

THE PENDULUM

— ‘HER TIME’ —

CONNIE BOOK RELIES ON HISTORY TO PLAN FOR THE FUTURE



DR. BOOK WAS JUST THE PERFECT SELECTION TO TAKE US INTO A WHOLE NEW ERA.

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PRESIDENTIAL HISTORY

Leo Lambert, the eighth president of Elon, assumed office in January 1999 — before most of the class of 2022 were born.

ELON UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT CONNIE Book has mentored numerous students in her career. But even as the first woman who'll be inaugurated as an Elon president, she loves being mentored, too.

In 2015 before Book left Elon to become provost at The Citadel, she and Vice President Emerita Jo Watts Williams '55 had a lasting conversation. Some of Williams' brothers attended The Citadel, so she knew the military school's rigorous traditions. She wanted to give Book some uplifting advice before leaving.

"She stopped me on the sidewalk and said, 'Now, Connie, you know that you're going to have some challenges,'" Book said. "She was so good at reminding me that whatever got me that position was going to serve me well when I got there and not to lose sight of it."

Now with her presidency in its infancy, Book's sights are set on the future as new initiatives and tasks claw for her attention.

Williams has had a close eye on presidents for more than 50 years. She's worked for five different Elon presidents, ranging from a student worker to eventually vice president for development.

Though Book is new to the role, Williams has full faith in her. And she, along with other Elon colleagues, are ready to help Book add new tricks in her pitch count.

"The beautiful thing is each of the presidents was really just right for his or her time," Williams said. "Dr. Book was just the perfect selection to take us into a whole new era."

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Connie Book is the first female president of Elon University. Her official inauguration is on Oct. 18.



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Elon freshman Zach Monson and sophomore Destin Floyd take down JMU redshirt-junior Ben DiNucci during the game on Oct. 6.

Legit at long last

Elon's new brand of football is making the team a real contender in the CAA

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It's hard to overstate how momentous Saturday's win was for Elon. The Phoenix marched into Harrisonburg, sling and stone in hand, and toppled the FCS football Goliath that is James Madison University.

All of the stumbles, the mediocrity, the two-win seasons — all those autumns of uninspired football felt like a distant memory as the Phoenix reigned triumphant in Bridgeforth Stadium.

JMU has been a budding dynasty as of late, having won the conference for the past three years and making a trip to the Football Championship Subdivision National Championship for the past two. The Dukes have been a familiar face in the national rankings year in and year out. Their presence in the Colonial Athletic Association has elevated the conference to be considered among the nation's best.

They hadn't lost a conference game since 2015; that was until the Phoenix came to town.

A spunky sophomore quarterback, a second-year head coach and a little mojo were apparently enough to unseat the No. 2 team in the country and make headlines.

To say the odds were stacked against the Elon University football team wouldn't even begin to do it justice. Some Vegas betting books had the Phoenix pegged as underdogs by a spread of 39.5 points. By flipping the script and winning, Elon can lay claim to the third-largest victory in the history of college football.

But more important than any wonky-sounding betting odds, more important than any stat line to emerge from the win, is just how much the narrative of Elon football has been turned on its head.

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THIS MONTH IN HISTORY - PRESIDENTIAL VISIT



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(From left to right) Callie Lambert, Laurie Lambert, Mollie Lambert and Leo Lambert hold up Elon College sweatshirts in fall 1998.

OCT. 1, 1998. This month in history, the final presidential candidates Leo Lambert and Thomas Flynn visited campus to meet with students, faculty and staff to get a feel for the Elon campus and community.

In October 1998, Flynn was the acting president at Millikin University in Decatur, Illinois. "We have the Elon experiences," Flynn said.

Meanwhile, Lambert was the provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse. "Elon is truly a great college and more people need to know about

it," Lambert said.

Both candidates met with then-President Fred Young, members of the SGA, staff, administrators and faculty. Both candidates studied and commented on the Academic Summit and the goals the university had set for itself in the future.

Flynn and Lambert both said they would need a year or two to get used to Elon and the college community before they would consider making major changes.

Lambert went on to win the presidential race and served as Elon's eighth president from 1999 to 2018.

GAMES

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle
Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

ACROSS

- Vice president after Hubert
- Harry Potter's lightning bolt, e.g.
- Cauldron stirrer
- Intense passion
- Big strings
- "We're on ___ way"
- Vice squad operations
- Prefix with angle or athlete
- Make very happy
- ___ Go! cellphone game
- Mess up
- PC core
- Sorvino of "Mimic"
- Hawaiian garland
- Fictional feline that could disappear at will
- Ultra-masculine
- Underwater detector
- Sister of Laertes
- Major turf battle
- They may be pumped or bumped
- Neutral shade
- "Talladega Nights" actor
- Meadow
- Sheriff Andy Taylor's boy
- Ewe call
- ISP option
- "Oh, puh-leeze!"
- African country whose name begins another African country
- Wee one
- It eases tension in some serious tales
- Baton Rouge sch.
- Occupied, as a restroom
- Award for "Moonlight" or "Spotlight"
- Some Caltech grads
- "Gee whiz!"
- Cautious (of)

DOWN

- Liquid from a trunk
- Golf instructor
- Social class prominent in "The Great Gatsby"
- Churn up
- White-bellied ocean predator
- ___ salt
- Movie excerpt
- Big name in footwear
- Put in peril
- One may pick up an embarrassing remark
- Goddess of the dawn
- Be amused by
- Dessert pancake
- Draw with acid
- Come into view
- Sailor's patron
- Use a scythe
- Navy vessel letters
- Infant's ailment
- Gluttonous sort
- Once ___ while
- Asked for an opinion on, as an idea
- Playboy founder
- Mideast nation: Abbr.
- Had breakfast

By C.C. Burnikel

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Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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CALENDAR: OCT. 10 - OCT. 23

<p>FACTSET RESEARCH SYSTEMS, INC. INFO SESSION 5:30 P.M. Moseley 140</p> <p>15</p>	<p>COLLABORATIONS QUARTET 7:30 P.M. Whitley Auditorium</p> <p>16</p>	<p>LAST PASS AND SECURITY AWARENESS 12 P.M. Belk Library 205</p> <p>17</p>	<p>EDUARDO CORRAL POETRY READING 7 P.M. Johnston Hall</p> <p>17</p>	<p>'INSTANT LAUGHTER' 7:30 P.M. Yeager Recital Hall</p> <p>19</p>
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Elon midfielder Valdi Jonsson dribbles the ball against Delaware defender Arno Masson-Viale on Oct. 3.



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JESSICA RAPFOGEL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Freshman Trinity Dixon enjoys Pelican's Snowballs at the pride march at Speaker's Corner on Oct. 3. | SEE MORE ALAMANCE PRIDE | PG. 12

Sophomore Natalie Cummins hits the ball over the net toward the Towson University defense in the Schar Center on Oct. 5.



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Kristen Green, author of the class of 2022 common reading, "Something Must Be Done About Prince Edward County: A Family, a Virginia Town, a Civil Rights Battle," speaks in Alumni Gym on Oct. 3.

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Freshman A'Shaela Chaires and others sign their names to signify they will abide by Elon's values of respect, honesty, integrity and responsibility after The Call to Honor ceremony on Oct. 4.



CORY WELLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

SWORN IN

BOOK | from cover

The art of the deal

One night in September, Book showed off her new pitch in a fitting place.

She and University Advancement staffers traveled to Washington, D.C., for an “Evening for Elon.” As an effort for alumni expansion, Evening for Elons are fundraising events where the president updates alumni, parents and donors on the university in cities across the country.

Instead of a convention center or a hotel, Elon rented the entire Washington Nationals baseball ballpark. As she stood in an MLB stadium preaching the school’s mission, it reminded her of the scope of her job.

“The platform where I’m talking is on top of the dugout,” Book said. “And I’m standing, looking up into the stands at the alumni and I’m like, ‘Who would think that my career would bring me to this opportunity?’”

Fundraising is something Book admits she hasn’t had much practice in. But it’s imperative for her role. On the morning of her presidential announcement Oct. 8, 2017, she met with Jim Piatt, vice president for advancement. There, she individually called donors and alumni to introduce herself and say thank you. That showed Piatt she was ready to work.

“That was a real meaningful moment for those individuals to hear from the new president on her very first day,” Piatt said.

Since March, she’s traveled to Charlotte, Atlanta and Boston, and will be in New York City in two weeks. Previously, as a provost, Book dealt mostly with the faculty and internal affairs.

But as president, she needed to change her focus. And Piatt says it’s all about authenticity and developing relationships.

“The president is really the most important person when it comes to fundraising because the president sets the tone for the mission and the vision of the institution,” Piatt said. “Here at Elon, we make a big deal out of strategic planning, and the president tends to be the main voice about what our strategy as long term.”

In 2020, Elon will launch its new strategic plan. A main goal, which was completed in its last plan was tripling endowment from \$80 million to more than \$200 million. An endowment is a sum of money universities reserve for special allocations. Sixty-one percent of the Elon’s endowment is reserved for scholarships.

Book wants to endow more scholarships to attract a more diverse student body. And according to Elon’s 2018-2019 institutional priorities, \$20 million of an upcoming fundraising campaign will be set aside solely for scholarships. President Emeritus Leo Lambert told Elon News Network he spent about 40 percent of his time fundraising, and said Book will probably spend more time than him doing so. Book said her priority when fundraising is to be authentic and share her excitement about the future.

“One of the things I really try to do when I’m in the field talking to people about Elon, is to share the enthusiasm of an Elon education and the excitement about young people in this learning environment that we’ve designed,” Book said. “I really focus on celebrating our students-centered decision making here, and it resonates with our alumni, with parents and other friends of the university.”

‘Command vs leadership’

As vice president for development, annual giving spiked 92 percent under Williams watch from 1979 to 1995. She fully believes Book will adjust to this role because she trusts her judgment. And she knows she’ll adapt, because “that’s what great leaders do.”

Before Book’s first day in office, the two women had another conversation. With Book returning, Williams asked Book about her experience at The Citadel. The answer impressed her.

“She said something to me that I appreciated so much — that one thing that she had learned was the difference in command and leadership,” Williams said. “Dr. Book has the leadership ability that we need to continue this phenomenal progress at Elon.”

Prior to The Citadel, Book climbed Elon’s administrative ranks for 17 years, eventually be-



President Book, accompanied by Vice President Emerita Jo Watts Williams '55, plants her oak sapling on her first day as president on March 1, 2018.

JESSICA RAPFOGEL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

coming an associate provost. She led the creation of numerous programs, including the Student Professional Development Center and Elon in Los Angeles. But while sorting through those initiatives, she met regularly with Steven House, provost and executive vice president, seeking advice and guidance around a circular wooden table in his office.

“We sat around this table right here and I’ve given her performance appraisals and told her about how leading means,” House said. “People will follow you if you’re willing to get dirty and do the tough work with people, so she has all of those skills and can come up with those ideas.”

Those ideas came from preparation. Every morning, Book tries to take 40 minutes to read The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, The Chronicle of Higher Education and Inside Higher Ed. That reading and her innovative drive led to the creation of study abroad programs and undergraduate research at The Citadel. Book was ready to contribute immediately.

“She was so very well-read about current issues in higher education,” said Brigadier Gen-

THE NEXT PRESIDENT

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Connie Book is the ninth president in Elon history and the first woman to hold the office.

eral Mark A. Bebensee, interim provost at The Citadel. “She’s very much aware of the kinds of issues that colleges and universities across the country are concerned about. It was great to have her have expertise and interest in those kinds of barriers as well.”

But sometimes, being president presents things you can’t prepare for.

Leaning on history

On a Tuesday morning in 2001, Book remembers walking into the School of Communications and seeing the World Trade Center engulfed in flames on the television. A few hours later, the community gathered for College Coffee.

“You can imagine the distress,” Book said. “We had students whose parents were killed that day.”

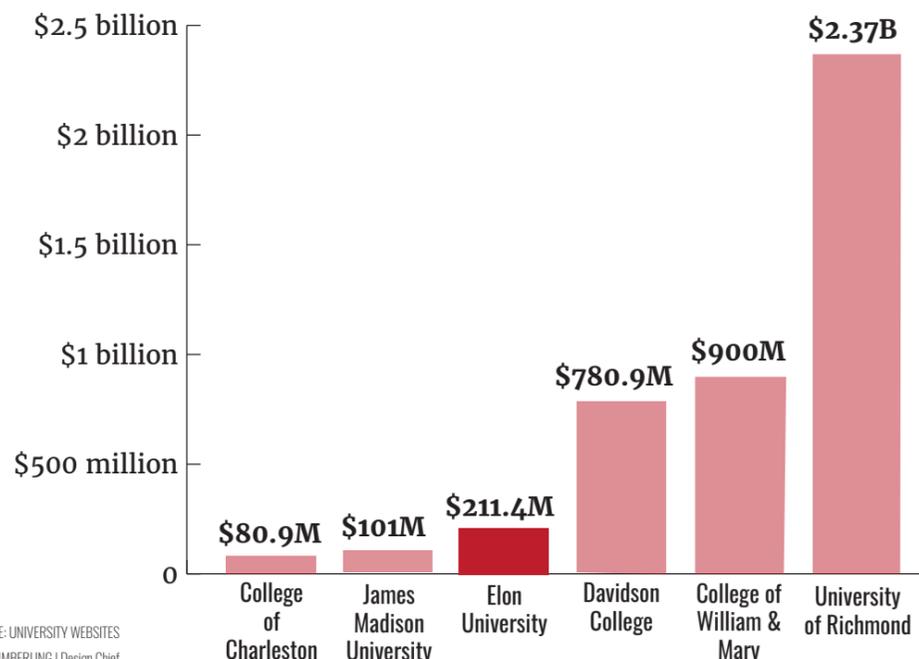
It’s the unknown that keeps Book up at night. But she wants to be as prepared for them as possible, as every Elon president before her has been.

Williams said the five presidents she’s worked for each had a crowning milestone defining their legacy. Leon Smith guided Elon financially during the Great Depression and World War II. James Danieley admitted the first black students during the height of the Civil Rights Movement. Fred Young led the remodeling of Elon’s campus, and Lambert brought Elon’s academic reputation to the national stage.

The average tenure for an Elon president is 15 years. Book and her staff are preparing for the future, but so much can happen between now and then. So, as Elon celebrates her inauguration, Book wants to focus on the now.

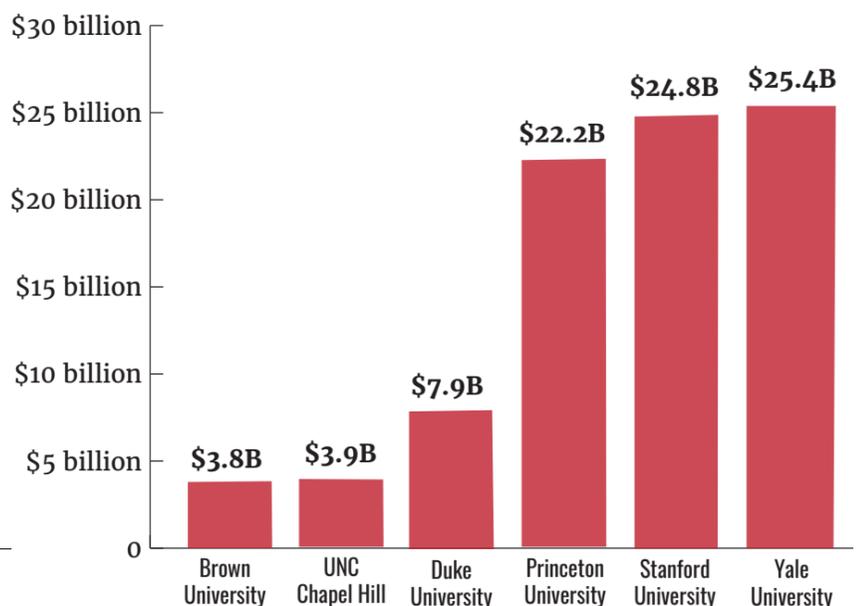
“There are a lot of things I can’t control, but what I do have control over is making sure I spend time with you and get to know you,” Book said. “One of the purposes of this community is to know each other, to care for each other so that when all these uncertainties happened that we’re together.” | SEE MORE CONNIE BOOK | PG. 10

ELON’S ENDOWMENT VS PEER INSTITUTIONS



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ENDOWMENT OF ASPIRING PROGRAMMATIC INSTITUTIONS



FOLLOWING FLORENCE: WHAT COMES NEXT?

Local bake sale supports Florence relief



A group of Burlington children choose to do more than just watch the effects of Florence

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Burlington resident Debbie Johnson said tragedy brings out the best in people, which is something she's witnessed first hand with her children, Story and Jack.

When 12-year-old Story first saw the damage from Hurricane Florence, she said she was shocked.

"You think of a hurricane, I was like, flooding? OK. Twelve inches of rain? That's not that bad. Then you see pictures, and oh my gosh, that's really bad," Story said.

After seeing the damage along the coast on the news in the aftermath of the storm, Story knew she wanted to help.

"I think about what if that happened to my house? How would I feel? Where would we get that money to help?" Story said. "It made me really sad when I thought about it, especially if I was in that position, so helping people makes me really happy."

"When Story first came to me, she had about 4,000 Pinterest ideas," Debbie said.

The Johnson family goes to St. Mark's Church in Burlington, where a discussion on how people can help others sparked Story's idea to help Hurricane Florence victims. She decided to hold a bake sale.

With assistance from her friends, Laura Lea Allen and Bacall Sellers, and her little brother Jack, she opened a lemonade stand and bake sale on the curb of her Burlington home.

From Oct. 5 to 7, they raised \$500 for the North Carolina Disaster Relief Fund with the help of customers such as family friend Walter Boyd. Boyd said he's happy to help the kids be activists for positive change.

"They keep me young and encourage me," Boyd said. "It's so nice to see young people just really being conscientious and getting involved in the local community."

Boyd said he's not surprised to see their efforts to help others.



Top: Story Johnson, her brother Jack and their friends sit by their bake sale table, waving at passing cars on Oct. 7.
Left: Some of the many Halloween-themed cookies the Johnson kids and their friends were selling at their bake sale on Oct. 7.

"It's hard for me to think of them being as young as they are because they're just so smart," Boyd said. "They're not your typical kids just interested in video games and chicken nuggets and stuff like that."

Debbie and her husband Greg weren't thrown off by their children's bake sale plans.



STORY WOULD GIVE YOU THE SHIRT OFF HER BACK. SHE IS ALWAYS WANTING TO HELP.

DEBBIE JOHNSON
BURLINGTON RESIDENT

"Story would give you the shirt off her back. She is always wanting to help," Debbie said. Greg added, "She's got a big spirit and is always interested in people."

Through this experience, Greg is

RELIEF FUNDS

\$500

was raised for the North Carolina Disaster Relief Fund by the children from Oct. 5 to 7.

learning from his children's actions. "Story kind of taught me and helped inspire me to pay more attention and do more," Greg said. "She's shared a life lesson with me and I've grown from it, too."

Life lessons aren't all that Story is teaching her parents. They've also learned that sometimes a simple act can go a long way.

"A little lemonade stand can bring people joy," Debbie said.

While teaching her parents, Story also has some words of advice for people recovering from Hurricane Florence.

"Have hope and pray everyday," Story said.

The Johnsons plan on delivering the \$500 check to St. Mark's Church this week. It will then be sent with other donations to the Disaster Relief Fund.

Volunteering after Hurricane Florence

Elon follows through with its promise to aid victims of Florence

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Hurricane Florence left communities on the North Carolina coast devastated. In an effort to send relief to those communities, Elon University's Kernodle Center for Service Learning and Community Engagement is offering service trips to students and faculty beginning this month.

Mary Morrison, director of the Kernodle Center, has been a part of Campus Compact, an organization that works with offices for service learning at universities across the state. Since the storm all the partners of the network have been involved in conference calls to plan relief programs and provide service to devastated areas.

"During the first conference call, people were saying that they were too overwhelmed and the only thing they could accept was financial donations," Morrison said. "Then, the second week, Fayetteville State University said that two of their community partners were interested in receiving volunteers."

One of those partners was Second Harvest Food Bank, where products such as food, water, toilet paper and other products are collected. The other partner, Cumberland Disaster Recovery Coalition, is working with groups on housing rehabilitation and renovation. While Morrison reached out to both groups, Second Harvest Food Bank was the first to respond.

Morrison worked closely with Second Harvest Food Bank to plan three service trips for this month. The first service trip has been planned for Oct. 11, the first day of fall break. A mix of students, faculty and staff will be departing from Elon at 10 a.m. and returning by 6 p.m.

Two more service trips are planned for Oct. 20 and Oct. 27. On the trips, volunteers can expect to be sorting, boxing and distributing the donations that have come into Second Harvest Food Bank so far. Anyone interested in signing up for any of these trips should go to the Elon Volunteers Phoenix Connect page or

SERVICE TRIPS PLANNED

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service trips have been planned for Oct. 11, 20, 27.

visit the link posted on the Kernodle Center website.

"Over Family Weekend, we had about over \$3,700 donated from parents to help support these direct service trips that we're taking. So, that'll pay for the vans, for the gas and lunches we're going to provide for everyone so that we're not putting a burden on the Fayetteville community," Morrison said. "We're still very interested in more volunteers and are just really excited for these trips."

SGA played a huge role in helping collect these donations over family weekend. At the tailgating event, SGA collected not only financial donations for the service trips but also physical donations and goods for Allied Churches of Alamance County. These churches have been aiding people who were impacted by the storm and needed to be relocated. Aside from the \$3,700, a total of 706 pounds of food and other goods were delivered to Allied Churches' food pantry and to the Salvation Army food pantry.

All of this service work continues the Kernodle Center's long tradition of responding to disaster relief.

When Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast, Elon was one of the first groups to help with recovery and continued to support Katrina relief work for 14 years. Similarly, the Kernodle Center hosted trips to New York and New Jersey when Hurricane Ike devastated the East Coast.

"Our hope is to have a sustained commitment to these communities," Morrison said. "Many of the hardest hit communities are also some of the most economically stressed and fractured communities where there was unemployment, poverty and housing shortages, even before the storm. Some of these communities haven't even fully recovered from Hurricane Matthew."

Elon senior Lucy Jones has been working with Morrison on some of the logistics of the hurricane relief planning. She has also been creating discussions and activities so these service trips really are service learning experiences.

"This is a really great opportunity for us to find a way to be involved in the midst of a hard time, so I really encourage students to come on these trips, and I really encourage them to be more holistic about it," Jones said. "This is a partnership that empowers everyone involved. It's not just about getting your hours in. It's about the bigger picture."

Changes to come in the funding of religious organizations

Money might soon affect how students participate in religious organizations

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Money might soon have an effect on how students participate in religious organizations at Elon University.

Currently, organizations like InterVarsity and Hillel are recognized as student organizations. This means they receive a portion of their funding from the student activities budget, which is decided by SGA, and from their affiliation with outside ministries.

But Assistant Chaplin for Protestant Life Joel Harter has had questions in the past about the way SGA funding is determined.

"[Organizational budgets are] supposed to be based on size and level of engagement. I know there have been questions about whether that's fully the case because often a group seems to get the same year to year," Harter said.

But this may change next year when the new budgets are released.

Because some religious organizations are affiliated with ministries outside of Elon, these organizations will soon be designated into one of two categories that will determine where their funding comes from. These two categories are: recognized student organizations and affiliated ministry organizations.



The McBride Gathering Space is a common venue for the different religious event on Elon's campus.

GRACE MORRIS | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Elon ministry organizations that are affiliated will be funded by the off-campus ministry they are affiliated with.

Harter says having this new category will give students support the university can't provide.

"There is no way the university could afford as large a team of folks that we have who are willing to care for students in this way," Harter said.

Some religious organizations like

Lutherans, Episcopalians and Friends (LEAF) and InterVarsity both fundraise and receive monetary support from the university. But Harter says the money given to these organizations does not benefit staff members and instead helps pay for events the organizations have.

"The money would be for programming. They'd be for events students want to do, and that's always money that student leaders ask for.

They decided how it is used, there are rules about how it is used and none of that money ever pays for staff," Harter said.

While the organizations that make this switch will lose some funding, Harter says for some it might only be around 2 to 3 percent of their budget.

But Harter stresses that allowing students the space to practice their faith is invaluable.



LOVE IS ACTIVE AND ALIVE IN THE UNIVERSE, AND I UNDERSTAND GOD AS LOVE, AND IN MY OWN FAITH PRACTICE, WHAT I AM CALLED TO DO IS TO LOVE GOD AND TO LOVE OTHERS.

JOEL HARTER
ASSISTANT CHAPLIN FOR
PROTESTANT LIFE

"I personally believe that students all want to live lives of meaning; they want to make a difference in the world," Harter said. "They don't all talk about it in the same way. For some, that connects to religion, for some, it doesn't. For some, it's spirituality and for some it's not."

This switch is set to fully go into effect next year, but for Harter, it all comes back to faith.

"There is meaning, and there is purpose, and for me, my core grounding principle is love," Harter said. "That love is active and alive in the universe, and I understand God as love, and in my own faith practice, what I am called to do is to love God and to love others."

A surprising change to the Global Neighborhood

Three Global Neighborhood buildings are renamed after Elon professors

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The Global Neighborhood's three largest buildings will no longer go by their original letters.

The board of trustees decided to rename Global Buildings B, C and D to commemorate former Elon University professors Russell B. Gill, G. Smith Jackson and Nan P. Perkins, respectively.

NEIGHBORHOOD OPENING

The Global Neighborhood was opened during the 2014-2015 academic school year and now houses 600 students.

Though classrooms have been dedicated to faculty members in the past, Book's decision to dedicate entire buildings to distinguished professors is a break from tradition for the university.

Book announced the renaming in her address to faculty and staff on Aug. 20, but the recent change has taken some of the neighborhood's residents by surprise.

Sophomore Laura Welch, a current Perkins building resident assistant, said buildings B, C and D may have been selected because they have four floors, whereas A and E only have three.

"I knew this was happening

in a few weeks and [Global residents] were aware of it too, but a lot of them came up to me saying it changed and I didn't even notice until they pointed it out," Welch said.

According to MarQuita Barker, director of Residence Life, there are no plans to rename buildings A and E at this time.

Gill Building resident sophomore Alex Mock-Rossi didn't know his building's name was about to change. He was surprised to learn that Russell B. Gill was a former Elon professor.

"If I donated \$10 million, I'd want my name on something big, so they kind of have to do that, but I mean naming it after professors has more meaning and character than just letters," Mock-Rossi said.

Welch was aware the buildings would be renamed, but said the change in names may confuse the younger residents. But she believes the dedications are "an addition, not a subtraction."

Mock-Rossi agrees that his building's new name is a positive change.

"And it's shorter, I never thought about that, I kinda like it. Gill. I live in Gill. Versus I live in Global B," Mock-Rossi said. "That sounds way better."

The official naming ceremony happened on Oct. 9 in the Global quad.

Barker believes it was important to honor significant members of Elon's past.

"I think it's important because these are people who have been very important to Elon's history," Barker said. "I think it's important for students to come and see, acknowledge, and celebrate them."



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(From left to right) Nan P. Perkins, President Connie Book, Assistant to the President G. Smith Jackson and Russell B. Gill cut the ceremonial cake at the renaming of Global Neighborhood buildings held on Oct. 9 in Global Commons.

RUSSELL B. GILL

1983-1988: Chair of the department of literature, languages and communications

1994: Coordinator of humanities and Director of general studies

1996 - 2000: Dean of arts and sciences

G. SMITH JACKSON

1994: Dean of students

1998: Vice President

Now: Assistant to the President, associate professor

NAN P. PERKINS

1985: Director of Publications and Public Information

1990: Dean of Admissions and Financial Planning

2000: Vice President of Institutions Advancement

The business of change and standing against ICE

Local business owners petition against the controversial 287(g)

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The 287(g) program, a partnership initiative with Immigration and Customs Enforcement, is back up for discussion, and Alamance County businesses are speaking out.

Nearly 60 local businesses in the county signed a letter in opposition of reinstating the program, which allows local and state law enforcement to partner with ICE access to databases and initiate the deportation process. Business representatives made their case against reimplementing the program before the Alamance County Board of Commissioners at the beginning of October.

One of those business owners was Phil Smith, owner of The Oak House.

"As just a citizen in the community, I think our community is much safer when everybody feels that they have the trust and faith of local law enforcement, and with the program, the immigrant community as a whole, historically and publicly [are] now stating they don't have that faith," Smith said.

Smith joined other business owners and attended the Board of County Commissioners meeting on Oct. 2 to state his case on the program, which wasn't originally on the agenda. Other businesses that signed in opposition to the program include The Fat Frogg, Reverence Farms Cafe and Cookie Gurlie bakery. In a transcript Smith provided to Elon News Network, Smith told county commissioners he worries about the safety of his community if 287(g) were to be reinforced.

"As a business owner, I want my employees and customers to feel safe coming and going from my business, and not to feel as if they may be stopped and interrogated simply because of the color of their skin," Smith said at the meeting.

In North Carolina, six counties currently have 287(g) agreements, namely Wake, Mecklenburg, Henderson, Gaston, Nash and Cabarrus counties. There are only 78 agreements with law enforcement agencies in 20 states.

Alamance County previously held a 287(g) agreement from 2007 to 2012. The program ended after the Department of Justice filed a lawsuit against the Alamance County sheriff's office alleging racial discrimination.

The case was later dismissed, but the program was suspended. Now Sheriff Terry Johnson is looking to reinstate it. Johnson was unavailable for comment.

After fighting against the program the first time, Smith said people are more prepared to vocally oppose the program after experiencing its previous repercussions.

"There's a galvanized re-



Freshmen Jeane Vose, Lexsy Lutgert and Olivia Jordan sit at a table inside The Oak House, which is owned by Phil Smith.

BUSINESSES THAT SIGNED THE LETTER

1. ADJ Meeraz Auto Sales
2. Antojitos
3. Burlington Insurance Inc.
4. Cookie Gurlie Bakery*
5. Dinner Bell Farm
6. Don Jesus
7. Dos Toros / Taqueria Veracruz
8. Duarte Auto Sales
9. El Carbonero
10. El Dorado Panaderia
11. El Gallo Giro
12. El Palenque
13. El Taquito de Oro
14. El Tecnico Tires
15. El Tio 2
16. Family Mattress
17. Fat Frogg*
18. Fiestas 4 Ever
19. Front Street Bottle Shop
20. Game Over Comic Shop
21. Hercules Tires
22. JT Tires
23. L. Cecilio's
24. La Cocina Mexican Restaurant
25. La Fiesta Mexican Restaurant*
26. La Guerrerense
27. La Guzman
28. La Original
29. La Rancherita
30. La Reyna
31. La Sabrosita
32. La Sierra
33. La Surtidita
34. Latin American Services
35. Latin American Taxes
36. Liga de Futbol las Americas
37. Lowe Vintage Instrument Co
38. Main Pointe Dancewear
39. Main Street Vinyl, LLC.
40. Miranda Auto Sales
41. The Oak House*
42. Old Rancho Western Wear
43. OT Sports
44. Persnickety Books
45. Plaza Latina
46. Pupusas Bonicas (truck)
47. Redbud Farm
48. Remodeling Works
49. Reverence Farms & Cafe*
50. Samuel's Tires
51. San Marcos Mexican Restaurant
52. Star Mobile
53. Taco Internacional
54. Taqueria 3 hermanos
55. Taqueria Aztlan
56. Taqueria California
57. Taqueria Guerrero
58. The Monarch Farm

* businesses mentioned

sponse now as opposed to last time; it was a couple years into it when we started seeing all the bad things happen. Now I think people are galvanized to say let's not do that this time - not in our community," Smith said.

Aldo Hernandez, general manager of La Fiesta Restaurante Mexicano in Burlington, also signed to stand against 287(g). He distinctly remembers the first time the program was put into effect.

"My business is a Mexican restaurant, and of course I get many Hispanic people working for me, and of course I notice the absence of them," Hernandez said.

When the program began in 2007, Hernandez said many of his employees did not show up for work.

"You can trust that they will come to work. It's very rare that they don't show up," Hernandez said. "Several weeks after that, we found out why."

Hernandez said his employees were fearful of what could happen to them when the program was put in place. Six years after the program was suspended, he said the fear still lingers.

"I can feel it in my community," Hernandez said. "As a Muslim-Mexican in my case, I can feel it. The community is in fear now."

Both Smith and Hernandez have attended conferences and meetings with other local business owners to voice their opposition. Their concerns center around the safety of their clientele. Smith says he wants everyone to feel comfortable talking with law enforcement.

"I think my business is safer when anybody around would call the police if they saw something suspicious," Smith said. "They don't want their number traced, they don't want their house recorded, ... they're just afraid. I want my neighbors to call the police. I want people to feel free to call an ambulance if they need to."

Hernandez is concerned for how reimplementing 287(g) will impact the Hispanic community.

"It will hit families, hit the community, and of course the



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OWNER OF THE OAK HOUSE

businesses," Hernandez said.

Robert Byrd, one of the Alamance County Commissioners, said bringing the program back could cause businesses to suffer.

"Having the 287(g) program will reduce economic activity. There are a lot of Latinx businesses. I think that it's going to chill a lot of the economic activity, because people are going to be fearful to let too much out in the open," Byrd said.

There is no set deadline for reinstating 287(g), but Byrd plans to vote against the pro-

gram, citing fears that members of the Latinx community could be racially profiled and a breach of trust between county residents and law enforcement could develop.

"Talking to several members of the Latinx community, they definitely fear that they would be profiled," Bryd said. "I hate to use the word 'illegal' because they're real people. They just don't have the proper documentation."

Once the sheriff agrees to sign on to the program, an agreement is made with Alamance County, which the Board of County Commissioners will approve or disapprove.

While Smith said he doesn't think his business will be deeply affected, he is focusing on the larger community by speaking out and does not want his opposition to be about his own business.

"That's part of my community, that's part of our tax base, and they're people and businesses that I care about. I'm fighting for them too. I feel like that's my responsibility and every citizen's responsibility," Smith said.

For Hernandez, it's about fighting for the greater Hispanic community, which makes up 12.1 percent of the Alamance County demographic, according to the recent U.S. Census Bureau.

"We follow the rules, we follow the laws," Hernandez said. "I think this law is unfair. It's not fair."



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Health Services prepares to take on flu season at Elon

Medical Director of Student Health Ginette Archinal explains flu season preparations

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As flu season in North Carolina continues to affect hundreds of individuals across the state,



Ginette Archinal

Elon University's Health Services have made preparations so its affect on campus won't be as severe. Ginette Archinal, medical director of student

health and university doctor explains the different ways they will be keeping the Elon community healthy.

Q: How is Health Services preparing for the flu season?

A: Well, the first thing is it's not just health services that's preparing for the flu season. I work in Student Health. There's also faculty/staff wellness, and then there's also flu preparation campus wide ... Here in Student Health, we are basically in the same position we are year round in terms of infectious disease. The biggest difference during flu season is that to protect ourselves even though we've all had the flu shot, there are certain types of masks we will be



The CDC is urging people to act now, just before the October start of the 2018-2019 flu season, and get vaccinated.

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wearing.

Q: What can students do other than getting the flu shot? How can they protect themselves?

A: It's actually relatively easy. Certainly, hand washing is crucial. If you can't wash your hands with soap and water, use hand sanitizer ... Very often you contract and contact infections by touching a surface. Then you push your glasses back, you push your hair back, you blow your nose ...

That's how these things spread. You know, there's hand sanitizer all over campus.

Q: A lot of people are skeptical of the flu shot and vaccine. What would you tell them to reassure them that the flu vaccine is in their best interest and in the best interest of others?

A: Well, there's a couple of reasons why people don't like getting flu shots. Certainly one of the big myths is that you can get the

flu from the flu shot. You cannot catch the flu from an injectable flu vaccine because ... there is no life particle [in the vaccine] ... If you contracted the flu before you got the vaccine, you may well have gotten the flu, but you certainly didn't get it from the vaccine ... The other thing is that people don't appreciate that you can actually be sick for two weeks with the flu ... The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends you do not go to work, to school or to anything when you have the flu until you have been

without a fever for 24 hours without taking any Advil or Tylenol or anything like that. That's the real reason people need to get the flu vaccine.

Q: Are there resources here at Health Services to help students if they get the flu?

A: Oh, absolutely. So, we see patients from 8:30 in the morning till 6 o'clock at night, Monday to Thursday. We see patients 8:30 till 4 on Fridays, we're here Saturday and Sunday from 9 till 1. I mean, we have more hours and availability than your local doctor's office. If you do get the flu, we can certainly prescribe a flu medication ... If you are dehydrated from the flu, we can give you IV fluids so that you don't have to go to the emergency room.

Q: Is there anything you want to add?

A: Yes. People die from the flu. About 181 children died from the flu last year and 80 percent of those children were not vaccinated. And 391 people in North Carolina died from the flu last year, the majority of whom were not vaccinated ... It is a serious disease which kills people. It may not kill you, but it may kill the person you give the flu to. I think it behooves everyone to get a flu shot, not just for themselves, but for their friends, their family, their co-workers, their colleagues, everyone they come into contact with.

Defining and safeguarding Elon's traditions

A new council forms to maintain Elon's most historic traditions

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While Elon University is an institution that prides itself in embracing change, it is now trying to establish its traditions as well. The Elon Traditions Council is now in the early stages of development.

Jodean Schmiederer, chairman of the Traditions Council, believes the group will help define, continue and support traditions at Elon. This includes university-based traditions such as the acorn to sapling process, or student-led traditions such as the Elon Ball.

Schmiederer said the idea for a Traditions Council arose when it was observed that the Commencement ceremony would no longer fit Under the Oaks.

"Traditions sort of ebb and flow," Schmiederer said. "The ones that we don't want to go away, what do we need to do to make sure that they stay? And how do we support students and new traditions that bubble up from among the student body?"

The Traditions Council will be comprised of Schmiederer; Brian Feeley, the director of alumni engagement; Chrystal Carpenter, the coordinator of university archives and special collections; Joel Harter, associate chaplain and director of the Truitt Center; a representative from athletics and five students.



One of Elon's most popular traditions, Luminaries, is held in the fall of each year in anticipation of the holiday season.

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Of the five students, two will be appointed by the student body president, Kenneth Brown Jr. The other three students will be chosen by the current staff and faculty on the existing council.

Brown said he wants to ensure every voice possible is represented on the council. The diversity of thought could range from diversity in ethnicity, sexual orientation or gender, socioeconomic status to living location on campus.

"[We want] the council to kind of get a full perspective of what students consider traditions, rather

than having similar voices say similar things," Brown said.

Schmiederer added that the current council is looking for students who are wanting to be a part of this council, but are not over-scheduled.

"For me and for those who are also on this, we want students who take the values of the institution to heart and really want to see school spirit and school pride," Schmiederer said.

Elon's Holiday Lights, or the Luminaries, is an example of a tradition that is likely to change and

be reorganized under the supervision of the Traditions Council. As the size of it grows, Schmiederer states that it is no longer physically able to be held in front of Alamaance Fountain.

"If we need to move it, where do we move it?" Schmiederer said. "We don't want to lose what makes that special, so let's just have some conversation about what that might look like."

Brown said a student-organized Elon tradition he would like to see continue is the Elon Ball. Designed by the SGA, the Elon Ball is

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JODEAN SCHMIEDERER
CHAIRMAN OF THE TRADITIONS COUNCIL

a strong example of a student-led tradition which defines Elon.

"This is what Elon tries to do, bring our students together," Brown said. "We thought having a big dance that's better than your high school prom would be a good way to do that."

Both Schmiederer and Brown believe the Traditions Council will help make sure that the traditions Elon continues or supports in the future keep aligned with the values of Elon as a whole.

"One of Elon's traditions is that we change," Schmiederer said. "There will always be a need for us to pay attention to our traditions and our founding values."

STAFF EDITORIAL

Diversify your connections

HOW WE SEE IT

Now more than ever, civil spaces are needed to address issues that directly affect our campus.

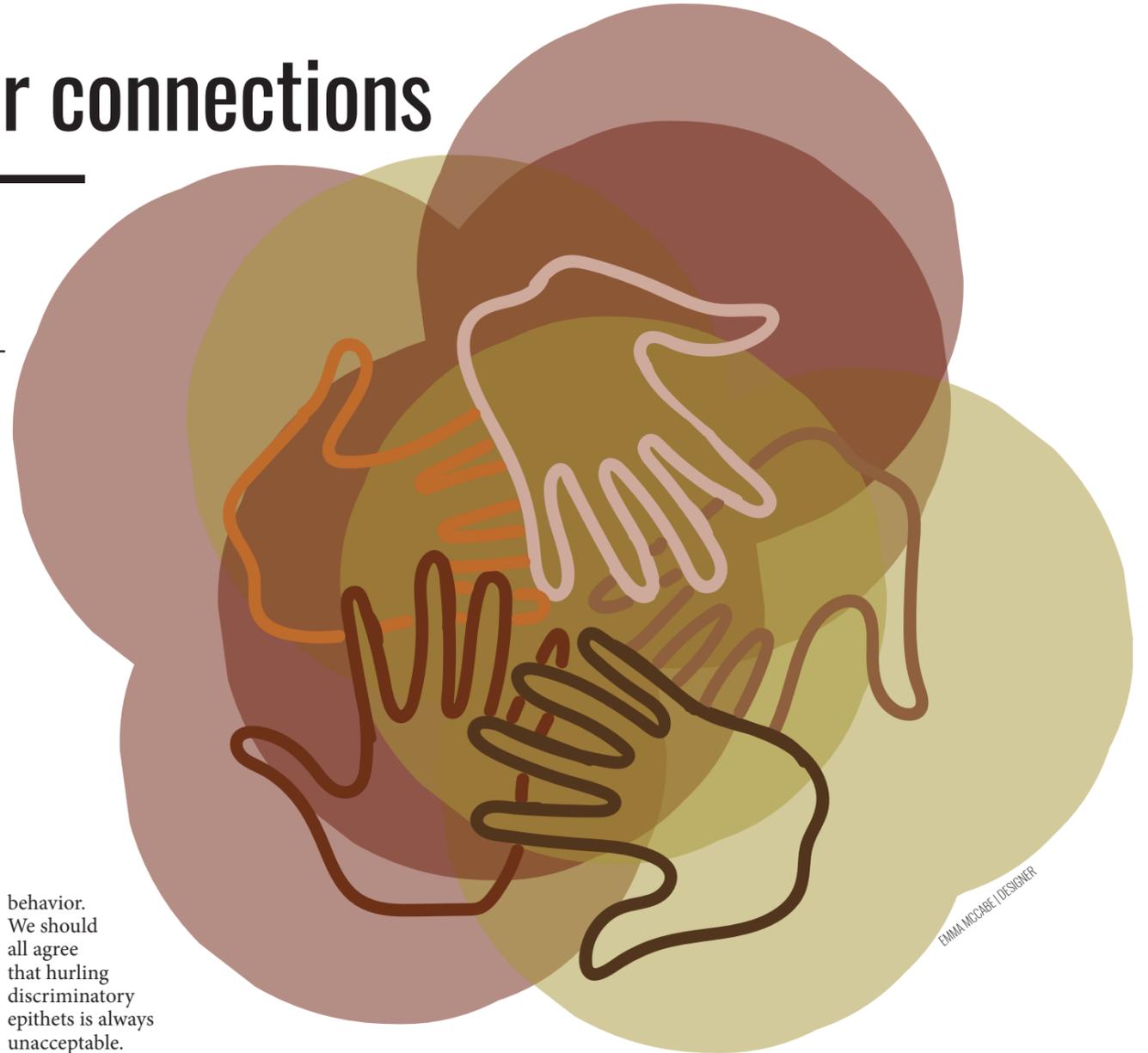
Diversity is important because it encourages dialogue on the numerous identities that exist within a group. Inclusion is crucial because it describes the action of including people within a group. But including people or diversifying a campus does not guarantee cross-cultural intermingling — which is most important for campus growth.

Methods to promote diversity and inclusion have been controversial. For instance, ongoing disputes over affirmative action for college admissions emphasize the need for college recruitment strategies that target underrepresented groups. But what happens after students are admitted? How do they socialize to foster diverse communities?

Here's our answer: there should be a greater push for cross-cultural intermingling once students arrive at Elon.

Multicultural centers like the Center for Race Ethnicity and Diversity Education and El Centro de Español are safe spaces that create a sense of belonging among minority students. But insulating people from outside noise can deter students from strengthening relations with the various identities on our campus. Doing so may increase self-segregation among groups or propagate diversity silos, where students may be reluctant to engage with different organizations or people of backgrounds that differ from theirs.

But what is more significant is the strident banter that can arise from cross-cultural mingling. When students who do not identify with a particular cultural organization attend one of their events, they may not know how to interact or interpret what they learn at the gathering. Discomfort can lead to aggressive behavior, which does not encourage growth or foster mutual understanding. Also, this discomfort should not permit prejudice and discriminatory



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behavior. We should all agree that hurling discriminatory epithets is always unacceptable.

We are not arguing that cultural centers or programs should no longer exist. We are arguing for further development of programs like Intersect: Diversity and Leadership Conference — a one-day conference held in November where students can engage in dialogue to create positive change — that encourage all cultural groups to collaborate and intermingle. But, more importantly, we're encouraging you, members of the Elon community, to go outside your comfort zone and attend events that emphasize topics you would not typically pay attention to.

The goal is to understand someone else's perspective rather than assume you understand their reality. But your attendance at these programs should not be singular events that occur once a year. You should attempt to understand someone else's

perspectives by attending multiple events where you will have difficult conversations.

Amid controversy surrounding immigration policies and discrimination against vulnerable populations, we, now more than ever, need civil spaces to address uncomfortable issues affecting our campus.

One strategy to promote constructive conversations is fostering intergroup-dialogue — a framework through which students of different demographic groups work together in a semester-long course to discuss topics and work together on a project. Application of this strategy does not have to be strictly academic: organizations at Elon can offer events that encourage different groups to interact over a meal. For example, the peer education health and wellness

group, SPARKS, can collaborate with the Latinx-Hispanic Union for an event. Other schools have similar programs that have been effective.

These ideas are not beneficial if no one is willing to make them happen. We need students, and especially students who do not identify with minority demographic groups related to race, ethnicity, sexual orientation or religion on campus, to enter spaces where they may be uncomfortable.

Consider attending an event held by the Latinx-Hispanic Union, the Black Student Union and other multicultural groups. Engaging in respectful dialogue with someone who differs from you will expand your perspective and understanding of someone else's experience. And isn't that what college is for?

Learn to appreciate opposite perspectives, not attack them



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You're scrolling through your Facebook feed when you stumble upon a controversial video shared by your lab partner from your sophomore year of high school. They had received over 40 comments from adversaries who evidently think their opinion is superior and have a little too much free time during their lunch break.

As your lab partner defends a recent political progression, he gets upset when people comment angrily on the link he shared, and he defends his right to free speech. The worst part isn't that he shared something that might make you cringe or that he's partaking in the fruitless comments below it,

but that he is surprised when people challenge his view.

And here's where so many people are wrong.

There's something very admirable about a person who stands up to express what they believe in. But doing this alone isn't the holy grail of achievement because it is missing a crucial element — the ability to look upon the opinions of others that differ from your own and respect them. This can be a flaw in the mind of an activist because regardless of having science, logic and reason for support, to ostracize the opposite side places you above them. It's worse if you write off anyone with an opposing view

because it's not your view.

But it's someone else's view, and to attack someone and put down what they believe in because it's not what you believe in doesn't do any good. The noblest thing you can do is to look upon another's position with respect. The best thing you can do is to merely ask them why they feel that way, how they got to that system of beliefs and weigh how it differs from your own.

You don't get to shun someone's ideas because they are not your own. That's not how the world works.

You can interrogate, try to understand and push others to consider doing the same.

Maybe when we all know all the facts, we can get on the same page. Maybe when we all realize that posting a controversial video only invites discord, with each side either deciding to fight or electing to stay quiet. Maybe when we figure out that your list of Facebook friends, the nation and the world is at a stalemate, with two ardently passionate sides pushing hard in opposition, we can stop lashing out at people with the opposing view. Or even better, not seek out power in numbers but power within ourselves.

Sharing a Facebook post to spread awareness and expression is more than fine, but attacking someone's opinions

and shunning them for having a perspective we dislike will not create progression. This will only slow our advancement.

The world has seen many great revolutions from people outside, marching and holding signs, but no history book details the grand efforts made by people slamming each other in Internet comments. So stop feeling surprised after the videos you share make waves, stop posting statues to egg on the comments of your opponents, and should you find yourself with a unique and different point of view, get out there and fight for it, waving signs and marching tall to make real change.



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Embarking on a leadership experience leads to self reflection

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Is there such a thing as a natural-born leader? Perhaps, but I'm certainly not one.

Even so, I am attempting my first year of real "grown-up" leadership as an elected school-board president within the Catholic Diocese of Charlotte, which actually extends across Guilford County. I'll be bringing you along on this journey with periodic columns.

So, if leaders are not naturally born, can good leadership be taught? Is effective leadership rooted in a leader's behavior, something that they do? Or is effective leadership something less tangible, what some call charisma. When I watch leaders at work, I've always been more impressed by the moments when they choose to do nothing, believing that the decision to be silent was as important as the decision to speak.

Not speaking, as well as speaking up, out and directly will all be challenges for me. When I was 19, one of my undergraduate professors was describing how powerful the imagination was and pointed out that the best-looking guy in class, was only really, really good looking until he started to speak. That astute observation virtually shut me up for four years in an effort to preserve what little good looks my classmates might imagine me to have.

As a native of Louisiana and a reporter for several years, I worked around exciting leaders, such as the state's former governor, Edwin Edwards. Edwards had an energy that made you want to follow him. There was something about him — a strong voice, good looks and earnestness. He led and thousands followed. Edwards' success may hint at the elusive and deceptive nature of good leadership. He is now in federal prison.

Other leaders have offered a more positive view. I've been in the room with colleagues who have taken on roles as committee chairpersons,

and I watched and learned as they bridled discourse. From commencement speakers to presidents and provosts, I've listened to leaders who told me to embrace the unexpected in my life, to keep the good of the whole community paramount and to make sure that whatever I chose to do, that I did it well. One commencement speaker quoted Eleanor Roosevelt as having said, "Satisfaction is not something that comes from having nothing to do, but having much to do and doing it." That quote led me to read dozens of others by Roosevelt. I now carry her insight and wisdom with me.

Perhaps the hundreds of library books that unfold stories of leadership have been equally influential. I was seven when I read of Charlotte's daring rescue of Wilbur and 11 when I met Judy Blume's Margaret and her discoveries of womanhood. I was 26 when I read Fannie Flagg's "Fried Green Tomatoes." Towanda!

This summer, I walked the plains of early civilization with Ayla, a fictional clan woman who was able to

sustain herself because of an uncompromising willingness to learn. Ayla was a leader wherever she traveled because she was a dedicated listener and observer.

Perhaps age is the key ingredient to leadership. You can't run for president until you turn 35. This summer I knew I had aged; I realized it had been years since I considered someone's good looks when meeting him. Instead, it is the lilt in a voice and the comfort in a rhythmic speech pattern that I find immeasurably more attractive and appealing.

So what do you have when the good looks of others and yourself don't matter anymore? With that energy/distraction out of the mix, do you become more capable of leading?

Perhaps all these lessons will be enough to sustain me through a year of leadership. Have these life experiences stamped my tabula rasa with "leader?"

A sea change is defined as a life experience so profound that it changes all other life experiences. Am I embarking on a sea change?

Leaders are forced to lead group in decision-making

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Budgets. Every leader has to make decisions regarding fiscal issues and unfortunately, people are funny about money.

My experience has been that for some, money is just not that important. While everyone needs enough money to live comfortably, employment is more about a social calling. The money they earn for that employment is secondary. For others, the calling is money.

The bottom line, as they say in the financial world, is that money makes things happen and in this adult world, financial issues cannot be ignored.

Early in my term as school board president, it was time to get serious about money.

During my first school board meeting, a discussion about a \$54,000 surplus in the overall budget for the last calendar year was the topic of a heated conversation.

In a tuition-driven environment, surplus can be interpreted as being "overcharged" for education. In this case, the surplus was the result of two faculty leaving mid-year and being replaced with less expensive substitutes.

For a frame of reference, this \$54,000 represents about 2 percent of our operating budget.

Board members raised two questions about the budget surplus: What

do we do with the surplus, and should we communicate the surplus to our stakeholders?

Because I'm one of those people where the social calling is greater than the money, I thought these two questions had simple answers; but, as I'm learning, very little about money is simple.

Last December, teachers in the school system were asked to create a "wish list" of classroom materials and supplies.

In my mind, that "wish" list was a working document of immediate classroom needs. I pulled it out at the meeting and began to consider what \$54,000 might buy (this seemed like the obvious solution to our budget surplus; I was going shopping).

The treasurer, who was sitting to my right, put his hand over the paper and said, "Before we consider spending options, let's consider what's ahead this year."

If I had been paying attention last year, I would have remembered that our budget was set by full-time enrollment and we had planned for 470 students. And, if I had really been paying attention during the principals' reports, I would have heard we currently only have 446.

All details are often overlooked when the social calling is more important than money.

I was beginning to squirm. I did not want to be the person at the helm during a fiscal crisis.

So I drew upon what experience I could. When teaching communications

classes at Elon, I frequently ask students to pay attention to the way media arrives at the home.

We've taken field trips to broadcast towers and considered how FM signals make their way across America to satellite dish farms where cable companies collect programming and redistribute it via a single wire to our living rooms and to print shop warehouses where massive rolls of paper are fork-lifted into position for the daily printing of the paper.

Communications majors can no longer afford the luxury of simply being consumers of the media. They have to understand the infrastructure and ultimately, the economics of the communications profession.

In the same way, I no longer have the luxury of simply being a parent whose child is enrolled at the school. As the school board president, I was now required to understand, maintain and hopefully enhance, the infrastructure.

In anticipation of this year's shortfall, I moved that the 2 percent surplus be rolled over into our reserves, to make up for fewer students than expected.

Thanks to the foresight of my predecessor, who was paying attention to the infrastructure, we had 7 percent in reserves. The motion was seconded; no one opposed.

Then we moved on to disclosure. Do we publish the budget? Do we let our stakeholders know that we had a surplus and decided to put it in reserves? If we do publish the budget, in

what forum and in what form? Again, because my social calling is greater than the money, I said, "Absolutely, we publish the budget."

I recommended we put a line item list of expenses in the weekly newsletter.

Not so simple. A group of members were concerned that if we made our budget public, in a line item form, we would be nicked and dimed to death.

Why did you spend \$22,000 on Lacrosse equipment? Why didn't you spend more on library books? How could you ask for donations, when you had a surplus?

But we did all of these things and we are elected and should be accountable for doing so.

If a parent balks, I'll listen and encourage them to get involved and make sure their needs are heard during our publicly held meetings.

Tensions mounted among board members, and so I moved that the publication of the budget be tabled until our next meeting. That motion, because of the emotions about money, was quickly seconded.

As I left that evening, I felt tired and torn. Tired because being a leader is taxing. Torn because I empathized with just about everyone at the table and that empathy had made making a decision difficult.

How do leaders do it — make decisions to move forward with an agenda, when they know that there are valid concerns that speak to them doing otherwise?

budding entrepreneurs

Two Elon seniors create a space to sell student-made products



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In hope of turning societal expectations of what's important in college on its head, senior Ryan McElhinney began brainstorming ways to elevate and support students' creativity.

Since his freshman year, McElhinney looked around and noticed students' creative endeavors often had to take a backseat to make way for busy schedules and homework.

"I started to see some students who were involved in really what struck me as just really cool, creative endeavors — passions," McElhinney said. "I started to think, it doesn't seem like there is a whole lot of time, or importance put on these sort of things during college."

After taking the course Philosophy of Leadership, where he was required to come up with a leadership initiative, McElhinney's idea for the student-made store only strengthened and soon would come to fruition with help from his co-founder and girlfriend, Lindsay Reeth.

"He was talking about this project, and he was always talking about it as an idea," Reeth said. "And I was like, why can't it happen? Let's try."

Last fall, the duo began figuring out logistically what needed to happen in order to facilitate an event where student makers and sellers could come to offer their goods to the Elon community. The idea was to allow students who may not even consider their hobby as a business opportunity, the platform to make a profit from an activity they enjoy.

Last year's event, which showcased 15 sellers and brought in hundreds of students, took place in the final weeks of the fall semester. Reeth and McElhinney hope to replicate the event this semester with a tentative date of Dec. 7.

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Ryan McElhinney & Lindsay Reeth



"[It ended up being] exactly what we expected it to be," Reeth said. "I think we achieved our goal of making it an event and a storefront rather than just a little thing that people peep in to see what's going on."

But the event was almost unable to happen after Reeth and McElhinney received an email from Elon administrators saying that because of a standing contract with Barnes & Noble, no other group was allowed to sell goods other than food on campus. After a meeting to try and resolve the issue, the administrators suggested what they saw as the only alternative: talk to the manager at Barnes & Noble and see if she would allow the student-made store to run out of her store-front for a percentage of the profit.

"The next week, we went to her, and turns out she was an art major and everything in college and totally bought into everything we were doing and loved it and was like, 'This is great, best of luck, hope you have a blast,'" McElhinney said. "So we went back to the people and were like, we're doing it."

The event was catered and decorated, resulting in some overhead

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SENIOR, CO-FOUNDER OF STUDENT-MADE STORE

costs that were not initially considered. Because of that, McElhinney and Reeth asked for 10 percent of the seller's profit last year. But, for them, it's not about the money.

"The profit is the experience and the joy from it, not the finances that we gained," McElhinney said. "This year, we are upping the invitation and the interest in it and everything, so we started to think, 'do we want to break even with this?' Is that something that is reasonable? So we are thinking of taking more like 20 percent this year."

The biggest takeaway for McElhinney and Reeth, and what adds to the excitement of getting to do it all over again this semester, is the confidence they saw burst from budding entrepreneurs who participated in the student-made store.

Reeth said there were many examples of students who had kept their passions restricted to their dorm rooms or never considered that what they did could be appreciated by others. In particular, she remembers a student who made friendship bracelets in her free time. She was apprehensive about selling her bracelets and was worried that they were not

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Top left: Blair Foreman '18 and Carly Hudson '18 show off hand-stitched hats that were sold at the student-made store showcase last fall.

Top right: Hanna Naering '18 chats with student customers about her artwork at the student-made store showcase last fall.

Left: Claire Anderson '18 showcased her artworks and crafts at the student-made store showcase last fall.

"good enough to sell." Reeth pushed back and asked if the process of making them made her feel good and if she thought that feeling would be shared by her buyers.

"Oh definitely, this reminds me of camp," [the girl responded], and I said, "Then what is the negative here? How would that ever be a bad thing?" And she sold out," Reeth said. "She was selling friendship bracelets, and I think it shows that you can do anything. No craft is too little or too big. It's all great."

In the beginning stages of planning for the store, the team considered it being a more consistent event but quickly realized the hurdles that would come into play. This year, they've started a website where buyers can contact sellers throughout the year so their business is not restricted to just one date. The website will also help McElhinney and Reeth stay involved after they graduate in May.

So what's in the name? Is it just "student-made store?" Yes. The founders said while they debated coming up with a more creative name, the name "student-made store" just stuck.

What started as a passion project has turned into a full-fledged business that has helped foster "entrepreneurship spirits" in many students. The 25 sellers so far who have agreed to appear at this year's event include photographers, painters, a student who customizes longboards and even a student who has her own eyebrow threading business.

"It's work if you want to call it work," McElhinney said. "But hopefully, it's the farthest thing from that."

Pride festival encourages self expression in Alamance County

Students, residents and drag queens gather to celebrate Alamance Pride

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BURLINGTON — All the colors of the rainbow arrived in downtown Burlington for Alamance County's fourth-annual Pride festival.

ROY G. BIV encircled the festival with rainbow flags that united people of different genders, sexualities and complexions. The festival, which was held on Oct. 6, hosted performances from drag queens and the Triad Pride Performing Arts. Food trucks and local businesses and organizations were also in attendance to connect with the community.

Jordan Thompson, a 23-year-old resident of Mebane, greatly enjoyed his first Pride festival.

"This is perfect, really," Thompson said. "[Alamance Pride] is great. So many colors. I got necklaces, buttons, stickers. I got tested ... so I'm HIV clear, you know, that's always nice. But it's really great. ... It's nice people and everything."

Just like Thompson, Elon University senior Stefanie Milovic was "super pumped" to be at the festival.

"I really appreciate the fact that Alamance Pride has put this on now for the fourth year. I know the first year was very difficult in terms of protesters," Milovic said. "But now being able to see how it's come together, how even though we have a little bit of an overcast day, you still see so many people out there ranging from students at Elon to all members of the community, all varying ages, races, sexual orientations ... it's just incredible to ... see a group of people come together from across all types of demographic lines."

Milovic attended the festival not only for the fun of it, but also to promote her preferred political candidate for North Carolina's Senate. The democratic candidate, a former veteran, is running to represent the 24th District on a platform of inclusion.

"One of our top priorities for the platform is equality for all, and seeing as North Carolina doesn't have the best track record as far as the LGBTQA community, we want to make sure to show our support here, as well as to really try to en-



Attendees gather around the stage for Drag Queen Story Time at the Alamance Pride Festival in Burlington on Oct. 6.

JESSICA RAPFOGEL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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ELON SENIOR

courage, especially young voters, but every kind of voter, to be able to get out there to vote and make their voice heard. That way, we can fight for equality," Milovic said.

But beyond her own political beliefs, seeing the community come together was Milovic's highlight.

"Just seeing how many different businesses, organizations, advocacy groups and just individuals who are out there supporting, it really is incredible," Milovic said. "It was great seeing how many of them are wearing either rainbow flags, different kinds of flags and just representing almost every kind of gender and sexual orientation out there. And so it's really inspiring to be able to see that."



Drag queen Stormie Daie stops by Elon University's Gender & LGBTQIA Center table at the Alamance Pride Festival and talks with students on Oct. 6.

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Bringing local artists into the spotlight

The Merge pop-up exhibition in downtown Graham showcases local artists

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GRAHAM — For Audrey Garton, seeing an abandoned building filled with people was the most relieving sight.

In an abandoned building on Main Street in downtown Graham, 33 local artists showcased their work in a pop-up art exhibition called Merge.

Garton organized the event and is the founder and president of the Independent Artist Movement. IAM helps local artists find ways to support and showcase local artists' work to the community.

"I just wanted to be involved in the art world and more so with emerging artists, not necessarily established artists already," Garton said. "In the beginning, I just wanted to do a small art show at a coffee shop."

But Merge grew far beyond a coffee shop art show.

Artist Kevin Hardin had his artwork featured, and he felt pleased that he and other local artists were getting recognition for their work.

"Now that we have an avenue to display our art, it's huge because you have folks who do art in their spare bedrooms, garages ... [and] living rooms. ... Having a platform to display our art and get our art out there so [people] can



A Merge pop-up exhibition attendee takes a picture of local artists' work at the show on Oct. 4.

GRACE MORRIS | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

see, ... it's definitely cool to have that exposure," Hardin said.

And while Garton planned the event, she had a few pieces in the showcase herself.

She said art allows her to share feelings that are difficult to talk about.

"Since I was young, I've dealt with depression throughout my life, so a lot of my inspiration comes from trying to express feel-

ings that I don't want to," Garton said.

Garton hopes that by creating these pop-up exhibits, she allows other artists the same space to express themselves — something she didn't know she'd love so much.

"I didn't know that I would, but I love just meeting all these artists that come out of nowhere, and at this point, it seems like not even something that I want to do

but something that I need to do because it helps so many people," Garton said.

Garton is planning for that help to keep on growing.

"I do want to expand," Garton said. "At first locally in Burlington, Elon, Mebane, but I definitely want to do it in other cities. It won't stay just in Graham."

What this expansion will look like, art lovers can't be sure.

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PRESIDENT AND FOUNDER
OF THE INDEPENDENT ARTIST
MOVEMENT

"I have a couple of ideas as far as what I want to do next, but I don't want to announce it yet," Garton said. "But hopefully I'll be doing something again in the next few months."

Garton's and the IAM's next moves may be a mystery, but Hardin's plans for after Merge are set in stone.

"I'm going to go home, feed my chickens, feed my dog," Hardin said. "But really, I have some murals that I'm going to do."

ELON EATS

New coffee shop offers good vibes and good java

Converge Coffee Bar & Café provides Elon students with a venue to fill their coffee needs

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BURLINGTON — The casual conversation among patrons, rustic yet modern furniture and good coffee combine to create a welcoming atmosphere for anyone entering Converge Coffee Bar & Café.

Converge has been open and selling coffee since Aug. 24, and its

four owners saw that opening the coffee shop was a necessity. Converge co-owner Kimberly Jordan said two of the other owners, Kevin Jordan and Daniel Krenzer, run a roastery in Graham.

Kimberly said the opening of the coffee shop was “born out of the need to get our coffee into the hands of more people.”

The comfortable chairs, the sound of the barista preparing coffee for customers and rows of pastries lined up on the counter help give off the appearance of a simple,

ordinary coffee shop, but that’s certainly not the case.

Converge provides coffee from different parts of the world based on whether that particular bean is in season.

Not only that, but Kimberly Jordan also said they serve “Nitro Coffee,” which is a “cold brew infused with nitrogen.”

This beverage provides coffee lovers with a light, refreshing option on a hot, fall day in North Carolina. This is a new addition to their menu as well, having only been on tap for a week, according to Kimberly.

With Converge being so close to Elon University, Kimberly said the owners were “very open” to the idea of drawing in Elon students.

Kimberly’s daughter, Krystjan, is a barista at the coffee shop and she said she has already seen business from students since the academic year started just over a month ago.

“We are really thankful to be so close to Elon because it will bring us business, but we have seen a whole lot of Elon students,” Krystjan said.

Coffee is not the only reason



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KRYSTJAN JORDAN
BARISTA



ABBY GIBBS | PHOTO EDITOR

A latte and a chocolate muffin wait to be eaten at Converge Coffee Bar & Café in Burlington.

IF YOU GO

Hours: Sunday – Closed
Monday-Thursday
6:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Friday 6:30 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Saturday 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Location: Correct Time Plaza, 3336 S. Church St., Burlington, NC 27215

Elon students should be excited that Converge is now open.

This shop also provides students with another location to study and work. At the coffee shop, there is a separate room from the dining area. Kimberly explained that this room can be reserved, free of charge, and that she would love to see Elon stu-

dents “take advantage” of this room as a quiet place to study or work on group projects.

In addition to the study room at Converge, the coffee shop will also provide live music once every month. Kimberly said their next scheduled live music event will be held on Oct. 19.

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SPORTS



Elon University sophomore quarterback Davis Cheek looks downfield as JMU linebacker KeShaun Moore attempts to sack him on Oct. 6.

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PHOENIX RISE ABOVE EXPECTATIONS

FOOTBALL from cover

Every game at Rhodes Stadium plays out against a backdrop of Elon's trademark red brick. The walls surrounding the field serve not only as an extension of the school's Colonial Revival architectural aesthetic but also as a poignant reminder of the football team's past success. Two banners boast, in bright red letters, Elon's NAIA national championships in 1980 and 1981.

The 30-odd years separating those championships and the present day are practically a lifetime by Elon standards. Those titles came when the school looked nothing like it does now. They came when the sports teams played as the "Fightin' Christians," when they were in a conference with schools such as Catawba College and Mars Hill University.

Since then, the school has morphed into a place that would be completely unrecognizable to an Elon student in the '80s. Administrators and planners pushed the campus outward, strengthened academics and elevated the little brick-strewn utopia to national recognition. But as Elon has continued its breakneck ascension, the football team has largely struggled to keep up.

Sure, they finished with a national ranking in 1999. And yes, there was a playoff game in 2009. But the Phoenix' performance since the turn of the millennium has been overwhelmingly unremarkable, and those championship banners from the '80s seem to be a little more taunting as each year goes by.

When the team jumped up to Division I in the late '90s, it began a new challenge. The team had barely begun to find its footing in the Southern Conference when it made

another switch — this time into the formidable CAA. While the move may have helped the school raise its profile up and down the east coast, it didn't do any favors for the football team.

For its first few years in the CAA, Elon was an absolute doormat. In its first season in the league, the Phoenix went 1-11, the lone win coming against a UNC at Charlotte team that had only come into existence the year prior. Through Elon's first three years in the CAA, it went a dismal 4-20 in-conference.

More notably, the Phoenix have been consistently manhandled by JMU. In the years when Elon couldn't keep its head above water in the CAA, the Dukes were reaching their prime.

In 2015, they came to Rhodes Stadium and kicked the Phoenix around to the tune of 51-0. In 2016, they rolled to a 49-point win. Even during Elon's breakout season last year, the Dukes put up 31 points and held Elon to a field goal when the pair met up.

So when freshman wide receiver Avery Johnson hauled in a pass, put two feet in the zone, and sent the Phoenix three points ahead, it was an upset of unimaginable proportions. Even quantifying the win as the third-largest upset in college football history doesn't quite dignify the years of toil in mediocrity that brought Elon to JMU's doorstep.

The first domino fell last year.

When Elon won its first FCS game against Furman, it felt like it might be a fluke. When they won another against a ranked Charleston Southern, it looked like the luck lasted longer than a game. But then, six wins later, it was clear something special was happening.

Head coach Curt Cignetti stepped onto campus with few expectations

BY THE NUMBERS

489	total offensive yards for Elon
212	total rushing yards for Elon
277	total passing yards for Elon

about how he'd perform. He was brought in to replace a departure, and he didn't have any head coaching experience at the Division I level. He won a national championship as a receivers coach under Nick Saban, and was Philip Rivers' quarterback coach at North Carolina State University, but there was no indication that he would be able to turn things around for the Maroon and Gold.

His quarterback was a true freshman. The words "true freshman" don't always carry the weight of what they really mean. Sophomore quarterback Davis Cheek was handed the keys to the program as an 18-year-old. He found himself at the helm of a Division I football team only two years after getting his driver's license.

Maybe they practiced extra hard, maybe they watched endless hours of film, maybe it was a touch of magic. Whatever the recipe, Cignetti and the Elon Phoenix posted their best record in a decade and made their way to the playoffs.

When they got back on the field this fall, everyone was waiting to see if they could do it again.

Now, riding high off a program-defining win and a No. 5 rank-



COURTESY OF TREVOR COCKBURN | THE BREEZE

Elon junior defensive back Daniel Reid-Bennett tackles JMU running back Marcus Marshall during the game on Oct. 6.

ing in the national poll, there's no doubt that they are doing it again. The only question is how far they can go.

The way they've been winning this year, it's hard to conceive what it might take to stop them.

Last year's team, even with all of its breakout performances and jaw-dropping upsets, was far from convincing. Even when it toppled ranked opponents, it only did so by the skin of its teeth. Last year's eight wins came by an average of less than four points. So many of those victories saw Elon almost squander early leads.

With so many nail-biting endings and nearly-blown leads, Elon walked a tightrope all season. So it was no surprise when they wobbled and fell off as soon they reached the playoffs.

But this season, there has been little late-game panic. There was even a blowout. And as if to punctuate

the ascension to true dominance, it came against the same team that knocked them out of the playoffs last November.

That said, the rest of the road to the playoffs will certainly be one filled with hurdles. Three of the five remaining teams on the schedule are nationally ranked. The Phoenix may be flying high after what they did at JMU, but there's plenty of time for them to get knocked back down.

Senior running back Malcolm Summers is absolutely explosive on the ground. The hamstring injury that sidelined him halfway through last season doesn't seem to be slowing him down one bit. Cheek is hitting his targets and playing with the swagger of a senior. Every week, someone new shows up on defense and makes a name for themselves. With that kind of consistency, there is reason to believe that they can keep rolling.

KILLER KAM HITS THE COURT

SPORTS BRIEFS

Senior outside hitter Kam Terry rises into the record books

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Kam Terry is nothing short of a handywoman. She can do it all, she succeeds at all.

Terry is a senior outside hitter for the Elon University volleyball team but should not be restricted to her title.



Kam Terry

Despite fighting her “average” height through the college recruiting process, it was easy for Elon’s head volleyball coach Mary Tendler to see the versatility and potential Terry possessed. Having progressed as a player over her four years at Elon, Coach Tendler understands the importance of Terry’s stamina and positional flexibility.

“She likes the role of being that player that needs to be on all the time and lead the team, and she obviously does a lot for us,” Tendler said. “She’s getting a lot of kills and digging balls and passing, she has to pass a lot of balls being serve-serve on almost every rotation.”

Being on the court for nearly every point will surely bring some big numbers to the stats sheet. Terry has been no stranger to racking up huge box scores. In her career, she has totaled 1,223 kills thus far, ranking her No. 7 all-time in Elon history, and she’s not even done yet.

Terry plays almost every point of every set of every match. Her constant presence on the court has allowed her fellow teammates to count on her and understand how she plays.

“On the volleyball court, you need to play with people to kind of have a feel for what they’re going to take, what balls they’re going to take and what she’s going to leave for you,”



Senior Kam Terry (16) hits the ball past Towson's blocker at the net in the Schar Center on Thursday, Oct. 4.

Tendler said. “So, to have some consistency on the court is a good thing.”

Terry’s leadership and ability on the court have given her not only incredible success but also a bond with her teammates, which is conveyed through the progress of the team throughout the season.

When asked about her individual success, Terry was quick to give credit to her teammates.

“As a hitter, I rely a lot on my team, so it’s been really helpful having Maddie [Jaudon] back there as our libero, making sure

we get some good passes, and obviously Kodi [Garcia] coming in last year was also a huge help, having a really key setter,” Terry said.

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MARY TENDLER
HEAD COACH

Unfortunately, in Terry’s time at Elon, the athletic program has moved into the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) and provided some much stronger competition. Adapting to this elevated competition has been difficult

as Terry’s team has yet to record a single win in conference play.

Despite some conference woes in the past, Terry believes the league is “really great be-

KILLS ON COURT

1,223

kills in Terry’s career, ranking her No. 7 all-time in Elon history.

cause on any given day, you can take any team, it really depends on how you play.”

Terry’s name continues to rise in Elon record books as her career continues. She notched a 32-kill game this season against Georgia Southern University, placing her name at No. 2 for most single-game kills, one behind Velma Degree in 1993. Her name may not be etched into a plaque upon her departure from the Elon campus, but her legacy and influence will continue to impact all the younger players on this year’s team.

“[Terry]’s a good mentor for [the younger players], and she’s in a position where we have first-year players, ... so they get to watch her and see what she’s doing,” Tendler said.

Leah Daniel and Kellyn Trowse, both freshman hitters for the Elon volleyball team, are the two players who are expected to learn the most from Terry, playing the same positions and watching her from the bench as well, giving them an additional perspective.

Terry also loves seeing young players gain experience just like she did when she came in.

“It’s especially exciting for future years because when you have freshmen that get to play right away, you know, they get that experience right off,” Tendler said. “As we are getting into conference and they are seeing that level of competition it takes to compete in this league, they are getting better too, which is good to see.”

The combination of Terry’s success and leadership have given her a chance to leave a long-lasting mark on the Elon volleyball program. Her presence on the court has given fans lots to cheer for over the years, and for Terry, “It’s just been an awesome experience so far.”

Men’s soccer drops another game

Elon men’s soccer could not crack into the win column this past week. The Phoenix dropped its game against the University of Delaware 1-0 at home on Oct. 3. The setback was the sixth in a row for the Phoenix, who last saw a “W” next to their name now more than a month ago when Elon won on the road against High Point University. Elon went down a goal in the 68th minute when Delaware’s Timo Hummrich found the back of the net. The loss dropped Elon to 0-3-1 in the conference and 3-6-1 overall this season. Elon will be at it again on Wednesday, Oct. 10, when the team faces the Seahawks of the University of North Carolina at Wilmington.

Women’s soccer can’t keep the momentum

The Elon women’s soccer team lost 2-0 on the road against the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) leading Huskies of Northeastern University on Sunday, Oct. 7. Elon nearly got off to a quick lead less than a minute into the game when junior Taylor Paradoski’s shot rang off of the crossbar. Elon would end up conceding an own goal just 14 minutes later to put them down in the game. Freshman Makenzie DePriest-Kessler attempted to clear a free kick directed on-goal by Hannah Rosenblatt but found the back of her own net instead of safely clearing the ball. Northeastern poured shots on-goal, forcing sophomore goalkeeper Valentina Estrada to save four shots on goal to keep Elon in the game. Elon will get its chance to keep a positive momentum when they travel north to The College of William and Mary on Thursday, Oct. 11, before returning home to host the Pride of Hofstra University at noon on Sunday, Oct. 14.

Volleyball’s skid now stands at seven

Elon volleyball had the opportunity to turn around its less-than-ideal start to Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) play with a three-game home stand, but the Phoenix were unable to change its fortunes as its losing streak was extended to seven games, remaining winless in CAA play. Elon began its home play on Thursday, Oct. 4, against Towson University. After dropping the first two sets, Elon was able to battle back in the third and force a fourth set. Elon fought hard to try and move to a fifth deciding set, but the Tigers quelled the Phoenix and took the match 3-1. Elon then had to take on the defending conference champions, James Madison University. The Dukes came into the Schar Center and showed exactly why they were favored to win the CAA again, losing just one set to the Phoenix. After a tight third set ending 31-29, the Dukes slammed the door shut in the fourth, closing the Phoenix out with a 25-15 statement. The Phoenix put up a hard fight at home against the Blue Hens of the University of Delaware on Sunday, Oct. 7. After losing the first set, Elon battled back to take the next two from the Blue Hens, but they were unable to finish them in the fourth set. Back and forth the two sides went, but ultimately Delaware took the five-set battle to keep Elon winless in the conference. Elon will get what may prove to be some much-needed rest this week as they will have a full week to prepare for their match with The College of William and Mary on the road on Sunday, Oct. 14.

RIISING PHOENIX OF THE WEEK

ABOUT

SPORT: FOOTBALL

POSITION: LINEBACKER

HOMETOWN: ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

HIGH SCHOOL: WEST POTOMAC

CLASS: FRESHMAN

WEIGHT: 215 LBS

HEIGHT: 6’ 3”

ZACH MONSON

Zack Monson made his first career start on a big stage, getting the nod to play at James Madison University. The freshman linebacker stepped up to the opportunity and made himself a cornerstone of Elon’s defense. He led the team with 12 tackles and seven solo stops. He also put his name next to two tackles for loss and 1.5 sacks. Those numbers were by far his best of the year, topping his previous high of four tackles against New Hampshire.

Monson’s play was key in helping to contain the Dukes’ high-powered offense. Elon held its opponent to just 103 yards on the ground, with Monson and the rest of the linebacking corps stuffing run attempts. His efforts were good enough to earn the conference’s Rookie of the Week honor, the first of which awarded to an Elon player this year. This season has seen a fair share of defensive players take their turn in the spotlight, but there’s reason to believe Monson could be back in it soon. By leading the team’s defense in its biggest win of the year, he’s making a bid to become a permanent fixture in the starting lineup as the years roll on.



Freshman Zach Monson and sophomore Destin Filloyd tackle red-shirt-junior Ben DiNucci of James Madison University on Oct. 6.

STATS VS. JMU

SOLO TACKLES: 7

ASSISTS: 5

SACKS: 1.5

TACKLES FOR LOSS: 2.0



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