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“HIS NAME WILL LAST AROUND HERE FOR A VERY, VERY LONG TIME TO COME.”

- LEO LAMBERT
ELON PRESIDENT



A.J. MANDELL | Staff Photographer
President Emeritus
J. Earl Danieley attends the groundbreaking ceremony of the Schar Center Oct. 22. Danieley died Tuesday, Nov. 29.

ELON PRESIDENT EMERITUS J. EARL DANIELEY DIES AT 92

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His smile won't be charming the students of Danieley Center on Move-In Day, his chemistry students on their lunch dates or basketball fans at home games. But while the man behind the rally towel won't be there anymore, the cheer will surely live on.

A legend of Elon University and Alamance County, President Emeritus J. Earl Danieley died Tuesday at 92, succumbing to a number of health issues that hindered him in his final years, years he still spent teaching at the same school from which he graduated.

Beloved and known affectionately as

“Dr. Danieley,” he served as president from 1957 to 1973 then as a professor in the chemistry department for many years after, retiring in spring 2016 and leaving behind an unmatched legacy across the Elon community.

Born July 28, 1924, in Alamance County, Danieley attended Elon College from 1941 to 1946. After graduation, Danieley was three months into a doctorate program at Johns Hopkins University when he was offered position at Elon teaching chemistry. He accepted, and never left.

Prior to serving as president of the college, Danieley was the dean for four years, from 1953 to 1956. At age 32, when he was inaugurated, Danieley was the youngest serving college president in the country.

In 2014 at Elon's Spring Convocation, Danieley recalled getting a phone call from

George Copeland saying he had been elected president — even though he never applied for the job.

“I said, ‘George, you’re crazy,’” Danieley said.

When he told his wife, Verona, she famously responded with, “Poor Earl.”

Danieley's tenure as president saw Elon make tremendous strides in terms of equality, notably with the first African-American students arriving on campus.

In 1963, less than a decade into Danieley's presidency, Glenda Phillips Hightower became the first African-American student to enroll at Elon. Eugene Perry '69 became the first African-American student to earn an Elon degree.

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CRIME REPORT

NOV. 18
NORTH HOLT STREET
ELON

Four students arrested for marijuana possession

Seniors Nicholas First, Ian Crowley and Paul Josel and junior Dayton Rudd were arrested Friday, Nov. 18 at their home on North Holt Street for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. Two females were present at the time of these arrests but were not charged and have not been identified.

Members of the Elon University Police Department and a Town of Elon Police Officer arrived at the home just after midnight to investigate reported drug activity. Rudd

answered the door to the police who immediately observed the scent of marijuana, but Rudd denied their requests to search his residence.

One officer saw the females attempt to hide a metal grinder and the decision was made to secure the premises to prevent further disposal of evidence. A protective sweep of the home was conducted and officers noticed marijuana and drug paraphernalia in plain view throughout.

First was discovered locked in a bedroom during the sweep and was detained alongside the other residents and their female guests. A search warrant was obtained and presented to the four

residents, who were then charged and taken to the Elon Police Department for processing before being transferred to Alamance County Jail.

Nov. 27
MAIN STREET
HIGH POINT

Shots fired in Wal-Mart parking lot

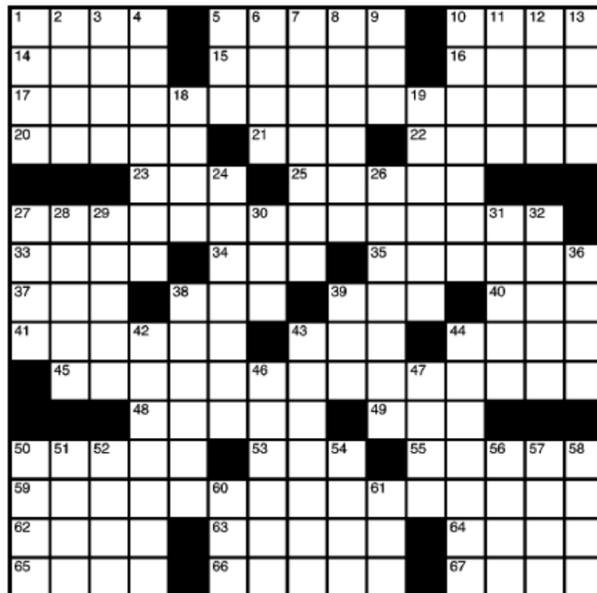
At 2:24 p.m. on Nov. 27, Greensboro Police Officers received a report stating that the window of a vehicle had been shot out in the parking lot of the Wal-Mart on Main Street in High Point. The driver reported the crime after driving to Gate City and an investigation is underway.

GAMES

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

- ACROSS**
- 1 Rough guess
 - 5 Company that developed the first aluminum teakettle
 - 10 Pre-coll. catchall
 - 14 Words of lament
 - 15 Inventive types?
 - 16 Wild way to run
 - 17 Stock in company producing solar panels, e.g.
 - 20 California rolls and such
 - 21 Bud holder?
 - 22 Touch-and-go
 - 23 Swell treatment
 - 25 Cato, for one
 - 27 Exonerated by the evidence
 - 33 Single
 - 34 Suggested actions
 - 35 Wish for
 - 37 In-flight fig.
 - 38 Jack's value, sometimes
 - 39 Spearheaded
 - 40 Fixture that may have claw feet
 - 41 Closed in on
 - 43 Fish that can swim backwards
 - 44 A.L. West pro, informally
 - 45 Standing hospitable offer
 - 48 Five-time Olympic swimming gold medalist
 - 49 Church-owned Dallas sch.
 - 50 Moth-__
 - 53 "Inside Politics" ailer
 - 55 Initial stage
 - 59 Take on holes 10 through 18 ... and a hint to a letter sequence hidden in 17-, 27- and 45-Across
 - 62 Vacation spot
 - 63 Nemesis
 - 64 Canal past Rochester



By Gail Grabowski and Bruce Venzke 11/30/16
Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

DOWN

- 1 Loses firmness
- 2 No __ traffic
- 3 Former Iowa Straw Poll city
- 4 Dwelling fit for a queen
- 5 Boxer Laila
- 6 Website offering
- 7 Stalactite sites
- 8 Home of college football's Ducks
- 9 Mule's father
- 10 White-coated weasels
- 11 Golf ball positions
- 12 Sound of frustration, often
- 13 __-bitty
- 18 Good-natured
- 19 Copied, in a way
- 24 Called the whole thing off
- 26 Early assembly-line autos
- 27 Arrange
- 28 Logger's contest
- 29 Ready to draw, as beer
- 30 Physics particle
- 31 Capone cohort
- 32 Cape Cod community
- 36 Black, in verse
- 38 Studio renter
- 39 Sweet-smelling garland
- 42 Typed in again
- 43 50-50 wager
- 44 Knockout
- 46 __ Creed
- 47 Wild way to run
- 50 Large-scale
- 51 "One more thing ..."
- 52 Towering
- 54 Put a handle on
- 56 Apple Watch assistant
- 57 Oklahoma city
- 58 Driving needs?
- 60 Clothes line
- 61 Dancer Charisse

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UPCOMING EVENTS: NOVEMBER 30 - DECEMBER 6

7 P.M. | Men's basketball vs. FIU
30

6:30 P.M. | Festival of Holiday Lights
1

1:40 P.M. | Campus Conversation
2

9 A.M. | Run At The Rock Trail Race
3

5 P.M. | Moravian Love Feast
4

8 A.M. | Little Alamance Stream Clean Up
5

6 P.M. | Final Choreography Salon
6

TOP PHOTOS



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY CODY HOYT
Senior Grace Huang looks out from Lulluchapata camp site on the Inca Trail.



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY CODY HOYT
Students in the "Introduction to Adventure Therapy" class traveled to Peru Nov. 19-26.



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY ERIN TANHAUSER
Sophomore Rocco Sharkey poses under the Northern Lights of southern Iceland during an excursion of the "Iceland: The Crucible of Fire and Ice: Nature, Culture and Authenticity" class Nov. 20.



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY ERIN TANHAUSER
Students in the "Iceland: The Crucible of Fire and Ice: Nature, Culture and Authenticity" class stand in front of a waterfall in southern Iceland during their embedded study abroad program.

DEBATING

SAFE SPACES



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Elon community expresses mixed views on trigger warnings, safe spaces

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Individuals in and around the Elon University community demonstrate varying degrees of support for trigger warnings and safe spaces along with differing levels of knowledge on the subject. On Nov. 15, Elon hosted a panel discussion — The Council on Civic Engagement’s Community Connections conversation — with The Burlington Times-News after the election of President-Elect Donald Trump. In the immediate aftermath of Trump’s victory, many students expressed fear and confided in each other for comfort. John Robinson, a participant at the panel and a current journalism professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, balked at the idea of safe spaces because he said the “marketplace of ideas” is being distorted because people tend to demonize or fear others who don’t share the same ideas.

“I see it on the World Wide Web, but what we’re seeing happen is the ‘filter bubble’ effect where everyone goes into their safe space of people who agree with them, and you venture out if you’re really curious about the world,” Robinson said.

His remarks align with the University of Chicago’s recently publicized action to eliminate safe spaces. In a letter to the freshman class, the university said it will not support safe spaces because they halt the community’s academic growth. A key section of the letter, as it appeared in an NPR article by David Schaper, read,

“Our commitment to academic freedom means that we do not support

so-called ‘trigger warnings,’ we do not cancel invited speakers because their topics might prove controversial and we do not condone the creation of intellectual ‘safe spaces’ where individuals can retreat from ideas and perspectives at odds with their own.”

Elon alumna Lauren Berk ’16, a marketing and events coordinator for United Way of Alamance County, agreed with certain parts Robinson to an extent.

“It’s a dangerous thought that a classroom is a place to confront these issues,” Berk said. “Trigger warnings can keep people from learning and absorbing information.”

As a human services major in her undergraduate studies, Berk is a firm believer that trigger warnings “boil down to empathy and respect.” While she agrees with Robinson that is imperative people see other viewpoints, there are some instances where trigger warnings are needed. She also said that people need respect to grow, and that it is everyone’s empathetic duty to give trigger warnings because something may be offensive to one person but not the other.

Senior Nicky Kratzer, SPARKS peer educator at Elon, had similar views to Berk in terms of the severity of trigger warnings.

“Safe spaces need to be created,” she said. “Trigger warnings are very important to warn people.”

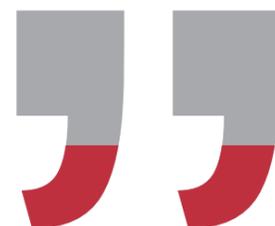
One Elon student, Kristin Watkins, expressed the same opinion that trigger warnings can be harmful to students if they cause one to miss out on certain aspects of their education. She didn’t know what a trigger warning was at first, but once explained to her, she was adamant that they need to be used.

“[People] are going to run into warnings throughout life, so they should experience them in a safe environment first,” Watkins said.

News Editor Emmanuel Morgan contributed reporting.



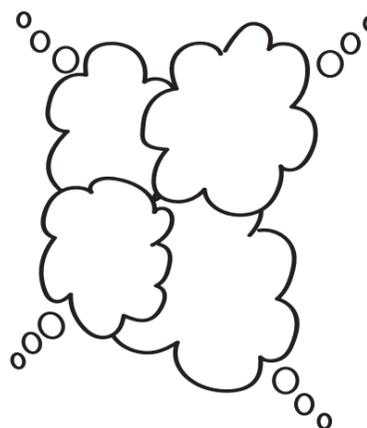
51 percent of students supported speech codes to regulate speech for students and faculty.*



36 percent of students did not support speech codes to regulate speech for students and faculty.*



69 percent favored limitations on speech when it came to language that was deliberately upsetting to some groups.†



78 percent believed their campuses should strive to create an open environment where they would be exposed to a range of speech and views.†

*STATISTICS COURTESY OF A POLL OF 3,072 STUDENTS FROM 32 FOUR-YEAR PRIVATE AND PUBLIC COLLEGES, RELEASED BY THE GALLUP ORGANIZATION

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†STATISTICS COURTESY OF AN OCTOBER 2015 SURVEY OF 800 STUDENTS NATION-WIDE, SPONSORED BY THE WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY, JR. PROGRAM AT YALE

SHIELDED WITH SCREENS

Students feel pressure to portray happy facade despite internal struggles

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Senior Lyndsay Clark has struggled with mental illness since she was a little girl, a trait she later discovered could be attributed to genetics.

“Anxiety actually runs in my family, so my mom, both of my aunts and my cousin have all struggled with anxiety,” Clark said. “When I was in sixth grade, I was diagnosed with generalized anxiety disorder and panic disorder. Around my freshman year of college, I was also diagnosed with obsessive-compulsive disorder.”

Before her sophomore year, it was nearly impossible to recognize the mental health problems she struggled with. Clark’s bubbly and positive attitude would often mask the underlying hardships she endured. Even her social media made it appear as though she was living the college dream.

But Clark is not the only college student who has learned to shield her wavering mental health through a bright personality and shining social media accounts.

Obstacles on campus

On Jan. 17 2014, Madison Holleran, a freshman track athlete at the University of Pennsylvania, jumped to her death from the ninth story of a parking garage in Philadelphia. Those who knew Holleran insisted that she seemed happy and that she was loving college — at least, according to her Instagram page.

An EPSN article titled “Split Image,” written by Kate Fagan, delves into Holleran’s complex life, highlighting the difference between the track star’s Instagram account and actual emotional state. Fagan described how Holleran made a point to only post photographs that made her appear as happy and excited as she believed her friends at other schools were, an attempt not uncommon by Millennials.

Clark and Holleran are not in the minority of those struggling with mental illness. As the American Psychological Association reports, more and more college students are seeking professional help for mental issues year after year.

Clark was one of these students, and she said she decided to see a counselor at Elon once her anxiety became too much to handle on her own. But during her freshman year at Elon, she also decided to join a student-run organization on campus called Active Minds.

According to the Active Minds website, the nonprofit organization is dedicated to destigmatizing mental illness, encouraging students to seek help when they need it and preventing future students from

falling victim to tragedies brought upon by mental illnesses.

In a survey conducted by the National Alliance on Mental Illness, only 31 percent of students surveyed considered their colleges to be supportive of mental health issues. The survey also noted the primary reason students found their colleges to be unsupportive was because of a lack of awareness in the community.

Dr. Marie Shaw, Elon’s director of Counseling Services and psychologist, believes that seeking treatment from school services is ultimately beneficial to students, even though some students don’t stay in therapy.

“I believe that students can gain personal growth through counseling,” Shaw said. “Even if students come for counseling one time and never come back, it’s what college is all about — self-exploration and understanding.”

Despite the growing numbers of college students reportedly suffering from mental illnesses, there still exists the reported 31 percent of students who do not feel supported by their universities. And with that statistic comes a movement for col-

leges to offer the assistance to the growing number of students struggling with mental health.

Because many people are unaware of this issue, Shaw identified education as the most vital stage of a campus becoming supportive to those with mental illnesses.

“I came into my job wanting to make changes,” she said. “Providing more education for teachers, faculty and staff are part of those changes.”

Not only does Shaw wish to educate members of the Elon community on mental health as a whole, but she also plans to launch a suicide prevention initiative where she hopes to get 100 percent of students, faculty and staff to complete training.

From a student’s perspective, education still plays an integral role in creating supportive campuses.

“Changing the rhetoric is the start,” said junior Leila Moore. “Having a mental illness is really not much different than having a broken bone or the flu, but for some reason, we as a society ostracize people who have this condition. [Elon] and many other campuses automatically see people with mental illnesses as a liability issue rather

than real people with real emotions, and changing that rhetoric and that stance on mental illness can be a great start to changing the underlying tenor of the environment.”

‘Filtering out the undesirable’

In Holleran’s story, social media appears to play a role in mental health transparency.

Though little research has been conducted on percentages of students who feel the need to only post positive images on social media, opinions on the topic are still prevalent.

“[Holleran’s story] perfectly depicts how an overwhelming majority of students feel regarding the discussion of depression and the portrayal on social media,” said senior Kalen Koch. “Students do not talk about depression because admitting to this disorder portrays a person as weak.

“The false illusion that everyday throughout college is fun and exciting infiltrates the minds of students — especially freshmen — and creates the idea that something is wrong with them if they, too, are not having the same experience.”

Moore said she also believes social media allows individuals to curate their ideal lives online. She said college students go through their everyday lives skimming their Instagram feeds and sweeping over photographs of their peers living constantly desirable lives, even though they know this is not what everyday life looks like. It’s the topic everyone is aware of, but no one wants to change.

“The flexibility that social media allows in terms of filtering out the undesirable aspects of ourselves and placing emphasis on the best parts of ourselves helps to perpetuate this idea,” Moore head.

Clark shared the same sentiment. “No one is going to post a picture on Instagram of them crying in their room because they’re homesick,” Clark said. “They’re going to post a picture of them at a party, seemingly having the time of their lives. I certainly had moments my freshman year where I was upset, anxious, stressed and homesick, yet my Instagram account would never reflect that.”

But as Koch said in her interview, “It’s OK to not be OK.”

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The flags in front of Alhambra were lowered to half staff after the death of Danieley.

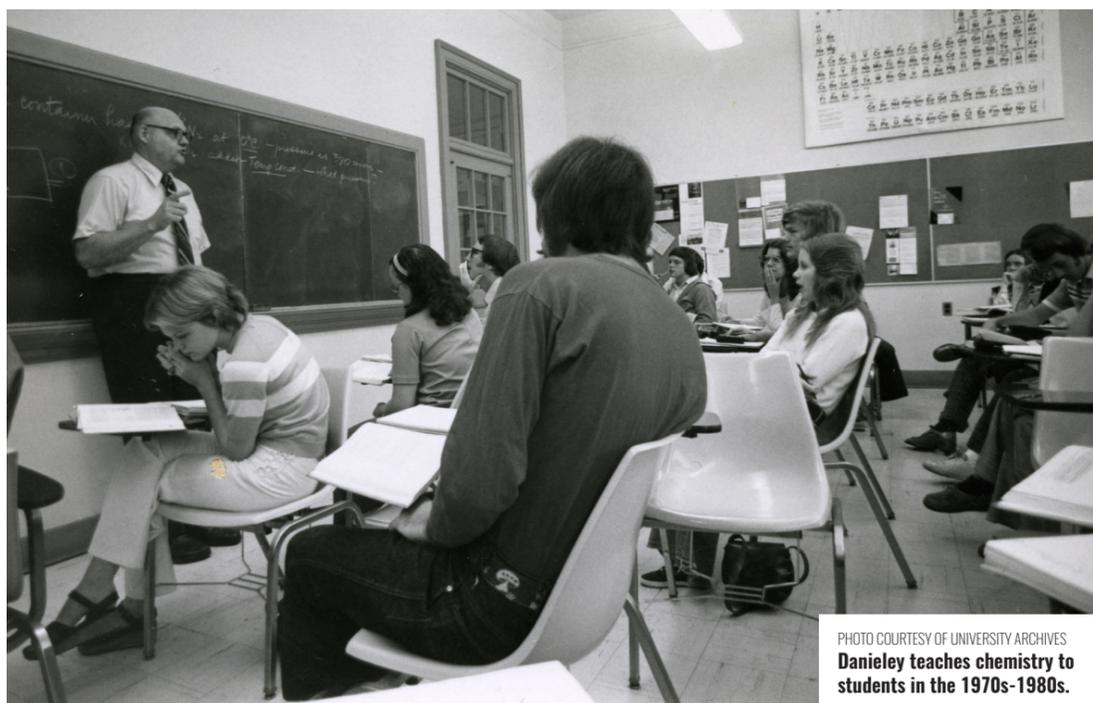


PHOTO COURTESY OF UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES
Danieley teaches chemistry to students in the 1970s-1980s.



PHOTO COURTESY OF UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES
Danieley, his late wife Verona and their three children stand together 1960s.

Danieley grew the Elon faculty and raised the academic standards at the college during his time as president. He stepped down in 1973 to devote more time to teaching.

Prior to serving as president of the college, Danieley was the Dean of College for four years. At age 32, when he was inaugurated, Danieley was the youngest serving college president in the country.

In 1983, he was elected to and served 12 years on the University of North Carolina Board of Governors, and was Elon's director of planned giving in the development office for five years.

He was named president emeritus in 1992.

His name — and the names of his loved ones — live on at Elon. In October 1999, the Danieley Center was formally dedicated in his honor. Danieley Center currently houses 812 students, mostly sophomores. Nearby Lake Verona is named after his late wife, Verona.

In recent years, Danieley taught "Introduction to Chemistry" and his popular Winter Term class, "Elon: Past, Present and Future."

As part of Elon's 125th anniversary in 2014, Danieley headlined Spring Convocation. He spoke with President Leo Lambert for more than an hour, telling his story and the story of the university.

When he wasn't on the stage, he was on the sidelines cheering on Elon's sports teams, most famously men's basketball games. Every home game, at the under-8 media timeout, the student section would strike up a "Dr. Danieley" chant, and Danieley would stand up and wave a rally towel.

Commemorative Dr. Danieley rally towels were given out during the 2013-2014 season.

As president, Danieley hired several coaches who would rank among the most successful in Elon history.

He hired Red Wilson, the winningest football coach in school history, who led Elon to six conference titles and the playoffs three times.

Danieley is also credited with founding the women's athletic program at Elon. He hired Kay Yow in 1971 to coach both women's bas-

ketball and volleyball, two teams that saw immediate success. Yow went on to national prominence as the women's basketball coach at North Carolina State University.

He also hired Bill Morningstar as the head golf coach and assistant men's basketball coach. In the 40 years Morningstar was at the helm, Elon won 16 conference titles and finished in the Top 10 nationally 17 times. His team won the 1982 national title, and Morningstar was named national coach of the year.

Danieley is also credited with starting the Elon College Sports Hall of Fame in 1972. He was inducted in 2008 as an administrator.

Danieley acquired numerous accolades during his teaching career, advancing Elon's chemistry department and speaking at several national conferences.

In November 1978, Danieley presented his study, "Individualizing and Personalizing Instruction in Introductory College Chemistry," at the southeastern regional meeting of the American Chemical Society.

Danieley and his wife established the Daniels-Danieley Award for excellence in teaching after he retired from the presidency. It was

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given in honor of their parents.

In 1980, Danieley was tasked with identifying various chemicals used around campus and figuring out the best way to store them. This was part of his role as Campus Hazardous Waste Control officer, a position created in light of the government's attempt to make the disposal of chemical waste safe.

In 1981, Danieley was awarded a Burroughs Wellcome Science Faculty Scholarship by the Independent College Fund of North Carolina. He used the scholarship to take a course in liquid chromatography offered by the American Chemical Society at its annual meeting.

The same year, he presented

at the International Conference on Chemical Education at the University of Maryland.

In 1994, Danieley was appointed as the assistant to the president of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Danieley met his late wife, Verona, while rescuing her from a mouse in a chemistry classroom during their time at Elon. The couple had three children.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Danieley Scholarship Fund or the Daniels-Danieley Teaching Award at Elon, c/o Office of University Advancement, 2600 Campus Box, Elon, NC 27244.

Funeral arrangements have not been yet determined.

Elon Volunteers! helps mentor Cummings High School students

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The graduation rate from Hugh M. Cummings High School — located in Burlington — is 67 percent, according to U.S. News and World Report.

Hugh M. Cummings High School in Burlington is a Title I school, meaning there is a high percentage of students who get free or reduced lunch. U.S. News and World Report lists minority enrollment at 93 percent.

Located in the eastern part of the city, its racial and socioeconomic statuses set it apart from the six other high schools in the area, but Elon University students are trying to make a difference.

Elon senior and Elon Volunteers! Hugh M. Cummings High School LINC'S Program Coordinator Hanna Smith-Benjamin said the students rely on their teachers for an education, but don't have the help or resources they need to keep pursuing their education.

"A lot of these kids come to school and both their parents work maybe multiple jobs, and so they come to school to and hang out."

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Smith-Benjamin mentors roughly 20 10th grade English students at the high school.

"It's kind of a rambunctious class. They're very outgoing and loud," Smith-Benjamin said. "They're not always being pushed for college, but



Elon University students and their Cummings High School mentees find clothes during The Cinderella Project.

PHOTO COURTESY OF FACEBOOK

to pass their classes and to come to school."

She provides more than homework help, inquiring about their social problems, too.

Struggling for retention

Only two new volunteers from Elon — both freshmen — were recruited at the fall Organization Fair.

"It is hard to get more volunteers at Cummings rather than organizations like Boys and Girls Club or Positive Attitude Youth Center (PAYC) because they work with younger kids, and so it's a little less intimidating and a little easier to work with them," Smith-Benjamin said.

Because of the close ages, Smith-Benjamin says Cummings is a "hard community partner" to bring Elon students into, and volunteers have to be willing and open-minded.

"Most of these kids aren't at the levels that they should be. Or at the level that their grade is and even in this 10th grade English class, they're

doing drastically different things than I was," Smith-Benjamin said.

Students are working on their grammar, finding claims and reading short stories, not perfecting sentence structure and reading more complex literature like Smith-Benjamin said she did at her public high school in Arlington, Virginia.

The main goal for these students is to pass their standardized testing at the end of the year. Smith-Benjamin said that's why Elon students play a crucial part in mentoring these students, pushing them to succeed in their academics.

"It's been kind of a hard LINC'S project because I think a lot of people are scared of high schoolers," Smith-Benjamin said.

She added that it is "a little discouraging" to have so few volunteers from Elon.

"I want to do everything I can, but I am just one person," she said.

Heightening the retention rate of volunteers is also hard because Elon students are always changing their schedules. But The Cinderella

Project, another EV! program, has larger success rates for keeping Elon students engaged because they have only one workshop in the spring.

The Cinderella Project involves Elon students mentoring high school juniors and seniors on prom day.

"Mentoring for our program specifically is oriented toward young women empowerment," said junior Caroline Dean, The Cinderella Project Conference coordinator. "It's seeing that through women who have already been through the experiences that you've been through so they can help guide you through the difficulties of high school."

Elon students help the high schoolers pick out dresses, jewelry and shoes and find beauticians to do their hair and makeup for free at Elon. The volunteers provide transportation to campus and lead workshops on prom safety, bringing in SPARKS for peer education. And there's even an a cappella performance.

"I've seen the relationships and

bonds [that] come from this. And for me it's pretty phenomenal to see the community coming into our community and them interacting so fluidly," Dean said.

Compared to the Cummings LINC'S mentoring program, the Cinderella Project had 70 student volunteers show up to their first meeting this fall. Dean says about 80 percent of those students are freshmen.

She and Smith-Benjamin are both worried about freshmen volunteer retention.

This obstacle is difficult to overcome in Smith-Benjamin's eyes, but she said that she tries to foster her relationships, no matter how small the number.

Keeping partnerships

Senior Ally Nylen, EV! executive director of communication education, said the relationship Elon and Burlington share at Cummings is beneficial for both communities.

"They anticipate Elon students coming out and volunteering," Nylen said. "And we invite them onto campus for other events to really strengthen that partnership."

For Nylen, mentoring is a mutually beneficial partnership, one that both Smith-Benjamin and Dean have experienced in distinct capacities.

Nylen said she sees that there is interest for people to get involved in organizations, but long-term commitment is hard, — especially since Elon students are often actively involved in many organizations. For now, the leaders are focusing on creating impactful change in their mentees and in themselves.

"I'm not afraid anymore to go out into our community," Dean said. "I feel very empowered getting to know these young women and knowing that they will be the young women that they continue to develop and love in this community. And in some way, I've been a part of that."

Working for the same team

Town of Elon Police, Elon University police share unique bond

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The chaos in Columbus, Ohio, early Nov. 28 was a clear reminder to Town of Elon Police Chief Cliff Parker of why his staff and the Elon University Campus Safety and Police Department rely heavily on each other.

In the early stages of the Ohio State University attack that injured 11 according to various sources, both the university and Columbus police departments acted swiftly, throwing away jurisdiction requirements and working together to respond to the situation. Because of the severity of the incident, other agencies were called — including the FBI. Parker said if a similar

situation were to happen on Elon's campus, an identical approach would be taken.

"More than likely, if we were to get a call about an active shooter, there would be a response from multiple agencies," Parker said. "But if in terms of an initial response right here, we would absolutely respond to the campus to support the campus police and vice versa."

Parker admitted that an active shooter is a "worse-case scenario," but on a weekly basis, the Town of Elon and the university police willingly collaborate. Though the university police's jurisdiction is the campus and the Town of Elon's jurisdiction is the remainder of the town outside of campus, the two organizations share a radio and constantly assist each other on calls when officers are busy. During Homecoming weekend, multiple Town of Elon police reports said their deputies aided the university police because of the high rate of activity.

But while they both assist each other, they also respect each other

enough to carry out their jobs harmoniously. Because campus police work directly with the Office of Student Conduct,

Even though Town of Elon police and Elon University police have had different goals, they still work together for the good of the community.

Parker said his team generally doesn't deal with student affairs. When needed, campus police can access information through the Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act and other privacy laws that can't be disseminated to anyone else.

Likewise, campus police normally wouldn't deal with minor domestic disputes or civil matters. Parker said because each department is accustomed to their distinctive groups — campus police being college students and Town of Elon Police being normally older adults — they will not overstep their boundaries. Ac-

cording to Parker, each department has its own goals and missions and neither want to interfere with that.

"We have different departments that we work in and our customer service tailored to our specific communities," he said.

With bigger crimes, if something involves both the town and the university, Parker said that they would work together after they find the common thread. The police chief used a stolen laptop as an example, saying that would be handled by campus police, but if something else was stolen in the town, detectives from both agencies would pitch in during the investigation.

"I call it 'force multiplication,' so that if our officers need assistance, we have immediate assistance from our partners, including for joint investigations," Parker said.

Parker said the relationship both organizations have is strong — something not common in other cities. He works closely with Elon's Director of Campus Safety and Police Chief Dennis Franks and has

meetings with him almost every week. Because of this, he thinks he and his staff are primed to continue working well with campus police because they get along.

"Their staff and our staff are friends," Parker said. "We know each other and we work with each other because we have common interests. Personally, I feel like the relationship we have is excellent. To be realistic, that's not going to be reflective across the country."

"They'll do what the law requires, but they don't have good personal relationships. In my opinion, that is not effective because you have to like each other in order to work well."

Sophomore Connor Quinn said he really appreciates having two police departments looking out for him because of the added sense of protection.

"I'd say it definitely adds an extra element of security knowing that along with campus police, the Town of Elon Police is right next door," Quinn said.



CHEAT SHEET: CLINTON AND STEIN REQUEST RECOUNT

Want a complicated news story explained? Email enn@elon.edu and find it in next week's Cheat Sheet.

Amid concerns of foreign interference and miscalculations, former Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton has joined former Green Party candidate Jill Stein in requesting a voting recount in Wisconsin. Clinton lost the election to Republican candidate Donald Trump three weeks ago through the Electoral College system, but Clinton's lead in the popular vote surpassed 2 million.

Experts told the New York Times that three states Clinton lost — Wisconsin, Michigan and Pennsylvania — essentially sealed Trump's win for the presidency. Combined, she only lost those states by a little more than 100,000 votes. Marc Elias, the Clinton campaign's general counsel, said their team would take part in a recount of votes in the other two states if Stein presses for an audit as well.

Elias also asked for intense screening of voting machines in light of possible Russian interference, something the United States government has been suspicious of for the majority of election season. In a statement to the New York Times, President Barack Obama's administration said it had concluded the election was free of interference.

On Twitter, Trump mocked democrats for not accepting the election results, something they did to Trump when he said, "I'll accept the results if I win," prior to Election Day.

"Hillary Clinton conceded the election when she called me just prior to the victory speech and after the results were in. Nothing will change," Trump tweeted.



Clinton delivered her concession speech Nov. 9 after winning 232 electoral votes to Trump's 306. PHOTO COURTESY OF TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE



NEWS BRIEFS

Global AIDS Day events link Elon, Alamance community

On Dec. 1, the Red Ribbon Society and a number of local organizations will be co-hosting "World AIDS Day 2016 - Keep The Promise," an annual Alamance County-wide event, in McKinnon Hall. Alamance Cares is encouraging students, faculty and staff to participate in free confidential HIV testing during the first part of the day. Numerous special guests, including Barrett Brown, president of the Alamance chapter of the NAACP, will appear at 6 p.m. to discuss the impacts of the stigma surrounding HIV and AIDS. A vigil will be held from 7:30 to 8 p.m. at Life's Journey United Church of Christ. An HIV Arts & Advocates Take the Stage panel addressing the impacts of HIV and AIDS on the lives of Alamance County community members will conclude events.

Lumen Scholar develops 'smart walker'

Elon University Lumen Scholar senior Beth Lester has developed a prototype of a "smart walker." She is the first student from Elon's engineering program to be awarded the \$15,000 Lumen prize. The walker's smart components include sensors to measure incline and the user's proximity to the walker — features which would hypothetically make the walker able to better accommodate a user's needs. She was inspired to pursue this invention after watching her aunt struggle with the brakes on her walker.

Finance professor receives Outstanding Paper Award

At the 2016 annual meeting of the Southern Finance Association, Assistant Professor of Finance Adam Aiken received the Outstanding Paper in Investments Award. The paper, which he co-authored with Jesse Ellis, an associate professor of finance at North Carolina State University and Minjeong Kang from the Pohang University of Science and Technology, is titled "Do Politicians 'Put Their Money Where Their Mouth Is?' Ideology and Portfolio Choice" and was presented alongside more than 200 other papers spanning a multitude of financial-related topics at the event in Sandestin, Florida.

Alumnus publishes wedding day style guide for grooms

"Grooms" by Donnell Baldwin '01 and his wife, Courtney Arrington Baldwin, is filled with style advice for future husbands on their big day. The 180-page book includes styles for every type of groom, no matter what his day-to-day fashion preference. According to Baldwin, the book is designed to help the groom that wants to go beyond renting a tuxedo. Baldwin has spent numerous years in the fashion industry, at one time as a styling manager and brand ambassador for Ralph Lauren, and he is presently the deputy styling editor for MR PORTER, an online luxury menswear retailer.

Western North Carolina wildfires affect Elon

Wildfires burn throughout Thanksgiving and continue to plague North Carolina

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The Elon Fire Department sent firefighters to help in the efforts to quench the flames. Fire Chief Alva Sizemore was deployed to Rutherford county from Nov. 14 to Nov. 17 to help quell the Party Rock fire.

"I've been in the fire service for over 40 years now, and we have had bad fires in the past but nothing to this magnitude," said Sizemore. "Nothing in the last 40 years can compare to the amount of acreage that has been burned up. We were put in 12-hour shifts so that there would be firemen on duty all day fighting the fire."

According to a press release from the Forest Service Nov. 27, 85 percent of the Party Rock fire is now contained.

Since late October, North Carolina firefighters have been battling wildfires spreading throughout the western part of the state, especially in the drier counties such as Watauga.

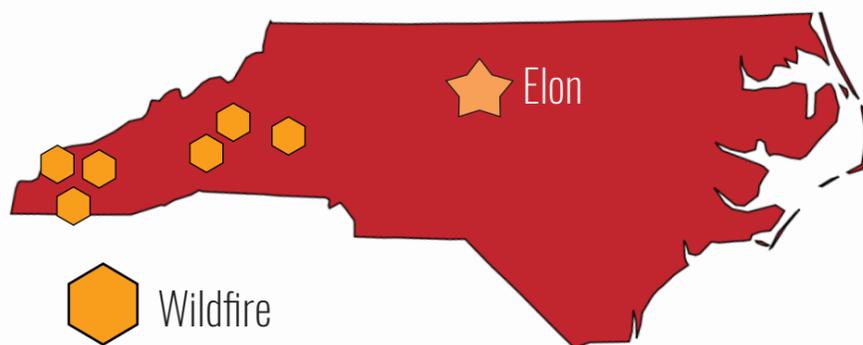
The first of these devastating fires, the Tellico Fire, began Oct. 23 in Swain County and destroyed more than 14,000 acres of land.

Authorities said 2,500 firefighters and other personnel have been deployed in an attempt to contain several of the largest wildfires in Rutherford, Buncombe, Watauga, McDowell and Macon counties.

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The National Weather Service is expecting rain this week in the drought-stricken areas of western North Carolina. Authorities hope that this rain will help contain the raging fires.

WILDFIRE LOCATIONS WITHIN THE STATE



BJORN BATES | Designer

"Our second deployment back to the western part of North Carolina was actually called off because the upcoming rain should pretty much bring most of the fires under control," Sizemore said.

As well as hoping for the rain, common fire-stopping tactics such as trench digging, fire control lines and the use of water bombers, are currently being used.

"There was a huge presence of smoke during my entire time being home over Thanksgiving," said Amanda McMahon, an Elon University sophomore from Candler, North Carolina said.

One of the most concerning issues is the fires' effects on the air quality throughout the state.

"I was out to dinner with my friend, and before we went into the restaurant it was cold and the air was pretty breathable. And then once we came out of the restaurant after dinner there was smoke everywhere and it was really difficult to breathe and it was significantly warmer," McMahon said.

Freshman Trevor Murrah, a resident of Buncombe County, who took the three-hour drive home for Thanksgiving break noticed how his car would be continually showered by bits of bark and ash.

"At first, I didn't realize what it was, I had no idea what those bits were until I realized that it was debris from the wildfires going on

in the other counties," Murrah said.

With thousands of acres of land destroyed in these wildfires, North Carolina Gov. Pat McCrory stated on Nov. 24 that the wildfires have caused more than \$12 million dollars worth of damages statewide. But the immediate costs of these fires are not the main concern for some.

"Our trees and plants and all the animals who inhabit the forests in my area [are my greatest concern] because that is part of what makes Asheville and western North Carolina a natural beauty," McMahon said. "It also is a huge part of the tourism in that area and it would effect the state not only environmentally but also economically."

As of Saturday morning, five of the 11 ongoing wildfires listed in the Joint Information Center have been at least 50 percent individually contained by firefighting forces.

With these fires still not completely out and the holidays coming up, Sizemore asks that the public does its part to keep their communities safe.

"With the holidays coming up, everyone just needs to continue practicing good fire safety, especially with all of the lights, candles and cooking that goes on this time of year," Sizemore said. "So, with all of the festivities coming up just use good common sense and stay safe."

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OPINIONS

STAFF EDITORIAL

You did the best anybody could do, Dr. D.

HOW WE SEE IT

Faculty, staff, students should remember Dr. Danieley the way he wanted to be remembered: recognizing he did his best.



When an ENN reporter in the fall of 2016 asked him how he wanted to be remembered, Dr. Danieley's response was nonhesitant:

"I don't need anybody to brag on what I did or anything else. If they say I did the best I could, that suits me alright."

So, to honor the man who was central to transforming the community we love, we will attempt to do just that here: Dr. D, you did the best anybody could ever do.

Dr. Danieley's job was not easy. When he assumed the presidency in 1957, he didn't take the position for personal benefit.

He assumed leadership over a school that had overdue federal loans and weak infrastructure. Echoing what Verona Daniels-Danieley,

his late wife, famously said when he agreed to the job: Poor Earl.

But in face of challenge, he did the best he could. Always.

He did his best to become a teacher. Even when his journey was interrupted when his mother forced him to return to Elon to run the family farm and work part-time for the federal government.

He did his best to devote his time to the most meaningful activities — even if that meant leaving his Dean of College position at Elon for a year to do postdoctoral research at Johns Hopkins University.

He did his best to make Elon more inclusive. He founded the women's athletic program at Elon. He was

pivotal in working toward racial equality on campus when Eugene Perry '69 became the first African-American student to earn an Elon degree.

Despite being more than 90-years-old, he did his best to sit in brutally hot weather during move-in days, welcoming students into Danieley.

He couldn't sit outside the whole time, but he did his best to for as long as he could. And he loved it.

As a community, we must take his commitment to do the best we can do — especially in the face of hardship and make the community even better.

Dr. Danieley did the best anybody could do. And we are a better community because of it.

BREAKING: The Opinions section contains opinions



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It's there in print, on the top right-hand side of this page, in bold, white, Oswald: O-P-I-N-I-O-N-S. There's a tab online, too. But in case you missed it: This is the Opinions section and the Opinions section contains opinions.

There is reason behind my redundancy. As Elon News Network's opinions editor, I often have to remind impassioned emailers that there is a defined line between "opinion" and "news" and that, shockingly, we allow our opinionated columnists and contributors the freedom to express their informed opinions in the Opinions section.

The section thrives when a meaningful exchange of ideas takes place, it exists to provide readers with the opportunity to react to issues, and it allows the public to hold news organizations accountable by providing a venue for Letters to the Editor.

What that looks like for me, as editor: publishing opinions that are grounded on factually correct information — even if I fundamentally disagree. In other words, that means I am publishing content that sometimes warrants a "yaaaaas"

and other times warrants a "yikes." When members of the community react to a Campus Voices piece, that means I defend the contributor's right to an opinion and our editorial decision to publish it, and I encourage people to bring their concerns to the public forum by writing a counter-piece or rebuttal. In a gist, that's what the Opinions Section is.

But let's focus on what the Opinions section is not: Opinions are inherently not facts (though they are derived from facts). And more importantly, Opinions content is not news. And it's vital to recognize the difference.

Though, the line between "news" and "opinions" is over 170 years old — with many crediting Horace Greeley for inventing the idea of designating a separate page for opinions to distinguish "opinion writing" from "news reports" in 1841 — people blur them far too often, especially in this digital age.

Far too often, columns are confused for news articles. No, that Odyssey Online "article" you shared on your Facebook timeline is not news. No, Nicholas Kristof doesn't represent the views of the New York Times. And no, our decisions to publish conservative or liberal columns or Campus Voices pieces do not mean we are actively seeking or celebrating a certain political opinion.

Far too often, media organiza-

tions are branded by the political leaning of the columnists they syndicate. And to the disdain of every professor who specializes in media literacy, confusion even exists among journalists — both professional and aspiring.

I've had to remind some of my colleagues at ENN, who I feel are sometimes quick to dismiss the value of the section because they believe it undermines our ability, to remain "objective," that it exists and operates differently in journalism, and it's important that we recognize, remember and celebrate that.

I'm met with rolling eyes, of course. Because let's face it, "news matters most." But the Opinions section plays an imperative role now more than ever.

In a society where consumers and professionals often blur the lines themselves through the content they share or create, it is vital to define a particular space in media that welcomes opinion journalism.

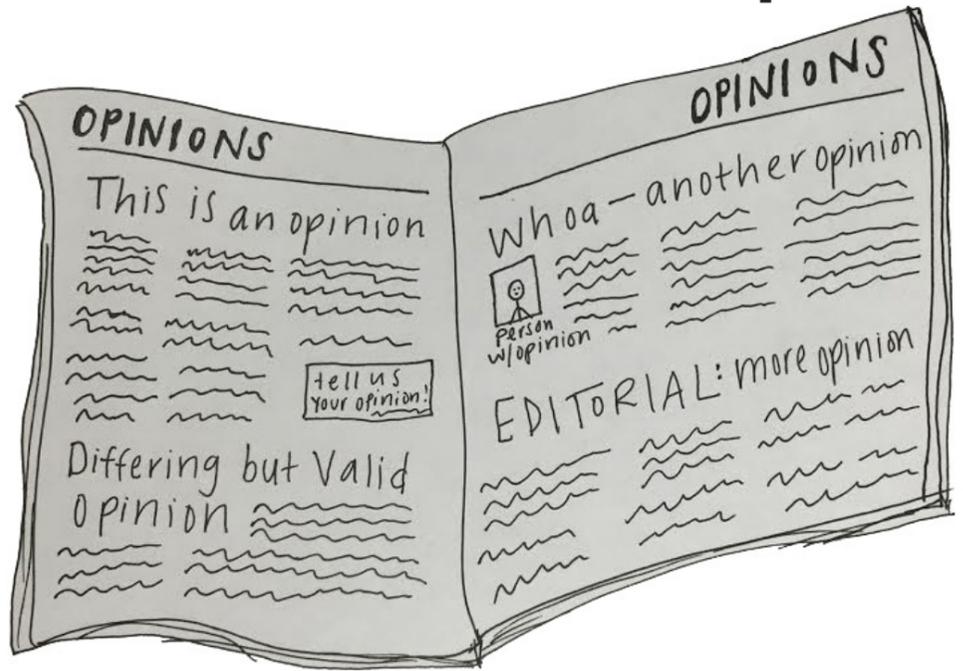
By doing so, we can better identify spaces that do not — like, you know, the news section.

And in a time where anybody can sit behind a screen and share hurtful opinions grounded on inac-

curate information through tweets or Facebook statuses, we must celebrate a space where opinions are filtered for accuracy and carefully fact-checked. Columnists devote hours constructing their opinions responsibly by considering different sides of the issue. Copy editors spend hours fact-checking them.

Separate from news but not less significant — and, more importantly, still journalism.

But anyway, that's just my opinion. And that is precisely why it sits — proudly — here in the Opinions section under bold, white, Oswald.



JANE SEIDEL | Digital Manager

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THE PENDULUM

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Elon University students,

The undersigned faculty and staff stand in solidarity with those of you who have been made to feel vulnerable or unwelcome by the rhetoric of hate surrounding the 2016 election. While, as faculty and staff, we are here for all students, we recognize that recent events have made some members of historically marginalized groups feel increasingly insecure. To those of you who have felt fear or discrimination because of your identity as immigrants, Latinx, African-Americans, Asian-Americans, people of color, Jews, Muslims, Hindus, Sikhs, non-religious people, otherly-abled people, LGBTQIA, women or sexual assault survivors, we have heard your confusion, fears and concerns. We commit to listening to you and supporting you as educators and leaders within our community. We repudiate hate and acts of violence and bigotry. We affirm that it is in our differences that we find strength. We will work alongside of you to strive for justice and acceptance.

Note: The absence of someone's signature below does not necessarily indicate one's lack of support for this statement or for our students. The signatures collected represent those faculty and staff at Elon who responded to an invitation to sign this letter during a 24-hour period between Thursday, Nov. 17 and Monday, Nov. 28. This list will be updated.

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LIFESTYLE



MAIN ST. VINYL

What: A vinyl record shop
Where: 321 S. Main St., Burlington, North Carolina
Prices: Sells older and newer records from \$2 to \$30

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Josh Garrett was raised listening to music on vinyl. At home, his father would always have a record on, playing classic rock from the 50s and 60s.

"When I got older and settled down and got my own home, he passed me all his old records, and it led me to seek out my own," Garrett said.

Many years later, he decided to open Main Street Vinyl to showcase his old collections as well as newer albums. The shop, located at 321 S. Main St. in downtown Burlington, officially opened on Tuesday, Nov. 15.

Just like his father, Garrett has a record playing constantly in Main Street Vinyl. Among the stands of older and newer records, with prices ranging from \$2 to \$30, there is a small stage in the corner and a lounge, giving customers a chance to enjoy the small vinyl shop.

Garrett was inspired to start his own business with his girlfriend,

Amy, when he found out that Triangle Vinyl in Mebane was closing. With the closest record stores located as far as Greensboro and Chapel Hill, he wanted to bring the experience to Burlington.

"We thought that Alamance County deserved a brick-and-mortar record store," Garrett said. "So we jumped on the opportunity, and we're kind of glad we did."

Throughout the process of opening the store, Garrett got help from Justin Hall, the previous owner of Triangle Vinyl. According to Garrett, he told them about various ins and outs of the business, including how to price albums, how to grade albums and how to purchase more albums.

Additionally, Hall sold Garrett crates, fixtures and the newer stock found in Main Street Vinyl today.

"I know from talking to him, he was really invested in the area," Garrett said. "He wanted us to succeed. He wanted us to be here for the community. It was a good, seamless transition from his shop to mine."

The older records found in the store come from Garrett's previous collections that he had purchased or that were given to him. Some of the records are the same ones that played in his childhood home, passed down to him by his father.

In the future, Garrett will get newly released albums from a distributor, but plans on searching through Craigslist and flea markets to find older albums.

He also hopes to host musical acts and events as much as pos-



Josh Garrett, owner of Main Street Vinyl, sorts through old records, arranging them by artist and genre.

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I WANT IT TO TURN INTO A PLACE THAT PEOPLE GATHER. I WANT PEOPLE, WHEN THEY COME IN TO GRAB A CUP OF COFFEE, TO SIT DOWN WITH A MAGAZINE AND CHILL OUT AND LISTEN TO MUSIC.

JOSH GARRETT
 OWNER OF MAIN ST. VINYL

sible, and he aims to have a section in his shop that specifically features local and North Carolina bands. Garrett said he wants his customers to experience the same feeling he gets when he holds a vinyl record.

"For me, it's the act of picking up a record and holding the physical music in my hand," Garrett said. "Taking it out and looking at the album art. The sound — the sound is so much fuller and deeper."

On Saturday, Nov. 19, Main Street Vinyl had its official grand opening celebration. Throughout the day, there were live musical performances, as well as a raffle with gift cards and lesson vouchers to other downtown Burlington

shops and businesses.

Though Main Street Vinyl only opened recently, Garrett said business has been great. Burlington resident and Elon University alumnus Tom Kimlet '72 came in to trade some of his old vinyls.

"It's great," Kimlet said. "I'm glad to see some young people here, digging vinyl."

With a revitalization of downtown Burlington, and new shops such as The Blend & Co., Garrett believes the store is opening at the perfect time.

"I want it to turn into a place that people gather," he said. "I want people, when they come in to grab a cup of coffee, to sit down with a magazine and chill out and listen to music."



Elon Eats: Prego's offers tasty pasta, smiling faces

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Only minutes from Elon University's campus, Prego's Trattoria offers traditional Italian meals at prices fit for college students wanting cuisine a step above dining-hall food.

Opened 11 years ago by Ecuadorian native Vincenzo Hernandez, the restaurant is situated right across the street from Harris Teeter at 2740 S. Church St.

After living in New York and working in various restaurants, Hernandez decided to make the move down south to open his own business.

"New York is too crowded," Hernandez said.

Growing up under his Italian grandmother's influence, Hernandez was surrounded by the food he now serves everyday at his restaurant, such as polenta and gnocchi — just to name a couple.

A pennant banner for the New York Mets hangs above the bar while the tables of the restaurant are covered in white tablecloths and set with white cloth napkins, a contrast from most restaurants in Burlington.

Each window is decorated with neutral curtains, allowing light in while distracting from the bustling intersection outside the restaurant.

Prego's website says "proper attire is appreciated," though patrons seem to be coming from



Prego's Trattoria on S. Church Street in Burlington offers a variety of Italian food on their lunch and dinner menus, including pasta and other traditional plates.

ALEXANDRA SCHONFELD | Assistant Lifestyle Editor

work or a day of school.

On a Monday afternoon, with few patrons inside, the service was a little slower than expected considering the time of day. But nonetheless, the owner — as well as the waiter — were welcoming and kind.

Not only are patrons served a classic breadbasket with olive oil once seated, Prego's also serves homemade fried polenta cubes free of charge before each meal.

The prices — especially on the lunch menu — are very reasonable, with all pasta dishes priced at less than \$10 for a hearty serving.

"I don't have one favorite thing on the menu," Hernandez

said. "Working in restaurants in Manhattan, I have collected a lot of dishes so I don't have one [favorite,] but I have a lot of dishes that I like."

Hernandez gets to showcase these different dishes through the daily specials for both lunch and dinner.

Monday's special was a homemade cauliflower soup. Though a bit watered down, it was sprinkled with fresh Parmesan and ultimately a nice treat on a chilly afternoon — which the waiter offers with every dish.

Many dishes on the menu are homemade — including the sauces, broths used in soup, lasagna, gnocchi and special-

ty ravioli. Some of the simpler pastas, such as angel hair and penne are not cooked in-house.

The menu includes simple favorites such as fettuccine Alfredo and homemade lasagna, as well as an assortment of fish, beef, chicken and meatless dishes.

Their desserts, for the most part, are also homemade including Tiramisu, cannolis and chocolate mousse cake.

There is a large sign outside the restaurant that would otherwise be hard to spot and draws patrons in from the busy road outside. Hernandez says they are doing okay business-wise, and now have a few regulars. He greeted one party of patrons

PREGO'S TRATTORIA

Where:

2740 S. Church St.

Hours:

Mon-Sat: 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Sun: closed

with hugs.

When he opened the restaurant a little more than a decade ago, Hernandez wanted a name everyone would remember. He thought his own name would be too complicated, which is when he came up with "Prego," meaning "Don't mention it" or "You're welcome" in Italian.



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1.

Former cross country star becomes high school chaplain

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With long strides and a determination to succeed, Katie O'Dunne Kilpatrick '12 bolted through the grassy fields of North Carolina during her first cross country race at Elon University in 2008.

Her positive attitude and passion for running propelled her onward, but the more distance she covered, the more she felt an excruciating pain develop in her foot. Upon crossing the finish line, Kilpatrick struggled to walk. Much to her dismay, she discovered that a stress fracture was responsible for the pain.

As someone whose college career was supposed to revolve around running, Kilpatrick was devastated.

"I had put absolutely everything into running," Kilpatrick said. "It was all I cared about at that point. I literally thought my life was over."

THE OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY DIFFERENT TRADITIONS UNDER THE BEST PROFESSORS I'VE EVER HAD MADE ME REALLY PASSIONATE ABOUT INTERFAITH WORK. IT WAS ELON AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES THAT MADE ME REALIZE I AM PASSIONATE ABOUT THE CHURCH.

REV. KATIE KILPATRICK

RELIGIOUS STUDIES AND HUMAN SERVICES '12

Despite this standstill, she refused to let a stress fracture prevent her from getting involved at Elon. So, she decided to explore other interests, such as her faith.

Local community church members heard about Kilpatrick's running impediment and asked her to preach about that struggle to the congregation.

"It was when I was preaching about that experience that something really clicked for me," she

said. "I have been a part of the church and service my whole life, and that is really where I felt the most joy, and it was this incident that made me think I should really pursue this."

Even though Kilpatrick once regarded this stress fracture as an unfortunate event that stalled her running career, she soon viewed it as a blessing in disguise.

And through it, she found her call to ministry.

Following a calling

Today, the Rev. Katie Kilpatrick has been the academy chaplain and comparative religions teacher at Woodward Academy in Atlanta, Georgia, for two years.

Kilpatrick teaches, provides pastoral care and promotes the religious studies program to the 2,800 students at the school.

As a comparative religions teacher for the Upper School of the academy, Kilpatrick teaches four different sections of the course throughout the semester.

In this class, students choose a specific topic of interest and explore that topic across different religious traditions.

Kilpatrick expressed her joy that the students have already begun to grasp the learning objective for this course.

"My students at Woodward all really love each other and try to understand and respect the traditions of one another," Kilpatrick said. "It gives me a lot of hope for our world."

Kilpatrick also works to expand Woodward's religious program, which she helped initiate.



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Letting FAITH take its course

1. Katie O'Dunne Kilpatrick teaches at Woodward Academy as a chaplain and comparative religions teacher.

2. As a former Elon cross country runner, Kilpatrick competes in various triathlons.

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She visits the Primary and Lower schools to discuss empathy and understanding, teach religious traditions for an interfaith club for the Middle School and conduct interfaith prayer services with the Upper School.

Peggy McNash, academic dean of the Upper School at Woodward Academy, said Kilpatrick has made a significant contribution to the school through her new and exciting initiatives.

"She has lots of great ideas and relates very well to the students," McNash said. "The interfaith prayer group fulfills a great need among the students and staff."

In addition to being so involved, Kilpatrick has a wholehearted love for the students at Woodward and her ministry work.

"I love what I'm doing so much, I am so passionate about these kids and everything here," Kilpatrick said. "I just love Woodward."

Learning from her roots

Before working at Woodward, Kilpatrick attended Elon where she obtained a bachelor's degree in religious studies and human services and graduated with a GPA of 3.98.

Though Kilpatrick said her call to ministry was clear after her preaching experience, she was uncertain about what that call would entail after graduation. But with her Elon professors' guidance, she was reassured.

"The opportunity to study different traditions under the best

professors I've ever had made me really passionate about interfaith work," Kilpatrick said. "It was Elon and religious studies that made me realize I am passionate about the church."

She said these Elon professors offered her opportunities and internships that enhanced her faith and confirmed her decision to pursue ministry work.

One of Kilpatrick's most prominent mentors, Jeffrey Pugh, professor of religious studies, largely shaped her outlook on religious traditions.

"[Kilpatrick] was always one of the leaders of the discussion and was always respectful of others' opinions," Pugh said.

To this day, Kilpatrick said she quotes Pugh to her students at Woodward.

With her professors' advice and leadership, Kilpatrick received a full scholarship to the Candler School of Theology at Emory University.

Running with religion

In the midst of her studies and after recovering from her stress fracture and other various injuries, Kilpatrick continued to run on the cross country team all four years at Elon. On the team, she won academic awards as a student athlete and was selected to be the team captain her senior year.

Former cross country coach Christine Engel and teammate Christine Pacewicz '13 said Kilpatrick made a commitment

to improving, had supportive interactions with her teammates, was enthusiastic at practice and had a cheerful disposition. They said Kilpatrick epitomized the ideal student athlete that they all strived to be.

"She was always the one we turned to for support no matter what," Pacewicz said. "She kept the team upbeat."

"When she was at practice, she was present and excited to be there," Engel said. "That mentality definitely rubbed off on her teammates. As a coach, having someone like that on the team was just amazing."

With a natural ability to run, Kilpatrick said she utilized her talent to further her relationship with God. Running brought her peace and clarity, an ideal environment to facilitate her faith.

"Running became a spiritual place for me," she said. "Being able to go out and run was a place that I could talk to God."

Today, she still pursues her love for running as a triathlete who competes with the United States' team.

From all she has learned about respecting others' differences as an athlete, student, intern and chaplain, Kilpatrick hopes future generations will likewise learn to embrace individuality and strive for global change.

"My hope for the future is that we can all live alongside each other in true appreciation for the beautiful distinctions that we have," Kilpatrick said.

ONLINE:
JMU ends Elon
football's season with
63-14 rout

SPORTS



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The Elon University football team walks off the field after losing to the University of New Hampshire 13-10 Oct. 7.

CHANGE IN RESULTS NEEDED IN '17 FOR FOOTBALL



Alex Simon
Columnist

There's no sugarcoating the struggles that the Elon University football team had during the four years that seniors like me have watched.

In total, the Phoenix won just nine of its 46 games — less than 20 percent. Diving into the stats makes it worse. Elon lost more games by 30+ points (10) than it won during that time. The Phoenix also won just one home game in each season, with two of the four home wins coming against non-Division I schools. In total, Elon won just seven games against Division I schools.

The downturn started before my freshman fall of 2013, but the two-win swan song in the Southern Conference for then-head coach Jason Swepton led to a coaching change. When Elon hired former offensive coordinator Rich Skrosky to take over as Elon jumped to the Colonial Athletic Association, Skrosky seemed to understand it would be a rebuild, using 'Embrace the Grind' as the rallying cry.

After a 1-11 first season, Elon went 4-7 in Skrosky's second year using a bunch of underclassmen, an upward trend that many believed meant 2016 would be a continued rise. Elon even found its starting quarterback, as sophomore Connor Christiansen won the job over sophomore Daniel Thompson after the two split reps throughout 2015.

But Christiansen suffered a season-ending injury early in the second half of the first game of the season, forcing Thompson into a starting role without a scholarship quarterback left to back him up. Thompson was able to fill in fine at first, and he even was at the helm when Elon upset the College of William & Mary Sept. 24, a win that felt bigger to redshirt junior defensive lineman Dondre Howell because of all Elon

had struggled through.

"On that last play of the game, I threw up my hands and I almost cried," Howell said after the game. "We've been through a lot, with everything going on these last few years. But we've trusted the process, trusted [head coach Rich Skrosky], and [assistant coach Gerald Chatman]. I was thrilled about the whole entire day."

That was the last win of the season for the Phoenix, as Elon went 0-for-October and -November. The offense struggled to score, only reaching the end zone four times in the seven games. The worst of it came at the end, as a 44-14 loss on Senior Day to then-last place University of Rhode Island Nov. 11 was followed up by a 63-14 loss at CAA champion James Madison University Nov. 18 to close out the season.

WILL WE BE THE BEST ROSTER IN THE CAA NEXT YEAR? NO. BUT THERE'S A LOT OF TEAMS THAT WON A LOT OF GAMES THAT MAYBE DIDN'T HAVE THE BEST ROSTER IN THE CAA.

RICH SKROSKY
HEAD FOOTBALL COACH

But when Skrosky looks at the 2-9 record for 2016, he believes that the team was better than the 4-win team of 2015.

"The record wasn't reflective. I would argue that, in most areas this year, we were a better football team, even though we stepped back in the win column. When I watched the tape, when I watched us practice, when I watched the kid's ability, I think, in most areas, we were a better football team than last year."

It's not as if Elon wasn't competitive — Elon lost to the University of New Hampshire by three and trailed by just one possession in five of its seven straight games it lost to end the season. Only the Family Weekend annihilation at the hands of Villanova University was truly over early (Elon trailed 35-0 at half).

For Skrosky, the key is to make sure his players, "know how hard it is to win," especially when comparing the close games Elon was able to emerge victorious from in 2015 that didn't

happen in 2016.

"You can look back on any season, and for the steps we took for a 3-win improvement, being pessimistic, I could have easily looked at our [University of] Maine game and the Stony Brook [University] game and say, 'It isn't like we blew those teams out,'" Skrosky said. "That's what football is, though. That's what competition is. The difference between winning and losing maybe is a missed field goal against UNH."

"What I see our guys do on a daily basis, I think we're in a better place. We've got to get the kids to finish and believe and get their confidence up. Obviously, the success is lacking, but we need them to know they can be successful, and point that out to them and get them to do that for 60 minutes."

prove throughout the season," Skrosky said. "We will get to that point, when you look at the top teams in our conference, 'This offensive line is three redshirt seniors, two redshirt juniors.' You, ultimately, have to build your program to that point."

"I am realistic, though, when I look at our roster and I look at our competition. We'll be more competitive, I truly believe that. Will we be JMU next year? Probably not. Can we win 10 games? Sure. That's why you play. Will we be the best roster in the CAA next year? No. But there's a lot of teams that won a lot of games that maybe didn't have the best roster in the CAA."

Having high-quality upperclassmen contributing goes well beyond just recruiting the talent to the school, something Skrosky uses James Madison to point out.

"The team they're playing with now was recruited two staffs ago," Skrosky said. "It's a combination of acquiring the talent, and then developing the talent once it gets there. I think 2017 is a turning point year to some extent, but that takes a long time to build, and that's the hard thing as the coach."

"A lot of people — fandom — will say, 'Just get your recruiting classes,' which ... Ok, but I don't know if that's all said and done. It's about acquiring the talent, but then getting on the experience and hitting on the talent."

Skrosky deserves another year to see if the players he's recruited to Elon can blossom, especially given that he's been in one of the toughest conferences at the FCS level. But there comes a time where the growth needs to manifest into points, and points into wins. And that time is here, something Thompson recognizes.

"You throw a long touchdown, then you come out with another good drive, that's obviously positive," Thompson said. "But for us, it's just like everything all year, it's the consistency. When they score, we've got to be able to score again. I don't think we're there yet, but we've got to work on that in the offseason. The off-season's got to be huge for us."

And, after nearly 30 years of coaching college football, Skrosky knows what needs to happen on the field and on the scoreboard in 2017.

"It's a results-based business," Skrosky said. "I wouldn't want it any other way."

Elon men off to best start in D1 era

Phoenix sweeps NIU Thanksgiving Classic, starts year 5-1

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Senior guard Luke Eddy was a sophomore when the Elon University men's basketball team played in a Thanksgiving tournament in Cancun, Mexico in 2014, a trip he called "absolutely amazing."

But this past week, the team spent six days in Dekalb, Illinois. Though rural Illinois is a less exciting destination than Cancun, this trip ended with the Phoenix winning Northern Illinois University's NIU Thanksgiving Classic.

"This one was very unique," Eddy said. "I like anywhere that we go 3-0 at, I'll tell you that."

The tournament win was Elon's first since winning the Maui Invitational mainland tournament in 2012. It also gives Elon its best start to a season since 1987-1988, when the then-Fightin' Christians played in the NAIA and started the season with six straight wins.

The NIU Thanksgiving Classic was Elon's first tournament victory since winning the Maui Invitational mainland tournament in 2012.

The strong start also garnered some national attention, as CollegeInsider.com ranked Elon 23rd in its weekly Mid-Major Poll, a ranking of the top teams from outside the major conferences. It's the first time since Feb. 4, 2013, that Elon has been ranked in CollegeInsider.com's poll — before anyone on the team currently was on campus.

The four-team NIU Thanksgiving Classic tournament was played round-robin style, with each team facing each other once. Each Elon win featured different set of challenges and styles of play, which Matheny was happy to see.



Sophomore forward Tyler Seibring (1) was named CAA Player of the Week Nov. 28.

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"It's pleasing that we were able to win against different fashions and against different styles of play," Matheny said. "To do it in a tournament format with very little preparation time is another thing we can build on. We won close games, we got better from the experience. There's still room for improvement, but it's something we can build on."

Eddy, who was named Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) Player of the Week Monday for his play in the tournament, also believed that the team, "maintained the highs and the lows — [they] kept steady and ran [their] system."

The Phoenix started the tournament by jumping out to a double-digit lead against the University of Illinois-Chicago and led by as much as 21 points in a 91-80 win Nov. 23. Sophomore point guard Dainan Swoope led the Phoenix with a career-high 26 points off the bench, and redshirt junior forward Brian Dawkins added a career-high 19 points.

Then, after taking Thursday off for the holiday, Elon battled Northern Illinois into double overtime before pulling out an 85-80

victory Nov. 25. It was the first two-overtime game Elon had played in since Feb. 2, 2012, when Elon beat the College of Charleston. Sophomore guard Steven Santa Ana had a team-high 20 points.

Then Eddy took over Saturday against California Polytechnic State University-San Luis Obispo Nov. 26, shooting a perfect 6-for-6 from the field with four 3-pointers and going 9-of-10 at the free throw line for 25 points. Elon was down by 11 midway through the first half, but stormed back to win 72-66.

The team's offensive capabilities were as strong as ever, with six different players scoring double-digit points during the tournament. Matheny was impressed when he heard about the distribution of scoring.

"I think it shows that we're a balanced scoring team," Matheny said. "We've always run an equal-opportunity offense as a motion offense, but this year, we've got several guys that can score. I think more guys are understanding where shots come from in our offense, and in turn, it should make us more difficult to guard."

Eddy added, "We're a very talented offensive team. We have so many options that it's tricky to decide who to put your best defender on. We can go to our second, third or fourth guy, and if one guy is hot, we can ride him. If another guy is not hot, we still trust them to make their shot."

"Trust is a big thing — if somebody is shooting a three on this team, I believe they can make it. I believe anybody that we play can make a 3-point shot."

In the next week, Elon hosts two teams in the road last season. The Phoenix beat Florida International University 77-71 last year and plays the Panthers at 7 p.m. Nov. 30. Then the University of North Carolina at Asheville, who Elon beat 86-81 last year, comes to town Dec. 6. While some may expect Elon to beat these teams, Matheny cautions against assuming victories.

"We won at [the University of North Carolina at] Charlotte, and they came in here and beat us," Matheny said, referencing Elon's lone loss of the season. "We just have to do what we always do and focus on the here and now. We played a really close game at FIU last year, and we had to score a lot of points in round 10 to come out with a victory. We know it's going to be a tough game."

In between the last two home games before the semester ends, Elon will take a quick road trip to Washington D.C. to face perennial power Georgetown University at 1:30 p.m. Dec. 4. The Hoyas finished under .500 last year and currently stand at 3-4 for the 2016-17 season, making this as good of a chance as any to take down a traditional power.

But regardless of the results that come in the run-up to conference play, both Matheny and Eddy see the short burst of success and know there is improvement still to be had.

"The run's great, and we've got a little buzz to it, which I think we deserve it," Eddy said. "But we've got to remember that four straight games is not going to win you one game in the CAA. We've just got to come out every day and just get better, work on what we do well and what we miscued in the game."

FOOTBALL

RESULTS



Nov. 19
14-63



THE PHOENIX FOCUS

MEN'S BASKETBALL

RESULTS & SCHEDULE



Nov. 17
74-61



Nov. 25
85-80



Nov. 23
91-80



Nov. 26
72-66



Home

Nov. 30
7 p.m.



Away

Dec. 4
1:30 p.m.



Home

Dec. 6
7 p.m.



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

RESULTS & SCHEDULE



Nov. 18
76-55



Nov. 19
71-57



Nov. 22
64-58



Nov. 26
68-78



Away

Dec. 4
5:30 p.m.





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