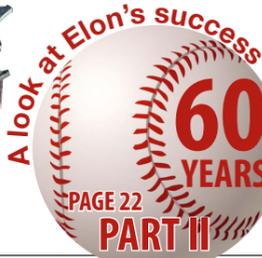




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Students charged in undercover drug operation

Margeaux Corby and Laura Smith
News Editors

Last week, the Town of Elon police arrested 15 people on charges of drug violations and illegal alcohol possession, 12 of whom are Elon University students.

Elon police conducted searches and arrested one Elon student May 1, six students May 6, three May 7 and two May 8 for various charges, including possession of controlled substances, drug paraphernalia and illegal alcohol possession.

According to an Elon Police Department press release, arrests made on May 6, 7 and 8 were in response to an undercover drug operation that began on May 1 when members of the Elon Police Department as well as members from the campus safety and police executed search warrants in numerous on- and off-campus locations.

According to Alamance County Courthouse arrest warrants and bond records, Elon sophomore Meredith Haggerty was arrested May 1 after police found her in possession of 29.2 grams of cocaine and a 2004 BMW, which the county claimed Haggerty used to keep and sell cocaine.

She was placed under a \$20,000 secured bond and charged with possession with intent to sell and deliver cocaine, manufacturing cocaine and two counts of maintaining a vehicle and dwelling for keeping and selling drugs.

"Over the course of the past couple months, we've been

hearing about certain names on campus," said Town of Elon Police Lt. Cyndi Ring. "Once we arrested Haggerty, some more of those names came up again."

Many of the arrests took place in Danieley Center apartments and Sheridan Place.

"We had information that the people who resided at those residences had drugs and/or were selling drugs," Ring said.

According to Ring, once the information was gathered, the police department put together a search warrant which went in front of a magistrate, who confirmed there was probable cause to investigate these claims.

"The possibility does exist that we could make more searches and more arrests," she said.

The following students were charged:

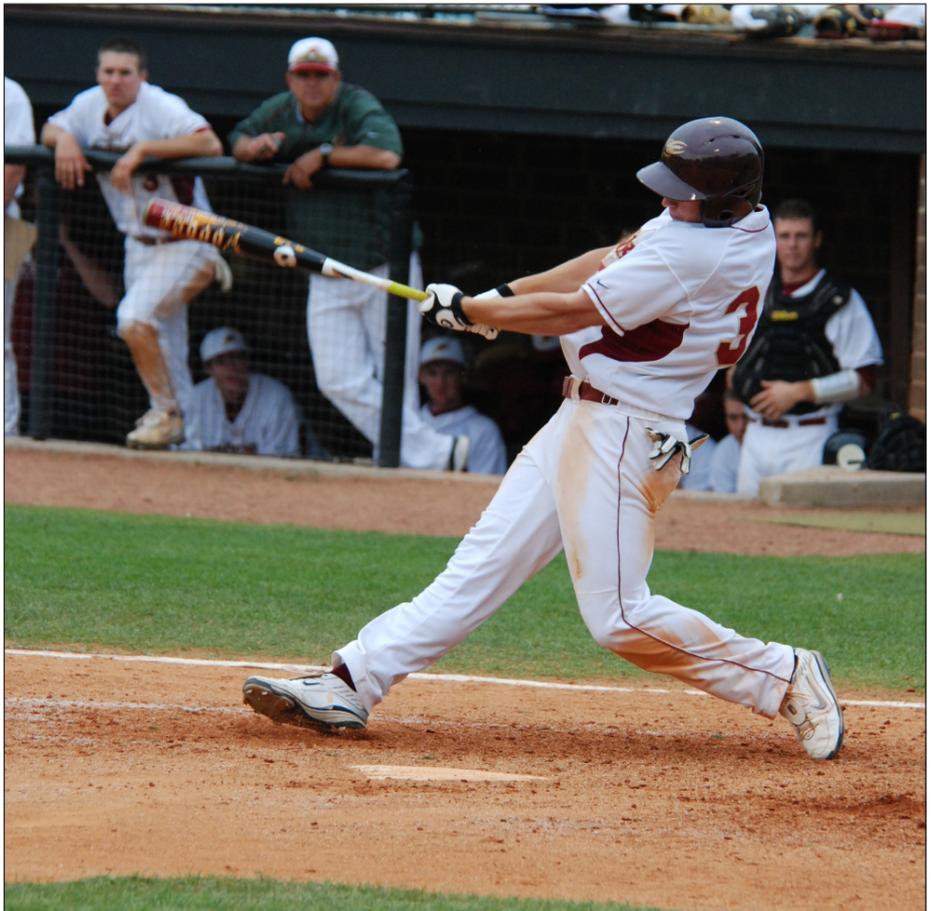
Junior William Elliot was charged with possession of cocaine and was placed under a \$1,000 bond.

Senior William Ferrell was placed under a \$500 bond after being arrested for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia of two bongos, smoking pipes and rolling papers

Senior Zachary Glazer was charged with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia of two bongos, smoking pipes and rolling papers. Glazer was placed under a \$500 secured bond.

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SOCON CHAMPS



Senior Pat Irvine takes a swing in a game earlier this season. He hit the game-winning home run against Western Carolina to secure the No. 1 seed in last week's Southern Conference Tournament. The Phoenix won the game 13-11 in 11 innings.

Conor O'Neill
Reporter

Last weekend, the Phoenix baseball team traveled to Western Carolina in need of only one win in three games to capture its second straight regular season conference championship and third in the last four years.

Senior outfielder Pat Irvine hit a two-run home run in the top of the 11th inning to win the game, 13-11.

Irvine's home run makes the Phoenix the No. 1 seeded team in next week's Southern Conference Tournament.

The team will attempt to continue a

winning tradition at the tournament, as it will also be going for its third tournament championship in four years.

"One of the reasons I came to Elon is because of their strong baseball tradition, and to be part of the class that's taken it to the next level is something we take pride in," Irvine said.

This season, Irvine has been a major part of Elon's potent offense with a .408 batting average and 17 home runs.

Last season, the team captured the regular season title with a record of 19-8.

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Royster case raises questions on confidentiality of sexual abuse victims

Andie Diemer and Alexa Milan
Executive Editors

The arrest of an Elon employee on April 29 and the case's dismissal last week have brought confidentiality laws to the forefront of campus discussion.

Leigh-Anne Royster, coordinator for personal health programs and community well-being, was arrested on charges of resisting a public officer.

According to the arrest warrant, Town of Elon Police Detective Kelly Blackwelder arrested Royster for "refusing to provide (an) officer with vital information related to a sexual assault that had occurred within Elon Police Department jurisdiction."

According to a press release from

the Town of Elon Police, "The Elon Police Department needed to determine the identity of the alleged perpetrator in order to initiate criminal proceedings. It was these circumstances that culminated in the filing of a charge against Royster."

Royster said she did not reveal the information to the police because the victim spoke to her about the assault confidentially.

"I was upholding Elon's, and my own personal, policy of confidentiality regarding students who have experienced sexual violence," Royster said.

According to a statement released by the university a few days after Royster's arrest, the university said it believes Royster was following established protocols and acting in the best interest

of the victim.

Jana Lynn Patterson, assistant vice president for student life and associate dean of students, said the administration is currently in dialogue with the town about Elon's protocols.

The Student Handbook states the university holds reported incidents of sexual assault in the highest confidence and the victim will retain control over whether his or her identity will be released.

The Handbook also states, "the names of accused students will not be released as directed by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974."

Royster's position at Elon relates to sexual assault response and prevention. Her primary job in terms of response is to explain to students who have experienced

sexual or relationship violence what his or her options are, and, to help them decide which course of action to take.

Royster said she was shocked and confused when the police arrested her outside of Moseley Center upon her arrival at work April 29 and placed her under a \$500 bond.

She said the police handed her the warrant, but did not talk to her directly.

According to the Town of Elon Police press release, the department's energy is currently focused on working with the university to develop procedures that will protect the identity of sexual assault victims while providing the police with the information they need

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Ever Elon stays strong amidst weak economy

Laura Smith
News Editor

In what has been deemed the largest fundraising campaign in Elon University's history, Ever Elon is continuing to hold steady despite a weak economy.

The Ever Elon campaign is an initiative taken to increase the university's endowment as well as increase funding for the construction of buildings and growth of programs on campus. It is planned to continue until May 2011.

According to Jim Piatt, vice president for university advancement, the campaign has raised \$63.4 million so far.

The Ever Elon campaign went public in the fall of 2008. Before that, it was in a "private phase," which saw the Board of Trustees, Youth Alumni Council and the Office of University Advancement planning and forming the landmark operation.

"We knew we had to build a campaign that was comprehensive," said Chuck Davis, assistant vice president for development and director of the Ever Elon campaign.

Through a feasibility study, planning retreats and a campaign planning committee, the initiative was launched.

"I'm pleased to say we did everything right," Davis said.

The overarching goal for Ever Elon is to expand the university's endowment to \$70 million he said.

"Endowed funds give us the opportunity to do more things," Piatt said. "Our endowment is low compared to competing schools."

Currently, Elon has the lowest endowment compared to similar universities in the area, such as Davidson College and Furman University, according to an Ever Elon report.

The University of Richmond is the highest, with an endowment of almost \$1.5 billion.

In addition to the endowment, there are hopes to raise funds toward teaching and scholarship, engaged learning, campus preservation and operations.

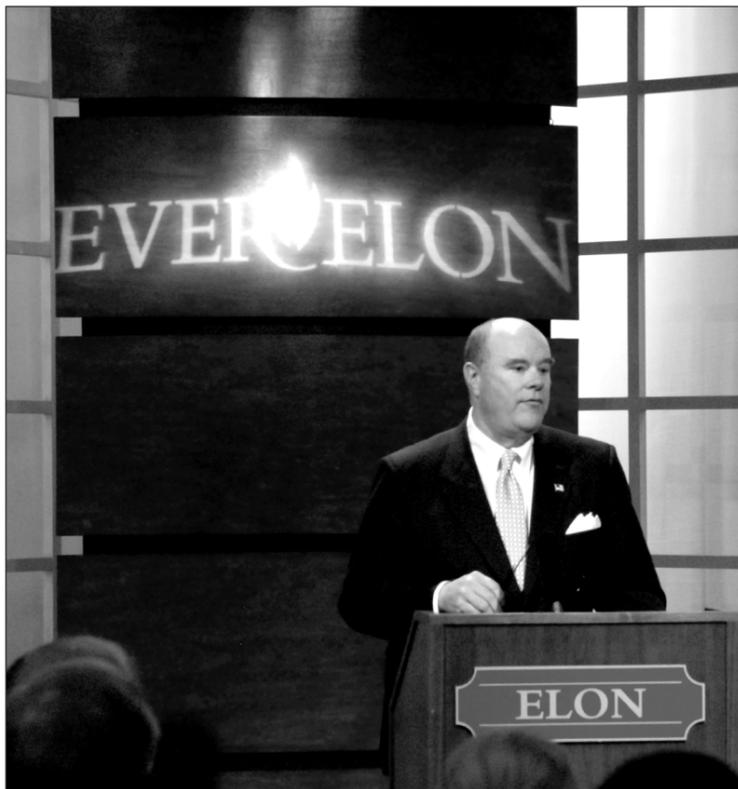
The total goal for the campaign is \$100 million.

EverElon continues to expand and reach out to the Elon community all over the country. Communication is spread through the Ever Elon Web site and the Magazine of Elon, as well as advancement staff visits with alumni, parents and friends who have an interest in giving.

The campaign also holds Ever Elon events in different cities throughout the country.

These events are usually sponsored and paid for by donors. President Leo Lambert gives a presentation at each event, explaining why Ever Elon is important.

"He tells the (Elon) story," Piatt



FILE PHOTO
Allen Gant, chairman of the Elon University Board of Trustees, spoke to alumni about the importance of giving back to their university. Grant, along with other trustees, said he feels that gifts are growing despite the current economy.

said.

So far, events have taken place in Boston, Naples, Fla., New York City, Washington D.C. and one more is scheduled for Richmond, Va.

While the campaign has seen some downturn as a result of the poor economy, Piatt and Davis are still optimistic and pleased.

"If the economy rebounds, we may start to see an uptick in giving," Piatt said. "We are still seeing gifts."

Allen Gant, chairman of the Elon University Board of Trustees, is also positive about the economic climate.

"Lots of benefactors are very interested in the direction of the board and direction of the university," he said. "Elon is such a bright light in troubled times. It has demonstrated the strength it has."

Like Gant, Board of Trustee member and chairman for Ever Elon Mark Mahaffey said he is hoping the campaign will enhance Elon programs.

"Long term, we'll be able to grow our endowment, be able to provide more scholarships and create more opportunities for study abroad," he said.

Mahaffey even hopes funding from the campaign can allow for a required study abroad component of the Elon curriculum.

"To get that to 100 percent (participation) would be a wonderful goal to achieve," Maheffey said.

Piatt said he believes it is important to focus mainly

on engaged learning and the importance of philanthropy to those who are considering giving.

One of the largest contributions from Ever Elon is the Doherty Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership, which gives students hands-on learning experiences to prepare them for success.

Another large contribution has come from the Susan Scholars program, a program that funds scholarships for young women of promise. This has been the largest commitment to the campaign to date, Davis said.

Finally, Lindner Hall has been another gift from the campaign.

Lindner Hall will be completed in fall 2009 and will be home to the sociology and anthropology department, the history and geography department and the administrative offices for the school of arts and sciences.

It will also be the "greenest" building on campus, being the first Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certified Silver building on campus from the U.S. Green Building Council.

The Office of University Advancement is optimistic about where the campaign is headed.

"It works best where the institution's aspirations align with the good, values and dreams of an individual," Davis said.

Piatt believes this is just what will happen.

"It was the right campaign at the right time," he said.

Young alumni program aims for new giving tradition

Laura Smith
News Editor

This year, 1,800 seniors will walk across the stage Under the Oaks and become Elon University alumni. Alumni are one of the major contributors to the university and are encouraged to give back to the school that gave them such a comprehensive education.

Thanks to IGNITE, Elon's newest annual giving program for young alumni, they now have a way to give back, as well as gain social networks.

The program allows alumni who have graduated in the past 10 years to join by making a gift of any size to Elon. Currently, young alumni comprise 40 percent of the total alumni base.

In addition, the program hosts IGNITE NITES, regional events where alumni gather together to raise awareness for the program. They are hosted by a group of young alumni and are open to all in the area.

To attend an IGNITE NITE event, a \$25 gift is suggested. For the donation, the alumni will be invited to attend the events to network with others, as well as receive complimentary food and have the chance to catch up on Elon's happenings.

"This has been an integral part in bringing alumni together," said Melisha Chamra, associate director of annual giving.

The program began in August 2008 when it was created by the Development and Communication Committee under the Youth Alumni Committee.

"It's exciting to think that the young alumni created the programs," Chamra said.

Young alumni, who pay for it all themselves, host the IGNITE NITES. They decide on the venue, which have included places such as restaurants, art galleries and personal homes.

One staff member from university advancement goes to each event to inform alumni of happenings and updates at Elon, as well as talk about the importance of giving to the university.

"It's important to have a host there so they can tell their story (of Elon)," said Maggie Byerly, director of annual giving and parent programs.

So far, 11 IGNITE NITES have been held in Atlanta, Boston, Charleston, Charlotte, Greensboro, Hampton Roads, New York City (2), Raleigh, Richmond and Washington D.C.

The events have raised \$286,634.80 in the last fiscal year and to date, have had 214 alumni in attendance. All giving is done through the Ever Elon Web site.

According to Chamra, the events are a great educational opportunity for young alumni to understand why the university asks for donations.

Chamra and Byerly are in the process of trying to figure out how to convey to alumni how much a worthy cause Elon itself is.

"Everything may appear green and beautiful, but there is a need there," Chamra said.

They are especially interested in funding for special programs within the school.

"Tuition dollars don't fund this," Chamra said. "As they say, it takes a village."

Chamra and Byerly are also hoping the alumni giving will encourage others to support the university as well, such as from corporate donors.

"Donors will ask, 'If your graduates don't support you, why should we?'" Chamra said.

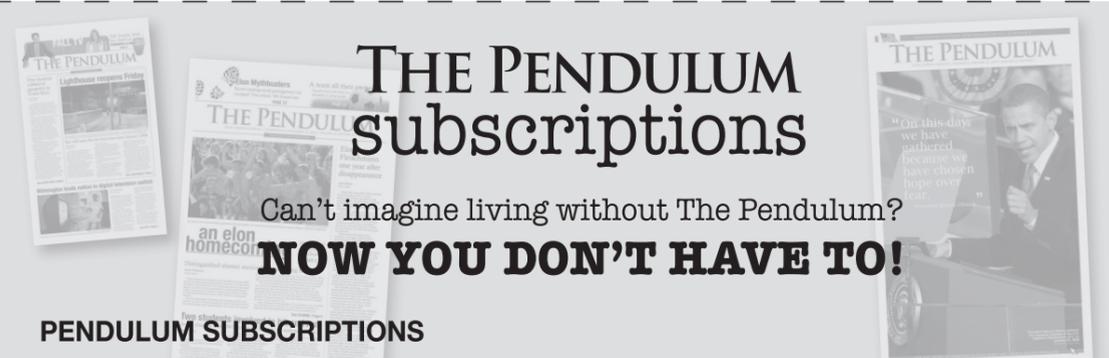
Another component of IGNITE is that a gift of at least \$500 (for alumni in the classes of 2004-2008) or at least \$1,000 (for alumni in the classes of 1998-2003) qualifies the individual for membership in The Elon Society, Elon's premier annual giving group.

"We focus on the young alumni, because they're our future," Byerly said. "If we don't start talking to them now, we could lose them forever."

"It's not about how many zeroes they give, it's about the number of alumni who give," Chamra said.

Byerly and Chamra are planning to continue communication and outreach for the program through mailings and electronic marketing. They are hoping IGNITE will become a longstanding part of Elon.

"This is something we see at Elon being in perpetuity," Byerly said. "Tradition is something we have to sustain."



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Plagiarism problem continues

Meredith Larkin
Reporter

It's that time of year when students are swamped with papers and many are tired, sick and may be tempted to purchase a paper rather than put in the man hours.

At bestessays.com, students just can get an essay, book report, research paper or PhD. dissertation in 10 days, without doing anything more intellectually challenging than typing in a credit card number for the \$21.99 per page cost.

Bestessays.com is just one of the many aids to plagiarism found on the Internet. According to the coordinator of Judicial Affairs Whitney Pack Gregory, Judicial Affairs saw 19 cases of plagiarism for Elon's 2008-2009 academic year.

Only one of these cases required an Honor Board hearing.

"I've worked with the academic policies of the Honor Code at Elon since 1997," said Mary Wise, assistant of Academic Affairs. "I have always had more plagiarism charges than any other category of violation. I've seen cases where students are turned in for using a few sentences of another person's work without giving the author credit, and cases where students have stolen or purchased an entire paper and turned it in as their own work, although that doesn't happen frequently at Elon."

The Internet allows for easy access to many documents and the ability to copy and paste sections of text is easy, and tempting, during crunch time.

Rebecca Pope-Ruark, assistant professor of English, said she believes that in some ways, "copy-paste" plagiarism is a return to pre-printing press times.

"Plagiarism as a legal concept didn't exist until after the printing press," she said. "Before that, what we consider plagiarism simply the way knowledge was built on. People would often write their thoughts in the margins of script texts, which were then worked into the manuscript later by a scribe. That's just the way it worked. No one owned ideas."

Pope-Ruark said people have moved

away from romanticizing about true genius and are naturally more social. So what's wrong with a little collaboration?

"When a student lifts work from others without all the effort involved in outlining points and phrasing sentences, etc., the student is really missing out on a learning activity," Wise said. "Some students seem to view a paper as just something to get through and get turned in to an instructor, without knowing that the process of writing changes them."

Although the Internet has created new avenues for students intent on cheating for an assignment, professors are hesitant to use plagiarism detection sites such as Turnitin.com because it makes it appear they have preconceived notions students are guilty or liable to cheat if not double-checked.

"I'd rather continue our atmosphere of trust on campus between faculty and students," Wise said.

One way professors avoid Turnitin.com is by breaking up their projects into smaller assignments that show the student's entire research process.

"I try to do projects in draft stages and have them bring research so that they have to show the process," Pope-Ruark said. "We talk extensively about why and how to cite, about how citing builds ethos and trust."

But the problem of Internet plagiarism is not limited to English classes and buying essays.

With increased student interest in Web design and software creation, copying computer code off Web pages has given plagiarism another dimension.

Assistant professor of computing science Megan Squire said code from a Web site can be uncovered simply by clicking "view source" in the browser.

"I have had only one major case of student plagiarism here at Elon," Squire said. "In this case, a student copied some JavaScript code off the Internet and removed the 'do not copy this code' copyright that the author had added and then turned in the code, along with some other code, as if he/she had written it alone."

Buyable essays help students save time, but with risk

Samantha King
Reporter

Plagiarizing is now easier than ever. Most essays from open Internet databases can be purchased from anti-detection sites. Essays are often sent directly to the student and are not posted online without paid access. They can arrive in six to eight hours from essaywriters.com, or fewer than 24 hours from bestessays.com.

College students employ essay mills for assignments as simple as freshmen composition essays, or extreme as doctorate dissertations. Writers for essay mills are as diverse as their essays. Some have Ph. D.s and graduate-level educations, while others can barely speak English.

Taking either an entire paper or a single

paragraph without citation is considered plagiarism. Usually the professor determines the repercussions for plagiarism, which can be rewriting the paper, receiving an F for the assignment or in extreme cases, an F for the class.

While punishment does not usually result in permanent separation from the university, the university does not take plagiarism lightly. In addition to the honor code every student signed, the Spencer Love School of Business added six principles earlier this semester. These Principles for Responsible Management Education to their mission statement: purpose, values, method, research, partnership and dialogue. These are guidelines designed to aid students in responsible gray area decision-making regarding

the global economy, therefore making them better-informed citizens.

Elon is part of an elite global group of 219 higher education institutions initiating this type of strategy.

An additional precaution the university uses to keep plagiarism low is Elon's small class sizes and close professor-student interaction.

"Essay mills would be a much bigger problem in larger universities where classes are larger and students are left to turn in their papers without the professor's feedback during the process," said Mary Wise, assistant vice president of academic affairs. "Here we encourage professors to take an active role in students' writing process by offering feedback and following up on the assignments."

ELON HONOR CODE

"Every member of Elon University has the right to live and learn in an atmosphere of trust and support. Responsibility for maintaining these values in our community rests with each individual member."

According to Elon's Student Handbook, values that promote community values include:

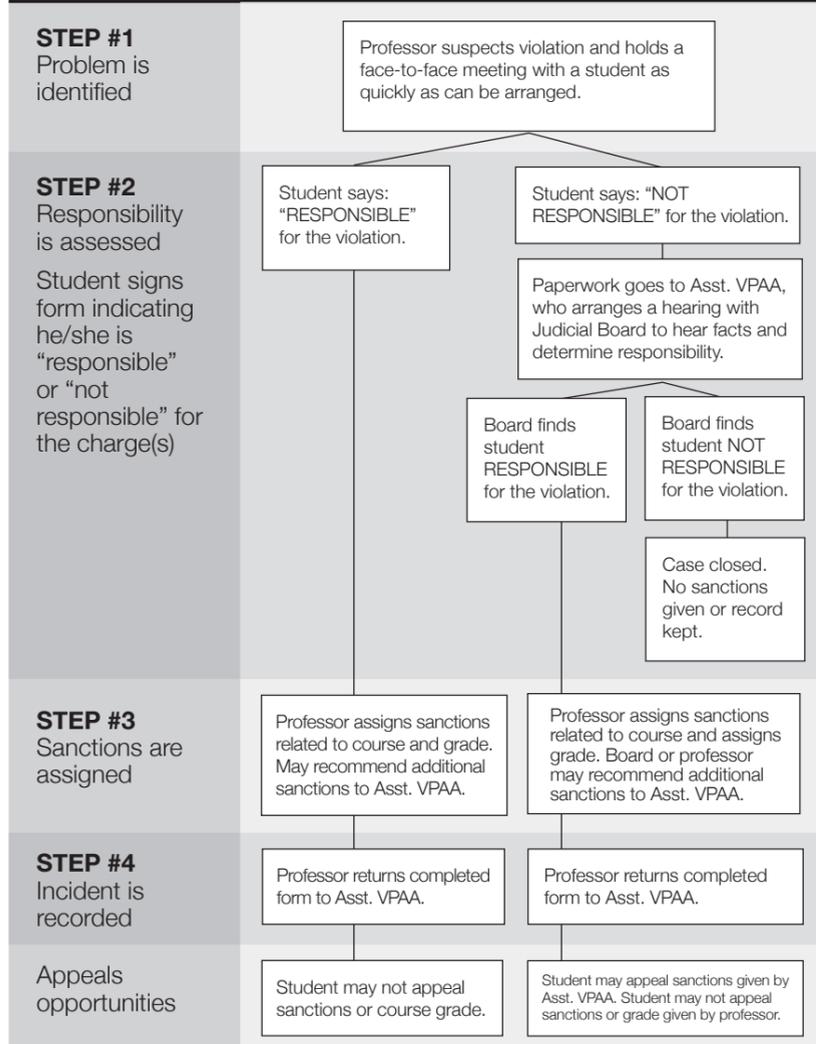
- HONESTY:** Be truthful in your academic work and in your relationships.
- INTEGRITY:** Be trustworthy, fair and ethical.
- RESPONSIBILITY:** Be accountable for your actions and your learning.
- RESPECT:** Be civil. Value the dignity of each person. Honor the physical and intellectual property of others.

ELON'S HONOR PLEDGE

"The Honor Pledge is an abbreviated form of the Honor Code. Students sign the Honor Pledge when they join the Elon community to publicly affirm their intent to behave according to the values of the Elon community. They also sign this pledge on papers, tests, assignments and other documents when requested. The honor pledge is printed on signs in classrooms and residence halls throughout campus."

It states, "On my honor, I will uphold the values of Elon University: honesty, integrity, responsibility, and respect."

MODEL OF ELON UNIVERSITY'S JUDICIAL PROCESS FOR ACADEMIC HONOR CODE INCIDENTS



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Academic Affairs usually deals with plagiarism cases concerning the false creditation of another student's work. Rarely do they deal with students who purchase whole essays online.

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Campus security closes cases despite rise in crime

New safety measures help department target suspects

Andie Diemer
Editor-in-Chief

Despite several recent crimes on and near campus, the number of Campus Safety and Police's closed cases are up significantly from previous years, according to Director of Campus Safety and Police Chuck Gantos.

Gantos said in 2008 the team cleared 27 felonies and 65 misdemeanor cases. This can be attributed to new security measures that were implemented throughout the year, which significantly helped the department identify suspects.

"It's been a good year for us," Gantos said. "We haven't had any major crime on campus and hope to keep it that way."

Gantos said he expects crime rates to decline over the summer, since the Elon population drops significantly and the crime rate will drop accordingly.

The new measures, which include everything from fences to lighted crosswalks to security cameras, have helped Campus Safety and Police have an easier time solving crimes and also act as a deterrent, Gantos said.

But not everyone has been deterred.

On May 8, senior Alex Lane came back to his apartment in Oaks D at 3 a.m. to find the window he had left ajar completely open, the screen popped out and his laptop and charger missing. He immediately filed a police report.

Lane, who shares an apartment with his brother, junior Patrick Lane, realized the next day that Patrick's laptop and charger were also missing.

Lane returned to the police station to update

the report from the previous night.

Patrick said other computer accessories, such as the mice and speakers, were not taken.

As of press time, the police do not have any leads and both of the Lanes have other laptops to work with before they purchase new ones this summer.

But aside from the break-in and the fact that he hasn't noticed many of the security upgrades on campus, Patrick said he generally feels very safe on campus.

"The Elon police were really helpful, and I know they're doing everything in their best abilities to catch them," Patrick said.

He said it would be more helpful to have cameras on the buildings instead of parking lots, but that during his three years on campus this is the first major incident he has had.

Patrick said he had not realized the window to their first floor apartment was ajar, but that the pair always keeps their apartment door locked. They are making more of an effort to keep all doors and windows locked now.

Earlier this month, a hard drive, laptop and other materials were also taken from the editing suites in the School of Communications. In late April, Spanish professor Christine Cotton had her laptop and purse stolen from her office as well, and senior Brett Silva had his apartment broken into three separate times. Throughout the three break ins, Silva's Nikon300 camera, iPod and video camera were taken, adding up to about \$6,500 worth of materials.

"The big thing is to always understand that crime can happen at any time and any place, so use good common sense," Gantos said.

CAMPUS SECURITY UPDATES

LIGHTED CROSSWALKS

Because the lights are motion sensitive, they sometimes activate when a vehicle goes by. Campus Safety and Police are working to adjust them to make them more accurate.

BLUE SECURITY POLES

There are 19 spread across campus and currently no more are planned to be installed.

VIDEO CAMERAS

Throughout campus there are 78 cameras, some of which were installed for the opening of school and networked back to security. Depending on funding, more will be placed near Mooney, Whitley, Lindner and McMichael parking lots. The cameras have helped Campus Safety and Police solve many crimes in parking lots, including larcenies, hit and runs and individuals keying cars. It has also acted as a main deterrent.

FENCING

A fence was constructed at the Danieley Center earlier this year and since then no problems with strangers parking there and coming toward Danieley Center have been reported.

CARD ACCESS SYSTEM

Several buildings were added to the card access system, meaning an individual needs to swipe a valid Phoenix card to gain entry. The project will expand to Hook, Brannock and Barney Dorms, as well as buildings A-F at the Danieley Center.

T3 MOBILE

After purchasing several of these devices that resemble Segways, officers have had an easier time performing more internal patrols and are able to cover a greater area.

OUTDOOR ALARM SYSTEM

The system is now up and operational and has been tested several times and meets all of Campus Safety and Police's objectives.

OFFICER EXERCISES

Last spring, Elon hosted a major training exercise on an active shooter and hostage situation on campus for 60 law enforcement officers from seven different agencies, as well as the EMS and fire department. There was not one held this year for the police, but a mock emergency session will be held this summer to deal with another type of situation, such as a flu pandemic.

WELCOME CENTERS

Two welcome centers were opened near Danieley Center and the Koury Business Center and will continue to operate next year. They are staffed by officers and give visitors directions and assistance getting around campus, as well as offer visibility for people to recognize they are expected to conduct him or herself accordingly while on campus.

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DIRECTOR OF CAMPUS SAFETY AND POLICE

Two charged with felonies in drug bust

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Junior Brian Hunt was arrested and charged with felony possession with intent to sell and deliver marijuana, possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. His \$1,000 bond was paid May 7.

Sophomore Andrew Milne was arrested and charged with possession of one-half ounce of marijuana or less and possession with the intent to use a smoking pipe. He was placed under a \$500 secured bond. On May 8, Milne was charged with intimidating a state's witness and was placed under a \$7,500 secured bond.

Senior Matthew Nathanson was charged with possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia of two bongos, smoking pipes and rolling papers and possession of a fraudulent identification card. He was placed under a \$700 secured bond.

Sophomore Tyler Reynolds was arrested and found in possession of up to one-half ounce of marijuana. Police also found Reynolds in possession of bongos and a malt beverage while being under 21 years old as well as a fraudulent ID. He was placed under a \$500 bond.

Sophomore Derek Schwarz was arrested for possession of liquor while being under 21 and possessed with the intent to use bongos and rolling papers. Schwarz was released after his \$300 bail was paid.

Sophomore Nicholas Siciliano was arrested for possession of the amphetamine Adderall, as well as possessing with the intent to use two pipes and a grinder and assorted liquors while being under 21 years old. He was released after his \$1,000 bail was paid.

Senior Daniel Weller was charged with possessing non-tax paid liquor. He was placed under a \$300 secured bond.

Sophomore Fuad Zaru was charged with possession of a Schedule II Drug Adderall, possession of a fraudulent identification card and underage possession of alcohol.

All of the students involved were contacted but declined to comment.

Non-Elon students that were also arrested in the same investigation include:

Silvino Enrique Brown Jr. was charged with possession with intent to sell and deliver cocaine. He was placed under a \$5,000 secured bond.

Orlando Centellas Hightower was charged with carrying a concealed weapon and was placed under a \$500 secured bond.

Eric Steven Snow was charged with possession of cocaine and maintaining a vehicle for keeping and/or selling drugs. He was placed under a \$10,000 bond.

Andie Diemer, Olivia Hubert-Allen and Derek Noble also contributed to this article.

Employee's arrest dealt with victim confidentiality

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to conduct investigations into sexual assault allegations.

Pam Kiser, professor of human services at Elon, said in the 28 years she has worked in the mental health field she has never heard of anyone being arrested for not breaking confidentiality.

But she said it is fairly common for victims' advocates to run into complications surrounding confidentiality.

"It's not at all infrequent for victims' advocates to come under pressure from law enforcement, from family members — whoever — to break confidentiality," Kiser said. "It's not an infrequent dynamic, but it is infrequent for it to play out in this way."

Kiser said in her experience a person is much more likely to get in trouble for breaking confidentiality than for not breaking it.

She said she has always been taught the only circumstances in which a victims' advocate should break confidentiality are if the victim is a minor or if there is an imminent danger to the victim or others.

This is consistent with the victims' rights literature currently being distributed by the U.S. Department of Justice.

According to the U.S. Department of Justice Office for Victims of Crime Web site, "Any decision made by the victim must be respected and honored. The advocate must refuse to disclose the victim's confidential information."

Ann Cahill, associate professor of philosophy and author of the book "Rethinking Rape," said she agrees that confidentiality should only be breached in those two instances, and even that should be approached with caution because those cases don't apply to the vast majority of victims.

For example, stranger rape would probably pose the greatest threat to a community, but it is the most unlikely form of rape, she said.

"Confidentiality is not just a legal nicety," Cahill said. "It's not just an ethical nicety. It's crucial to the process of rebuilding the survivor's sense of self. And that's why it is a principle that has got to be upheld."

Cahill said it is important to offer victims confidential counseling because they are usually very reluctant to confide in anyone. In her research, she has found the average

time between an incident of sexual violence occurring and the victim reporting it is 15 months.

"We have to recognize that the person who does choose to confide to a counselor or confidant has to be in charge of that information, has to be in charge of who knows her identity and under what conditions, because she's got a lot to lose and she's already lost an enormous amount," Cahill said.

Deana Joy, executive director of CrossRoads Sexual Assault Response & Resource Center in Alamance County, said CrossRoads always maintains all of the information they receive with the "upmost confidence," but said there are certainly exceptions, such as a subpoena from a court of law.

"If that ever happens, the victim would be told that first and they would be given an opportunity to work with us so they are not caught off guard," Joy said.

She said CrossRoads has never had a situation where a counselor was arrested, or where someone else made a report to law enforcement for someone else without the victim's knowledge.

"I think that confidence is of the utmost importance to a victim, but again I think you need to be careful what you promise to a victim as well," Joy said.

Changing policies to where a victim would have to report to the police before anything else could dramatically impact the recovery process, since each victim should be provided with the right to services and having concerns and questions answered before making a decision to report to the police or not, Joy said.

Royster said she feels there is still discussion to be had about better collaboration for supporting victims of sexual violence.

"I hope that what comes out of this situation is more open and critical dialogue about sexual violence for the campus and the community," Royster said.

Kiser said she hopes students can look at Royster's case and feel more comfortable coming forward about sexual assault.

"I think the good thing that can come out of this is that students on this campus can feel 'I am really safe here. My story will not be told,'" Kiser said.

Burlington solicitation ordinance to exclude newspaper vendors

Margeaux Corby
News Editor

Newspaper vendors will be able to sell their papers to motorists without fear of fine or imprisonment after the Burlington City Council members voted unanimously to exempt newspapers from the July ordinance that banned all individuals soliciting on Burlington street sides.

"We're very pleased and thankful that they decided to tract with the state law," said Paul Mauney, Times-News publisher. "There should be no restriction of free press."

Although the decision was welcomed by the local newspaper, Mayor Pro Tem David Huffman said the decision does not address the council members' original concerns about public safety, which prompted the initial ordinance proposal.

"There is no difference between someone in the street begging for money and someone in the street selling a newspaper," Huffman said. "They are both public safety hazards. There's no legitimate basis for distinguishing between the two on public safety grounds."

The original legislation passed in July stated, "it shall be unlawful for any person to stand on any street, highway or right-of-way ... while soliciting or attempting to solicit, any employment, business or contributions from the driver of occupants of any vehicle."

At the time, council members cited impedance of traffic and dangers to solicitors as the overriding reason the ordinance was proposed.

"The only concern that the city should have is public safety," Huffman said. "That's what we do. We shouldn't go into favoring newspaper or favoring anybody else out there."

The Times-News filed a complaint that the ordinance was an infringement of its First Amendment rights, since the ban included vendors selling Sunday editions of the paper.

"We work very, very hard with our contractors that they are following the letter of the law as far as safety goes," Mauney said.

According to Mauney, the paper vendors work with the police department to make sure they know what the laws are and take all the precautions necessary, such as wearing orange vests and not walking out into moving traffic.

He said the lawsuit was brought about because the paper felt First Amendment rights were being threatened.

The federal judge denied the paper's petition to stop the city from enforcing

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the ban in July.

The city council passed the first of four moratoriums to enforce the ordinance at the end of August when the state legislature amended the state statute that addressed the issue of roadway regulation, which contained an exemption for newspapers.

"We had our moratorium in place to see what would shake out," Huffman said. "We wanted to see when the legislature went back into session earlier this year to see if they would amend what they had done. I kept pushing to just lift up the moratorium and go ahead and proceed with our local ordinance that bans all solicitation, but the rest of the council felt the state legislature was sending the message and really did not want to get backed up in litigation over this."

Last week, the city council members finally voted on the issues to follow the language of a state law exempting newspapers from the ban.

Huffman said he joined the unanimous vote so the issue could finally come to resolution, but believes the state legislature's exemption contains legal problems.

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Huffman said unless a lawsuit is brought on the council, they will enforce the ordinance as it was passed last week.

"I stated my reasons why I would rather have it the other way around," he said. "If we get sued by some beggars out there represented by the ACLU, we'll just deal with it when that happens."



Bryce, a homeless man, sells papers on Garden Street last Sunday morning. "It just gives me business," he said. "That's all I know about it."

LINDSAY FENDT | Photographer

Alamance kids soar



ANDREW DODD | Staff Photographer

On May 9, Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 1114 of Apex sponsored a flight rally at Burlington Alamance Airport. Instructors lead the participating kids out to the planes and explain the functions and controls of the airplane before the ride. The EEA Young Eagles program, launched in 1992, was designed to inspire kids ages 7-18 to develop an interest in aviation. The group travels around central North Carolina with Cessna and Piper-Cub airplanes, transporting between 100 and 500 children daily for 10-minute flights circumnavigating local airports. Thanks to the program, more than 1.4 million children have their names in one of the largest aviation log books in the United States. For many of the younger children participating, it may be his or her first experience on an airplane. Upon completion of the program, each child receives a certificate documenting his or her flight. On average, there are five licensed pilots who volunteer their time, aircraft and gas money at each event. Some pilots have been involved in the program for more than 10 years, flying more than 14,000 children. Co-coordinator and pilot David Williams said he participates because of the fun and excitement the program brings to the children and their parents. The EEA is a leader in recreational aviation with more than 170,000 members in more than 1,000 local chapters worldwide.

Buy, buy, buy in local housing market despite economy lows

Jack Dodson
Reporter

A recent Charlotte Observer article suggests now is a good time to buy in the local housing market, despite the hard times most people are facing.

The article cites low interest rates, various add-ons by companies and the \$8,000 tax credit from the government for first-time buyers for this claim.

"Interest rates remain low, the number of homes on the market high and sellers are motivated to do whatever it takes to close," Observer reporter Natalie Dick writes.

The idea is, despite the hard times most consumers face, current conditions are ideal if you are going to buy.

"It's a good time to buy, but not a good time to sell," said Sybil Holt of the local Freeman and Company real estate group.

At Elon, there are two real estate agencies that make their marks. B.C. Parker, which owns West End Apartments, Trollinger, The Crest and some other complexes, and Freeman and Company, which owns Oak Hill and a major portion of Sheridan Place.

This effect doesn't really show itself at Elon, though, with leased apartments and fixed student rates for the housing market in town.

According to Hold, most colleges can pretty much be a guarantee to real estate agents of the area that their

apartments will be filled.

Holt said there is no real competition in the local real estate market as Elon.

She said the company does not struggle to lease its property.

The major difference here is that beyond just leasing vs. selling, the two major agencies here are more like property managers. They take care of the upkeep and maintenance and look over the leases.

They will always have students at Elon who need housing, and both companies are almost guaranteed tenants.

Recent Elon grads may find better offers than they would have a few years ago, as long as they have the money to buy.

WFMY News 2 celebrates 60th anniversary



This month, WFMY News 2 will feature special segments during regular broadcasts to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the news station. CORY GROOM | Photographer

Carolyn VanBrocklin
Reporter

WFMY News 2 in Greensboro celebrates its 60th anniversary this year and will celebrate by featuring special news segments with rare historic video, trivia and predictions for the next 60 years.

The station's commemoration will last throughout the month of May and highlight milestones of the station and the surrounding community.

The WFMY Web site, digtriad.com, will feature a special content section with historic videos and photos and a section where viewers can contribute their own stories, videos and photos.

"There's a sense of history here at this station," anchor Kent Bates said. "It's another opportunity for us to remember where we've been and even those of us who haven't been with the station for all that time still feel like we're a part of that history."

A birthday bash will be held May 20 in Greensboro's Center City Park featuring WFMY alumni, food,

fun, music and a special certificate of recognition from Greensboro Mayor Yvonne Johnson.

Throughout the month, there will be special appearances by WFMY alumni including Lee Kinard of the Good Morning Show and a member for more than four decades, Mike Hogewood of the Good Morning Show, who covered sports and Randy Jackson.

They will return to WFMY News 2 for a look back at the moments that defined the community and the station.

Bates and fellow anchor Sandra Hughes said there is a great deal of excitement in the studio about the festivities.

The old footage that will be shown to commemorate past events will show the station's past achievements.

"It's going to be kind of neat to have some of the old things come back again," Hughes said.

According to Hughes, WFMY has a close relationship with the surrounding community because it is a smaller station.

WFMY is honoring its connection to the

audience by treating its viewers to the old footage and bringing back memories, as well as using videos, photos and comments that are user-generated.

Hughes says one of the community activities she is most proud of is the time they spent hosting the Jerry Lewis telethon, which helps kids with muscular dystrophy.

"My job makes me really tired, but I never ever am bored," Hughes said.

WFMY has been broadcasting since 1949. Its famous programs include the Good Morning Show, the longest running show on television which is celebrating its 51st anniversary.

WFMY reaches 1.2 million households in the area surrounding Greensboro.

In six decades of coverage, WFMY News 2's cameras have captured pieces of history: the Woolworths sit-ins and other famous civil rights demonstrations, the growth of Atlantic Coast Conference sports and major weather events like Hurricane Hugo and the Rockingham County tornados.

Summer program aims to bring business to non-majors

Laura Smith
News Editor

This summer, non-business majors will get a chance to learn the ins and outs of the business world.

In June, the Martha and Spencer Love School of Business will hold the first Summer Business Institute for rising upperclassmen and recent graduates who want to learn the skills of business but do not want to make them the primary focus in their degree.

The idea was brought to Elon after professor and dean of the Business School, Mary Gowan, saw the achievement of the program after she installed it while working at George Washington University as the associate dean of undergraduate programs.

"We started it there, and it was very successful," Gowan said. "We saw it as a good fit with Elon."

Gowan hopes it will give non-business majors skills they need for future careers, regardless of what they might be.

"Learning the language of business will help them," she said. "These basic business concepts, whether for non-profit or profit, or government, will be an advantage."

The institute will run from June 2 until June 19 and will cost \$4,500. For the money, participating students will become certified in the program and get to experience different areas of business in various hands-on and lectured ways.

The program will be similar to an internship in that there will be three

weeks worth of classes as well as sessions on business and career skills, according to Coleman Rich, lecturer in business administration and director of the Summer Business Institute.

"It complements the training and education they've already received," he said.

The program will be formatted through 9-5:15 classes daily as well as case studies, workshops and outside speakers. There will also be "field trips" to local businesses to see how they operate, Rich said.

Some planned field trips include the BMW Manufacturing Company in Spartanburg, S.C., the Greensboro Grasshoppers and profit and non-profit foundations in Greensboro.

"What we're adding is to create a knowledge of the business functions that help a business run," Rich said.

Different skills will include accounting, policy, finance, marketing, business communication, managerial accounting and human resources, all taught by different professors.

Tom Vecchione, director of the Career Center, said the staff will most likely work with the business institute students once a week in activities such as resume development, mock interviewing and cover-letter writing.

"This is a key part of the learning process," he said. "It's critical because they only have part of the picture to be successful. If they have the degrees but they can't apply them and use them and network, they can't sell themselves."

Applications are due May 20.

Student group reacts to American 'liberal culture'

Lindsay Fendt
Reporter

"America's right wing youth movement," has made its way to Elon University's campus. The group, Youth for Western Civilization, was founded at UNC Chapel Hill in response to the liberal culture on campus.

"I think the campus climate right now is insane, frankly," founder Kevin DeAnna said. "I think it's very important we start a counter-balance for that."

The head of the new unofficial Elon chapter, senior Anna Prevette, met DeAnna while interning at the Leadership Institute, a conservative training organization.

"I came back to campus trying to get the organization going. I met with Dean Patterson last semester who said it would take a lot longer for a group that is part of a national chapter to get approved as a campus organization," Prevette said. "Since then I've been working on getting enough members and a faculty adviser for the group so the whole process can go smoothly."

According to YWC's Web site, its goals are to promote Western Civilization and Western Heritage, "counter and ultimately defeat leftism on campuses," and create a conservative subculture on university campuses.

The YWC also claims a desire to fight "radical multiculturalism," a concept that DeAnna claims is represented in efforts by a university's curriculum to be

politically correct.

"It's not that you're learning anything about other cultures," said DeAnna, "it's that you're learning the right thing to say. It's this idea that the West is and always has been the source of everything bad and nothing good. We are trying to counter that."

Although there are few members nationwide, the organization has already made a controversial splash. In April, former congressman Tom Tancredo, YWC's honorary chairman, appeared on UNC's campus and was greeted with protests and violence.

Tancredo's speech revolved around the DREAM Act, a recent law that would give illegal aliens in-state tuition to college. The event was shut down after a brick was thrown through a window where the event was being held. The protestors had signs with statements such as "no one is illegal" and chanted "shut it down no racists in our town."

This event is not the first time the YWC has been accused of promoting racism. According to the Web site of Southern Poverty Law Center, a group that monitors hate groups, some of the YWC's missions are "suspect."

Non-member students at UNC have also expressed their concern about the group in a recent Fox News article, and upon hearing about the presence on Elon's campus, students at Elon also expressed their concerns.

"When they say 'Western identity,' it's

pretty obvious they're not talking about African-Americans or Latinos — they're talking about white people," said Daniel Shutt, president of Elon's chapter of College Democrats. "This isn't a group about conservative politics, this is about white people who are uncomfortable with minorities."

The YWC has worked fiercely to dispel these claims. Prevette said there is even a member with a Pakistani background at Vanderbilt's chapter.

"This is not a 'white power' group, a hate group or a battle of the races like critics would like to claim," Prevette said. "This group is about how individuals view the issues that face traditional, western culture and anyone can embrace them no matter their race."

While the group is gathering attention nationwide, the support on Elon's campus is still minimal. In order to become an official chapter of YWC, Elon's chapter will need at least four dues-paying members, the ability to host speakers and a bank account, among other requirements. Prevette hopes that with the right leadership, the group can gain this status soon.

"Our country is heading down a slippery slope and away from traditional values. By enlightening other college students before they venture into the real world, this organization can hopefully impact the future of our nation via higher education," Prevette said.

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Student credit card debt at its highest

Keegan Calligar
Senior Reporter

College students now have more credit cards and debt than ever and are using credit cards to pay their college tuition, student loan provider Sallie Mae found in a recent study.

Sallie Mae began studying the credit card habits of college students in 1998. The 2008 study included 1,200 students at both public and private four-year universities and colleges.

The study found that 84 percent of college undergraduates used at least one credit card, up 8 percent from the last time the study was conducted in 2004. The average student now has 4.6 credit cards, and half of undergraduates use four or more.

"For tuition specifically, the convenience of being able to use a credit card is an advantage for students," bursar Jay Harper said. "If there is a particular deadline that is coming up and they wait until right at that deadline, then it's very convenient to use a credit card because that's instantaneous."

Students are also arriving at college with more credit cards than ever before and accumulating more each year.

Twenty-three percent of freshmen had four or more credit cards in 2008, up from 15 percent in 2004. And while 56 percent of senior or fifth-year students had four or more cards in 2004, that number jumped to 62 percent in 2008.

Students are also carrying more credit card debt than ever. In 2004, freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors/fifth-year students carried average credit card debts of up to nearly \$3,000, the study said.

The study also noted that while the percent of students with zero debt declined for each grade from 2008 to 2004, the drop "is especially striking in the second-semester freshmen in

2008. In the fall of 2004, 69 percent of freshmen had zero balance on their credit cards, while in the spring of 2008, the percentage of freshmen with a zero balance dropped to only 15 percent.

"There is a negative to using it if you know that you are not going to make the minimum monthly payments based on whatever that balance is that you use," Harper said. "Always, the optimum way to deal with a credit card is to pay the balance off when the bill gets to you."

The percentage of students carrying more than \$7,000 in outstanding credit card balances increased across all grade levels with the percentage among final-year students almost doubling from 10 percent to 19 percent.

According to the study, students in the South have slightly fewer credit cards and less debt than the national average.

While the percentage of students with credit cards is the same — 84 percent both nationally and in the South — 1 percent more students nationally have four or more cards than in the South. Additionally, students at southern schools have an average credit card debt of \$3,067, slightly less than the \$3,173 nationally.

Students reported they are frequently surprised by how much higher their balance reached (22 percent of undergrads), and 32 percent said they sometimes purchase items on their credit card they know they don't have the funds for.

"In most cases, (and) especially in today's market, interest is just phenomenal. If you can help not carrying the balance then you're avoiding obviously the interest payment that can mount up and accumulate," Harper said. "And as the report alluded to, a good percentage of students don't even realize what that interest can compound to, say, even in a year's time."

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they used their credit cards to pay at least one college expense such as tuition, room and board, fees, textbooks, general school supplies, commuting costs and computer.

Additionally, while many students are not fully paying off all their credit cards each month, the study noted "while they are making at least the required payments each month, more than three-quarters of college students are incurring finance charges by carrying over credit card debt month to month."

According to Harper, using a debit card can help students control their debt since the money is immediately deducted from their accounts.

"If you have a debit card, at least you know in a sense you're not borrowing the money," Harper said. "It's money that you truly have at that moment, and there's certainly, in my eyes, no negative

to using a debit card as opposed to writing a check or paying cash."

The study also found that many students wished they had a better education about finances and suggested students work with their parents and others to make better choices when using credit cards.

"Developing, then following, a financial plan of which credit cards are only one component will benefit students more in the long run than the simple extension of credit," the study said. "Parents, educators and financial institutions can together take action to respond to college students' need for responsible credit options. College can be a time not only for academic study and exploring future careers but also for learning smart money skills that prepare the way for a lifetime of effective household financial management."



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Planning can help students avoid unpleasant internships

Keegan Calligar
Senior Reporter

With summer fast approaching, many Elon students are getting ready to spend their breaks interning. From MTV to PricewaterhouseCoopers, Elon students are known for securing top-quality internships. But what happens when a student arrives at his or her internship and it's nothing like they expected?

Tanner LaRose, a senior majoring in public relations, interned at Boston's Franklin Park Zoo last summer after finding a listing online for a rentals and private events intern.

"What I thought I was going to be doing, which is what Craigslist said, was consulting — going out and trying to get sponsorships and money for the zoo," LaRose said. "But I ended up event planning, like, little kids' birthday parties or petting zoos."

LaRose said he very much disliked his June to August internship.

"When I got there, after a week, I realized it was not what I thought I signed up for," he said. "The zoo was cool, seeing the animals, but other than that (it was) the worst experience I've had."

Nagatha Tonkins, director of internships and external relations in the School of Communications, said in order for students to prevent a poor internship experience they must do a lot of research on the company beforehand.

"I think one of the keys for making sure that you have a successful internship is to conduct a considerable amount of research — research about the company, research about who you will be working with and what kind of responsibilities and duties you will be performing," she said. "If you find that info early, then you can make a good decision about whether that's a good fit for you."

According to Tonkins, negative internship experiences are often the result of poor communication between interns and their supervisors.

"Bad internships could also mean that

there wasn't good communication with their supervisor," she said. "Sometimes, companies don't know exactly what the student is capable of doing when they arrive, and so it's important that the student demonstrates energy and enthusiasm for all kinds of tasks that they'll be performing — especially the tasks we sometimes consider grunt work. A manager will tell you that if you perform the grunt work well, then they will trust you and consider you for doing some of the larger tasks."

Despite disliking an internship, it's important to keep a positive attitude, as employers notice those who have one and remember interns who do not.

"At one newspaper, we had an intern who was supposed to rotate from one area to the next all summer: news, business, sports, features, entertainment, editorial," said Glenn Scott, assistant professor of communications, about an intern when he worked at a newspaper in Hawaii. "But she refused to move into our business section to work for a week because, she said, 'I don't want to lose my desk. If I move into your area, one of the other interns will take my desk, and it's in the best location in the whole room.'"

If a student does find they are not enjoying their internship, Tonkins said they contact her or another coordinator.

"I think in almost any situation, you can find a way to make it work, especially when you're already in the environment and you're spending considerable time there," she said.

Tonkins said despite feeling bad about an internship, students can still learn from their experience.

"If a student has a negative experience, I think it can be a learning opportunity to better understand how to select an internship or a job," she said. "It could also, depending on the circumstances, teach them better about how the professional world operates. It could teach them also about work relationships, and just how to have good communication in the work place."

Elon law students establish school's first alumni association

Margeaux Corby
News Editor

While Elon's undergraduates begin their finals on Thursday, Elon's inaugural class of law students will begin final exams today and then face the bar exam in late July.

These students were the first to be accepted into the school and will now graduate as the school's first alumni class.

Because of the efforts of third-year students, law school alumni will be able to stay connected to their graduate alma mater with the creation of the Elon Law School Alumni Association.

"We just wanted to make sure that when our first class of graduates actually graduates this month that we have a support system for our alumni," said law student Melissa Duncan, co-chair of the student bar association alumni association development committee.

According to Sallie Hutton, director of alumni relations, alumni associations work to develop programs where individuals have a high affinity or connections to organizations based on their experiences as an undergraduate or graduate student.

While law students may not have a strong tie to Elon University because they may have completed their

undergraduate education elsewhere, they will have a strong tie to the law school.

"Their programs will probably look a bit different than what we offer because they're looking at staying on the Greensboro campus because that's what the hundred-plus graduates are familiar with," Hutton said.

Hutton said the creators of the alumni association looked at other neighboring law school alumni associations, such as UNC Chapel Hill, to get ideas about programming and governance.

Duncan, an Elon University alumna and member of the Young Alumni Council, and other third-year students began talking about creating the association last spring and earlier this fall.

She said the creation of the association went hand-in-hand with discussions about the class gift, a watercolor painting commissioned by North Carolina artist William Mangum.

"He painted a collage of different scenes and images from the law school and that artwork will be displayed and be the artwork that will be in diplomas," Duncan said.

The alumni association development committee sent out applications for council positions last week, and once that council is chosen, they will approve and finalize bylaws

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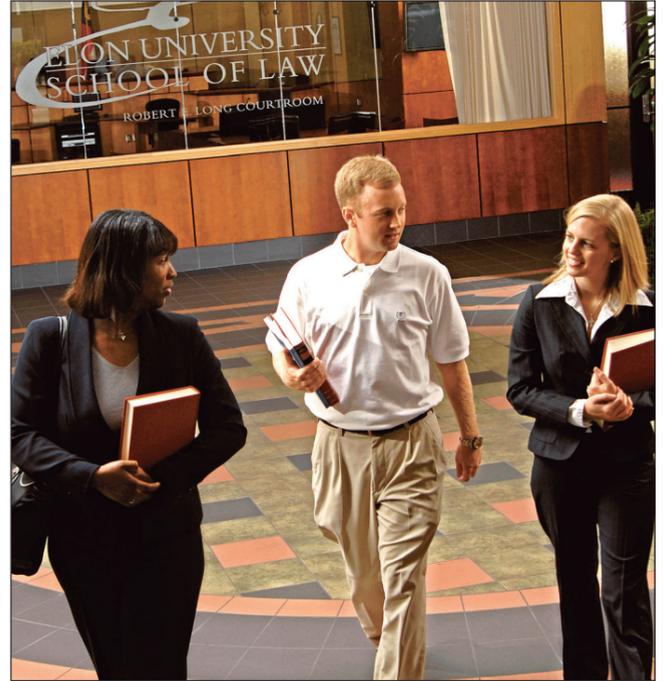


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Elon Law School celebrates its inaugural class this year with the creation of the Elon Law School Alumni Association, which will link alumni to his or her graduate alma mater.

the committee has drafted as well as start planning for the association's first major event — celebrating graduates who pass the bar exam in July.

Once students pass the bar, there is a swearing-in day across the country. Duncan hopes the association will be able to sponsor events in areas where a lot of graduates will be living, such as Charlotte, Greensboro and Raleigh.

The graduating class was encouraged to give a small donation — \$20.09 from each individual of the class of 2009. According to Duncan, they are currently at 92 percent participation from the class and 100 percent participation from faculty and staff.

"You want to always have

the opportunity to expose your students to alumni, have that opportunity to network, share their experiences," Hutton said. "And we can't escape that fact that it's always important our graduates support the institution through philanthropic efforts."

Elon's MBA graduate program also has an alumni association, and while physical

therapy does not have an alumni association specific to the department, they will be celebrating 10 years of the program next fall by inviting all of the physical therapy graduates back to campus.

"It's the goal of any association to keep their graduates informed about what's going on, connected and engaged," Hutton said.

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Biting a helpful hand

The dangers of disregarding victim confidentiality

The perception of anonymity is appropriately vague and nebulous. To be anonymous is seen by many to be an ideal, a right that should be upheld by law in all but the most extreme of cases. But any mystery brings along suspicion. Any statement or allegation made from behind a veil is promptly brought into question, and the fallout from the assertion can bring down all parties involved.

The law is currently hazy on such issues, which often falls into the domain of journalistic protection and the fine line between protecting sources and appeasing the courts.

But anonymity isn't always a smokescreen. More often than not it's a much-needed protective measure, upheld for the sake of simple dignity and privacy. In the case of a sexual assault, the trauma suffered, coupled with the fear of cultural stigma, often necessitates consoling alongside legal action.

Leigh-Anne Royster, the coordinator for personal health and community well-being at Elon, provided such assistance to a student who suffered sexual assault at an off-campus location. It was a natural decision to not reveal the identity of the victim, given that her professional responsibilities entail such actions.

She alerted Campus Safety and Police, who then notified the Town of Elon Police, who spoke with Royster about the matter on April 28.

The next day, the Town of Elon Police came back with a warrant, charged her for resisting a public officer and arrested her in front of Moseley and her colleagues.

The charges have since been dismissed, and for good reason. North Carolina general statute 8-53.12 runs directly counter to the obvious intentions of the police.

"No agent of a center shall be required

to disclose any information which the agent acquired during the provision of services to a victim and which information was necessary to enable the agent to render the services," the statute says. "Provided, however, that this subsection shall not apply where the victim waives the privilege conferred," it continues, going on to list the necessary steps a judge or court must take in order to waive said anonymity without consent.

The most typical application of this statute is through rape crisis centers and safe homes, but the statute clearly covers Elon through its definitions of the bodies to which the standards apply.

"Any publicly or privately funded agency, institution, organization or facility that offers counseling and other services to victims of sexual assault," is given this ability to protect victims' identities.

Elon's Student Handbook is also explicit in its support of victim confidentiality.

"The university will hold all reported acts of sexual abuse and violence in the highest confidence," the Handbook says.

"The names of victims will not be released to any other party without the written consent of the victim."

There's a difference between the confidentiality of, say, a victim of sexual assault and the students whose mug shots were recently posted on The Pendulum's Web site and subsequently taken down, no matter how embarrassing it may be to be arrested and then have a public record, such as a mug shot that are taken as a result of criminal suspicion tossed onto the Internet.

In the case of the still-unnamed victim who Royster is still protecting, they were subjugated to a depraved physical and psychological assault. The blame doesn't lie with them, nor is there any pressing

importance on the part of the public's need to know their identity.

"The Elon Police Department needed to determine the identity of the alleged perpetrator in order to initiate criminal proceedings," a press release from the department said.

The identity of the accused can only be released through the victim's consent as well, to adhere to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 outlined in the Student Handbook.

But this is a country where the rate of rape and sexual assault increased by 25 percent between 2005 and 2007, according to the most recent National Crime Victimization Survey from the Department of Justice. And college-age women are more than 2.5 times as likely to be assaulted than nearly every other age group. Even worse, 60 percent of all instances of rape or sexual assault go unreported.

The key to lowering that 60 percent, and ultimately bringing the guilty parties to justice, is allowing networks of consolors, like Royster to perform their duties with the sole responsibility of worrying over the safety and stability of the people who come to them looking for help.

They don't need to be debating whether or not to help a victim out of fear that the police will humiliate them in the workplace the next day. Nor do the victims need to be sent the signal that if they do seek help they'll only jeopardize the well-being of those who are gracious enough to extend them a helping hand.

Delicate matters such as these require a careful touch, not heavy-handed bravado. The Town of Elon Police have, albeit with the best of intentions, sent a message that serves only to stifle the voices of the subjugated and embolden the deviant.

Bashing from afar: anonymity on the Internet

Few things rile college students like the crushing anxiety of finals, the fierce anticipation of the summer and a lengthy series of crackdowns courtesy of the police. The Town of Elon Police Department's newfound vigor first appeared May 1, with the arrest of sophomore Meredith Haggerty on charges of possession to sell and deliver a controlled substance.

Since then, 11 other Elon students have been handed charges ranging from felony possessions of a controlled substance to possession of non-tax paid liquor.

Given the abundance of rumors and curiosity swirling around the events, The Pendulum became a prime source of verified

information. Traffic to The Pendulum's Web site broke a record during the week of May 3-10, with 3,000 unique visitors.

As of press time, the message board for the story on the drug busts boasts 42 comments, all of which are incredibly impassioned, and almost all of which are completely anonymous.

There are the typical responses one can expect from offended individuals provided with anonymity, steeped in bravado, profanity and capitalized letters.

"I know that a majority of these bull**** charges will get dropped in court, they will rebound and one day hold a job that these 'police officers' could only dream to have," a poster named Anon

said. "BEWARE students, Elon University is rapidly becoming a police state."

Though fears of totalitarian measures being marched down Church Street aren't exactly running through the campus, it's only through forums such as these that many people are able to express what they really feel.

There are jokers and there are moderators, but chances are the vast majority of the comments made, no matter how derogatory or factual as they may have been, were honest portrayals of student sentiment.

Just as keeping the identities of victims is essential, so is maintaining a venue for anonymous discourse. The great thing about the online debates that

ensue after such events is the wide range of opinions that spring forth.

Each foul assertion is countered by a logical dismissal, and in the end, it's a beautiful thing.

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ILLUSTRATING THE ISSUES:



Opinions

Building off of success: Room for improvement beside Elon's victories



Robert Wohner
Columnist

As an opinions columnist, I'm constantly on the lookout for future story ideas. More often than not, the issues that catch my eye are those involving hypocrisy and unfairness, leaving me with room to criticize.

From Bristol Palin's pathetic display showcasing her baby, Tripp, on "The Today Show" while preaching abstinence to Pa. Sen. Arlen Specter's whimpering departure from the Republican Party

to Manny Ramirez's pathetic explanation for failing Major League Baseball's drug policy, last week provided plenty of fodder to write about.

Still, as The Pendulum presses cool off for the summer, perhaps a different, more positive approach is merited. While columnists are constantly on the watch for issues to critique, we should equally seek issues to praise, and while not perfect, Elon has many things that deserve recognition.

No group on campus has shown more growth in the last few months than the Student Government Association. The opinions section has called for greater transparency from SGA, and for it to make students more aware of what it is working on. Under the new leadership of sophomore President Justin Peterson, SGA has taken positive steps to make this happen.

Peterson recently released a YouTube video outlining policies and projects SGA has been working on. Additionally, SGA posted two pieces of pending legislation outside of Octagon Café, one of Elon's busiest student stops.

While I may not accept everything included in the pieces, including the assertion that somehow removing taxes from textbooks will make Elon a more attractive university for prospective students, I respect the fact that the veil is being lifted from SGA.

I applaud these efforts and they must continue

and expand in order for SGA to move from a forgotten mystery and become the premier student organization on campus. For now, chances that these efforts will take place look good.

This semester, we have seen a diverse group of speakers and performances that have brought the campus community together in ways I have not seen during my time at Elon. For weeks, the anticipation of Anderson Cooper, one of America's premier broadcast journalists, was high. When he arrived, Cooper did not disappoint. Along with the satisfaction of listening to Cooper, it was equally refreshing that so many on campus took part in witnessing this event.

Earlier this year, I called for more conservative speakers to visit Elon to complement the more liberal ones that often are invited to speak. Thankfully, Christian groups Intersivity and Campus Outreach did just that by bringing Christian apologetics lecturer Frank Turek to campus to speak. While I flatly disagreed with him on many levels, I appreciated the new perspective on Elon's campus.

That being said, Elon must continue to address new and familiar issues. Elon's efforts to diversify its campus must not stop with the demographics of incoming freshmen classes.

Along with the student body, a diverse faculty is equally as important. Given the refusal of tenure for Ocek Eke, a communications professor, Elon must hire competent teachers of diverse backgrounds, not because of their race, but because of the unique perspectives they can provide.

Many student employment programs are also being cut in the next school year. It seems that universities, unlike most institutions, can raise prices while lowering services. In light of today's economy, students' involvement in funding their education has never been higher. Elon must see to it that every student who hopes to work can find employment on campus. It's a fact: Times are tough.

So while it's good to sit back and reflect on the positive changes that have taken place in the last few months, no one will grow complacent in highlighting student issues in a fair and thoughtful way.

If you build it, they will come out



Derek Kiszely
Columnist

Today, like every other day of the year, four gay or lesbian youths will commit suicide. Statistical estimations by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services show that 1,488 gay youths will kill themselves in 2009. Moreover, 30 percent of gay youths have contemplated suicide.

This is why Elon needs to start a Safe Zones program on campus. Safe Zones are highly visible spaces that are easily identifiable where lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people can receive support and

understanding from an "ally" who is trained to help deal with the coming out process or any other issues.

The purpose of Safe Zones is to create a network of allies for LGBT students, and in doing so, make Elon's community safer and more supportive. Safe Zones also serve to reduce homophobia and heterosexism on campus and make the campus safer and freer for all members of the community, regardless of sexual orientation.

Safe Zones ally trainings would be open to faculty, staff and students who are interested in becoming more knowledgeable about diversity of sexual orientation. Allies receive a Safe Zones sign to display in their offices and living space.

In 2000, a group of faculty including Jana Lynn Patterson, the associate dean of students, working in conjunction with Spectrum, Elon's gay-straight alliance organization, attempted to bring Safe Zones to the campus. About 30 people went through the original training, but the initiative ultimately fell apart.

Currently, there is a grassroots movement led by Becca McQueen, the assistant director of residence life for Danielely, and Danny Glassmann, the assistant director of residence life and the multicultural center. They are working in conjunction with Spectrum to try to bring Safe Zones to Elon for the second time.

Spectrum is not only geared toward the LGBT community on campus. It's not a club just for gay people. It's a club for people that believe the LGBT community deserves equal rights and are willing to show that support.

McQueen has hoped Safe Zones training would take place over this upcoming summer, so that by fall 2009 Elon would have Safe Zones on campus, but McQueen and Glassmann are both leaving Elon at the end of this academic year, and with their departure it is unclear whether this timeframe is still applicable.

Last year, McQueen distributed a survey to members of Greek Life asking questions regarding LGBT issues in order to help strengthen the case for Safe Zones on campus.

When asked, "How accepting are you of LGBT people?" 80 percent of those affiliated with Greek Life said they were accepting. But there's still 20 percent that isn't.

Now, it would be outrageous if it was discovered that 20 percent of Elon's student body was not accepting of African-Americans or other minorities. Results from a survey like that would be sensational, and Elon's administration would probably automatically revert to damage control mode and host forums on minority issues and social acceptance.

The conclusion based on the results of McQueen's survey was that Greek Life students didn't think Safe Zones were necessary. Despite what members of Greek Life may think, their organizations are not (thankfully) representative of the entire student body. Unfortunately, it is because of these disappointing survey results that McQueen wasn't able to bring a proposal before the administration earlier — otherwise, Elon might have had Safe Zones on campus last fall.

Elon has since expressed it is more supportive of a general diversity program — an "all inclusive Safe Zone" program, so to speak.

When the administration says "We want Elon to be safe for everyone," it's sugarcoating the reality of the situation and glossing over the issue at hand by refusing to acknowledge the fact that LGBT students go through different situations.

Gay people feel forced to stay in the closet, to hide their true identity out of fear of being rejected by their friends, family or society. Some LGBT students might not feel as though they have a place to go, and to see Safe Zones on campus is reassuring.

Elon's communal nature fosters the feeling that it's a welcoming school, but ignoring this issue isn't indicative of a supportive environment.

For the administration or the student body to collectively hide their heads in the sand and refuse to acknowledge the reality of the situation won't make it go away. If anything, it will make it worse.

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This is not madness, this is genius!



Victoria Doose
Guest Columnist

There seems to be a long-standing and pervasive theory that some of the most creative minds in history have also been some of the most unstable. Recently, an article in the Independent addressed research that supports elements of psychosis as channels for creativity through the facilitation of abstract thought.

After all, one could argue this point when

considering Vincent van Gogh's ear slicing or the reclusive Emily Dickinson or even the alcoholic Edgar Allen Poe, who birthed the detective genre and then drank himself to death. And don't forget John Nash, the full-blown schizophrenic mathematician and subject of the movie "A Beautiful Mind," whose contributions to game theory earned him a Nobel Prize.

But shall we assume, then, that anyone who exhibits mental instability can generate an applicable mathematic theory? How about the next great American novel? A soul-stirring piece of music? Or maybe just a good poem?

Mental instability is not the defining feature of a creative person, nor can it be credited with being the inspiration behind great works. In the case of Nash, logic blossomed in the midst of diagnosed madness.

Yet madness is thought to follow no logic. It seems instead that his schizophrenia was less an avenue toward higher thinking and more a potentially derailing illness.

His ability to reason is what allowed him to further his game theory and economic thought

as he did, not the bent wiring in his brain that introduced false characters and conspiracies to his life.

The article in the Independent quotes Gordon Claridge, Oxford University emeritus professor of abnormal psychology.

"To be mildly manic depressive or mildly schizophrenic brings a flexibility of thought ... which does have some adaptive value in creativity," Claridge said.

Arguments along this line suggest mental instability allows a person a better connection to his or her creative side. It's true that a great deal of famed artists, writers and scientists have been considered social oddballs, perhaps even outcasts.

They think differently, they act differently — thus they create differently, and different is defining. But that doesn't mean it's crazy.

If anything, creative expression requires a degree of reason. People tend to not admire work they cannot understand or with which they cannot establish any kind of connection.

Mystery and abstractness are good ways to get attention, but if there is eventually nothing more to be gained, then no more attention is given. The long-lasting effects of past works are testaments to the sense of their creators in their ability to resonate with others.

Even Dickinson, who interacted little with people in her later life, knew the power of universally human themes. Who can't recognize the desperate pain of "Heart, we will forget him!" for example?

Viewing creativity through a lens of psychological skepticism ruins its power and beauty. Instead of emphasizing the instability of creative minds, whether supposed or proven, the basic sense of these creators should be recognized — the sense that tells them connecting with an audience is necessary to convey their ideas.

COLLEGE TO CAREER

Elon seniors graduating on May 23 face one of the worst job markets in years, with increasing unemployment and fewer job openings.

Since the recession began in December 2007, 5.7 million jobs have been lost, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported May 8. In April, private-sector employment fell by 611,000 jobs.

The number of unemployed persons increased by 563,000 to 13.7 million in April, and the unemployment rate rose to 8.9 percent, according to the bureau's latest household survey.

Reuters reported 63 percent of graduating seniors surveyed April 1 said they were worried about finding a job.

A voluntary online Pendulum survey of 40 graduating seniors conducted May 6 – 11 found 60 percent of respondents said the economy affected their post-graduation plans.

"I had originally intended to move to Boston to find a job," said senior journalism major Bethany Swanson of Bethesda, Md. "Because of the

economy, I can't move away without a job, and I've found it very hard to find places that are even willing to interview someone who will have to relocate."

Swanson plans to move back home and find a job in Washington.

"At this point, I'll probably be staying in Washington for a while," Swanson said. "I'm finding more jobs are available in the district than anywhere else."

Of the seniors surveyed, 17 said they had career-related jobs lined up after graduation, while nine said they would be job hunting.

Employers expect to hire 22 percent fewer new graduates from the class of 2009 than they hired from the class of 2008, according to the Job Outlook 2009 Spring Update, a study conducted by the National Association of Colleges and Employers Feb. 9 – 28 among NACE member organizations. NACE surveyed more than 16,500 graduating seniors nationwide between Feb. 19 and April 30.

"More than two-thirds of employers said the economic situation forced them to reevaluate their college hiring plans, and nearly all of those said they have decreased their planned number of hires,"

said NACE Executive Director M

The drop in hiring this year ends new college graduates dating back

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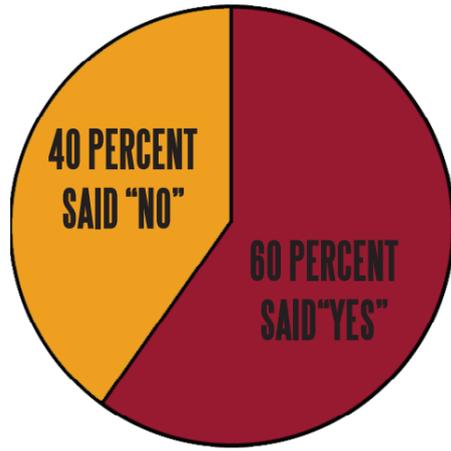
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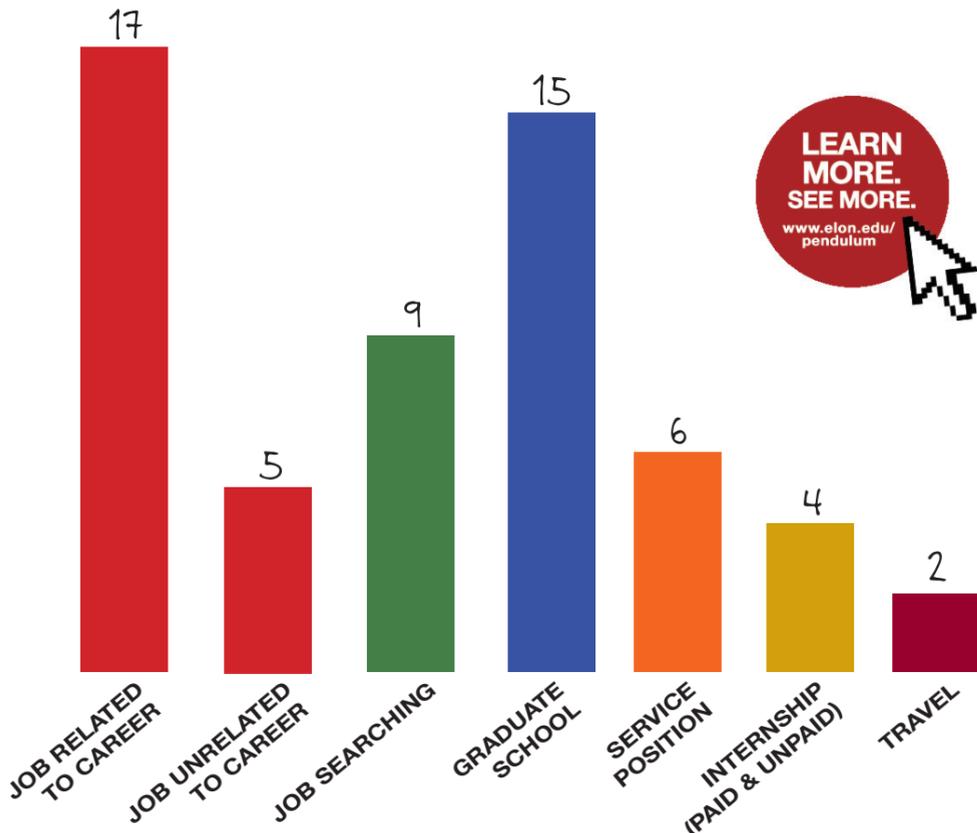
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PENDULUM POLL RESULTS

"Has the economy affected your post-graduation plans?"



"WHAT ARE YOUR IMMEDIATE POST-ELON PLANS? CHECK ALL THAT APPLY."



INFORMATION COMPILED FROM A VOLUNTARY ONLINE PENDULUM SURVEY OF 40 GRADUATING SENIORS CONDUCTED MAY 6 – 11.

Graduating seniors discuss

DANIEL BROWN

Biology
Hickory, N.C.



Selected as one of four students to participate in the Integrated Toxicology and Environmental Health Program at Duke University, Brown will receive full tuition, health care and a \$26,650 annual stipend for the average five years it will take to complete his Ph.D.

"I didn't have to win a fellowship," Brown said. "I didn't get an award. I applied directly to my program."

Brown said science-related Ph.D. programs still have substantial funding, but also said the sciences aren't insulated from the current economic slide.

In previous years, Duke extended as many as eight to 10 ITEHP fellowships, but this year could afford just four, Brown said.

"Go into the sciences, especially if you hope to do graduate-level research," Brown advised underclassmen. "If you are accepted into a science-related graduate program, it will likely be fully funded."

Brown said he would ultimately like to teach, but depending on the economy, he will either work in academia or business.

JENNIFER HILTWINE

English
Sterling, Va.



Hiltwine has applied for writing a jobs "wherever they are available graduation, she plans to move intensify her job search.

"Originally, I wanted to go directly into a city, find a job, find an apartment," Hiltwine said.

The job market changed that. "My parents are really supportive and open their home and help me out until I'm down two feet," she said.

The London-based publication Hiltwine with in spring 2008 focuses on international in the U.S. and is funding a trip to the Association of International Educators' in Los Angeles May 24-29. While there, she hopes to network and possibly get a job.

"My ideal job in the perfect world would be at a magazine publishing company," Hiltwine said. "I'm not above starting somewhere small and growing from there."

Hiltwine encouraged underclassmen to take the most of their time at Elon.

MAGGIE ZIMMERMAN

International & Environmental Studies
St. Charles, Ill.



Zimmerman will be working for Lutheran Volunteer Corps, most likely in Minneapolis, as a family advocate for those in low-income housing or as an emergency case manager in a homeless shelter. LVC partners with volunteers and social justice programs in 12 cities across the nation.

"The market for service programs has become more competitive, because more people are applying for short-term service positions," Zimmerman said. "So I am having a harder time getting the positions I originally wanted."

As an undergraduate, Zimmerman worked in Elon University's Kernodle Center for Service Learning and with the Burlington Housing Authority.

"Being able to say I had a lot of leadership experience within communities helped me when I was applying for jobs," Zimmerman said.

Zimmerman said she hopes to eventually work at a university in student life or study abroad.

She advised underclassmen to get involved in activities that set them apart from the crowd.

CALEB BEYER

Business Administration
New Bern, N.C.



After graduation, Beyer will work for a sales associate in the Bridgestone Retail Firestone stores.

"This one really came down to networking," Beyer said. "My grandfather put in a lot of time with Bridgestone/Firestone."

Beyer said the current economic conditions are making it difficult to find jobs because many companies are not hiring.

"I was going through the interview process for a position at Bridgestone Corporate Sales, and it was well," he said. "They were going to have a second round of interviews, but they were unable to do so because of the economy. They weren't going to be able to hire as many people as they had hoped."

Beyer advised underclassmen to take advantage of internships to get an in with companies that could potentially transpire into a job.

"Perseverance in seeking jobs is very important," he said.



Class of 2009 graduates plan for rocky starts in an increasingly jobless market

By Hannah Williams
Special Projects Editor

Marilyn Mackes in a press release. As a string of positive hiring reports for 2008 to 2004, according to the NACE. Employers responding to the NACE survey are cutting hiring plans for fall 2009, and 17 percent of employers plan further college hiring cutbacks. Students planned to attend graduate school will have to attend graduate school all along, not just when the job market went south. Some students made graduate school more appealing, like the student who plans to attend Elon's Master of Science program beginning this summer. Another student, a history major from Maple Glen, Pa., plans to attend graduate school so she can start finding a job or paying back loans.

"I don't really think you should do this unless you know what you want to go back to school for," Fitzgerald said. NACE's 2009 Student Survey found 19.7 percent of 2009 graduates who applied for jobs have secured one, compared to 51 percent of 2007 and 26 percent of 2008 graduates, respectively. "People just have to work that much harder to get jobs," Elon economics professor Steve DeLoach said. "People are going to have to change their expectations. They're going to be lucky to get a job." According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the percentage of unemployed persons 20- to 24- years old in April 2009 was 14.7 percent, compared to 8.3 percent of people 20-years-old and older overall. In April 2008, 9 percent of 20- to 24-year-olds were unemployed and 4.5 percent of those 20 years old and older were unemployed. Fitzgerald quoted her dad's advice for others still searching: "Just find a job. Don't beat yourself up about it."

Class post-Elon plans, share advice



EMILY KAMISCHKE
Broadcast Communications
Severna Park, Md.



CALEB TABOR
Religious Studies
Efland, N.C.



and editorial board. After returning home and finding a job – find a job, Hiltwine said. "I'm excited to get up on my feet and be a part of the team." Hiltwine interned at the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) Conference in Washington, D.C. Hiltwine said she would be with the company, she said. "I'm excited to be moving up and to be a part of the team."

Kamischke will join AmeriCorps Volunteers in Service to America and serve as the VISTA for the UNC Greensboro through North Carolina Campus Compact, an organization headquartered at Elon University that is committed to collaborating to increase campus-wide participation in community and public service.

Kamischke said her career goal is to attend graduate school for higher education student development and eventually be involved in service learning at a university on the staff level. For each year of AmeriCorps VISTA service she gives she will receive an education credit.

AmeriCorps VISTA recently received \$65 million in additional funding as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 Corporation for National and Community Service. With these funds, the VISTA program said it plans to recruit up to an additional 3,000 full time VISTA members.

"AmeriCorps is a great option for any graduating seniors who don't already have a job," Kamischke said. "It's a stable option with stable funding."

Tabor plans to attend Emory University in Atlanta to pursue his master's of divinity, which will take about three years to complete, before becoming an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ.

Tabor said he planned on going to graduate school prior to the economic downturn.

"If you have a degree in religious studies and you only have a bachelors degree, then you're not going to go very far," he said.

Tabor said his friends who are searching for jobs are having a difficult time finding stable, long-term positions.

"It is kind of a relief that I'm going (to graduate school), but it's an unfortunate situation, so I'm not really happy," he said. "I don't feel like I won anything or that I lucked out that I was going to go anyway."

Tabor advised underclassmen to consider graduate school as an option after leaving Elon.

"If it's something you enjoy, you'll just further your knowledge of something you're already interested in, and that's always a good thing," he said.



COLLEEN MCCARTHY
Mathematics
Newark, Del.



OLIVIA HUBERT-ALLEN
Journalism & Political Science
Elon, N.C.



full time as a member of the Operations' team. "I'm excited to be working for the company," he said. "I'm excited to be working for the company."

McCarthy plans to earn her Ph.D. in applied mathematics at North Carolina State University. McCarthy's tuition was waived, and she will receive an annual stipend for working as a teaching assistant.

"I was always planning on attending graduate school immediately after graduation," McCarthy said. "It worked out because the job market is so bad, but it did not change my plans."

McCarthy said she has seen less financial aid awarded for graduate programs. Her mother also took a 10 percent pay cut this year, which made financial aid all the more important in her graduate school decision, she said.

"If I hadn't received financial aid, I would have probably looked for a job rather than be attending graduate school," McCarthy said.

She recommended graduate school or service programs like Teach for America and the Peace Corps as job alternatives until the market recovers.

"Be smart with your money and do not stress about the job market," McCarthy said. "Be open to other options besides your ideal job."

"After graduation, I have literally no idea what I'm going to do the next day," said Hubert-Allen, who is waiting to hear back from a couple potential employers.

She said she is looking for jobs in print and online journalism, preferably news.

"It's a little hard to read headlines about how unemployment is going up and there aren't many jobs," Hubert-Allen said. "It's hard to be a graduate this year."

Hubert-Allen works part-time at Smitty's Ice Cream, saving money in case it takes longer than anticipated to find a job.

"The cookie dough distributor who supplies the cookie dough to Smitty's Ice Cream went out of business, so we haven't had any for eight weeks," Hubert-Allen said. "It's kind of bumming me out."

She remains optimistic, even while facing an uncertain future without cookie dough ice cream.

"Life will work out," Hubert-Allen said. "Things will be okay. Have fun while you don't have too many responsibilities."

HOW TO FIND A JOB

Tips to securing a position in 2009 despite employers' hiring cutbacks

DON'T WAIT

"Be proactive in your search starting as soon as possible," said Paige Hannah, a senior majoring in international business. "It is never too early to make contacts and start having job-related discussions."

Once you start looking, don't postpone responding to job listings.

"When I post opportunities or questions, I am always most impressed and intrigued by the person who responds first," wrote college-to-career expert Lindsey Pollak on Monster.com.

INTERN

"More than three-quarters of employers told us they prefer to hire candidates with relevant work experience," said Marilyn Mackes, National Association of Colleges and Employers executive director, citing internships as such experience.

Interning also gives students a foot in the door, as many seniors noted in response to a voluntarily online Pendulum survey about their post-graduate plans.

NETWORK

"Exhaust every means necessary to look for jobs and use networking," said senior business administration major Caleb Beyer.

Pollack recommended sending out graduation announcements with the following message: "I'm excited to share the news that I've graduated. I'm in the process of job hunting and would be grateful for any advice you have or introductions you'd be willing to make."

MARKET YOURSELF

Nearly 70 percent of employers taking part in 2009 NACE's Job Outlook survey said they screen candidates based on GPA, and most said the cutoff is a 3.0 or a "B" average.

Other attributes employers said they prize most include communication skills, a strong work ethic, teamwork and initiative, according to the study.

GO ONLINE AND OFFLINE

"Give yourself a Web presence (like a personal Web site or blog) where people can find out more about you," said Olivia Hubert-Allen, a senior majoring in journalism and political science at Elon.

Using new networking tools is great, but don't neglect person-to-person contact, which is often more meaningful, Pollak said.

"It's crucial that you set up live phone calls or coffee dates, attend 'meet-ups,' job fairs and conferences and send snail mail notes to people who help you," Pollak wrote.

BE CREATIVE

"Apply to a lot of different things, even if it's not exactly what you thought you would be looking for," said Jennifer Hiltwine, an Elon senior majoring in English. "Nothing is ever permanent, so even if you have to start at the bottom doing something you didn't anticipate doing after four years of college, you can always look for something new or work your way up to be doing what you always thought you would."

Elon Career Services exists to help Elon students and alumni map a strategic career plan and develop the necessary tools and connections to meet their career goals.

STAY POSITIVE

"Don't worry too much," said Kimberly Ludlam, an Elon senior and broadcast communications major. "What goes down will eventually go back up!"

Keeping an upbeat attitude is important to making good impressions as you interview for positions as well.

"Don't be so focused on immediately finding your dream job," said Lauren France, a senior majoring in music and corporate communications who is taking time off between college and job searching to intern and travel. "Jobs will always be there, but you're only young once."

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- ENTERING CORPORATE AMERICA
- JOINING A SERVICE GROUP
- ATTENDING GRADUATE SCHOOL
- SEARCHING FOR A JOB

Style



ABOVE AND RIGHT: Not only children enjoyed the rides. Adults were seen up in the clouds, too.



(left to right) Kayla, age 10, and Hailey Korzekwinski, age 8, squeal in fright as they plummet down one of the 25 rides featured at the fair.

FUN at the FAIR

Photos and story by Angie Lovelace
Staff Photographer

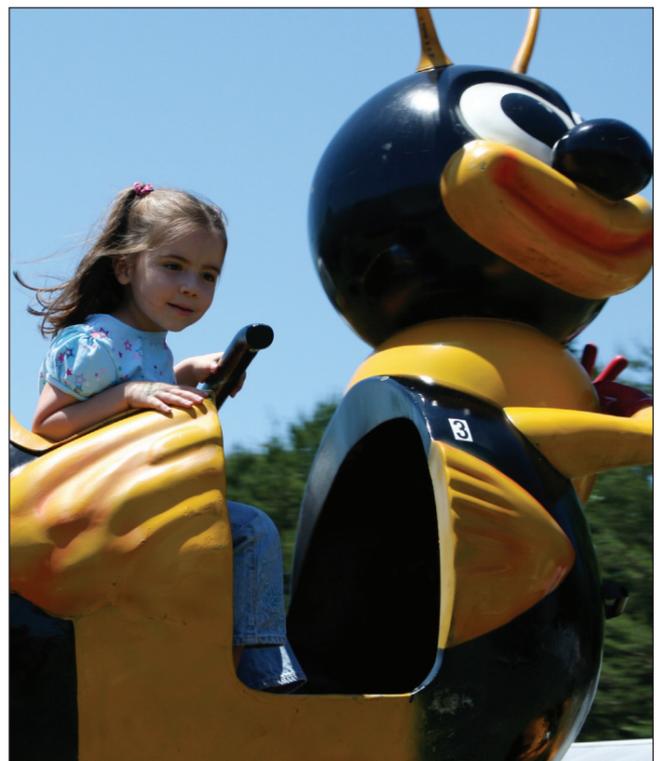
Giant swings, flying elephants, bumper cars, fried dough and more attracted people to the Alamance County Fair last week. The fair was held at the fairgrounds off of Belmont Mt. Hermon Road.

People came from all over Alamance County Tuesday through Sunday to twist their stomachs and test their fears on the amusement rides.

The 25 rides, many of which were for younger children, were complimented by food, art, crafts and other exhibits for people of every age to enjoy.



Zooming along the make-believe speedway, a toddler looks for his parents.



Kelsey Tompkins, age 5, enjoys her easy-going ride during one of the sunnier days of the festival.

PERFORMANCE REVIEW



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Senior Allie Lochary plays the main character in "I Live Here," a multisensory and multimedia presentation featuring acting and dance.

A different side of dance

VIBE concert effectively integrates performance and multimedia

Rachel Cieri
Features Editor

Dance is not just dancing anymore.

It's eight lamps of different sizes sans the lampshades. It's a paint-splattered pattern that changes colors according to the mood. It's silly faces and Christmas lights and live video streaming from all angles.

Dance is much more than just dancing, as the audience of VIBE, Elon's spring dance concert, learned this weekend.

The show started simply with "Breath of Fire," choreographed by guest artist Laura Dean, which did not yet reveal the show's true nature. The white costumes against the black curtain were reminiscent of a kaleidoscope with the dance's symmetrical movements.

But each dance became more complex as the show wore on.

As usual, Elon's dance department never lacks creativity, but some of the show's pieces could have done with a bit more explanation. On the concert's program, several of the pieces are "explained" with quotations, but that is not enough for the average audience member.

Most mainstream entertainment dance pieces feature a story or a theme to draw in audiences who are not dance experts, and while the VIBE pieces are for learning purposes first and foremost, parents and friends of the dancers need a little help understanding.

During a piece titled "Adhere, Activate, Roll Tether" by adjunct assistant dance professor Amy Beasley, dancers go through slow repetitive movements while dressed in simple outfits of black and gray, the music adding nothing but ambience and a few mechanical noises in the background. The quote describing the piece simply offers mention of "a literal anatomy and a poetic anatomy." Although Beasley obviously had an artistic vision that she shared with the dancers, the audience is lost on what in the world each of these elements has to do with one another.

A less artistic, comical dance called "Snapshots!" by associate professor of dance Jane Wellford was a crowd favorite. Opening with a backdrop of silly photos for each scene, the nine

dancers in the ensemble portrayed different aspects, or "snapshots," of life. All the while they make faces and strike poses that one might see while flipping through a photo album.

But the highlight of the performance did not come until the end, with the long-awaited project called "I Live Here."

This project is unlike anything audiences have seen before. Described as "multisensory" by choreographer assistant professor of dance Lauren Kearns, a better word for the project would be "multimedia."

After nearly-empty stages for most of the dances, "I Live Here" opened with the façade of a house, complete with bay windows looking in on a cello quartet. On one side of the house pre-recorded video was projected, depicting the dancers and the piece's narrator in various outdoor settings. Above the house, another screen showed a live feed of the dance from various angles, as well as close-ups of the musicians behind the windows.

The narrator, senior Carin Metzger, began by describing her intellectual and emotional experiences in poetic terms, with key phrases highlighted on the screens. All the while, black-and-white nature scenes were projected on the walls of the theater next to the audience. With the narrator's words, suddenly the title of the piece makes sense.

"I live ... here," Metzger said, motioning first to her head and then to her heart.

The dancers, in their filmy, gray dresses, seemed to be representations of various stages in the narrator's life.

Senior Allie Lochary played the main character, while senior Elizabeth McBride, sophomore Kara Griffin and junior Caitlyn Juengel danced as the memories that live in the narrator's head and heart.

The dance became somewhat like the CNN effect — there was so much going on that the audience did not know what to look at first. It was easy to find oneself staring into the prerecorded video projection instead of watching the live dance, simply because the recording was projected largest. The dance itself, like the rest of the show, was beautiful and relatable — just as long as one took the time to sift through the other elements to find it.

Cinelon film festival hits big screen tonight

Laura Wainman
Senior Reporter

For 10 Elon students, the dream of seeing their film on the big screen will come true at 7:30 p.m. tonight, as Cinelon hosts its third annual Student Film Festival at the Carousel Cinemas in Alamance Crossing. The festival has previously been held at the Paramount Theater in downtown Burlington, but the theater was booked solid through May.

"We are very excited to be holding the festival at the Carousel, especially since they have a brand new digital projector that greatly enhances the quality of student films," Cinelon vice president Amy Reitnouer said.

Reitnouer took on the role of vice president specifically so she could run the film festival. After having attended multiple festivals around the state, including some where her own films were shown, she said she had the feeling there could be a lot more to Elon's festival.

"I really want to revamp this year's festival and, in turn,

reshape the Cinelon club as a whole," Reitnouer said. "I had seen the standard that was set and knew we could be aiming higher."

This year's festival received a wide variety of submissions, including narratives, documentaries, a few experimental films, music videos and even a commercial.

"As Elon's film department is growing in size, and (the) recognition it receives is increasing, the level of achievement seen in student films is rising," Reitnouer said.

For senior Billy Cahill, entering his film titled, "A Slice of Key Lime Pie," was an opportunity to expand his film experience before leaving Elon in a few weeks. He describes himself as a screenwriter who wants to try directing a film.

"I did the film outside of any class," Cahill said. "It was something for my friends and me to see if we could do it on our own without the influencing hand of a professor. The festival is a great opportunity for filmmakers. We now have a forum to

screen our films to our fellow students and to the public. A lot of time, effort and soul go into every film, and it's important for us to share this hard work."

Junior Andy Newman entered his music video to the Rusted Root song "Send Me on My Way" in the hopes that audiences will want to see more from him and his film family.

"Film is the greatest artistic medium to work with since we are now at the advent of an opening into the cinema world," Newman said. "Almost anyone can make something of themselves if they want it enough."

Carousel Cinemas is charging a special \$2 admissions fee and has discounted the price of the concessions for the evening to make it easier for students to attend and support their classmates.

"This is an opportunity to see the films of potential future stars that you do not want to miss," Reitnouer said. "Plus, it is just going to be a fun night at the movies before the craziness of exams begins."

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MOVIE PREVIEWS

Top summer blockbuster picks



Alexa Milan
Managing Editor

SHE SAID

returns for his sixth year at Hogwarts, he learns more about Voldemort's (Ralph Fiennes) past so he can gain the tools to defeat him. As paranoia about the impending war grows, Harry and his friends also start finding love. This film looks to balance comedy, drama and intense action sequences. It has the potential to surpass "Prisoner of Azkaban" and become the best movie in the series so far.

2. "Funny People" (July 31)

Based on the trailer for the latest film from director Judd Apatow, "Funny People" will still have its hilarious moments, but will likely lean on the more dramatic side than "The 40-Year-Old Virgin" and "Knocked Up" did. The film follows stand-up comedian George Simmons (Adam Sandler), who reevaluates his life and his relationships when he learns he has a terminal illness. Apatow mainstays Seth Rogen and Leslie Mann play George's protégé and the girl that got away, respectively. Early buzz surrounding the film lauds it as potentially Oscar-worthy, so "Funny People" should please audiences and critics alike.

1. "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince" (July 15)

If the latest trailer is any indication, the penultimate installment in the "Harry Potter" franchise promises to be the most epic yet. As Harry (Daniel Radcliffe)

3. "Away We Go" (June 5)

"Revolutionary Road" director Sam Mendes turns to more comedic fare than his typical films with this little movie about a couple expecting their first child who travel the country trying to find the perfect place to live. This should be a charming, feel-good film with a strong cast. "The Office's" John Krasinski and "Saturday Night Live's" Maya Rudolph star in the lead roles, with strong supporting players in Allison Janney, Jeff Daniels and Maggie Gyllenhaal.

4. "Up" (May 29)

It will be hard for Pixar to live up to the prestige of last summer's "WALL-E," but "Up," the studio's latest film, appears to be a fun and adventurous family-friendly comedy. The first movie from director Pete Docter since "Monsters, Inc." tells the story of Carl Fredrickson (Edward Asner), who decides to see the world from the comfort of his own home by attaching thousands of balloons to his house. "Up" will be very different from "WALL-E," but with characters like Russell (Jordan Nagai), a boy scout who stows away with Carl, and Dug, a dog with a talking collar that translates his thoughts, this movie should still be a Pixar classic.

5. "Taking Woodstock" (Aug. 14)

This dramedy from "Brokeback Mountain" director Ang Lee should be a refreshing change from the slew of comedy and action blockbusters coming out this summer. "Taking Woodstock" is the true story of Elliot Tiber (Demetri Martin), who offers up his family's motel and the surrounding land as the location for the Woodstock Festival of 1969. This movie offers viewers an interesting true story and a top-notch cast that includes Liev Schreiber ("Wolverine"), Emile Hirsch ("Into the Wild") and Jeffrey Dean Morgan ("Watchmen").



Adam Constantine
Film Critic

HE SAID

Dillinger, who became infamous for his incredibly fast raids on banks, is the No. 1 target on the FBI's Most Wanted list. This film will not only follow him to his capture but through his escape as well. For any Depp fan, this is going to be an excellent movie in which he showcases his stellar acting talent. If new to Depp, then be prepared for a character that will match very few others that have preceded him.

3. "Up" (May 29)

Pixar. Pixar. Pixar. The day they crank out a flop is the day movie studios will shut down. This CGI film follows the latter part of a balloon salesman's life, one that finally frees him from regular society. But he brings along with him a kid that will make him rethink his life altogether. This is one of those movies that will appeal to anyone who goes to see it. Whether it is a child or whole family that goes, this is a movie

1. "Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen" (June 24)

Megan Fox.

Ok, next movie.

2. "Public Enemies" (July 1)

Johnny Depp plays the notorious American gangster John Dillinger, who operated during one of the biggest crime waves of the 1930s.

that does not have much possibility of failing.

4. "Taking of Pelham 1 2 3" (June 12)

There are two elements that are going to make this movie either very good or very interesting. The first is that it is a remake of the 1979 classic, so the plot should not be lacking in any substance. The second is John Travolta as a rugged villain in this film. Whether it's because of his handlebar mustache or not, this movie could take some very interesting turns. The biggest name in this film? Denzel Washington. Washington returns to the big screen (at his usual price tag of \$20 million per film) as Lt. Zachary Garber, who is a New York City Transit Authority policeman who must negotiate the safety of the passengers on a hijacked plane.

5. "G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra" (Aug. 7)

This is the summer of older heroes coming back to life on the big screen. Dennis Quaid joins Channing Tatum to bring the childhood hero of G.I. Joe to life in the battle against the Cobra. The trailer, which debuted during the Super Bowl, has brought major positive buzz to the rugged squadron. This movie will rely heavily on special effects, as most of the action sequences will not only be highly advanced as far as the technology goes, but most likely utterly impossible for humans to actually do in real life. If this movie has a decent plot, it should be a success this August.



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From desolation to destination

Burlington's historic mill village lives again

Rachel Cieri
Features Editor

Before the 1950s, it was a booming mill town. By the 1980s, the neighborhood was the scene of drug deals and homeless squatters. Now Glencoe Mill Village, located about five miles north of Burlington, is the home of a charming and diverse community that has added \$10 million to the local economy.

Myrick Howard, executive director of Preservation North Carolina, has seen the change from the beginning. Preservation North Carolina, a private non-profit organization, began considering the area in the 1980s but saw its challenges as simply too large to overcome.

"At that point, it was way bigger than we could have handled," Howard said.

In 1995, the group completed the restoration of a mill village in Edenton, N.C., that saw tremendous success.

"The houses sold extremely well," he said. "We thought maybe we could try again."

Glencoe Mill Village was vacated in the 1950s, after the cotton mill started by James and William Holt became defunct in 1954.

When they first bought the property, Preservation North Carolina found the houses in extremely poor condition. Out of the 32 houses still standing in the village, only one was legitimately occupied.

"When I say extremely poor condition, I'm used to dealing with vacant houses and renovations," Howard said. "Some had no windows. Some had porches lying on the ground. One had fallen completely off its foundation. One had an oak tree that had fallen in the middle of the roof."

The organization began selling the properties for about \$30,000 each, but the price amounted more from the value of the land and infrastructure than from the home on the land.

"The difference between a lot with a house and a lot without a house was almost nothing," Howard said.

Even with the desolate conditions of the homes and the neighborhood, the properties flew off the market. Preservation North Carolina set up stringent restrictions for the changes that future homeowners in the village could make to their houses, which gave buyers confidence that the neighborhood would stay quaint and charming.

Houses in Glencoe Mill Village cannot be expanded beyond 30 percent of their original size, and the materials from which the houses are built must all be the same.

"All the houses there look alike," Howard said. "Fifty years from now, we want it to still have the feeling of there being a lot of uniformity."

In fact, there are 14 identical houses still standing.

Similarly, all the new houses that are built in the village must look like the rest. Preservation North Carolina is trying to keep the neighborhood's historic significance rather than change it altogether. There is only one lot in the entire village that has not been sold.

The insides of the houses, though, are a different story.

The owners of the houses were responsible for completing each of the renovations themselves, and in return they were given North Carolina tax credit.

Many of the owners have personalized their homes to fit their needs, giving the houses' historic characters a modern twist. One house even features a bathtub as the centerpiece of a bedroom.

On Saturday, May 16, the village will offer an open tour for visitors to see the changes in this now bustling neighborhood. The draw here was the community feel that can be hard to come by in modern neighborhoods.

"Villages can be charming," Howard said. "They're walkable and street-oriented. They're modest in size, but it's a nice layout."

BEFORE AND AFTER



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Before Preservation North Carolina acquired this home in Glencoe Mill Village in 1997, it was completely uninhabitable. The house had no remaining windows or doors, and it was overgrown with brush.



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Today, the same home has been renovated by its new owner. While much of the home is now made of new materials, it retains its original structure and character. An addition on the back makes the home more livable.



CAMILLE DeMERE | Photographer
About seven professors participated in Alpha Phi Omega's pie your professor event Tuesday at College Coffee. The program worked to raise money and awareness for Doctors Without Borders.

No secrets, just tradition

Red Oak Brewery offers tasting tours, visitors sample a North Carolina staple

Krista Montes de Oca
Reporter

Tradition at its finest, a whirlpool and a brew master whose knowledge is endless. Red Oak Brewery, at exit 138 off Interstate 40, offers more than just a taste of locally brewed beer.

"We do it the traditional way," said Chris Buckley, brew master at Red Oak Brewery. "We only use three ingredients: malted barley, hops and water."

Other breweries use additional ingredients like rice, corn, sugar and fruits. Red Oak also strictly follows the 1516 Law of Purity that states "real beer" is only supposed to be made from those three ingredients, plus yeast, if they so choose.

Red Oak Brewery is the maker of Red Oak, Hummin' Bird and Battlefield Beers. These are sold at all three bars in Elon and in many restaurants in the surrounding area.

But this company didn't start out only as a brewery. It made its way from a bar and grill in Greensboro in 1980 to a brew pub before becoming a brewery.

Red Oak caters to a wide range of taste preferences, offering beers in sweet and bitter flavors and a lager that might remind some of coffee and chocolate. Red Oak is one of the sweeter beers, and

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Tours for patrons 21 and older are offered at 3 p.m. every Friday.

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Hummin' Bird is more bittersweet, Buckley said.

The tours, offered at 3 p.m. on Fridays, have been running since the brewery opened nearly two years ago. College students, locals and people from farther away come to see what this brewery is all about.

"I wasn't so interested about how the beer was made," said Katherine Troxler, an Elon senior who was one of the 45 people present last Friday to take the tour. "I wanted to see what this brewery was all about. Their beer is good, and I wanted to see the place in action."

To attain the sensational, sweet or bitter taste of beer, the Red Oak crew must dedicate hours to preparing the soon-to-be kegs.

"We don't use filters for our beer like other breweries do," Buckley said. "The filters remove

the yeast and protein, therefore it's not as wholesome. We don't want to take the good, healthier parts of the beer out."

The lack of filters isn't the only aspect of the company that distinguishes it from the competition. Red Oak ferments its beer while it's cold rather than warm, the way one might with ales. The brewing process is complex, but this difference is significant.

"Instead of brewing our lager, Battlefield, over six days like most companies do, ours takes eight weeks," Buckley said. "It's more rich, and we want to make sure it's done right."

Fermenting in colder temperature keeps the by-products and flavor in the beer, making hangovers less noticeable the next morning, he said.

The packaging room gives the tour-goer the chance to see how the kegs are filled and to see the walk-in freezer where the beers are stored. After the packaging room, it's time to taste what's been made.

"We do this career out of passion," Buckley said. "It's not something we do for the money. To be honest, it's not a money-making business. But we love what we do anyways, so it makes my job enjoyable."

'Do you know the muffin man?'

Coffee shop employee Eddie Talley brings fun to campus food



Talley said the customer interaction makes it worthwhile to work evening shifts.

ASHLEY BARNAS | Photographer

Brandon Marshall
Reporter

Most regular customers at Acorn coffee shop knows Eddie Talley, the talkative evening worker. If the variety of deli sandwiches and bubbly beverages isn't enough, Eddie adds his own flavor to the coffee house.

"I've been here since 2006," he said. "There's nothing that I can't do, you know, and there is a lot of the time, you know, that it's left up to me to do it. This is a coffee shop and a social area."

Born and raised in Alamance County on the other side of Haw River, Talley has seen many changes around the Elon and Burlington area. Since he started work, he's made a name for himself through his expressive personality and eager service.

His southern drawl kicks in with each new face he meets. If he doesn't know your name, he'll call you "buddy, or "honey, or "sweetheart" if you're a girl.

"I'm a happy person," Talley said. "I don't hold grudges, neither. I'm the type of person that may get mad with you one minute and then forget it the next minute. Holding grudges is a waste of time. It's a waste of energy."

He spends most of his energy caring for his job, parents, sister and everyone else around him.

"That's the biggest part of my job, is the students," Talley said.

And he does what he can to make them laugh.

"I tease them — that's all I do," he said. "I look for facial expressions. Some just don't pay me no attention. They'll come through the door and I'll say, 'Oh we just closed.' It's more of me joking and cuttin' up."

For this, his co-workers jokingly call him "crazy."

During operating hours, his free-spirited antics and phrases like, "Meghan! You're the next contestant on the Price is Right!" are what make him enjoy the closing hour duties of vacuuming, rolling up carpets and turning chairs on tabletops.

"Far as couples, I pick on them," Talley said. "I try to speak to everyone,

you probably notice that.

I try to speak to everyone, I mean, I'm just that type of person. That's my biggest enjoyment, getting smiles off of people, cutting up with people," he said.

Any visitor who is unfamiliar with his personality will soon be able to recognize the color he brings to the black coffee and mustard-colored work uniforms.

He isn't afraid to speak his mind.

"I am open to who I am," he said. "Look at me and tell me who I am." He stops vacuuming and points to his rainbow-colored necklace and belt.

"My story is very simple," he said. "I stayed in the closet for 30 years until I came out in June of 2004. Before then I was scared, just like a whole lot of other LGBT people that walk right here on this campus. June of 2004, I decided I'm not going to be scared no more. By December of 2004 I was pretty much out. I accepted myself for who I was."

Outside of the coffee shop, Talley lives with his cat in a home he moved into last September.

"He's crazy," he said. "He has his own room. Probably the only cat in Alamance County that has its own room."

Before mixing smoothies and yelling students' orders over the counter, Talley used to yell behind the microphone.

"There's another side of me that nobody sees until I get behind my microphone," Talley said. "I was involved with racing from about age 10 to (the year) 2001. I sold programs from about 13 or 14 at the race track, and then when I turned 18 I got involved with public address."

He stayed involved with public address until he started his deejay services in 2001.

Whether or not it's in his North Carolinian genes to be so social, Talley is never hesitant to share his thoughts. He said he is unafraid to speak his mind and shows the greatest sense of compassion for himself, co-workers and students of Elon.

"People are all about this," he said as he pointed to his head, "and not all about this," as he placed his hand on his heart.

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- Eddie Talley
ARAMARK EMPLOYEE

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Customers can always count on Talley to greet them with a smile.

ASHLEY BARNAS | Photographer

Clubs4Kids provides unique bonding experience

Students form bonds with faculty, staff through teaching children about sports

Michelle Longo
Online Programs Director

Sports teams are often built upon the premise of unity. They work as one, they practice as one and they play as one.

When senior Krista Montes de Oca got involved with Elon's club sports program her freshman year, she thought about how that should apply to not only every club sport team, but to the program and the university as a whole.

"I felt there were some things that could be changed," Montes de Oca said. "I wanted to get more involved, so I ran for vice president and by senior year I was president. That gave me more leeway to change things."

One of her big changes was the implementation of a program Montes de Oca calls Clubs4Kids.

"My main goal was to unify the teams," Montes de Oca said. "There are about 20 teams in the organization, but they are each their own team and only do their own sport."

Clubs4Kids was Montes de Oca's solution to a persistent unity problem in club sports, as well as a perceived lack of unity with the members of the university.

As part of the program, every first Saturday of the month, two different club sports teams put on a 90-minute program for Elon faculty and staff



Members of the men's club lacrosse team hosted Clubs4Kids in the beginning of April. Children of Elon faculty and staff came out for a morning of learning and playing.

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children. Members from both teams play their respective sports with the children — whether it is introducing them to a lacrosse stick, helping them shoot a basketball or just being there as a playmate.

"I wanted to establish a more in-depth

relationship with the staff, especially the people behind the scenes like Physical Plant," Montes de Oca said. "It's a chance for faculty and staff to get together with students and really form a relationship that way."

Clubs4Kids has happened three times

this year. Once with the basketball and volleyball teams, again with the soccer and lacrosse teams and two weeks ago with the swim and waterski clubs.

The women's soccer and the men's and women's lacrosse teams took to the intramural fields in the beginning of April for their morning of fun with the kids.

Although it was the first time many of the children had ever picked up a lacrosse stick, Shannon Crawford, women's lacrosse president, said it couldn't have gone better.

"The way the younger boys looked up to the older boys on the team was amazing," Crawford said. "The way they would look at one little thing and try to be exactly like them. One kid even changed his name for the day to sound more like one of the older kids. They looked up to them so much. That was the best part of it."

Although Montes de Oca is a senior, she said the program will live on after her. She has already added it to the club sports constitution, placing the responsibility of the program on the next executive committee and president.

"I think it is important because it's a very different program than what Elon is used to," Montes de Oca said. "There is not another program like this for faculty and staff and I hope people take advantage of the opportunity."

Packing up for summer

Too much stuff to truck all the way home? Apartment lease inconveniently start in June? If your belongings need a place to call home this summer, the community offers plenty of options.



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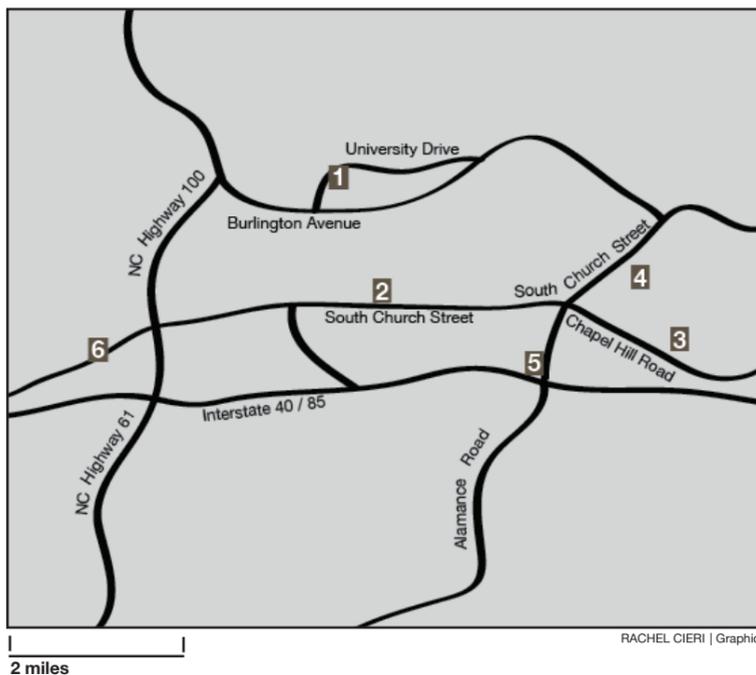
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Losing their religion

Students find difficulty balancing faith and school once they hit college

Sarah Costello
Reporter

The jump from home to college is a difficult transition for most students and balancing class work with social life and adjusting to new schedules often forces students to reevaluate their priorities.

Many arrive on campus eager to practice their faith as they did at home, and then discover the difficulties involved with the new surroundings and responsibilities.

Other students are happy to leave home to find something new and different.

According to the Registrar's Report for the 2009 spring semester, the majority of Elon students have religious backgrounds. The largest church denomination on campus is Catholicism, with 21 percent of students professing an affiliation with the Catholic Church.

"Christians" make up 9.5 percent of the population, followed by Methodists, Presbyterians, Baptists, Episcopalians and Jews.

Only 4.1 percent of Elon students claimed to have no religious preference.

Despite the broad range of church denominations and Christians on campus, many students find it difficult to continue practicing their faith as they did at home.

Sophomore Robert Wohner was raised in a Baptist home, but has found it difficult to be as active in church because of the busyness of college life.

"My (involvement in church) is definitely less because I've got a lot of things on my mind and other priorities," Wohner said. "You go to college to experience new things. I expect that when I'm older

I'm still going to be a Christian."

Wohner says Christianity is his foundation, but not necessarily his priority right now.

But some other students have completely opposing opinions. Freshman Sarah Bean was raised in a Catholic home.

"It was like (Catholicism) was chosen for me, but I don't mind it," said Bean, who has been a devout Catholic for most of her life.

Religion is a priority for Bean, who has experienced some difficulty finding Catholic friends on campus.

"It's hard to find other people that have the same beliefs as you," Bean said. "I haven't gone to a Catholic church all semester, but now I have a friend who's Catholic."

While some students back off from religion and some struggle to keep religion a priority, others change or adopt new practices altogether. A recent Pew Research study found more than one in four Americans has changed religions.

Senior Chad Zimmermann is a Christian but became interested in Zen meditation after taking a class on eastern religions with English professor, Barbara Gordon. Zimmermann is the former president of Iron Tree Blooming, a meditation society that meets on campus.

"It's not something that I would classify as religious," Zimmermann said. "It's a group of people that meet for a specific purpose."

Students meet together to relax and meditate, which Zimmermann said attracts a lot of Christians. Though Zen is derived from Buddhism, "When I was going there, there was no one who was Buddhist. Meditation is used for me as relaxation to regenerate the body."

Behind every great man...

Keegan organizes the complexity of President Lambert's schedule

Patrick McCabe
Reporter

Have you ever wondered who oversees all of President Leo Lambert's appointments? Or who ensures he is prepared for the daily grind of being a college president?

Meet Lisa Keegan, the senior assistant to the president and secretary to the Board of Trustees. Keegan received her bachelor of science degree in business administration with a concentration in finance from Elon and then attended law school at Stetson University.

"I went to law school thinking that I wanted to do work for child advocacy in the legal field," Keegan said. "But in my second year of law school, I took a course called law and higher education policy, and for me, it was that moment where light bulbs were going off, where I thought this is what I want to do. I want to get back into higher education."

Keegan returned to Elon with her soon-to-be husband John and fell into her current position.

"For me to find a position where I could follow the career path I wanted and be at the school that I love, it was just a perfect match," Keegan said.

Keegan's duties as senior assistant to the president and secretary to the Board of Trustees include overseeing Lambert's calendar, serving as the liaison between the president and the Board of Trustees and being responsible for setting and organizing the platform party for all major speakers. Her other duties vary on a daily basis.

"My job varies every day, and that is one thing I love about my job," Keegan said. "We always have a very nice to-do

list, but we never get to it all day because new things come up every day."

Keegan's job is constantly changing, and she never knows what will await her when she arrives in the morning or returns from lunch.

"I knew that this job was going to be something different within the first month, when I returned from lunch and asked my colleague if anything happened while I was gone," Keegan said. "She responded with 'Yes, well, we got a call from Hilary Clinton's campaign and Bill Clinton is going to be on campus next week.' And I thought 'OK, well this is going to be a very different position.'"

Keegan has limited direct interaction with students, but that is something she wants to change.

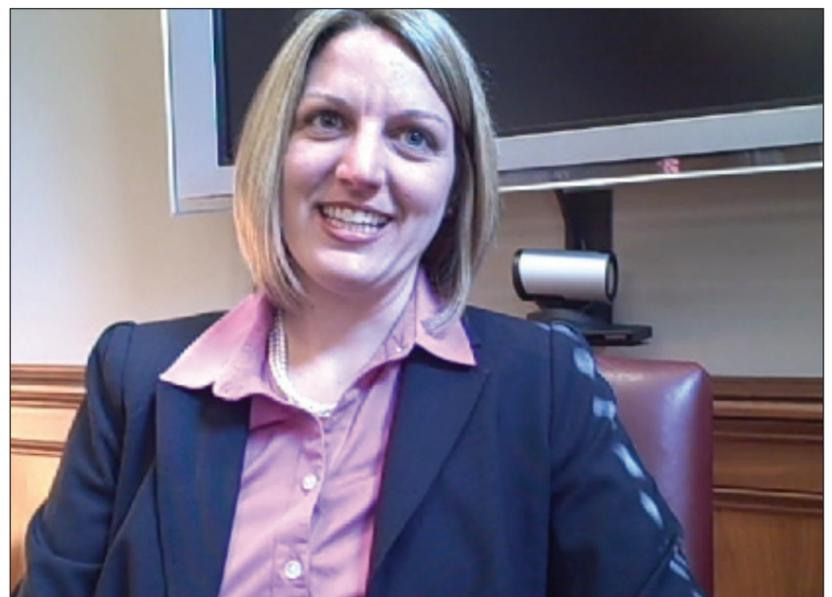
In addition to the Elon 101 course she will teach next year, she will also work very closely with junior Noelle Clemente. Clemente serves as the current office assistant for graduate admissions and will serve as the assistant to the president's office next fall. The two have already begun preparing for the busy fall that awaits Lambert.

"I've been helping her run errands and tried to assist her with any early preparation that I can," Clemente said.

While Clemente has only known her for a short time, she has had many interactions with Keegan through her work in graduate admissions.

"Lisa's presence provides that Elon spirit of a friendly, caring, genuine person," Clemente said. "Everything she does, she does with the students' interests in mind."

Like students, Keegan has also taken the opportunity to learn while working at Elon, she said. Her position and the



PATRICK MCCABE | Photographer

Lisa Keegan, senior assistant to the president and secretary to the Board of Trustees, said she knew her job would be different from what she was used to when she returned from lunch to find that President Bill Clinton would be visiting campus the next week.

people around her have taught her a good deal.

"Sometimes, I feel guilty," Keegan said. "I feel like I am getting more than I am giving to the position because I have been learning so much just through observation."

While Keegan loves her current position, she said she hopes that one day she will be working in a higher position within an upper education administration.

"I see myself in a university setting, and I truly hope it is still at Elon," Keegan

said. "This place is ever changing and ever transforming, and it is something that is amazing to be a part of. I hope I am in an administrative position, but I can't say where."

Keegan offers students this piece of advice: "The best life advice I ever received is from my grandfather," Keegan said. "I would always share with him everything I was involved in and everything I was doing, and he would always say, 'None of it matters unless you're having fun.' I try to remember that on my most stressful days."



FILE PHOTO
Men's tennis coach Michael Leonard, right, comforts and encourages one of his players during a match. Leonard has contributed much to the team's success in recent years.

Leonard prompts turnaround of Phoenix tennis program

Scott Van Dorn
Reporter

When Michael Leonard took over the Elon men's tennis team five years ago, the team did not win a single match in the Southern Conference.

But this season, Elon finished second in the SoCon Tournament, losing to Furman University in the championship match. The team also finished No. 66 in the nation.

It would be easy to credit the coach after such an amazing turnaround, but Leonard remains modest.

"Well it's the players, you got to recruit and you got to motivate them and get them to a point, but it comes down to the players," Leonard said. "The players are the ones that win it, I'm just kind of steering the ship."

While Elon has a talented roster, Leonard might have a little more influence than he's letting on.

One of the main areas he makes players focus on is the mental side of the game — something extremely important in tennis.

Players are sometimes alone on the court for hours, and matches can often become a battle of mental toughness. This style of coaching especially helps the younger players.

"He has made me stronger mentally and makes a big emphasis on the attitude and the effort you put onto the court," sophomore tennis player Alberto Rojas said. "He's pushing all the time, trying to make us give our best and be competitive."

But that doesn't mean he lets his players off the hook physically. On a normal practice day in the spring, players can be seen running back and forth across the courts at the Jimmy

Powell Tennis Center.

Bob Owens, the assistant head coach, praises Leonard's style.

"We've got a good symbiotic relationship," Owens said. "He knows what my strengths are and just leaves those responsibilities to me. He knows where his strengths lie and runs with those."

Leonard graduated from Elon in 1991. In his senior year playing for the Elon team, Leonard was the South Atlantic Conference Player of the Year and earned Stein H. Basnight Outstanding Athlete honors. He was inducted into the Elon Sports Hall of Fame in 2001.

Before coaching the Phoenix squad, Leonard was the tennis director for the Raleigh Racquet Club from 1995-2004. During his time there, he coached many juniors, including two national champions.

During his five years coaching at Elon, Leonard has amassed an 85-40 record.

Leonard's success is not limited to on the court, but with his family though.

"His girls, Olivia and Julia, and my grandson, Brody, are great friends and playmates," Owens said. "My wife, Wanda, and Michael's wife, Amy, are close and this seems to make the professional relationship work even better than normal."

Leonard coached Elon to another successful season this year. Senior Damon Gooch dominated the rankings leading the Phoenix team.

Despite the success, last weekend, Elon fell short in the finals of the Southern Conference tournament. Despite the loss, the team is looking strong again next year and hopes to add a second conference title.



ONE ON ONE

Professional sports players face the controversy of banned substances

Andy Harris & Conor O'Neill
Sports Commentators

Barry Bonds, Mark McGwire, Alex Rodriguez and now Manny Ramirez. Just this week, the bombshell dropped that Ramirez was suspended for 50 games for testing positive for a banned substance. Ramirez said it was prescribed for a private medical condition and baseball said it was a steroid. Who's wrong?

ANDY

Look at the situation like this. One of the greatest sluggers of all time is now in his mid-30s and his numbers begin to regress. He's still a good player, but he's slowing down. He's unhappy with the remainder of his contract, and many blame his play on that. And then he's traded and will become a free agent at the end of the season, just as he desired. Now he has something to play for — and cheat for. His numbers suddenly go off the chart. He's playing better than he was when he was 29-years-old. Then it comes out that he tests positive for a banned substance. Suspicious?

CONOR

Yes Andy, quite suspicious. We have seen it all before. Guys are seeing their numbers steadily decline, their bodies are breaking down and then they put together a great season to get that one last big contract. In Manny's case, we know he isn't exactly the sharpest tool in the shed, but that's part of Manny being Manny right? So it should come as no surprise that he tested positive for a substance that helps restore your testosterone levels to normal (which somebody would need after taking steroids). My question to you is what needs to happen in order for us to fully move out of the steroid era because cheaters have marred this beautiful game that we love.

ANDY

What we need is for a long time to pass without another big name testing positive. That's what will prompt us to move on.

On the bright side, the NHL playoffs are in full swing and are as exciting as ever. The first round produced some series for the ages and the quarterfinals have been just as good. Which teams do you like to move on to the Stanley Cup Finals and which teams will go home disappointed?

CONOR

The team that has really impressed me is the Carolina Hurricanes. They have a hot goaltender in Cam Ward and a superstar that everybody seems to overlook in Eric Staal, and they crash the net better than most teams. They've been rewarded with a 3-1 series lead on the top-seed in the East after they looked like they were going home with two minutes left in game seven against New Jersey. I think whether they play Washington or Pittsburgh, the Canes have a great chance to move on to the finals. As for the Western Conference, I think the Red Wings are head and shoulders above the other three teams. They'd be up 3-1 if not for a goal being overturned, and they are the most balanced in either league. Regardless of the team faced in the finals, Detroit is my pick to win the Cup.

ANDY

I completely agree with you on the Western Conference. I don't see any team beating the Red Wings. As for the East, I suppose I have to retract a previous statement. Two months ago I said the Penguins weren't a legitimate title threat. Now, they are the team to beat in the East. They have the Caps on the ropes and the Canes are mediocre. I still don't see them getting past the Wings, but this Stanley Cup Finals rematch could be one for the ages.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Elon baseball earns highest national ranking in program history

The Elon baseball team earned its highest ranking in four major collegiate baseball polls on Monday.

The Phoenix premiered at No. 22 in the Baseball America poll.

This tops the program's previous best at No. 25 in Baseball America's May 22, 2006 poll.

The team also improved from No. 28 to No. 25 in the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association poll.

Elon received votes in the USA Today/ESPN Coaches' Poll, ranking just outside of the top-25.

Ping! Baseball poll also has the team ranked at No. 20.

These rankings were released after Elon clinched its second straight Southern Conference regular season title last week. This season, the team has a 36-14 overall record and has won 16 of its last 18 games.

Elon recruit named High School Athlete of the Year

Ali Ford, incoming Elon freshman, was named the 2009 North Carolina High School Athletic Association's Athlete of the Year.

Ford is part of head coach Karen Barefoot's nationally ranked recruiting class.

Elon football junior wide receiver Terrell Hudgins won this award in 2005.

In high school, Ford earned 18 varsity letters and 12 all-conference recognitions.

She played three varsity sports for four years each. These sports include golf, basketball, softball, cross country, tennis and track. During her senior season, she played five sports.

On the basketball court, she earned the Northwestern Conference Player of the Year. She finished her high school career with 2,502 points, the seventh best in the NCHSAA.

Ford was selected to play in the North Carolina-South Carolina all-star game. In the game, she won the three point contest and set a new game assist record. As a point guard, she averaged 22 points, four assists and three steals per game.

Hudgins and Werden earn preseason honors

Elon junior wide receiver Terrell Hudgins and junior offensive tackle Chris Werden were selected as members of the 2009 Preseason Consensus Draft Services All-American teams.

Hudgins earned a first team selection and Werden received an honorable mention.

In 2008, Hudgins finished 15th in the standings for this honor.

During the 2008 campaign, Hudgins had 86 receptions for 1,116 yards and 10 touchdowns.

These numbers helped to put him first on the Southern Conference's all-time career leader in receptions, receiving yards and touchdown catches.

Following the 2008 season, Werden was a Second Team All-SoCon selection by the league's coaches.

Triathlon club takes on three sports at once

Laura Wainman
Senior Reporter

Most athletes spend their time training to be excellent in one sport. But Elon's triathlon club members strive to excel in three — swimming, biking and running.

For the triathlon club, which nearly doubled its membership this year with an estimated 30 active members, the height of the season is just beginning. While the team practices five days a week year-round, official races run from April to October. Mondays and Wednesdays are reserved for running, Tuesdays and Thursdays for swimming and Fridays for biking with the cycling club.

"It is critical to swim, bike and run a lot before competing in order to build up your endurance," said club president junior Robby Knelson. "We do a lot of brick workouts, which is when you do the bike and run portion back to back. That is one of the hardest transitions in a race since your legs typically feel like bricks when you get off the bike, so you really have to practice that a lot."

This year, the club competed in four official races, including the Angels Race Sprint, Emerald Isle Sprint, Belew's Lake Sprint and Run at the Rock. A typical sprint triathlon includes a 750-meter open water swim, a 12-

mile bike race and a 5-K run. Competitors in Run at the Rock chose to either run a 7-mile race or a 14-mile race.

"The Emerald Isle Sprint Triathlon was definitely the highlight of the year, as we had 14 participants, eight of whom placed and got medals in their age division," Knelson said.

Knelson happened to be one of the eight medalists, finishing third for his age group. He was followed closely by former president senior Emery Nelson, who came in fifth.

Four club members also chose to race in the Half-Iron Man Triathlon this year on their own, which comprises a 1.2-mile swim, 56-mile bike race and 13.1-mile run.

"Finishing the Half-Iron Man was my favorite memory of the year, because it allowed me to really see the progress I had made in four years with the (triathlon) club," Nelson said. "I started out just doing sprint triathlons, and now I am doing long endurance races."

Though the triathlon club has cultivated a tight-knit team atmosphere, members compete individually in the races.

"Triathlon club is mainly to prepare you for the races, and it is a lot more fun to train together," Nelson said. "Plus, it is nice to have some of the financial costs covered by the school, since races can cost



The triathlon club now has 30 members, including four who chose to race in the Half-Iron Man Triathlon on their own. PHOTO SUBMITTED

anywhere from \$60-\$100. That adds up quick."

For junior Matt Miller, joining the triathlon club meant much more than just having a group to train with.

"I transferred to Elon to

run cross country, but I didn't

make the team," Miller said. "The coach called me a dead weight, and I wanted to prove her wrong. The Triathlon club gave me an opportunity to do that, as well as be a part of a

very encouraging, diverse and laid-back team."

The triathlon club is currently working to get approval to host an official race at Elon at the end of Spring 2010.

Elon continues to fill men's basketball coaching staff positions

Pam Richter
Sports Editor

In the past two weeks, head men's basketball coach Matt Matheny announced the hiring of two assistant coaches for the team — Justin Gainey and Tim Sweeney.

"What I was looking for was guys that were hardworking, guys with great character and integrity," Matheny said April 29.

Matheny met both coaches in Detroit during the NCAA Final Four at a conference to talk about the openings on his staff.

Matheny said Sweeney was also involved in a hiring process to be a head coach at a Division III school.

Matheny said he was willing to wait for Sweeney to make his decision because he knew what he could bring to the program.

"Both are excited about the Elon basketball program and what we're trying to do," Matheny said. "They've jumped in with both feet."

He said both coaches will be heavily involved in recruiting.

Sweeney previously served as an assistant coach at Bucknell University for one season.

Before coaching at Bucknell, he served as an assistant coach at Davidson for two seasons with Matheny. Both Matheny and Sweeney were part of a successful Davidson team that made it to the Elite Eight the NCAA Tournament.

"I know first hand there's a guy that will roll up his sleeves and will work in every facet of the game — in the recruiting world, on the court, off the court, in

the community," Matheny said about Sweeney.

Sweeney began his coaching career as an assistant at his alma mater, University of Rochester in New York.

As a player at Rochester, he helped lead the team to a 77-30 record and a trip to the Division III Final Four in 2002.

Justin Gainey was also hired to join Matheny's staff. He joins Elon after working the past three seasons with the N.C. State basketball team. In August 2006, Gainey returned to N.C. State as the school's administrative coordinator after being a player in the Wolfpack program.

Matheny said he knew of Gainey for a long time and followed his playing career at N.C. State and reconnected with him recently when Gainey was an assistant coach with N.C. State.

"The first thing when you spend time with Justin, you feel is that he's a great person, first and foremost," Matheny said. "He's a family man. Everybody you talk to talks about his character. Another phrase that I like is 'poise.' He's got an uncommon poise about him."

Prior to returning to the Wolfpack, Gainey was an assistant varsity basketball coach at the Cary Academy for three seasons. He was a three-year starter for N.C. State as a player, and was an honorable mention all-conference pick, as well as Atlantic Coast Conference All-Tournament Team member during his career.

Matheny said he hopes to hire two more assistant coaches to complete his staff. But there is no timetable for the other two coaches to be hired.

Matheny was officially hired as Elon's new head



FILE PHOTO
Head Coach Matt Matheny recently announced the two new assistant coaches for the men's basketball team. Matheny was hired on March 29 and replaced Ernie Nestor.

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Meet the new men's basketball assistant coaches



Tim Sweeney
Assistant Coach

TIM SWEENEY

Previous coaching jobs

ASSISTANT COACH
Bucknell University, 2008-2009 season
ASSISTANT COACH
Davidson College, 2006-2008
ASSISTANT COACH
University of Rochester, 2003-2006.

Playing experience

Played at the University of Rochester for four seasons and was captain of the team as a junior and a senior. Helped lead his team to a 77-30 overall record and a trip to Division III Final Four in 2002 and a Sweet 16 appearance in 2003. Ranks among the top-10 in school history in assists, three-point field goals and free throws.

Major

Graduated cum laude from the University of Rochester in 2003 with a degree in political science.



Justin Gainey
Assistant Coach

JUSTIN GAINNEY

Previous coaching jobs

ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR
FOR BASKETBALL OPERATIONS
N.C. State, 2006-2009 seasons
ASSISTANT VARSITY BASKETBALL COACH
Cary Academy

Playing experience

Three-year starter for N.C. State. In the 1997 ACC tournament, set a record for being the first freshman to play all 40 minutes in four tournament games. Led the team to the ACC title game as the No. 8 seed that season. Played professionally in Europe for two seasons from 2000-2002.

Major

Graduated with a bachelor of science in business administration in 2000 and a master of science in parks, recreation and tourism from N.C. State.

Personal

Married to Courtney Taylor and with two sons, Jordan and Jayson.

Players pave the way to program's success

The evolution of Elon baseball players

Sam Calvert
Assistant Sports Editor

Throughout the years, Elon has enjoyed a rich tradition in intercollegiate athletics. Several sports have had successful seasons, but none have sustained the long-term success of the Elon baseball program. Since World War II, the baseball team has posted a record of 1498-905-4 and a .622 winning percentage.

This two-part series will delve into the factors that have contributed to a successful program. Part two looks at the players who have made up the Elon baseball program and the roles they have played in the success of the program.

Although it is easy to see the success of the Elon baseball team in the number of coaches, to truly understand the cause of the success one must dig deeper into the biggest assets the coaches have — players.

While the coach is often seen as the harbinger of achievement, coaches can only do so much. They cannot step up to the plate in the bottom of the ninth or throw the final strike of a game. That is left to the players, and the coaches understand the importance of having good players on the field.

Just ask current Elon baseball head coach Mike Kennedy.

"You can coach until you are blue in the face, but if they are not good players, it won't matter," Kennedy said.

Lucky for the coaches, Elon has seen its fair share of good players.

In the 1950s, the team saw Gill Watts (1956-1959), a right-handed pitcher with numbers at the plate to match his numbers on the mound.

He secured two Triple Crowns (leading in homeruns, runs batted in and batting average) in his time at Elon, and in 1959, he led the league in homeruns.

Then in 1976, Phil Baskerville joined the Elon squad as a designated hitter, but ended his Fighting Christians career as a right fielder.

As a senior, he led the team in batting average, runs, hits and RBIs. He was an all-conference and all-district player, as well as a member of the NAIA and McDonald's All-American First Team.

In the 1980s, it was Maurice "Mo" Morton. As a freshman outfielder and first baseman, he was among the leading hitters in the conference and led Elon in hits.

As a senior, he led the team in runs and hits and made both the all-conference and all-area teams.

Then, just three seasons ago, Elon saw one of its most decorated pitchers yet — Steven Hensley.

Hensley holds the Elon record for most career strikeouts and the most career wins since the switch to Division I in the 2000 season.

The Southern Conference named him Freshman of the Year in 2006 and Player of the Year in 2008. He was Second Team All-Conference in 2007 and First Team All-Conference in 2008.

After so much talent has passed through the Elon baseball program, one question remains: What goes into crafting a successful Elon baseball player?

Recruiting

Long before a player is running out onto the field at Latham Park, he is running onto his high school field and taking batting practice from a high school coach. And even though he is not a collegiate baseball player yet, there is something about him that catches the attention of the Elon coaching staff.

It is probably his competitiveness.

"We try to find kids like our coaching staff, that reflect how we are," Kennedy said. "We look for kids who are very competitive. I don't like to lose."

While that may be a deciding factor - it is not all the coaches look for. Skill, of course, needs to be there as well.

"Everything starts with the guys we bring in," junior catcher Mike Melillo said. "They have to be talented."

After that, the coaches look for the intangibles, the things they cannot teach the players.

"Obviously, we look for talent, for kids that can play, but it takes a little more to build a championship," Kennedy said. "They have to work hard and be willing to do extra to

“ Obviously we look for talent, for kids that can play, but it takes a little more to build a championship. They have to work hard and be willing to do extra to avoid losing. They have to be willing to put themselves in a position to be a good player.

- Mike Kennedy
CURRENT ELON BASEBALL COACH

avoid losing. They have to be willing to put themselves in a position to be a good player.”

Often a player with the work ethic, drive and athleticism will make the team over a player with a huge skill set that can be used immediately.

"About five or six years ago (Kennedy and I) switched from recruiting safe kids who were going to be able to make an impact right away to players who were athletes," associate head coach Greg Starbuck said.

The coaching staff often sees these intangibles as potential they can develop during a player's time at Elon.

Player growth

From the moment a player steps foot onto campus, he is being molded into a different player than he was when he first arrived.

That is the goal of the Elon baseball program, and it is a transformation coaches hope to see.

"We want to make them better than they were when they got here," Kennedy said. "We want to make them winners. There is always room to improve. They can't be satisfied with where they are."

To see any kind of improvement, a player has to work, and that is why the coaches emphasize work ethic in their recruiting.

If a player is not willing to work hard, then the Elon baseball team is not the right fit for him, Starbuck said.

The coaches put a lot of work into helping a player develop, but a player has to put in the same amount of work to see the results.

And the players at Elon do.

"This is a very blue-collar program," Melillo said. "The amount of work and time put into the game and the work ethic of the players matches that of the coaches."

The athleticism the players bring in is also a key factor in the amount that a player can develop, Starbuck said.

"The ceiling for development is much higher," he said. "The potential for growing is much higher."

The Major League Baseball draft

In the beginning of June, shortly after the season is over, the Major League Baseball draft takes place, a chance for Elon players to sign with a professional team.

The draft began in 1965, but even before then, players from the Elon baseball program were playing professionally.

Before the draft, at least seven players were signed to professional teams. Since the draft began, 40 players have been selected by professional teams.

While there have been players throughout the draft's history that attended Elon, the number of draft selections to have played for Elon has increased in recent years.

"As we are moving in an upward direction, more and more guys are getting drafted," Melillo said. "Our guys are handling the pressure really well."

The most Elon players in one draft came just last year, with three Phoenix players selected by MLB teams and one of them recording the highest draft selection in Elon history — Steven Hensley in the fourth round to the Seattle Mariners.

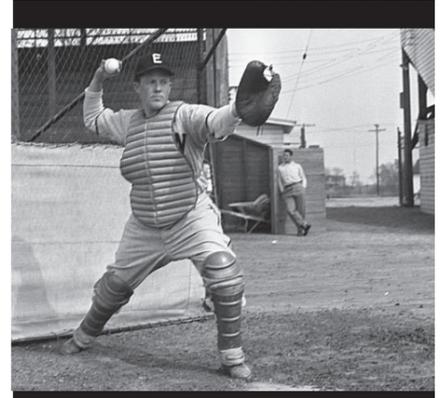
One of the reasons for an increase in selections is an increase in the number of scouts at the games.

"They are playing in front of scouts," Kennedy said. "A lot of them are good friends of mine, so they come around to watch the team."

Kennedy said the amount of scouts at games is a cycle, beginning with one good player on the team. Scouts come to watch that one player, and in the process see other young players who have the potential to be drafted later on, so they keep coming back.

The players see this as the ultimate sign of success.

"It's nice to have them here," Melillo said. "It lets us know we are doing something well."



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Division I

After just one season at Elon, head coach Mike Kennedy saw the team switch from Division II to Division I, and in turn had to face the challenge of raising the level of play.

To stay successful in a new division, the team saw some changes to the style of play.

"(The switch) was challenging," Kennedy said. "(Associate head coach Greg) Starbuck and I made the decision to recruit a talented class and play them right away. If we were going to be good, we had to play young guys."

These were the guys the team would be built upon, Kennedy said, and so they were the ones the team had to play.

"They had to be thrown into the fire right away," Kennedy said. "They had to learn to play at that level and gain experience."

This is Elon's 10th year as a NCAA DI school yet, the team has had little trouble staying competitive after the switch.

The team is 317-230-2 with a winning percentage of .577 since becoming a DI school.

Part of the reason they were able to stay competitive was the rise in talent level after the change, Starbuck said.

The coaches scheduled games against tough DI opponents, such as the University of Miami, Clemson University and Tulane University, and these games were seen as recruitment tools, Starbuck said.

"We were able to tell kids, 'If you come play here, you get to play against all of these great teams,'" Starbuck said. "It gave us a whole new talent pool to pull from."



Mike Kennedy
Head Coach



Greg Starbuck
Associate Head
Coach

Phoenix flies toward second straight conference tournament championship

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But this year has been a different story, as it took a 24-4 league mark to win the regular season in the much-improved Southern Conference.

"Overall, it's a much better league than it was a year ago," head coach Mike Kennedy said. "There are four or five teams at the top of the league that are very good. We've been fortunate enough to play well throughout and not give away too many games."

The Phoenix enters the tournament on a tear after winning its last 17 conference games. Its first-round opponent will be the Furman Paladins, a team the Phoenix beat three times this year by a combined score of 51-15.

"It's important to win those games because we put ourselves at the top of the standings," Kennedy said. "If you don't put together those types of streaks then it's much tougher in our league to get an at-large bid."

During its 17-game winning streak, the Phoenix has outscored its opponents by a gaping 247-114 mark, which equates to an average winning margin of about eight runs per game.

But the Phoenix will most likely not dominate the tournament as it did in the regular season, junior infielder Chase Austin said.

"We've had a target on our backs all season since we won the conference last year, and this year, because we're in first, everyone wants to beat us and

knock off the top team," Austin said.

Austin and Irvine lead the team with 17 home runs each, and Austin also leads in runs driven in, with 67.

At last season's tournament, the Phoenix beat Georgia Southern University, UNC Greensboro and Wofford College en route to the conference final against College of Charleston.

It beat the Cougars to win the tournament by a score of 17-8, winning Kennedy his third conference championship.

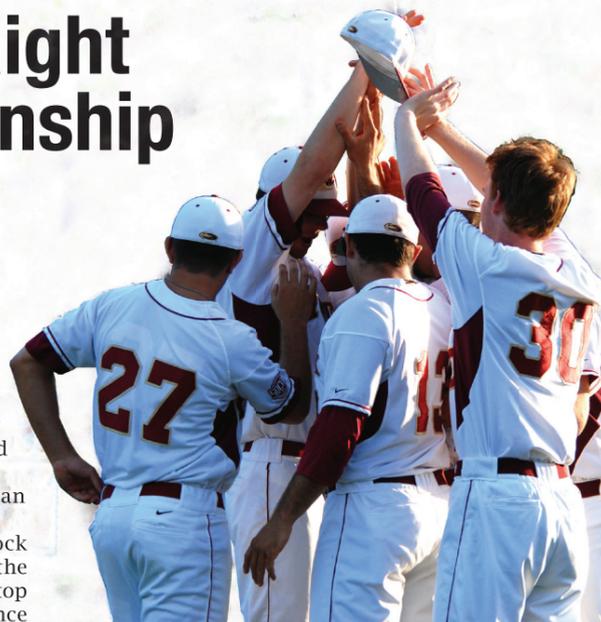
Kennedy sees things a little differently than Austin.

"I think (all the SoCon teams) are trying to knock each other off," he said. "We've been successful the last couple years so people know we're at the top of the league, but when we get into the conference setting we'll just take games one at a time."

This team, which has fought its way to a 36-14 record, will not be satisfied with just a tournament championship and automatic bid to an NCAA Regional Tournament.

As Kennedy said upon entering conference play this season, the Phoenix has its sights set on moving past the first round.

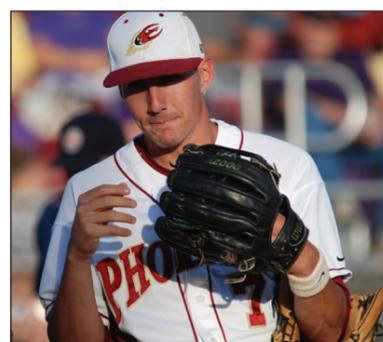
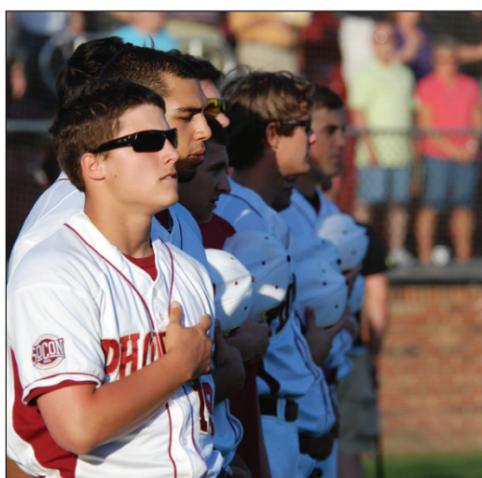
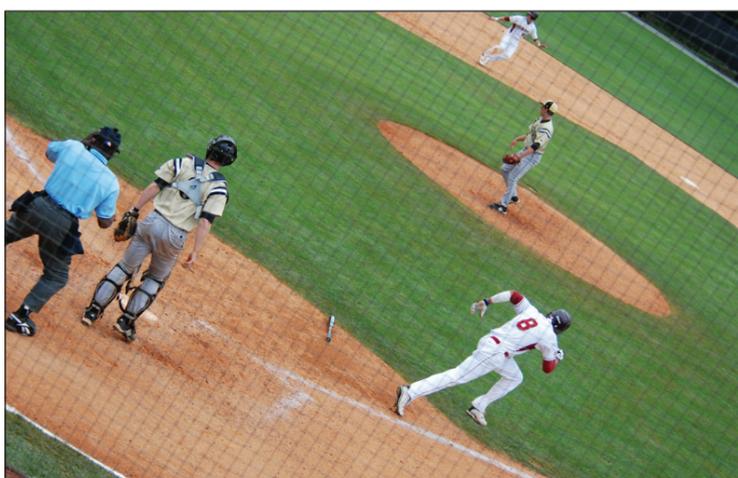
"We want to win the conference championship and take the next step by winning our region and



advancing to a Super Regional," Kennedy said earlier this season.

The Phoenix is now well within reach of that goal, with its 17 straight conference wins as proof that it is playing its best baseball when it matters most.

Up next is the conference tournament, which is just one more stepping stone for the Phoenix to accomplish its ultimate goal this year.



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ABOVE Junior infielder Chase Austin is tied for the team lead with 17 home runs. The Phoenix are gearing up for the Southern Conference tournament, which begins on May 20 in Greenville, S.C. The team looks to defend its conference title.

The Fire of the Carolinas is currently searching for new, enthusiastic participants



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The 10 best moments of the 2008-2009 athletic year

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1 Soccer wins regular season SoCon championship

For the first time in program history, the Elon men's soccer team claimed the regular season Southern Conference title. The Phoenix went 7-8-1 overall and 6-0-0 in conference play. The team was led both in goals and assists by junior midfielder Justin Wyatt and senior goalkeeper Kyle Boerner led the team in saves, with 47. Elon was the No. 1 seed going into the conference tournament but was upset in the semifinals by No. 5 College of Charleston.

2 Baseball wins SoCon regular season title for second consecutive season

After finishing conference play with a 23-4 record, the Elon baseball team secured the Southern Conference regular season title. This is the second title in a row for the Phoenix, and third in the past four years. The title gives Elon the No. 1 seed in the SoCon tournament. Elon is led in batting by senior outfielder Cory Harrlichak, with 69 runs, and junior infielder Chase Austin, with 83 hits and 67 RBIs. The Phoenix will play in the SoCon tournament, which begins May 20.

3 Tennis team soars in the rankings

On March 3, the Elon men's tennis team broke into the national rankings for the first time in program history while seeded at No. 75. The Phoenix rose to a program-high No. 61 before finishing the season at individual No. 66. Senior Damon Gooch also emerged in the national rankings this season, peaking at No. 56 and ending the season at No. 86. Gooch and his doubles partner, sophomore Philip Nemeck, reached national ranking as well, securing a season high at No. 20 on Feb. 19 and ending the season at No. 36.

4 Matt Matheny hired as new Elon men's basketball coach

March 29 marked the hiring of Matt Matheny as the 17th men's head basketball coach in Elon history. Matheny previously served on the Davidson College men's basketball staff for 16 years. He most recently was associate head coach for six seasons, from 2003-2009. Matheny joined Davidson head coach McKillop's staff Aug. 1, 1993, and helped the Davidson program to 310 victories during that time with an average of 19 wins per season. Matheny comes to Elon after 10 SoCon division titles, five SoCon tournament championships, five NCAA tournament appearances and four postseason NIT trips.

5 Elon football reaches new heights in rankings

Elon finished the 2008 football season ranked No. 17 nationally in the Football Championship Subdivision. This was the team's highest finish ever in a national poll since joining the FCS in 1999. The team reached a program-high ranking of No. 3 on both Oct. 13 and Oct. 20. Elon finished with an 8-4 record, the program's highest number of wins in nine years. The Phoenix also defeated three top-25 FCS teams in the 2008 season.

6 Women's track breaks several records

During the spring season, the women's track and field team shattered five different program records. The 4x400-meter relay record was broken three different times this season, twice by junior Jennine Strange, sophomores Sarah Skogen and Melissa Turowski and freshman Amy Salek. Salek also broke the record for the 400-meter dash and the 200-meter dash, but freshman Dana Cataldo broke the record again later that same day. Sophomore Veronica Day set a new record in the long-jump, and sophomore Jacqueline Beliveau broke a record with her two-day heptathlon score.

7 Mills propels women's golf team to new heights

Senior Danielle Mills finished off a decorated season with a place on the 2009 Southern Conference All-Conference Team. During the regular season, she was named the SoCon women's golf player of the week twice and captured individual titles at the Lady Seahawks Classic and the Mimosa Hills Intercollegiate. She posted a second-place finish at the SoCon tournament, propelling the team to a third-place finish.

8 Hudgins and Wilcox continue to rack up football awards

Junior wide receiver Terrell Hudgins and senior place kicker Andrew Wilcox earned First Team All-Southern Conference honors. Both members were picked as second-team selections to the Sports Network 2008 All-America squad, the 2008 NCAA Football Championship Subdivision All-America recognition from the Walter Camp Football Foundation, the Associated Press and the College Sporting News. Hudgins finished the season with 10 touchdowns, 86 receptions and 1,116 total yards. Wilcox led the SoCon and the FCS in field goals in 2008, averaging 1.83 per game. He ranked third in the league and 18th in the country, scoring 8.25 points per game.

9 Men's cross country cruises to 19th place in regional match

The Elon men's cross country team finished 19th in the NCAA Regional meet during the 2008 season. This was the program's highest finish and 15 places better than its finish the previous season. Senior Eric Lewandowski led the Phoenix with a time of 33:04 for an 87th finish at the regional match. The Phoenix finished ahead of UNC Greensboro, Furman University and Davidson University at the regional meet.

10 Barefoot signs nationally ranked recruiting class

Elon women's basketball coach Karen Barefoot signed several recruits to make up a nationally ranked recruiting class. The class is listed in the top-125 recruiting classes in the country, according to All-Star Girls Report, a national scouting service. This is the first class that has been ranked nationally in program history. Lisa Archie, Ali Ford and Eleisha "Lei Lei" Hairston make up the signing class. Ford was named the 2009 North Carolina High School Athletic Association's Female Athlete of the Year.

