described his time at Elon as going "full circle" — with plenty of triumphs and difficulties along the way. Starting his career, Lamar amassed 56 tackles in 11 games as a true freshman. What looked like a promising start to a career took a hit as Adams injured his knee early in his sophomore season and had to sit out the rest of the year with a medical redshirt.

"Grit and determination were the hallmarks of



Jerry "Lamar" Adams is congratulated by Director of Athletics Dave Blank. STEPHANIE ALVAREZ | Staff Photographer

Lamar's career," Hibbard said.

Through extensive rehab and the help of his teammates, Lamar was able to come back and earn team MVP honors as a sophomore.

By describing football as the "ultimate team game," Adams said he relied on his teammates to help him on the road to recovery.

"There's no way I would get to be here without my teammates," Adams said. "This honor goes out to everyone I ever played with."

Adams truly came full circle, rehabbing fully from his injury and recording 273 tackles and 15.5 sacks in his 42-game career.

With Saturday's induction, Eskilsson, Bradham and Adams joined the 213 other inductees into the Elon Sports Hall of Fame, etching their name in Phoenix history forever.



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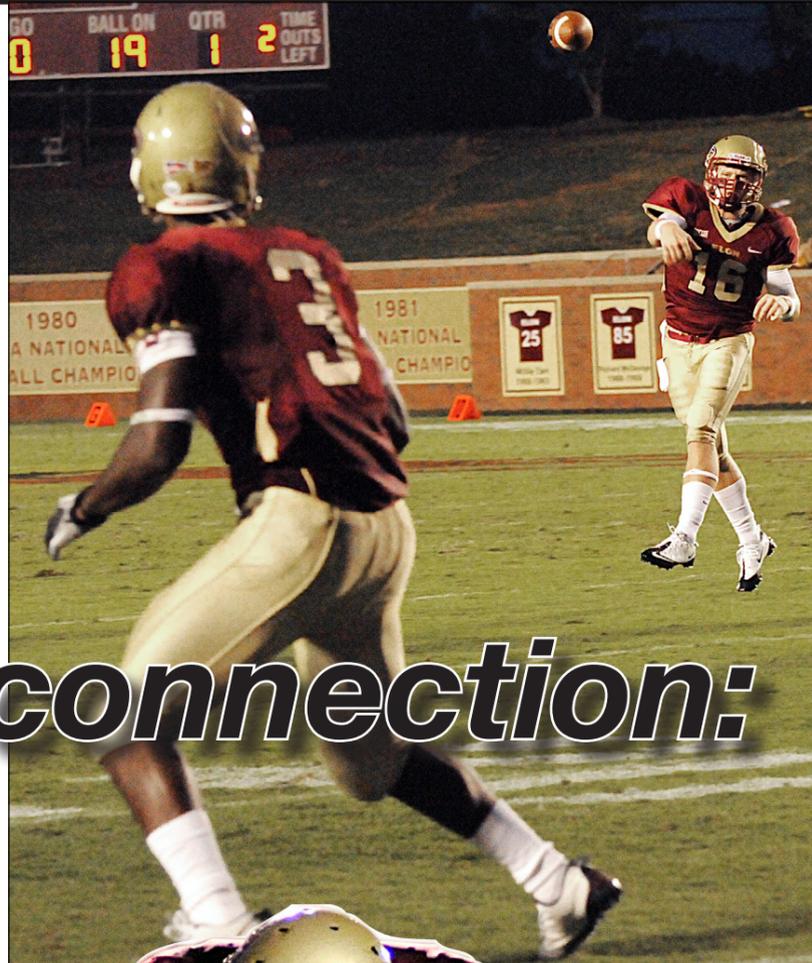
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Sports



Senior wide receiver Lance Camp had five catches for 33 yards in the Sept. 11 win against Shaw University.



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Making the connection: Receivers in abundance in first two games

Sam Calvert
Sports Editor

Sophomore wide receiver Aaron Mellette had nine catches for 120 yards against Shaw University Sept. 11. In 2009, Mellette had just eight receptions throughout the entirety of the season.

He also scored two touchdowns for the Elon University football team — the same number he scored last season.

Mellette accounted for just over a third of the receiving yards for the team and had the longest catch for 41 yards.

"I think we had a great tempo tonight (Saturday)," Mellette said. "The play calling was good. The (offensive line) was excellent like always, and my main man Scott (Riddle) happened to look my way this week."

And yet Mellette was not the only player on the Phoenix to put up receiving stats for the team.

"Right now, our top-3 receivers have 11, 10 and nine catches," head coach Pete Lembo said. "That's pretty good distribution, and Aaron is right there at the top of the list."

Ten different receivers caught balls for Elon in the game against Shaw. One of those receptions was by Riddle himself — a catch on a tipped pass that was recorded for an 11-yard loss.

But the nine other receivers put up 338 yards for the Phoenix.

"We've got a lot of weapons on our team, guys like Aaron (Mellette) and Sean (Jeffcoat) and Lance (Camp)," senior quarterback Scott Riddle said. "I could keep going for five minutes or so."

One of the focuses of the team is the distribution of the ball to different players, Riddle said, and in many ways, Elon achieved just that.

Seven receivers caught multiple passes, including five who caught three or more.

Thirty receptions accounted for three of the seven touchdowns, while the other four rushing touchdowns were made by running backs senior Brandon Newsome and junior A.J. Harris — both of

which caught passes in the game.

"That quarterback-receiver combination that you saw, those are some quality guys out there," Lembo said.

Last week against Duke University, the trend began, with eight different players recording receptions.

Passing accounted for 281 of the 406 total yards of offense.

"It's a bit of a comfort zone for me to know I've got guys all around me with that much talent on offense," Riddle said.

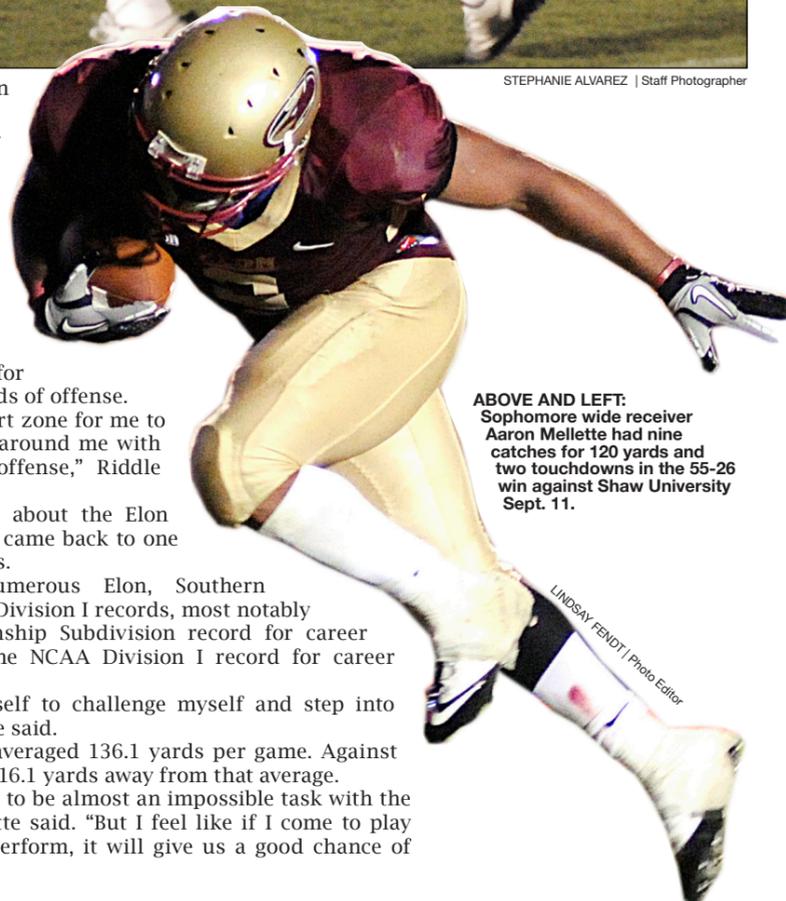
In 2009, discussion about the Elon receiving game usually came back to one player — Terrell Hudgins.

Hudgins broke numerous Elon, Southern Conference and NCAA Division I records, most notably the Football Championship Subdivision record for career receiving yards and the NCAA Division I record for career receptions.

"I took it upon myself to challenge myself and step into Terrell's shoes," Mellette said.

Last year, Hudgins averaged 136.1 yards per game. Against Shaw, Mellette was just 16.1 yards away from that average.

"Obviously it's going to be almost an impossible task with the stats he put up," Mellette said. "But I feel like if I come to play every Saturday and I perform, it will give us a good chance of winning."



ABOVE AND LEFT: Sophomore wide receiver Aaron Mellette had nine catches for 120 yards and two touchdowns in the 55-26 win against Shaw University Sept. 11.

LINDSAY FENDT | Photo Editor

BREAKING DOWN THE SHAW GAME

BY THE NUMBERS

526 total yards for the Phoenix offense

7 penalties for 75 yards by Elon

199 rushing yards for the Phoenix last Saturday

1-10 third-down conversion rate for Shaw's offense

9 catches for 120 yards gained by sophomore wide receiver Aaron Mellette

138 all-purpose yards for senior wide receiver Lance Camp

21-24 completion rate for senior quarterback Scott Riddle against Shaw

10 yards per carry for junior running back A.J. Harris against Shaw

36:53 time of possession for the Phoenix offense

5 things to look for vs. Richmond

1. Can the Phoenix running attack continue to be effective? In two games this season, the Phoenix running backs have averaged 5.7 yards per rush.

2. What adjustments will the defense make? In its first two games, the defense has allowed 889 yards combined in two games. The young Phoenix secondary allowed 258 yards through the air against Shaw.

3. Which receiver will star against the Spiders? Two different receivers have had big games for the Phoenix. Senior Sean Jeffcoat had six catches for 111

yards against Duke, and sophomore Aaron Mellette collected nine catches for 120 yards and two touchdowns against Shaw.

4. Can the Phoenix defense force Richmond into making mistakes? After not forcing a turnover in its opening game, the Phoenix defense forced four turnovers against Shaw.

5. What kind of crowd will the Phoenix encounter? Richmond will be playing its home opener, and unveiling a new stadium. It will also be the first home game for new head coach Latrell Scott.