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## Appetites await food truck arrival



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Senior Daniela Nava has been thinking about food trucks since sophomore year.

But Nava didn't just have them on her mind for the food they offer and the unique ordering experience they give.

Nava, the outgoing vice president of the Student Union Board (SUB), had a purpose in thinking about food trucks, namely bringing them to campus for the student body to enjoy.

What was once a mere idea will come to fruition Thursday, April 16, when SUB and Elon Dining bring five food trucks to campus for lunch.

The process of bringing food trucks to campus began when Nava and now-outgoing SUB president Kyle Koach were first on SUB's executive board sophomore year.

"It's been a long time that we've been dreaming this up," Nava said. "We fantasized with the idea sophomore year, but we

didn't take it any further."

Although many liked the idea at the time, SUB was not in the right place to take on such an event.

"SUB was in a different place," Nava said. "It wasn't the right time to pursue it. We didn't have the support and success that we do today."

In fall 2014, Nava toyed with the idea again.

Things began to fall into place when Nava, a sport and event management major, was assigned her final project for her senior seminar.

For a sport and event management's senior seminar, they can create a project that applies anything they learned throughout the major courses.

A collaboration with SUB and Elon Dining fulfilled requirements for Nava to turn an idea she originally had as a sophomore in SUB to her senior seminar final project.

In the middle of fall semester 2014, Nava then began to work with Aramark through Elon Dining and SUB to plan and coordinate the event.

Before Nava approached them, Aramark marketing coordinator for Elon Dining Heather Krieger said Elon Dining had already been thinking about bringing food trucks to campus.

"We had been thinking about doing something with food trucks in May 2015 as an end-of-the-year event for students," Krieger said. "We joined with

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## Elon ranks near bottom on Pell Grants

Staff Reports

Elon University is locked in a race to the bottom for a dubious spot as the least economically diverse institution in the country — but the administration has recognized the fact and says the school is making "slow progress."

In a recent column released in the Hechinger Report, a publication that follows higher education news, Elon was ranked as one of seven schools in the United States with less than 10 percent of students attending who receive Pell Grants, a federal program that provides aid to students whose families make \$60,000 or less per year.

According to the report, President Leo Lambert and his administration recognize the problem and evidence Elon promising to double financial aid by 2020 as a sign that they're doing something about it.

"We are digging hard into this issue of access, because it makes a big difference in the quality of the kind of community we aspire to be," Lambert said, according to Stephen Burd, the report's author.

Prompted in the first place by

Washington University in St. Louis — long-considered the least economically diverse school in the country — unprecedented promise to double the proportion of its Pell Grant recipients by 2020, the report goes on to analyze which school is most likely to replace Washington for the not-so-coveted bottom spot on the list of national rankings.

Elon's status as a private university can complicate things.

"As a private university, it's harder for Elon to provide scholarship and a tuition rate that can accommodate

students from a larger background," said junior Bryn Bonner.

According to the report, Elon does not look to be the No. 1 choice to do so. Though Lambert categorized the school's Pell Progress as "slow," Burd said it was important that Elon is at least doing something about it.

Students are split.

"Because Elon is mostly tuition-based, they can't hand out a lot of scholarships, which is why I think Elon has a big economic disparity," said sophomore Stephanie Scro. "A lot of students here are the same."

### ECONOMIC DIVERSITY

9% of Elon students receive Pell Grants

A federal scholarship program that helps college students whose families make less than \$60,000 a year

### IN COMPARISON

Davidson College	Duke University	High Point University
13%	14%	13%

Source: The Hechinger Report

## Elon track athlete suspended after arrest for assault, battery

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A May 19 trial is pending for Jennifer Diane Esposito, a 20-year-old junior and member of the women's track and field team, who was recently arrested on an assault and battery charge.

Esposito struck the victim with a closed fist, according to the Alamance County Clerk of Court. The victim, a male student, was reported to have scratches on his face, neck, back and arms.

The incident occurred early April 7 at Esposito's Crest apartment. She wasn't under the influence of drugs or alcohol, according to an Elon University Police report.

Esposito met her \$500 bond

and was released last week.

"Jennifer has been suspended from the team for a violation of team rules," said Dan Wyar, Elon director of communications for athletics, in a text message.

Esposito, from Mansfield, Massachusetts, is a hurdler and sprinter for the Elon track team.

She won the Southern Conference outdoor championship in the 400-meter hurdles, setting a school record with her time of 59.60 seconds.

Esposito was named Colonial Athletic Association Women's Track Athlete of the Week on March 24, winning the 400-meter hurdles and helping the Phoenix to a crown in the 4x400-meter relay at the Coastal Carolina Invitational.

# Let the presidential race begin

Leaders from both parties announce campaigns to run for president in 2016

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In recent weeks, political figures from both sides of the aisle have come forward and announced their campaigns to run for president in the 2016 elections.

## Clinton runs for second time

Stating what was expected for months and confirming the beliefs of pundits everywhere, Hillary Clinton announced Sunday she will seek the Democratic nomination for president in 2016.

Clinton posted a video announcement to her campaign website Sunday. John Podesta, Clinton's campaign chairman, said there will be a formal kickoff event next month.

In 2008, Clinton ran for president and became the first woman to win a presidential primary contest. She pulled out of the campaign in June 2008 and pushed support for now-President Barack Obama. During Obama's first term, she served as Secretary of State.

Her announcement doesn't come as a shock. Since running in 2008, she's given a number of

hints at another campaign.

Sophomore Rachel Echevarria wasn't surprised about Clinton's announcement but doesn't think she will win.

"I don't think people are going to vote for her because she's a woman," Echevarria said. "I don't think America's going to do it yet."

According to Jason Husser, assistant professor of political science and assistant director of the Elon University Poll, Clinton's long history in the public eye as a first lady and then Secretary of State gives her an advantage no candidate has had before.

"You'd have to probably go back to Dwight Eisenhower to find a more well-known presidential candidate," Husser said. "You could argue that Al Gore or George H.W. Bush were better-known or similarly-known, but really you'd probably have to go to Eisenhower."

Husser added that Clinton's popularity will give her an advantage unlike any candidate has had in the past.

"In some ways, she is the best-known presidential candidate ever," he said. "We're going to have some unexpected things because of that."

As of publication, there were

no other Democrats who had announced their campaign to run for president in 2016.

Husser said Clinton is essentially a lock for the Democratic nomination.

"Unless something fairly cataclysmic happens, she's probably going to get the nomination," Husser said. "At this point, there would be very few circumstances I think that would lead her to not get the nomination. One would be some kind of scandal we're not aware of right now. That said, it's pretty unlikely."

Clinton's been in the public eye since her time as the first lady during her husband's terms from 1992-2000.

Sophomore Katie Condon isn't sure about whether Clinton will win, but said her prominence is a big asset.

"The fact that she's known so well will help in name recognition," Condon said. "It can work in her favor or against her. People know her better. People know her past."

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) predicted Clinton will win, saying she would "be one of the best-prepared leaders to reside in the Oval Office."

Husser said since Clinton is so well-known, there wasn't much to

say when she formally announced.

"Historically, there's never been a presidential candidate whose record has been sifted through as much as Hillary's," Husser said. "It's almost like this has been a foregone conclusion for months now."

Husser said while earning the Democratic nomination will be manageable, winning the election will be much tougher. Currently, Husser said, Jeb Bush is the favorite for the Republican nomination.

"If you look at economic voting models, you can usually predict a presidential election, even at this point, within a few points based on economic performance of the party," Husser said. "Right now, we're in a slow recovery still. The economy's not terrible, but it's not great. It's really anyone's shot. Whoever's got the Republican nomination has just as good of a chance as Hillary does."

## Republicans make run for White House

Within the last month, a trio of Republican senators — Ted Cruz of Texas, Rand Paul of Kentucky and Marco Rubio of Florida — announced their 2016 presidential runs.

Cruz first announced his run for president on Twitter at midnight March 23 and then verbalized it during a speech at Liberty University that morning.

"I believe in you," Cruz said in his speech. "I believe in the power of millions of courageous conservatives rising up to reignite the promise of America, and that is why today I am announcing that I'm running for president of the United States."

The second Republican put his

## PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

### Current Presidential Candidates 2016:

- Hillary Clinton (D)
- Ted Cruz (R)
- Rand Paul (R)
- Marco Rubio (R)

name in the ring for the party's nomination April 7 when Paul announced during his campaign launch in Louisville, Kentucky, that he would be seeking the Republican nomination for president.

The 2010 elected senator and former ophthalmologist operates on a platform that the Republican party needs to broaden its appeal to a more diverse group of voters.

Rubio was the most recent Republican to announce his run for the White House.

During an April 13 speech in Miami, Rubio, 43 — the youngest candidate in the race thus far — based himself on taking the Republican party into the future as a next-generation and forward-looking leader.

"It's really anybody's shot," Husser said. "Whoever gets the Republican nomination has just as good of a shot as Hillary does. Because Hillary is not going to face a really tough nomination process, she won't be as well vetted and as practiced as she would if she had faced like a 2008 challenge."

## FOOD TRUCKS from cover

Daniela because we realized doing it together would be much easier and [more] successful than doing it alone."

Because of success with larger events in recent years, SUB also jumped on board with the food trucks, as well.

Students are excited about the food trucks that will roll onto Elon's campus Thursday.

"I heard about the event and am genuinely interested to see what the food trucks have," said junior Alex Singer.

This is a different kind of co-sponsorship for SUB. Other than partnering with Carousel Cinemas to sell monthly \$5 movie tickets to students, SUB primarily works with on-campus student organizations.

"Working with outside groups takes more communication and planning, but it's a good challenge," Nava said.

Originally, Nava intended to bring one truck to campus, but Elon Dining was able to provide the resources to bring more.

"With the help of Elon Dining, we turned the idea of having one truck to now five trucks," Nava said. "I don't think I would've been able to do all of this without their support."

### How to join the food truck frenzy

All five food trucks — Chirba Chirba Dumpling, Bang Bang Banh Mi (Gluten-free Vietnamese), Captain Ponchos (Mexican), STUFT (gourmet stuffed potatoes) and JAM Ice Cream (soft serve) — are from the Triad area and will be stationed in the 20-minute parking lot

behind Belk Library from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday.

Anyone interested in partaking in the "food truck frenzy" must purchase tickets.

Tickets, which can be purchased in dining halls across campus, at Moseley tables and at the event, are \$3 for one and \$12 for five.

There will be complimentary water and iced tea near the food trucks to accommodate the food students purchase and eat from the food trucks.

Students can purchase tickets using Meal Dollars, Food Dollars, Phoenix Cash or debit and credit cards.

Krieger said that, while Colonnades and McEwen dining halls will be closed during lunch Thursday to encourage students to try the food trucks, Lakeside and other retail options will remain open.

Many students expressed excitement for the food trucks.

"I'm excited to eat a lot of food," said freshman Emily Perkinson. "I think it's a great idea."

The presence of food trucks is a recent cultural phenomenon that has popped up over recent years in cities across the U.S.

Freshman Julia Elfeman said food trucks are just starting to come to her

hometown.

"I'm from Charleston and we're just starting to get more food trucks," said freshman Julia Elfeman. "I think it's a good idea and I'm glad Elon's bringing them to campus."

Nava is using this event as a test-run for future events, and she hopes this event will continue and occur on a Thursday once a month.

"I would also love to see this event take on the culture and climate that College Coffee has — something students rely on and get excited for," she said.

The map shows a parking lot area bounded by Moseley, Belk, and McMichael buildings. Five food trucks are indicated with colored circles and labels: Dumplings (green), Banh Mi (red), Mexican (orange), Baked Potatoes (purple), and Soft-Serve Ice Cream (blue). The map also shows the location of KOCB and N. O'NEALY AVE.

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# Dancing for a cure

## Elonthon contributes to medical advances

Diana Stancy  
Senior Reporter

More than 1,400 students — approximately 25 percent of Elon University's student body — participated in the 12th annual Elonthon dance marathon, raising \$180,068.58 for Duke Children's Hospital and Health Center.

"This number represents more than just a number. It represents hope, and it represents Elon, and it represents the kind culture that we're trying to cultivate here of selflessness and philanthropy," said Elonthon's Executive Director Kaylyn Weller when the total was revealed. "I really think that this total right here is something to be proud of."

Fundraising for the event has gone on for several weeks, but significant strides were made the week of the event. Just three days before Elonthon, a campaign to raise \$15,000 in one day was launched. In just 24 hours, the campaign, #15KinaDay, collected \$30,176.

"We were overcome by how much support we received that day, how much the kids received that day," said Alaina Schukraft, marathon relations chair. Schukraft credited the support of the Elon community as the reason such an accomplishment was possible.

Throughout the 24-hour marathon, dancers had the opportunity to hear stories of various children who had been positively impacted by Duke.

Kennedy Goodwin was born with Goldenhar syndrome, a condition that affects the development of the ears, eyes and spine.

"What brought her to Duke was wanting to be like all her friends and have two ears," said her mother, Amy Goodwin.

Cartilage from Kennedy Goodwin's ribcage was used to construct another ear. She underwent this procedure twice, and both attempts failed after infections in the area destroyed the new ear cartilage.

Kennedy Goodwin's doctors decided to try a prosthetic implant that would be attached to the bone of her skull. After four months of waiting for the implant to heal, the prosthesis was attached and Kennedy Goodwin officially had a new ear.

"What I can tell you about Duke is that they never let you leave without hope," Amy Goodwin said. "They give you hope, they make sure that you keep the hope. And within time, they made sure that Kennedy got her ear."

Hayla Remines had another story to share. After undergoing several tests at Duke, Remines was diagnosed with kidney disease at 3. She received multiple treatments to keep her healthy, but the fact remains that kidney disease is incurable.

"Eventually, I will have to have a transplant — but not today," Remines said.

Now 22, Remines has been a Duke patient for nearly 20

years. The hospital has been a huge part of her life and has proactively sought out new treatments to help.

"Every time that I've gotten severely out of remission and I've regressed further in my condition, they've always been there," Remines said.

Because of her experiences at Duke, Remines is currently in nursing school so she, too, can make a positive impact on children's lives. She hopes to help others in the same way she was helped and hopes to work at Duke someday.

"I love the community and the team, the healthcare team that's there at Duke, from the nurses who are absolutely amazing and there every step of the way, and the doctors who will come into your room every morning and check and talk," she said.

At Elonthon, 21 "miracle children" shared stories of their experiences with Duke Children's Hospital, including current Elon student Tessa Kroninger and former student Leigha Martinelli.

As one of the largest dance marathons in the United States, Elonthon makes a difference in these patients' lives. Just before the total number of money raised was announced, dancers heard from Dr. Daniel Wechsler, a dermatology and oncology specialist who discussed how medicine at Duke is advancing.

Wechsler said that, 30 or 40 years ago, many cancers seen in children had low recovery rates. But things are changing.

"Since then we've made incredible progress, and currently about 75 or 80 percent of kids who are diagnosed with cancer are actually cured because of our treatments," Wechsler said.

Furthermore, certain cancers, such as leukemia, have even higher recovery rates. Wechsler congratulated Elon students on their participation and role in facilitating this success.

"Elonthon goes above and beyond the call of duty, serving the patients of Duke," Wechsler said. "It brings us closer to finding cures for all different kinds of diseases, and your support helps give kids the change to grow up and live a healthy life."

While things are improving and medicine is advancing, Elonthon participants are dedicated to actively supporting the patients at Duke Children's Hospital.

"We strive for a day when we don't need a dance marathon, but until then, we're going to fight with all we have for them," Schukraft said.



Elon University students, as well as Duke University patients and miracle children, participated in Elonthon, an annual 24-hour dance marathon, April 10-11, where \$180,068.58 was raised.

# Bringing Bombay to Elon

## Elon Dining continues to provide opportunities for global engagement

Leena Dahal  
Assistant News Editor

Elon's commitment to diversity manifests itself across campus — one of the most popular platforms being food.

In addition to Lakeside Dining Hall's "country of the week" program, which features an international station that serves dishes from a designated area of the world every week, Elon Dining hopes to continue hosting "special events," throughout the year. These events, which are scheduled to occur three times every school year, celebrate cuisine from a region of the world by enticing all senses: sight, sound, taste and touch.

Last week, Lakeside hosted "Bollywood Night," an elaborate celebration of Indian food and movie culture. Students were greeted with a decorated entrance, adorned with colorful fabrics, lanterns and artifacts. Loud Bollywood music blasted throughout the hall as people ate under fabric tents and a cloth painting of Shah Rukh Khan, a famous Bollywood actor.

The dining hall offered six food stations to try from, each offering a themed aspect of Indian cuisine and ranging from beverages, desserts, street foods and main course meals.

Partnering with Sterling Events, a Raleigh-based special events decorating organization, the event was planned in early January. It took a total of three hours to bring the "portal to

Bombay" to life.

To Pulkit Vigg, resident district manager of Elon Dining, the event — especially in the Elon context — is a necessary part of his job working at a university that places emphasis on global citizenship.

"It's our duty as dining services leaders on campus to educate students so that when they leave campus and go around the world they can say, 'I've had Indian food,'" he said. "Hopefully, they feel comfortable eating with other nationalities and other cultures."

Vigg, who intentionally places himself next to the dishwasher during dining events, said the number of empty plates that returned at the end of the night reflected the event's success.

"The best part of the day was seeing how clean plates were being returned," he said. "Let's just say there was very little composting going on that night."

Sophomore Taylor Douglas, who was waiting in an ever-growing line to get a Henna tattoo, which are temporary and used commonly in South Asia, said the event represents Elon's collective commitment to emphasizing the value of studying abroad, even while at Elon.

"I was initially overwhelmed. It's a lot to take in," she said. "But Elon does this a lot, in that they try to promote opportunities to engage with culture."

To Vigg, food is at the focus of culture.

"All of us as humans, we eat

food and in all cultures, food is the center of everything," he said.

The event was also intentionally not heavily advertised.

"If you know something is coming, then you'll be expecting something," he said. "I think people still like being surprised in a good way."

But still, there were criticisms. Junior Allie Barteldt noted the existence of an upside down "om" sign, an important religious symbol for Hindus.

"It's clearly the most sacred symbol in many Eastern religions and in a way, they defaced it by keeping it upside down," she said. "I thought everything else about it was great except that one slip-up."

Vigg said the upside down sign was an honest mistake.

"Obviously, we weren't paying attention, that's it," he said. "The staff are highly trained about what food their serving and what cultural significance it holds."

This was indicative in the staff's heavy involvement in explaining the food being served. Francine Light, a server at the international station, made a point to stand in front of the beverage selection and explain the health benefits of each Indian drink to students, encouraging the students to try.

"Our main hope is to get people thinking about different cultural foods," he said. "It takes time to adjust your taste buds to food from different cultures. The point we emphasize is that we get you to try."



Lakeside Dining Hall transformed into a portal to Bombay last week, as part of Dining Services initiative to provide three globally-themed events throughout the semester.

# EAS hosting inaugural Africa Week

Tommy Hamzik  
Managing Editor

Senior Omolayo Ojo saw other college's African Societies sponsoring a week solely devoted to Africa and knew it was something Elon University needed.

After learning from schools like Wake Forest University, Duke University and North Carolina A&T State University, Ojo is finally bringing that type of event to Elon.

"It's finding ways to bring African topics to the forefront of various communities," Ojo said. "Ever since the Elon African Society (EAS) was founded, we've been trying to get conversations going around campus about various African topics, but Africa Week's really dedicated to celebrating things and celebrating cultures. We wanted something that would bring a lot of different parts of campus together."

EAS is in the midst of hosting its inaugural Africa Week with the goal of giving students a better perspective on Africa while celebrating the culture as a whole. The week began Monday with the International African Fair and will conclude Saturday night with Africa Night, a culmination of everything done during the week.

Chef Kabui, renowned Kenyan chef from Apex, had a cooking demonstration followed by dinner and discussion on Tuesday. Today, students will present research at the third annual African and African-American Studies lunch and learn series.

Thursday, topics regarding African innovation will be explored at 6 p.m. in the Global Commons Media Room. South African food will also be served at Lakeside Dining Hall all week.

EAS partnered with a number of different organizations on campus to help plan the events, which all focus around the theme of African Influences Around the World. The Global Education Center, the Latin American Student Organization and the Center for Race, Ethnicity and Diversity Education are all sponsoring portions of the week.

Ojo said the planning began more than a year ago, and the process has gotten frantic in the last few months to lock down the dates and sponsors.

"We don't have a huge African population at Elon, but we have a lot of people who might be interested in African topics,"

Ojo said. "We made sure our first topic was a very approachable topic — a very relatable topic — that can draw other students in who might not necessarily identify as African."

Ojo said Africa Night is the main event of the week and what usually draws the most attention at other schools. There will be a number of dance performances by groups like Elon's finest, Gospel Choir's Praise Team, Alpha Phi Alpha Inc. and the African Dance Team from North Carolina Central University.

It takes place at 6 p.m. Saturday in McKinnon and is followed by an after party at 11 p.m. at Tap House.

"I think Elon students need to see beyond the Africa presented in the media," said freshman Ally Bolton, a member of EAS. "I do believe there is a growing awareness on campus about African realities thanks to a number of initiatives on campus such as a forum on African entrepreneurship held earlier this semester by Dr Heidi Frontani. I would like for Africa week to be another such event. I think this is a fantastic opportunity to showcase Africa's rich and diverse cultures."

EAS marketed the event through mes-

sages on digital boards, Facebook and Instagram posts and through departments on campus.

EAS won't be making any profits from the week. Ojo said originally the plan was to charge admission to Africa Night and the subsequent after party — because that's what other schools do — but they decided against it since it's a new event.

"Africa has been in the news a lot lately, and most of the time it's been not-so-great news," Ojo said. "Taking a week where every topic we're talking about is very enlightening, very inspirational, very celebratory of what Africa does have to offer is so important for Elon students who are interested in Africa or never been exposed to Africa or have only been exposed to bad news from Africa."

As a whole, Ojo said the goal of the week is to showcase African history and the cultures that exist today. She thinks it manifests Elon's goals regarding global engagement and citizenship.

"If this week can change just one person's image of Africa or idea of what Africa looks like, I would call it a success," Ojo said.

# Combating selective ignorance

## T. Mills Kelly speaks on seeing all sides in new digital age

Diana Stancy  
Senior Reporter

With increasing numbers of digital resources right at individuals' fingertips, new skills to process that amount of information must be developed. T. Mills Kelly, a history professor at George Mason University, broke this down in his presentation, "Digital Humanities and the End of Selective Ignorance" at Elon University in a recent talk.

Kelly defined selective ignorance as the choice of what information to ignore. Humans are bombarded with this issue every day, particularly when too many things are coming at once and the information is dense.

Selective ignorance is not a novel concept. In fact, Kelly said people in the humanities have been exercising selective ignorance for decades. Kelly cited card catalogues as a place where there is an abundance of information, but not all the information will be used.

Because of the digitization of sources and objects, such as posters, there are approximately 75 million sources available to those

conducting research.

"What am I going to do with 75 million sources?" Kelly said.

While Kelly could be selectively ignorant when he was in graduate school, prior to the digitization of sources, that is not an option for students anymore.

"You can't be selectively ignorant anymore," Kelly said. "You are faced in a world where you can't get away with that."

As a result, Kelly said on April 13 that students must learn new skills to sift through and appropriately digest the material they are confronted with throughout the research process.

Metadata — data that describes other data — is critical in this learning process.

"You're going to have to start learning about metadata," Kelly said. "We're going to have to include learning about these kinds of topics."

Additionally, Kelly said students must develop their distant reading skills.

"[Distant reading's] looking at a huge pile of information and making sense of that," Kelly said. "You need both skills, but right now, we

don't teach much of distant reading."

Additionally, Kelly said students need to be familiar with linked open data, a form of a database with open content, and be familiar with data visualizations.

As an audience member clarified, the humanities can be enlivened by this digitization.

"What you're doing is showing us how the humanities can be enlivened by this digitization," said a member of the audience.

Overall, Kelly said this access to more information is beneficial for students.

"I think the more information we have, the better," Kelly said. "I don't think there's a negative to providing more information."

Even so, the downsides include sifting through information without developed metadata and distant reading skills.

Amanda Sturgill, associate professor of communications, said that more skills than just interpreting texts are required now, because of the surge of information available.

She said her main takeaway from Kelly was that the skills learned throughout college are ap-



T. Mills Kelly, a history professor at George Mason University, spoke about digital media and selective ignorance in LaRose Digital Theatre Monday.

licable for the future.

"I think you have to learn whole different kinds of skills now," Stur-

gill said. "I think it is that you're in school is going to be accessible to you for the rest of your life."

# With love, from Elon to Santo Domingo

## Students from Winter Term program send game-changing gifts



Junior Drew Forte and Donald Henry '04 prepare the shipment at CaribEx.



The Rudy Ramirez Little League in Santo Domingo provides local students with the opportunity to play baseball while pursuing their academics.



The students on the winter term program formed lasting bonds with the local "little leaguers," which inspired them to take immediate action.

Leena Dahal  
Assistant News Editor

When senior Drew Forte and his classmates visited the Rudy Ramirez Little League during their Winter Term Study Abroad program in the Dominican Republic, three things happened immediately: They noticed the pizza boxes and bottle caps that served as makeshift bases and balls, the players' relentless passion for baseball and how their hearts were immediately stolen by the warm environment the little leaguers created.

Realizing that new equipment could enhance the students' ability to play baseball, they decided to take immediate action when they returned to Elon.

And sometime next week, precious cargo carrying 200 individual items of baseball gear is scheduled to reach Rudy Ramirez Little League and Bartolo Colon Baseball Camp in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

"Through our broken Spanish and their broken English, we created a connection," Forte said. "We knew we had the ability to do something — so we made sure we did."

The cargo represents the students' fundraising — an effort they began within a week from returning to Elon.

The team launched a GoFundMe page, collected personal donations of baseball goods and sought a way to transport the shipment. It was during this time when Dr.

Mark Cryan, assistant professor of sport and event management, informed Forte of Donald Henry, '04 who works at CaribEx, a Caribbean Shipping Company.

Forte approached Henry, who admired the students' efforts to create a direct impact out of their meaningful study abroad experience, and he announced the company would cover the payment required for the shipment.

Henry said Forte's decision to approach him is an example of the boundless opportunities and possibilities created by alumnus-student collaboration.

"There is such a large network of alumni who are so willing to help students with their projects," he said. "Never hesitate to reach out."

With support from CaribEx, the \$400 they raised through their GoFundMe campaign could be directed towards buying more equipment.

The Winter Term program, GBL 298 Dominican Republic: Tourism & Baseball, delved into issues of social justice, globalization and U.S. neo-colonialism in the context of specific local practices in baseball and tourism industry and the effect of these practices on the culture, people and international relations.

Sophomore Katie Soraghan, who was also enrolled in the program, said the students' passion for baseball especially resonated with her.

"If they could play baseball

24/7, they would," she said. "The hospitality of the culture, the passion they shared with us and how they jump through obstacles just to play baseball — we took all that back with us."

Forte said something as simple as a base could extend and enhance the students' playing time significantly.

"They would use their bats and balls until they withered away," he said. "By having a supply of basic baseball sporting equipment, they can play for a much longer period of time — something we know they are determined to do."

Forte noted that a common problem in the Dominican Republic is that a love for baseball has been hindering youths' academic pursuits. The Rudy Ramirez Little League allows students to pursue their passion for baseball while committing to academic requirements and schedules. The students on the league are taught to balance their love for the sport and their academic pursuits.

Forte who plays on Elon's club baseball team, said he learned much more about the sport through the few weeks he spent with the students.

"To these kids, baseball is life and represents so much hope and that really hit home for me," he said. "It made me and I'm sure it made everybody else, appreciate what we have. Of course, I'll be thinking about them when I play the sport myself."

# As unemployment falls, seniors celebrate

## College graduates face best prospects in 6 years in warming workplace

Tanza Loudenback  
Senior Reporter

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics announced last week that the national unemployment rate lingers at 5.5 percent, with 126,000 jobs added in March. But the unemployment rate for college graduates fell to 2.5 percent, the lowest in nearly six years — a bright outlook for the Elon University Class of 2015.

The National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) said employers are expected to boost hiring 8.3 percent from last year because of an improving economy and an increasing number of baby boomer retirements.

Despite the number of jobs available, students often feel overwhelmed by the job market when they're first starting out.

"It seems like every job you need experience for — even entry-level jobs," said senior Katharine Fredricksen. "I feel like it's really hard sending applications out into this void."

The U.S. job market is yielding more employment prospects for college graduates across most areas of study, including architecture, social science, education and law. But a study released in February by Georgetown University revealed journalism and communication majors were the

only two to post higher unemployment rates than previous years.

Still, college graduates have a much better chance of finding work than their peers — even those with experience — without college degrees. According to the study's analyses, about 18 percent of young workers with only high school diplomas were unemployed — a 15.5 percent increase from their counterparts with college degrees. These numbers indicate a major shift in economic times. Additionally, the higher number of job openings for college graduates demonstrates the increasing importance of technology in the economy and the value of college-learned skills.

"I think college students are becoming more competitive, and thus some jobs are becoming harder to attain," said senior Megan Porter, who will work in MetLife's recruiting department after graduation.

The NACE survey also shows that recruiters are putting stronger emphasis on using technology to reach graduates. This year, about 65 percent of respondents plan to use more social networks, and a little more than 60 percent plan to use more technology in general.

Elon's Student Professional Development Center provides several resources for students seeking internships and jobs.

According to Elon's website, 87 percent of students complete an internship before graduation, increasing their chances of landing a job that requires previous experience.

Simply Hired, a California-based technology company, used its own research and analytics to report that the fields with the most permanent, full-time openings for recent graduates are sales, marketing and public relations, customer service, human resources and engineering.

But some of these fields are seen as luxuries to companies, said Susan Martindill, director of demand generation at Simply Hired. The fact that companies are hiring anyone for these positions — let alone recent college graduates — indicates a strengthening economy.

The survey also showed that Still, the rate varies among the major worker groups — the unemployment rates for adult men is 5.1 percent, adult women 4.9 percent, teenagers 17.5 percent, whites 4.7 percent, African Americans 10.1 percent, Asians 3.2 percent, and Hispanics 6.8 percent. These numbers showed little or no change in March.

Additionally, there were 738,000 discouraged workers or persons not currently looking for work because they believe no jobs are available for them.

### UNEMPLOYMENT

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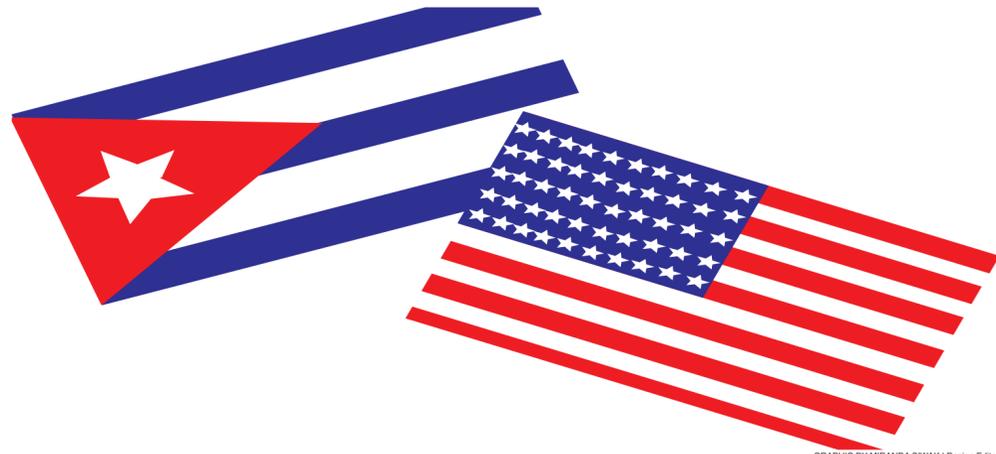
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## Cheat Sheet: Historic talks between US and Cuba



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### Who's talking?

President Barack Obama and Cuban President Raul Castro met Saturday to talk about the past and where the countries' future relationship stands. The meeting was the first time in more than 50 years the two nations' top leaders had sat down for a serious conversation.

### Why now?

This past week Obama attended the seventh annual Summit of the Americas in Panama City, and for the first time in more than 20 years Cuba was invited to attend. The summit is a two-day conference at which heads of the Western Hemisphere's governments "discuss common policy issues, affirm shared values and commit to concerted actions at the national and regional level to address continuing and new challenges faced in the Americas," according to the Summit's website.

"The United States will not be imprisoned by the past — we're looking to the future," Obama said.

### How did the leaders feel?

"This is obviously an historic meeting," Obama said at the beginning of his session with Castro, claiming decades of strain have done little benefit either Cubans or citizens of the United States.

"It was time for us to try something new," he said. "We are now in a position move on a path toward the future."

At the meeting, Castro said he trusts Obama but acknowledges there would be stumbling blocks as Cuba works to repair ties with the United States.

### Why was the relationship strained in the first place?

The United States' relationship with Cuba has been a long and tedious one. Use the fol-

lowing timeline of events to gain a better understanding of the relationship.

#### Cuban Revolution (1952-1959)

In Cuba's 1952 elections, presidential candidate Fulgencio Batista shut down the elections and seized the presidency when it became clear he was going to lose. Fidel and Raul Castro, with the help of guerrilla fighters, revolted against Batista to restore democracy. The revolution overthrew Batista New Year's Day in 1959, and Fidel Castro put in place a socialist state.

#### United States severs diplomatic relations (January 1961)

In the midst of the Cold War and the United States' fear of communism, President Dwight D. Eisenhower closed the U.S. Embassy in Havana and severed diplomatic relations. Eisenhower cited Fidel Castro's accusation that the embassy was a base for spies and his demand that staff be reduced as the reason for ceasing relations.

#### Bay of Pigs Invasion (April 17, 1961)

As early as 1960, Eisenhower approved the training of Cuban exiles to eventually invade Cuba. Although the U.S. government tried to keep American involvement in the invasion a secret, word of the impending invasion reached Fidel Castro via the Cuban community in Miami. In April 1961, President John F. Kennedy authorized the CIA-trained Cuban exiles to invade Cuba's Bay of Pigs, but within three days Cuban forces had defeated them.

#### Economic Embargo (February 7, 1962)

While the United States embargoed all exports except food and medicine to Cuba in 1960, the Kennedy administration imposed an embargo on all imports as well as Cuba, ulti-

mately restricting travel and trade. The new embargo prevented both American companies from doing business in Cuba and American tourists from traveling directly to Cuba, and it restricted how much money Americans could send to family members in Cuba.

#### Cuban Missile Crisis (October 1962)

Fidel Castro allowed the Soviet Union to build a nuclear missile base in Cuba, which could have allowed the Soviets to attack the United States at a range that rendered the U.S. missile defense system useless. Kennedy ordered a naval blockade around Cuba, igniting a 13-day standoff. Ultimately, the Soviets agreed to remove their missiles from Cuba if the United States agreed to remove theirs from Turkey and Italy.

#### Raul Castro becomes president (February 2008)

As a result of a long-term illness, Fidel Castro passed the presidency to his younger brother, Raul. In response, the United States called for free and fair elections and said its trade embargo will remain.

#### Travel restrictions lifted (April 2009)

Citing the ineffectiveness of the embargo, Obama lifted restrictions on family travel and remittances to Cuba. This allows Cuban-Americans to send unlimited funds to both family and non-family members in Cuba and permits travel for religious and education purposes.

#### U.S. congressional delegation to Cuba (January 2015)

A U.S. congressional delegation met with Cuban officials in Havana for the first time in 38 years. The meetings focused on migration and diplomatic ties between the countries.

## News Briefs

### Junior earns scholarship

Junior Alexandra Barteldt will travel to India this summer to study Hindi as part of the U.S. Department of State's 2015 Critical Language Program.

Barteldt, a religious studies major, is one of approximately 550 U.S. undergraduates and graduate students selected for the program. She studied abroad in India in spring 2014.

The program gives students the chance to study one of 13 different languages through classes, one-on-one meetings with native language speaking partners and other activities.

Barteldt, who is planning to do undergraduate research in comparative mysticism between Hindu Shakta traditions and those of West African ancestral tribes, will interview scholars and devotees of the goddess this summer.

Barteldt serves as an RA in the Global Neighborhood, works at the Moseley Center, volunteers as an Alliance Study Abroad Ambassador and has participated in Kernodle Center programs.

### PT graduate students to put on 5K for clinic

Graduate students in Elon University's Doctor of Physical Therapy program will host the "Run for H.O.P.E. 5K/Run/Walk/Roll" at 10 a.m. Saturday in hopes of raising money for a campus pro bono clinic.

The 5K starts at the Francis Center, goes through the Danieley Neighborhood and loops through the rest of campus. Registration is \$20 if post-marked by today, and day-of registration is \$25. The race is open to all ages.

### Spectrum hosting Gay Pride Week

Spectrum is hosting Elon University's annual Gay Pride Week starting Friday.

The week begins with a day of silence that will be broken at 3 p.m. Friday at Lake Mary Nell. SPARKS will host an event from 1-4 p.m. April 20 at Speakers Corner that will include tie-dye, slacklining and baked goods.

"Bursting the Heteronormative Bubble" will take place April 21 at College Coffee. A "BBQueer!" cookout will take place from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, April 22 at the grills near Hook, Brannock and Barney.

The week concludes April 23 with "Dragstravaganza" from 9-11 p.m. at Tap House.

### Elon student charged with sexual assault sits trial

According to reports from The Burlington Times-News, the sexual assault trial involving an Elon University female and 23-year-old Elon student Jeremy P. Jacob concluded, and jurors began deliberation Monday.

The Elon female said that after leaving a party with Jacob early Jan. 18, 2014, Jacob performed sex acts with her while she was semi-conscious. Jacobs denied these allegations, according to The Times News.

## CRIME REPORT

### April 8 TRAFFIC STOP

UNIVERSITY DRIVE, ELON: After noticing a dysfunctional left rear tail light on a vehicle traveling north on University Drive, two Town of Elon Police officers stopped a grey Acura as it made a left turn onto N. Manning Avenue. After the vehicle was stopped, the driver was asked to show a driver's license and vehicle registration. The driver was unable to provide a driver's license — only a North Carolina ID — as his driver's license

is currently suspended after he drove while impaired. The driver was placed under arrest. After inventorying the vehicle, authorities found a small marijuana roach on the center gear box.

### April 11 FOUND PROPERTY

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ELON: A group of men participating in the First Baptist Church of Elon's men's breakfast found a green Schwinn bicycle in the parking lot of

the church. The bicycle was logged by Town of Elon Police and taken to Elon Town Maintenance to be stored.

### April 12 BURGLARY

W. HAGGARD AVENUE, ELON: A male broke into a single family dwelling by climbing through a kitchen window to retrieve his girlfriend's belongings. The man was later arrested on one count of misdemeanor breaking and entering.

# ELON INNOVATION WEEK

## TRIAD STARTUP WEEKEND

### Who

Participants from entire Triad area  
- most don't 'pitch' but join/form teams

### What

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Win prizes

### Why

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Boost resume, Build your network,  
Launch a business, Have fun



Friday (6pm) - Sunday  
April 17-19  
COLLAB (downtown Gboro)

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Editorial

To Elon University, Pell Grants must matter

Elon University has reached a decisive crossroads when it comes to the socioeconomic diversity of its students. While Elon's leadership recently made the right move in readily admitting the extent of the problem, it has yet to spell out how financial aid boosts will help the lowest-income bracket potential students.

According to a recent column in The Hechinger Report, a national education news source, Elon is locked in a race for the bottom in enrolling the lowest percentage of Pell Grant recipients, a federal program that awards aid to students with yearly family incomes of \$60,000 or less. Pell Grants are funded by a combination of federal funds and institutional money.

One of only seven institutions in the entire country to enroll 10 percent or less of Pell recipients, Elon's 9 percent figure earns it third-to-last on the list. The university's poor showing in this ranking is reason enough for concern, but the fact that no goal has been set to ensure a change is even more alarming.

With what it is — the lowest endowment among the seven stragglers — Elon has done a remarkable thing in promising to

double the amount it awards in financial aid by 2020. And there has been no guarantee of how much of that money will support Pell Grants.

In a United States campus climate where the cost of attendance soars higher each year, it's important to ensure a private education remains in the financial grasp of middle-class families, which is the entire point of the bulk of Elon's financial aid. But in doing so, it can be easy to lose sight of the lowest-income students — the ones who need aid the most.

But what The Hechinger Report indicates is that students in the lowest percentage of income haven't been considered a priority for Elon admissions.

That's not to say the school hasn't admitted it, which is an important step. "Elon must not become a gated community open only to those of privilege, and our classrooms and campus life will be much richer when we recruit more students from diverse backgrounds," the Elon Commitment says.

It's critical for private institutions to prioritize economic diversity because it provides opportunities for talented students who fall

into the lowest percentage of the income spectrum — students for whom affording an Elon education would be out of reach.

The danger of slipping into the reality of a "gated community," which is so aptly predicted by Elon's own strategic plan, is probable for a campus awash in Vineyard Vines and Lily Pulitzer. Students should not feel as if they need a certain number of zeros in their bank account to fit in on this campus.

The Hechinger Report held up Washington University in St. Louis — which has long carried the dubious distinction of the wealthiest school in the country — as a model of increasing diversity via Pell funding. Earlier this year, the university announced an unprecedented plan to double the proportion of Pell recipients by 2020, with \$25 million earmarked each year until then for that sole purpose.

Elon could never afford a measure that drastic, thanks to an endowment of about \$192 million that is dwarfed by Washington's \$6.7 billion.

The focus on low-income students for Washington is long overdue, but what matters is that the school picked a definite target:

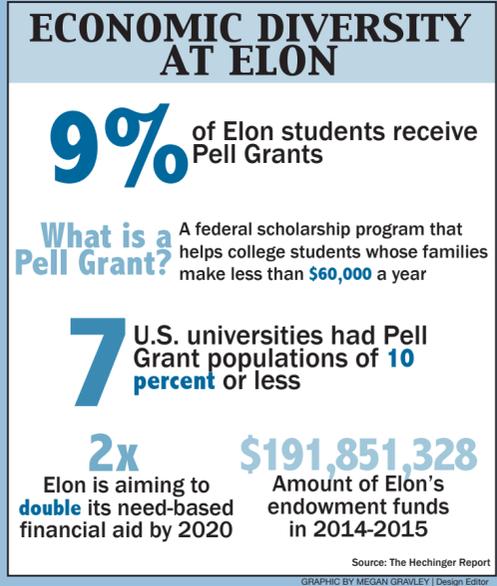
The Pendulum seeks to inspire, entertain and inform the Elon community by providing a voice for students and faculty, as well as serve as a forum for the meaningful exchange of ideas.

doubling its percentage of Pell Grant recipients.

Elon should aim for its own Pell target and release that information. What the university can provide is up to how the endowment is bud-

geted and where priorities fall.

Elon has placed a clear priority on becoming more affordable for more students, but its "slow progress" on Pell Grants presents a red flag for its future.



Integrating technology and learning

To say that technology — specifically computers and smartphones — has altered society throughout the past decade is an understatement. Technology has changed how we market, shop and get and share our news.



It's even changed how we learn.

Why has the education system not adapted to technology? Schools shouldn't continue to emphasize the memorization of information because most students carry digital encyclopedias in their pockets.

In recent years, many schools across the United States have attempted to better incorporate new technology into the classroom. SMART Boards, laptops and now even iPads or tablets are becoming commonplace in

school systems.

Because they believe updated technology is the key to students' success, state and federal governments offer special grants to schools that promise to use the money on new technology.

While the government and some schools' attempts to include new technologies is admirable and a step in the right direction, the better solution is actually to adapt the entire education system to the new technology.

In 2008, technology writer Nicholas Carr's article "Is Google Making Us Stupid?" was published in The Atlantic and its view on the effect of technology on our brains and our society generated ripples in the psychology community.

Carr argues that the prevalence of smartphones and Internet access is actually changing how our brains function. Some psychologists have supported Carr's opinion, offering research studies showing how technology alters children's attention and the manner in which they process

information.

Others, like Harvard University's Steven Pinker, argue that technology always generates a new sense of panic and that the reality is technology cannot change the way our brains work.

Whether the technology is actually altering how our brain operates is debatable, but all sides of the debate acknowledge one truth: We live in an era in which everyone has near constant access to information on the Internet. This is why the education system needs to adapt to technology and to the Internet, specifically and not the other way around.

The education system focuses on teaching students facts. From my own school experience, I remember studying requiring a lot of memorizing. I memorized a chunk of the periodic table, 50 important Supreme Court cases from history, the characters and their roles in Nathaniel Hawthorne's "The Scarlet Letter," major battles in the Revolutionary War, the process of mitosis as

well as many other facts I could have — and can still — find easily on the Internet.

In the past, memorizing information was important because analysis requires information to analyze. Our parents' generation did not have easy access to computers and smart phones, so memorizing important information was a lot more efficient.

Today is different. Memorization of important information is no longer the most efficient route in school because of the ease of access. Why should students devote hours and hours memorizing the Krebs cycle if they can simply find a diagram and explanation online? Memorizing the cycle would only be useful to students who intend to enter a biology-related occupation, and those students will likely memorize the process anyway because they will use it frequently.

By shifting the primary focus away from the memorization of information, education can emphasize understanding, analysis and application more. While

information can change and be presented differently throughout our lives, the process of critically analyzing and applying analysis will always be useful.

My experience as an English literature major at Elon has been incredibly valuable, but I do not remember every detail of all the books I have read. I can't remember the last time I spent hours holed up in my room trying to memorize something I needed to know for a test or exam.

What I do remember is spending hours analyzing various books and other sources of information, forming a conclusion and presenting my findings through writing and presentations. So far, I haven't needed to know all the characters in Orwell's "1984," but the process I used to analyze it has been invaluable and likely will continue to be.

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Learning from the mistakes of Rolling Stone

If you're a journalist, a college student, a professor, a college administrator, or any participating member of society,

you've probably heard about the epic misstep made by Rolling Stone's editorial team in the reporting of a University of Virginia campus gang rape.

"A Rape on Campus" was published in November 2014, and within weeks major

news outlets like The Washington Post were seriously and publicly questioning the validity of Rolling Stone's reporting. It was obvious not all characters in the story were equally represented. The presence of pseudonyms was concerning. And, to top it off, sources who were never contacted for comment by the writer publicly disputed facts reported in the story.

But there's much to be learned from Rolling Stone's mistakes.

One of the few positives to come out of this scandal is the swift watchdog action taken by The Washington Post. It should be the intent of journalists to be truthful in their reporting but, like any other aspect of life, human error sometimes trumps those intentions. It's up to others in the industry to blow the whistle.

Shortly before Christmas 2014, Rolling Stone enlisted the help of Columbia School of Journalism to investigate the facts in their story using the writer's notes, call logs, emails and contacts.

The magazine published the lengthy report last week. Its findings included a number of oversights and failures at every level of the editorial team — writer, editors and fact-checkers. It also promptly stated Rolling Stone's failure was avoidable.

The Columbia report makes clear a journalistic truism. It's imperative to

allow all parties a fair say in an effort to uncover the truth, not to protect a source so definitively as to avoid fact-checking critical elements of a story.

At the end of the report, Columbia provided a list of areas that "should be the subject of continuing deliberation among journalists" when reporting on sexual assault and rape: balancing sensitivity to the victims and demands of verification, corroborating survivor accounts and holding institutions to account.

A few groups will undeniably suffer setbacks from this scandal: survivors of rape and sexual assault and the journalists who report on these cases. Not only does it disgrace these groups, it jeopardizes the reputation of the university, the fraternity against which hasty and detailed allegations were made and a number of sources to which the subject of the story inaccurately attributed damaging comments.

Now, because of the subject's seemingly fabricated details, it's possible rape

and sexual assault survivors will be less likely to speak up for fear they won't be trusted. This is a true atrocity — a giant leap backward after years of legislation and procedural changes have equipped colleges with the tools to work toward providing a supportive and healing community for survivors.

I'll represent the minority opinion and be thankful for the lesson learned — from both an audience and journalist's perspective. Rape and sexual assault stories are no different from any other story: fact-checking and source contact is an absolute necessity. To make nominal attempts to contact sources for comment who play such an integral part in a story, and whose reputations are very much on the line, is unacceptable. If these decisions were made to protect the main source of the story from her alleged attacker — as Rolling Stone stated they were — then maybe it wasn't the right story to tell.

DOCTORS' ORDERS ECONOMIC DIVERSITY: WHO NEEDS IT?



Elon University got dragged through the mud by traditional media this past week when education news and analysis website The Hechinger Report revealed that, apparently, Elon isn't economically diverse, and The Times News — our hometown newspaper — picked up the story. Burned on our own turf? Stabbed in the back? Et tu, Times-News?

Elon's got a case of what professionals in the field call "Bad PR," but never fear — it looks to us like a pretty mild case that's easily treatable. We

have had way worse scandals than this one in the past year alone. Like the hazing scandal, or the Brian Williams scandal, or that teacher who was hooking up with students, or that other hazing scandal. There are lots of ways to combat this particular blight, luckily enough.

First: Use distraction tactics. Quick, grab the nearest award around like you're the top cyclist in a Soulcycle spin class (91 percent of students will get that reference because they can afford that \$34-per-class rate. The other 9 percent need a Pell Grant to buy into the joke. Sorry).

Second: Spin this scandal around like you're the top cyclist in a Soulcycle spin class (91 percent of students will get that reference because they can afford that \$34-per-class rate. The other 9 percent need a Pell Grant to buy into the joke. Sorry).

So we're not economically diverse across different classes. That doesn't mean that we're not economically diverse among the one percenters, right? Some students only have one yacht, not a whole armada. For every student with a lake house, a beach house and a mountain house, there's a less fortunate student with only one of those things.

Some students have parents who give them \$12 for lunch. Others have parents who donate \$12 million for a brand new building. It's a range. It's unfair of The Times-News and The Hechinger Report to accuse Elon of being not economically diverse when it's frankly the opposite.

Actually, it's unfair for any media to accuse us of lacking economic di-

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versity when there are plenty of other

ways we lack diversity. Race, ethnicity, culture, religion — even our fashion choices lack diversity. If you're going to pick on us, do it right. We don't abide by laziness.

There's a chance Elon might want to address the problem head-on and provide a solution. In that case, we turn to solution three: Socialism.

Just redistribute the tuition dollars among the 9 percent of students who receive Pell Grants. This way, Elon gets points for philanthropy, and that 9 percent will have their tuition covered, so they can't complain anymore. Bam. No more bad press. No more

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# ‘Servant of Two Masters’ brings commedia to Elon

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“Commedia dell’arte”: a genre of theater marked by character masks, improvisation and — of course — humor. The tradition began in 16th century Italy, where actors used out-

door stages and basic props to tell stories.

This weekend, the tradition will arrive at Elon University accompanied by intricate costumes and extensive scenery in the form of “Servant of Two Masters.”

The play tells the tale of the ser-

vant Truffaldino. His master, Beatrice, disguises herself as her dead brother to seek out his killer, who is also her lover. While she works to avenge her brother, Truffaldino inadvertently becomes the servant of the killer — hence the play’s title — and races around the city attempting to please both masters. Unsurprisingly, hilarity ensues.

Kevin Otos, associate professor of theater at Elon, is directing the commedia. He adapted the play by modifying the script to include common modern phrases, which follows the traditional goal of commedia.

“Commedia has always been anachronistic,” he said. “It has always been a theater for right now.”

In modernizing the play, Otos was challenged to live up to commedia’s traditionally multilingual standards.

In the 16th century, when commedia troupes traveled to perform, plays were often performed in the language spoken by the majority of the audience. The actors who could speak the local language would perform the scenes most important to the plot, and the remaining actors used their native tongue and physical comedy in their roles.

According to Otos, this tradition didn’t make the transition to the United States.

“It hasn’t been part of our tradition here in the states as much as it has in Europe,” he said.

Otos has taken these challenges on, and he believes the play has already been successful. In rehearsals, the actors have presented him with

opportunities to add improvisations to the script.

The use of masks is one of the most important aspects of commedia. Many actors in the play wear character masks that cover their faces above the mouth. They need a great deal of practice using the mask to convey emotions in different ways.

“If the design is done well, the mask will be able to ‘play,’ which means that the expression of the mask is frozen, but based on what the actor’s doing with the body and the voice, the mask’s expression will appear to change,” Otos said.

All the masks for “Servant of Two Masters” were made specifically for this performance. The mask maker used molds to sculpt the shape of the masks and then formed leather over the molds.

Actors have been rehearsing with masks made of neoprene, a synthetic rubber material, while the masks for the show are being finished. Though they feel different from the leather masks, practicing with them allows actors to grow accustomed to performing with the full costumes.

Junior Lauren Richards, who plays Beatrice, will be wearing heavy makeup instead of a mask. But Richards has observed the techniques her fellow cast members use to give life to the static masks.

“Each mask represents a special type of character, and the minute you put it on, you want to become that character in every way you possibly can,” Richards said. “With the characters that have a physical mask on, their entire body tries to match the

mask.”

“Servant of Two Masters” is set in Venice during no specific time period, though modern adaptations often incorporate costumes from 1743, when the play was written.

“One of my favorite things about the costumes is that our costume designer, Jack Smith, gave us all modern shoes,” Richards said.

All of the actors wear high- or low-top converse, rather than pointy heels and dress shoes, with their Italian renaissance-era costumes.

In addition to present-day dialogue and modern costume elements, Richards said audiences will see a lot of humor, emotion and talent when they see “Servant of Two Masters.”

“You’ve got some romance, you’ve got some comical drama,” she said. “You also have lots of jokes. They can definitely expect a happy ending.”

Most importantly, Otos said, audiences should not expect to see the average stage play, if there is such a thing. Commedia dell’arte offers a theater experience that is very different from any other genre.

“The reason I think people like commedia is not because of the masks or the stylized movement or the physical comedy,” Otos said. “Commedia, at its best, is a celebration of life.”

Performances of “Servant of Two Masters” will be in McCrary Theatre at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 16 through Saturday, April 18 and at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 19. Tickets are required for entrance.



HALI TAUXE-STEWART | Staff Photographer

Performer dressed in 18th century-style costumes rehearse for ‘Servant of Two Masters.’

# Elon MT ’15 prepares modern version of ‘Chicago’

Ally Feinsot  
Senior Reporter

The era of 1920s Chicago is being fused with modern day hashtags, selfies and reality television. This is the vision for senior Ryan Kanfer’s revamp of the iconic musical “Chicago.”

Kanfer is directing and choreographing the show for his Elon University College Fellows project. He was inspired by a criminology course he took his junior year and wanted to combine his fascination with the criminal justice system with his love for musical theater.

“Through criminology, my thesis started to evolve into media manipulation,” Kanfer said. “Especially how media controls how we think in regards to criminal cases, which is very apparent in ‘Chicago.’”

Kanfer’s criminology class examined the infamous Casey Anthony trial, in which Anthony was accused of murdering her 2-year-old daughter.

Kanfer was intrigued by the overwhelming presence of media in Anthony’s trial. According to Anthony’s lawyer, ABC Network paid for her defense, which Kanfer said perfectly exhibits media manipulation in the court system today.

“There’s a line in ‘Chicago’ that goes, ‘It doesn’t matter whether you’re innocent or guilty, it’s how you put on the show,’” Kanfer said. “I think that shows what our judicial system has turned into today.”

“Chicago” is the story of vaudeville performer Roxie Hart, who murdered her lover and is now in prison, where she meets famous vaudevillian Velma Kelly.

In the 1920s, publicity was a huge aspect of court cases, similar to the big murder trials of

today, and Roxie and Velma competed for the media’s attention.

Fifty-seven students auditioned for roles in “Chicago,” but with an ensemble of only 17, casting for the show was competitive.

The auditions were held in one night and required a vocal piece from the show and a dance number. Kanfer taught the hopefuls dance combinations that they later performed in groups of two or three.

Senior Jodi Curtis was cast as Roxie. She heard about the production through Kanfer and knew she wanted to be a part of it.

Curtis said the show is different from others she has been involved with at Elon because it is more experimental.

“Ryan is really open to collaborating and trying new things,” Curtis said. “We get to use our personal connections, and it has been amazing seeing how many people have come together just to help out.”

As Kanfer’s classmate and friend, Curtis loved watching the process unfold and feels especially pressured to perform well.

“It’s cool to see the gears working in his head,” she said. “This production has been more of a personal process because we all want to do well for him.”

She has been watching original portrayals of Roxie on YouTube to brainstorm how to approach the role in a new and fresh way while living up to its legacy.

“Chicago” is known for its iconic Bob Fosse choreography, but after Kanfer did the Elon in LA program, he was inspired to use contemporary, modern dance in his performance. The majority of the choreography is contemporary, but Kanfer did want to pay homage to Fosse by incorporating his style in certain numbers.

To get inspiration, Kanfer and Curtis went

to see “Chicago” on Broadway during spring break. They had the opportunity to go backstage to meet Jennifer Nettles, who is currently playing Roxie Hart.

Kanfer is basing his production on the movie version of “Chicago.” To incorporate his thesis topic of modernization, he decided to use livestreams and pre-recorded material to establish a reality television setting.

“My roommate is obsessed with the Kardashians, and he suggested I have confessionals, where the cast does commentary following a scene,” Kanfer said. “I imagined Roxie as a diva, like Kim Kardashian.”

Other modern twists include a live Twitter feed during the number “Razzle Dazzle” and

a fan taking a selfie. Monitors will be placed on the stage so tweets can be projected to the audience.

As a first-time director and choreographer, Kanfer has been busy with overseeing every aspect of his production.

Although he has a team behind him, including media director and senior Brian Mezerski and assistant director and senior Nick Martinez, Kanfer has been in charge of everything from sending out schedules to finding and reserving rehearsal spaces.

“I live in the world of ‘Chicago,’” he said. “It’s exhausting but really cool.”

“Chicago” will be performed April 20-22 in the Center for the Arts’ Black Box Theatre.



JANE SEIDEL | Photo Editor

Members of the cast of the revival of ‘Chicago’ practice the opening number, ‘All That Jazz.’

# The ‘mother of Moseley,’ Drema Holder

Matt Mallian  
Reporter

Drema Holder has just one son, but during any given semester, that number balloons to more than two-dozen.

For the past six years, Holder has worked part-time in the Moseley Center at Elon University as a program assistant alongside two full-timers and watching over nearly 30 student workers.

These students are Holder’s self-proclaimed “all-time joy,” and the relationship she has developed with them has given her the title of “the mother of Moseley Center.”

“I still feel like I’m raising children,” she said.

It’s a tight-knit group inside the Moseley Center that’s made up of Holder, Michael Williams, director of campus center operations, Henry Walling, assistant director, a graduate assistant and 27 student workers.

After a few minutes around the front desk, it’s easy to see why they consider themselves a family.

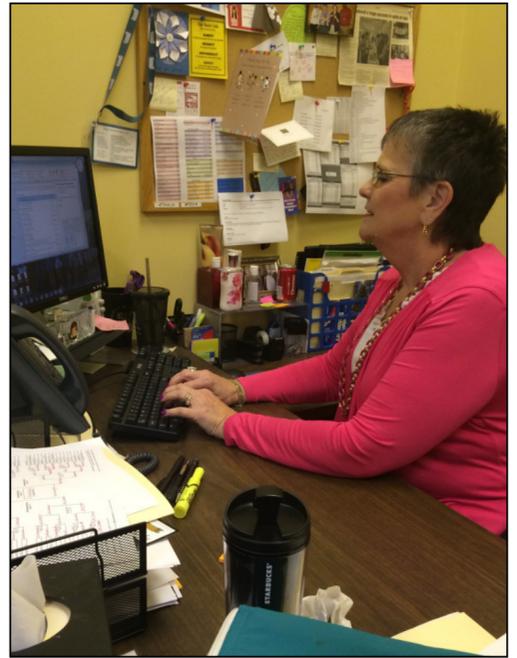
“What really impacts me are the student workers that we have and how close they’ve become with each other,” Holder said. “I ask them, ‘Would you have ever known this person unless you didn’t work at the front desk?’ and they say, ‘No.’ To me, that’s rewarding. It’s just amazing how they grow and that’s fulfilling for me.”

Holder’s mission is to get to know her co-workers beyond the workplace. She wants to know about their families, friends and lives in general.

“I feel like I have a good working relationship,” she said. “I ask about them. I want to know about their family, what they did on break, what they’re going to be doing. I want them to be



Armed with an ever-present sort of smile, Holder enjoys wandering the halls of Moseley in her rare downtime, getting to know whoever she can.



MATT MALLIAN | Reporter

able to come to me if they need something or just want to chat about how their weekend went.”

Holder’s main responsibilities are to assist with the daily operations of the Moseley Center as well as to coordinate the shuttle service Elon runs for its students during breaks.

To perform this role, Holder learned a lesson in mitigation, as she often has to deal with angry parents and students.

“By the end of the conversation, people are usually OK,” Williams said. “With her personality, there’s no way you couldn’t. She’s kind but she’ll tell you what you need to know through as well, so that’s the good

part. She’s almost like a mother figure to a lot of the folks.”

The students’ relationship with Holder doesn’t end after they graduate from Elon. A number of her student workers have remained in contact with Holder through Facebook, exchanging messages and maintaining the relationship that began on campus.

One of these students is Suzanne Bell ’13. Bell worked at the Moseley Center for three and a half years with Holder, and Bell considers her a “second mom.”

Bell has shared some great memories with Holder, but none was more special than the New Year’s Day she spent at the Holder home a few years ago.

“I was apprehensive about going, but her family welcomed me into their home,” Bell said. “We all chatted for a while and then ate a wonderful meal. It was a special night. One I’ll never forget.”

As she begins to build her professional career and move on with her life, Bell has become more detached from Elon. But the one connection that remains is Holder. They stay connected through simple gestures, like the one Bell made on Holder’s birthday last year by sending her flowers.

“I just thought that was so special,” Holder said.

Elon isn’t the only place where Holder helps others. She has elderly neighbors she assists when needed and frequently vol-

unteers at the Allied Churches food bank.

“I love to help them, take food to them or check on them cause they don’t have much family,” Holder said. “That’s really fulfilling for me to see things that you kind of take for granted.”

Relationships are important to Holder, and she builds them anywhere she can.

Holder is a Burlington native and graduate of Williams High School, has been married for 41 years and still remains close with her brother and two sisters, who also live nearby.

“We are a real close knit family,” she said.

Working with students isn’t something new to Holder. She worked with students for three

with the students and brightening their day. On any given day, Holder might bake cookies for the staff or bring in doughnuts from her favorite doughnut shop to share with everyone. This is a gesture Williams appreciates but jokes it will have him in the gym more often.

“To me, they’re my all-time favorite doughnuts so I’ll stop by,” she said. “I feel my co-workers are just so special to me and I like to do things for them.”

After leaving the community college system, Holder moved on to a new phase of her life but knew she wasn’t ready to retire.

“I retired from the state and then wanted to keep working because I felt like I wasn’t old enough to retire,” she said. “I didn’t want to sit home.”

Now, Holder works part-time in the Moseley Center and provides much more than assistance with shuttles to the airport on breaks.

She is some-one students can talk to and go to for help. The reputation she’s built over the last six years at Elon as a motherly figure is one she has embraced, and doesn’t see herself losing hold of any time soon.

“When I dread getting up in the mornings and coming to work, that’s when I’ll know it’s time for me to actually retire,” Holder said. “But right now, I love coming to work, even days that I feel like I’m sick and need to be home, I still want to come to work.”

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DREMA HOLDER

# A lifetime under the oaks

## Barry Bradberry's 40-year journey at Elon University

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Senior Reporter

Three words Michael Williams, director of campus center operations and conferences at Elon University, would use to describe Barry Bradberry are honesty, integrity and Elon. He has his reasons.

As Williams was pumping gas into his car before heading to work one morning, he saw Bradberry, associate dean of admissions and financial planning, pass in his own car.

Bradberry stopped his car in the middle of the street, hopped out, picked up a piece of trash, got back in the car and continued on his way.

As Bradberry drove away, Williams thought to himself, "He's true, he's real, he's all about making Elon look good."

That is not how Bradberry views his involvement on campus. He sees himself as the major beneficiary of a more than 40-year relationship with the Elon community.

"The university's been so good to me," he said. "I've been able to avoid square pegs and round holes."

Bradberry has watched as Elon grew from a little-known college to an award-winning university. He grew alongside Elon, going from student to staff member to associate dean of admissions and financial planning.

Bradberry graduated in 1975 and returned to Elon the following fall semester to work in admissions. He never left.

### A tap on the shoulder

Williams first met Bradberry more than 16 years ago.

"The first time I met him, he welcomed me to Elon in his own Barry, Elon way," Williams said. "The same thing he's said from then to now is, 'Good to have you here.' That's the image he portrays and the

way he communicates with people."

When Bradberry graduated from Kellam High School in Virginia Beach, Virginia, he had a close relationship with his school principal, Jefferson Davis, an Elon graduate. Davis made sure Bradberry had the opportunity to attend college — the first in his family to do so.

After Bradberry spent two years at Chowan University, then a junior college in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, Davis helped him transfer to Elon for his junior year.

During Winter Term, Bradberry spent a month interning with the Virginia House of Delegates.

"Elon had the 4-1-4 semester system, which enabled me to take the Winter Term off-campus and work as an administrative assistant to Del. Donald Rhodes from Virginia Beach," he said. "It was a life changing experience for me."

When Bradberry returned to Elon, he got what he calls a "tap on the shoulder" from then-Dean of Admissions Mary Dell Bright.

"She heard of my experience in Virginia and felt I had the skills that would help attract students to Elon," Bradberry said.

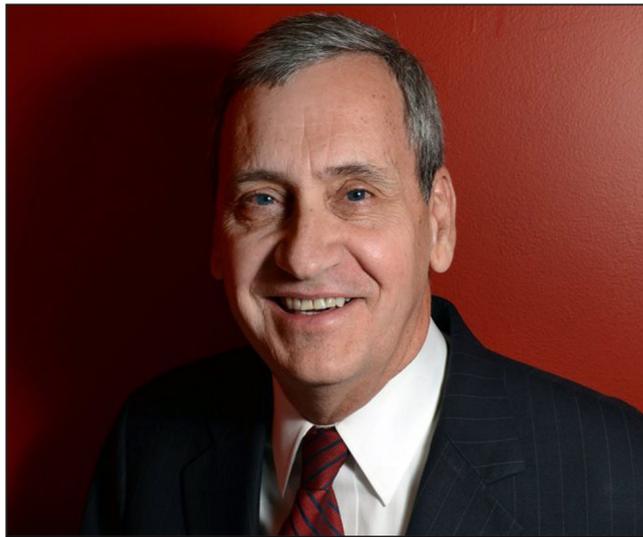
He was hired immediately after graduation under a 90-day contract that allowed him to return to the Virginia House of Delegates in January. He had planned to return since the end of his first internship, but he never got the chance to do so.

"Elon decided to extend my contract, and the rest is history," he said.

But Bradberry did not remain stagnant at Elon.

"After I completed my third year, our vice president, Dr. James Moncure, brought me into his office to explain the Elon vision and the future expectations for admissions," Bradberry said.

He didn't think anyone was paying attention to the work he put in during those three years in admissions, but he found himself tapped on the shoulder once again.



Barry Bradberry, an Elon graduate, has served in university admissions for more than 40 years.

"[Moncure] explained to me the 5-5 rule," Bradberry said. "If I did not have a master's degree in five years, I would be gone in five minutes, which meant in simple English that the train was leaving the station, and if I wanted to move to a different position in higher education, especially at Elon, it had to happen. I never looked back."

Bradberry chose to attend graduate school to reaffirm his commitment to the university's community and culture. He attended the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and returned to Elon — back to work.

### Watching progress unfold

Bradberry has seen remarkable growth during his 40 years at Elon. The university has expanded its graduate programs, become one of the largest private schools in the state and, in 2001, changed its name from Elon College to Elon University.

"He's seen the transition of the university through a lot of years in the admissions process," Williams said. "I think he's a good conduit to be able to reach back and say, 'This is what we used to do, this is where we come from,' but in the same respect, knowing where we're going."

Along with others in admissions, Bradberry takes part in important conversations about how the school recruits, where it recruits and what the university is looking for in potential students.

"I'm at the point in my career where I hear from students I recruited to Elon well over 30 years ago who now have sons and daughters considering and enrolling at Elon," Bradberry said. "I love my job, gosh I do."

But he views his job as much more than selling the school.

"The 'Elon way' is not a catchy phrase or a cool, feel-good marketing slogan," he said. "It is an attitude and a way of life. It is what has made Elon the place it is today."

Bradberry's goal is to give every student who visits Elon the best chance at finding the right place for him or her, which involves working and meeting individually with families. He never misses a call from a potential student.

"I pride myself on getting back to people," Bradberry said. "When I get that call, that issue is probably the most import-

ant issue for that family. If I have to stay until 7 p.m. tonight, we're gonna answer that question."

### Giving back by paying it forward

Bradberry's dedication was inspired by his own family. Over the years, Bradberry maintained a close relationship with his mother and late father. He also says he and his wife have had a very full life, starting with their shared line of work.

"The very best thing about my time at Elon is [that] I met my wife Martha while working in admissions," he said. "I could not have a better life partner."

The two have never had children, but for Bradberry, the students he has seen through the admissions process are like their own.

Bradberry knows many families visiting from out of state are doing a series of tours at various schools in the area.

Rather than pointing out why he believes Elon is better, he presents the facts he feels are part of what makes the school special. Beyond those figures, he said, lies the true value of an Elon education, one that is impossible to convey in an hour-long presentation.

"I truly believe in the liberal arts," he said. "We have people that are English majors and go to law school. You can't put a dollar value on that."

If students still don't feel as though Elon is right for them, Bradberry will still make sure they understand what to look for when choosing a school. In his introductory presentation, he presents the best practices for developing an impressive profile, acquiring recommendations and submitting applications.

His goal is to get students into colleges that will suit their needs.

"We counsel a lot more than people realize," he said.

As one of the few initial university contacts for prospective families, Bradberry believes his experience has more than made up for the work he has put in.

He said no day is the same, so staying stagnant in admissions has not been possible. He views the journey as one he would not change if given the chance.

"They said, 'You're a glass half-full kind of guy.' I said, 'I can't do it any other way,'" he said.

# Holi festival comes to Elon

## Students get ready to throw color to celebrate spring

Caroline Perry  
Senior Reporter

A live worldwide Snapchat story shared videos and pictures of festivalgoers covered in vibrantly colored powder as they celebrated Holi with Snapchatters across the world March 6. This Friday, Elon University students can experience the festivities for themselves.

Holi, also known as the festival of colors, is a Hindu spring festival. It signifies the victory of good over evil and the arrival of spring. It is a day to rid oneself of past errors and end conflicts by meeting others and forgiving.

The actual festival began March 5 when Hindu festivalgoers burned an effigy of the demoness Holika, who was burnt to death by the god Vishnu, in a great bonfire. The following day, participants played, chased and colored each other with dry powder and colored water, creating the well-known images of tie-dyed humans.

The festival date varies each year, as the Hindu calendar does. It comes at the approach of the vernal equinox on the Phalgun Purnima, or full moon, but typically falls sometime during March.

Although Elon did not host a celebration when Holi took place this year, the Truitt Center for Religion and Spiritual Life is hosting a belated festival. Its celebration will take place a little more than a month after the actual holiday because the weather is warm-

er, according to Diana Abrahams, multi-faith and intern coordinator at the Truitt Center.

This year's celebration will be held at 4 p.m. April 17 in Young Commons for the fourth consecutive year.

"There will be music, powdered paint to throw in the air and at each other and lots of dancing and frolicking," Abrahams said.

Additionally, some students will share their stories of family celebrations of Holi, and there will be dance performances. Abrahams encouraged students of all faiths to come to the celebration.

Later in the day, the Truitt Center, in collaboration with Hillel, will host an Indian-themed Shabbath dinner where attendees can discuss Hinduism and Judaism. Brian Pennington, director of the Center of Religion, Culture and Society and professor of religious studies, will be giving a presentation on the similarities between Jewish and Hindu traditions. The dinner will take place at 6:30 p.m. in Lakeside 212.

The Asian Studies Club will also be helping in the Holi celebration, as it is usually celebrated in many parts of South Asia.

"I wanted the club to be involved because Holi is an Asian holiday and festival," said sophomore Maria Padilla-Gant.

The Asian Studies Club will sponsor a table at the celebration with information that explains the differences between Holi in Asian countries and celebrations

in India. This is a new addition to Elon's observance of the festival that aims to make it accessible and fun to all students.

Padilla-Gant agreed that the festival is for all of the Elon community.

"It is an ancient Hindu religious festival that has become popular with non-Hindus in many parts of South Asia, as well as non-Hindus outside Asia, which is pretty cool," she said.

Abrahams said regardless of whether students practice the Hindu faith or are curious about the religion, they are encouraged to come to the celebration on Friday dressed to get splattered.



Elon students threw color powder at each other and were splattered during the Holi festival last spring.

# Freshmen bring late-night talk show to ESTV

Konnor Yurchak  
Reporter

Every year, freshmen wander into Elon University's fall Organization Fair looking for ways to get involved.

But freshmen Joey Gizzi and Steven Lannum didn't need it. They already knew how they were going to make a name for themselves at Elon.

A single text started it all. "Joey texted me and said we should make some videos, and he told me about his idea of trying to start a late-night talk show," Lannum said. "I said, 'If you need help with it, I'm on board.'"

That text became the impetus behind what is now "Elon After Hours," a talk show on Elon Student Television (ESTV).

"Elon After Hours" mimics the structure of popular shows such as "The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon," "Late Show with David Letterman" and "Jimmy Kimmel Live!" and combines striking humor, on-campus guests and live musical performances.

The two co-creators established this model before they arrived on campus and had more ideas in mind as they started their first semester.

Gizzi and Lannum began working on their show as soon as they came to Elon

in the fall. After sitting in their dorm hallway bouncing ideas back and forth, they pitched their idea to the crew at ESTV, and "Elon After Hours" was officially created.

"We first needed to get a pilot approved, then we had to make it and make it perfect," Lannum said.

They were selected over four other prospective shows to be featured on ESTV full-time, but that was only the beginning. Now that the show is featured weekly on ESTV, it has a growing staff of writers and what they consider to be a cult following.

"Recently, we've had more people come to our writer's meetings every Monday so we can talk about what kind of game we're going to do and what kind of jokes will work," Lannum said.

This is a relief for the two, who were on their own a short time ago and are now able to pass different responsibilities to others.

"It was just us thinking of ideas for the first three episodes," Gizzi said. "Now we're adding people to the writing team, and people are getting to know about it."

These new writers contribute to the show's up-to-date humor and games, which have included asking students if they want a kiss for Valentine's Day — a Hershey's Kiss, that is. They write the jokes two days before the show is filmed to keep them relevant.

The guests vary, but Gizzi is "Elon After Hours" main host. Lannum is the director, though he gets his fair share of time on-camera.

"We try to do something with Steven every time," Gizzi said. "He might come in during the monologue or something. We always act like we have a rough relationship on the show."

The guests on the show are a key part of its success, and Gizzi usually interviews and plays a game with them during the live taping. Guests who have appeared on the "Elon After Hours" stage include YouTube sensation and Elon student Katy Bellotte, Elonthon organizers and the creators of Humans of Elon.

Rapper Komodo and the Shirley Tempos have also been featured.

"We try to get someone who's doing something interesting on campus or someone who's involved in something coming up to get their event some exposure," Gizzi said.

Even with their ever-growing fan base and writing team, the co-creators of "Elon After Hours" are not done yet. They are starting to attract bigger-name guests, which could potentially get them a larger audience.

"We did get an email confirming that Leo Lambert wanted to come on," Gizzi said.

With hilarious games and "funny-because-they're-true" jokes, "Elon After Hours" has successfully transitioned from a summer daydream to a weekly show on ESTV.

"A lot of planning is involved, but we're really passionate about it," Lannum said.



Joey Gizzi interviews freshman Katy Bellotte, a YouTube sensation, on 'Elon After Hours.'



## Women's tennis enters CAA Tournament with young talent

Jordan Spritzer  
Senior Reporter

It's hard to believe a team that won a conference tournament championship last season and followed it up with a 14-7 record this year would be flying under the radar, but that's the case for the Elon University women's tennis team.

Playing in a new conference — the Colonial Athletic Association — with six freshmen, there's an element of the unknown clouding the team.

"Most of our opponents don't know us that well and haven't seen most of our players," said freshman Erica Braschi.

Braschi said the young roster is an advantage for the Phoenix because the new players are unfamiliar to their opponents.

While they are all still freshmen, they have gained plenty of experience throughout the season. Of the six, five of them saw action this year and accounted for 48 of the 78 singles wins.

"We've played so many matches, so we are confident and we do feel like we have experience," Braschi said.

Three of the five players who won double-digit matches were freshmen. Braschi and fellow freshman Olivia Lucas won 12 matches, creating a three-way tie for most singles wins this year with senior Barbara Lazarova. Freshman Kamilla Beisenova also broke into double figures by winning 10 matches.

Lazarova has seen her freshmen teammates gain experience and

confidence this season but says the CAA Tournament is a new challenge.

Lazarova and fellow senior Maria Camara Ruiz will be tasked with preparing the young squad for tournament play and how to handle their emotions.

"Maria and I can give them really good advice about everything [tournament wise]," Lazarova said.

Lazarova said she always feels like she is playing her best tennis during the conference tournament because she has never lost a conference tournament match in her singles career.

The one element missing from Elon's preparation for the tournament is its first opponent.

The CAA Women's Tennis Championship seeding uses factors including record, Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) ranking, record against other schools in the conference and strength of schedule before selecting the matchups.

"It's a little bit different because not everybody plays each other, so we'll see how that works," said head coach Elizabeth Anderson.

With no regular season conference schedule and only one CAA school ranked in the ITA top 75 in the April 7 poll, the seeding for the conference tournament is wide open.

The Phoenix has taken on three CAA schools this spring, defeating both James Madison University 4-3 March 21 as well as reigning conference champion University of North Carolina at Wilmington 6-1 March 12.

Elon's lone loss to conference opposition came at the hands of the College of Charleston Cougars April 10. The Phoenix blew a 3-1 to allow College of Charleston to escape with a 4-3 win.

James Madison, UNCW and College of Charleston represent some of the best women's tennis teams the CAA has to offer. According to Lazarova, encounters with those schools will only help the team prepare for the CAA Tournament.

"It's good we've played all of these teams because now we know how to beat them," she said.

One top team Elon didn't face during the season was the College of William & Mary, slated to host the men's and women's CAA tournaments. The Tribe was ranked No. 62 in the nation in the ITA's April 7 rankings, the only ranked CAA team. Elon was set to face William & Mary Feb. 27, but the match was canceled because of a snowstorm.

The Tribe ended its season with a 13-6 overall record and reached a ranking as high as 34 in the ITA at the end of March. Its only CAA matchup was a 7-0 win against the College of Charleston Feb. 22.

Lazarova welcomes a potential matchup against William & Mary and loves the idea of challenging the Tribe on its home court.

"[Playing the Tribe is] what we've been working for," she said. "Next weekend, hopefully we'll be playing William & Mary."

With opponents and seeding completely out of her control, Anderson is focusing on what's in the

team's grasp. According to her, the key to winning the CAA Tournament is being well rested, hydrated and prepared to take the court.

"The tournament is just a grind and a matter of who wants to stay out there the longest," Anderson said.

Elon will play Towson University at noon Friday in the quarterfinals of the CAA Championships. To reach the championship match, the Phoenix will need to win one match Friday and one Saturday.



Freshman Erica Braschi has added depth to a young women's tennis roster.

## Men's tennis

Record: 9-12

Next Match: Drexel University

Location: Williamsburg, Virginia

### CAA Championship Schedule:

Friday, April 17

- 3 p.m. – Match No. 1: UNCW vs. Delaware
- 3 p.m. – Match No. 2: College of Charleston vs. James Madison
- 6 p.m. – Match No. 3: Elon vs. Drexel
- 6 p.m. – Match No. 4: William & Mary vs. Hofstra

Saturday, April 18

- 2 p.m. – Match No. 5: Winner Match No. 1 vs. Winner Match No. 2
- 2 p.m. – Match No. 6: Winner Match No. vs. Winner Match No. 4

Sunday, April 19

- 2 p.m. – Winner Match No. 5 vs. Winner Match No. 6

## Sports updates: baseball, track and field teams come off solid weekend

Baseball hands CofC first CAA loss

The Elon University baseball team has encountered several obstacles throughout the course of its season.

Despite a shaky bullpen and tough conference opponents, the Phoenix pulled off an upset Saturday against No. 26 College of Charleston.

The Cougars entered the game undefeated in Colonial Athletic Association play at 10-0. The Phoenix offense developed a rhythm in the second and third innings by collecting four runs on five hits.

Senior center fielder Quinn Bower put the Phoenix on the scoreboard with an RBI single in the bottom of the second inning to bring in freshman designated hitter James Venuto.

The Phoenix extended its lead to four later in the inning after a two-run homer to left field by senior right fielder Ryan Cooper. The Phoenix held on for 4-1 win and prepared to square off against the Cougars for the following day's rubber game.

After losing Sunday's rubber match 8-3, the Phoenix dropped to 16-18 overall and 7-5 in the CAA.

Elon will travel to Towson University Friday to begin a three-game series. The first game is scheduled for 3 p.m.

Track and field excels in Greensboro

Elon University's track and field team traveled to Greensboro to compete in the Aggie Invitational. Several Phoenix athletes delivered winning performances.

The Phoenix also placed first and second in the discus throw.

Sophomore Bre'anna Warren finished with a 44.5-meter throw while freshman teammate Bryanna Hames won the event with a 45.35-meter throw.

Warren also won the shot put event with a 13.43-meter throw.

But Elon's success in field events continued with a high jump victory from junior Megan Kirschling. Elon also took first place in a couple track events.

Junior Simone Jackson set a new school record in the 100-meter by beating her previous best of 12.18 with a preliminary time of 12.07.

The Phoenix also won the 4x100-meter relay with a time of 47.64.

The athletes competing in the relay for Elon were juniors Jennifer Pash, Bria Turner, Sydney Griffin and Jackson.

Elon will look to build on its achievements in the Aggie Invitational when returning home Saturday to host the Phoenix Invitational.

## Softball builds on success through CAA

Phoenix in third place awaiting key games vs. Delaware, James Madison

Robbie Nanna  
Senior Reporter

With less than a month until the Colonial Athletic Association Tournament begins May 6 and a tough show of upcoming conference opponents, every game becomes more important for the Elon University softball team. But the team is ready for the difficult journey.

"I believe this team is more than capable of winning a CAA championship this year if we play softball like we know how to," said freshman outfielder Kara Shutt. "I think we just need to be more consistent in our overall performance as a team, not just physically, but mentally."

Having improved its record to 25-13 (7-5 CAA) after an important series win against the University of Delaware Blue Hens, the team has high hopes for the remainder of the season.

"I am very pleased with the growth of our team at this point," said head coach Kathy Bocock. "This team has matured through the season by helping each other through adversity with lots of schedule changes."

Elon currently sits in third place in the CAA but has experienced its share of obstacles in the process of climbing the leaderboard.

Inclement weather forced the Phoenix to reschedule several

Elon players thus far — two of the players received multiple honors.

While individual awards are not Elon's primary goal, the accolades are a testament to the work ethic Bocock instills in her

ers, she has the highest individual batting average (.347) and on-base percentage (.453) on the team.

Shutt's numbers are just as impressive. She is second on the team in batting average (.339) and is tied for the team lead in RBI (28). The freshman also leads the team in hits (42), total bases (65) and doubles (11).

Sophomore catcher Emily Roper has made significant offensive contributions for the Phoenix, hitting six home runs. Roper shares the team lead with Shutt for RBI and leads in slugging percentage (.540).

Elon is also excelling in the circle.

For the pitching staff, senior Chelsea White has mounted a 5-0 record on the season. Junior Kayla Caruso and freshman Kiandra Mitchum have shared the majority of the time starting in the circle. Both have made 25 appearances and recorded eight wins.

"This team is confident in our ability to win every game we play," Caruso said. "If we continue to improve over the next several weeks, our talent and work

ethic will take us far."

With 14 games remaining in the season, nine of which are against CAA opponents — Hofstra University, James Madison University and the University of North Carolina at Wilmington — the Phoenix has a chance to clinch a postseason berth in the CAA Tournament.

Although there are eight teams in the conference, only four are eligible to compete in the CAA Tournament. Elon is currently two games ahead of the fifth place team.

While being two games ahead with nine conference games remaining may sound encouraging, Elon has a tough road coming up — the Phoenix will travel to Hofstra and James Madison within the next two weeks.

The Dukes have an impressive overall record (32-6) and are unbeaten in the CAA at 11-0.

Hofstra is also a formidable opponent with a 9-2 record in CAA play.

The Phoenix returns home to Hunt Softball Park today to host a doubleheader at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. against North Carolina A&T State University.

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KAYLA CARUSO  
JUNIOR PITCHER

games — at one point, the team played seven games in five days.

But the Phoenix has managed to remain focused and overcome such adversity.

The CAA has given weekly honor accolades to four differ-

players.

One player who has had a breakout season for the Phoenix is freshman infielder Hannah Olson. She has wasted no time adjusting to college softball.

As one of the youngest lead-

## Women's lacrosse captures first CAA win

Phoenix edges William & Mary, looks to hit tournament in stride

Kyle Lubinsky  
Senior Reporter

The Elon University women's lacrosse team defeated the College of William & Mary 8-7 Sunday to snap a three-game losing streak in Colonial Athletic Association play and garner momentum going into its final two regular season competitions.

"The Atlantic Sun was awesome [to be in last season]. We were very appreciative to be in there," said head coach Josh Hexter. "The CAA is great, too, and the competition for us is really good."

The Phoenix opened CAA play on the road April 3 against Towson University, losing 12-2. The Tigers took the lead early as redshirt senior attacker Andi Raymond scored two quick goals within the first five

minutes of play. Towson continued to build the lead by scoring six unanswered goals. Though Elon freshman attacker Nicole Sinacori put the Phoenix on the board with 9:58 left in the first half, Elon trailed 7-1 by halftime.

After the intermission, the Tigers continued to make things difficult for the Phoenix, leading by as many as 11 points in the second half. Sinacori found the net once again with 3:54 left in the game, but it was too little, too late for the Phoenix.

Sophomore goalkeeper Rachel Ramirez kept busy against Towson's high-powered attack and allowed 12 goals on 27 shot attempts. Offensively, the Phoenix took 18 shots, 13 of which on goal. Freshman midfielder Stephanie Asher took seven shots while freshman defender Alexis Zadjura

won two draw controls.

After the loss to Towson, Elon traveled to the University of Delaware April 5 to face the Blue Hens. But the Phoenix lost once again, falling short 8-6.

Delaware's dominant offense overwhelmed the Phoenix early in the contest. After a 1-1 tie early in the first half, the Blue Hens scored four unanswered goals, two of which were from junior attacker Casey Lyons.

Led by Asher and Sinacori's four combined goals, Elon came within striking distance. While Asher scored with 8:09 remaining in the game to narrow the deficit to two, time quickly expired.

There were some positives in Elon's second CAA loss.

Ramirez made 14 saves, and the Phoenix offense was efficient with Asher and Sinacori. As the team traveled to Harrisonburg, Virginia, for its final road contest of the regular season, it focused on playing more disciplined defense.

Elon's last road competition against No. 24 James Madison University Friday featured several defensive lapses as the Dukes routed the Phoenix 22-5.

All three losses strengthened the Phoenix for Sunday's home bout against William & Mary. The Tribe came into the contest with a 1-1 CAA record, while the Phoenix was winless at 0-3.

Elon got off to a hot start offensively, leading 6-1 after 10 minutes of play. Asher scored all three of her goals in the game during this 10-minute run.

But William & Mary quickly got back in the game by ending the first half on a 3-1 run. The Tribe continued to narrow the deficit after halftime thanks to a goal from sophomore midfielder Shannon Quinn, but the Phoenix sealed the win when sopho-

more midfielder Sloane Kessler scored with 4:43 left to play.

"We came out really sharp from warm-ups," Kessler said. "I could tell that it was going to be a good day."

The win gives the Phoenix a 1-2 record in the CAA heading into Friday's home stand against Hofstra University, a formidable opponent with a 9-4 (4-0 CAA) record.

Friday's game will mark the second game of a three-game homestand to end the regular season. The Phoenix concludes CAA play against Drexel University Sunday. Since the Dragons are 3-11 overall and 0-4 in the CAA, the Phoenix has a solid chance on paper to end the regular season on a high note before tournament play begins.

"We want good competition every single game," Hexter said. "That's how you get better. If you want to be the best, you have to play the best competition you can find."

Hexter's attitude has translated to the team. "Everyone works hard no matter what year they are," Kessler said. "We don't really have classes on the team. We're all one team."

The Phoenix has found a good deal of success in home games this season, with a 6-1 record at Rhodes Stadium.

But Elon has been marred by poor performances on the road, especially in CAA play.

Since many of the players are underclassmen, the women's lacrosse team has a unique chance to grow together as a program.

Hexter hopes the losses will serve as a learning experience for the young group to overcome in its future games.



Freshman Abby Godfrey holds possession during an 8-7 win against William & Mary.

# Track athlete off to hot start

*Bre'anna Warren continues to improve under Shannon Popp's leadership*

Bryan Anderson  
Sports Editor

She earned several accolades during her freshman season for the women's track and field team in the discus throw and shot put. She was named Southern Conference Outdoor Champion in 2014 and joined the conference's indoor and outdoor All-Freshman team. She also set an Elon University discus school-record this season.

And despite sophomore Bre'anna Warren's achievements, even more promise remains.

"She's one of those athletes that has a lot of potential and untapped talent, which is a coach's dream," assistant coach Shannon Popp said.

Popp is in her first season for Elon as an

assistant coach with an emphasis in throwing events, and didn't know much about Warren before arriving. But Warren quickly stood out.

"As we started fall training, I started to see that this girl could pick up cues a lot faster than the average person that would come in and try to change things," Popp said.

According to Popp, Warren dramatically improved her throws in the fall and came back in great shape after her winter workout training.

Warren is currently working to develop her mechanics in both the shot put and the discus, but believes the key to building on her success is staying relaxed and confident while on the field.

"In discus, I just go in the circle, breathe in and breathe out," Warren said. "In shot

put, I just tell myself the things I need to do before I go in. As soon as I go in the circle, I don't think about anything — I just throw."

Having grown up in Greensboro and having met with Elon coaches prior to beginning her collegiate career, Warren made a smooth transition from high school competition to college athletics.

But she did find one notable difference. In high school, she focused almost all of her attention on individual performance. After coming to Elon, she realized that she was just one member of a collective.

"During high school, it was about you," Warren said. "But during college, it's about you doing better for your team so you all can build on points and win conference. I learned leadership goals when I got to college."

While Popp works to capitalize on Warren's

potential, she also stresses the importance of having her athletes maintain a team mentality.

"Yes it's an individual sport," Popp said. "But at the end of the day, your points are going to matter to this team and where we go from here."

Warren and her team are striving for Colonial Athletic Association title.

"Our coaches believe that we can win [the] conference this year," Popp said. "We're tracking it and we know that we're doing a great job. I'm pushing these girls every day to make sure that we score those points that we need to."

Before the track and field team competes in the CAA Outdoor Championships May 1-2 in Williamsburg, Virginia, it will host the Phoenix Invitational Saturday. After that, Elon will travel to Philadelphia for the Penn Relays April 23-25.

## SPORTS SCHEDULE: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15 - TUESDAY, APRIL 21

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
SB vs North Carolina A&T (DH) 4 p.m.		BB at Towson 3 p.m.	BB at Towson 2 p.m.	SB at Hofstra 12 p.m.		BB at UNCG 6 p.m.
SB vs North Carolina A&T (DH) 6 p.m.		WGOLF CAA Championship in Southport, N.C.	SB at Hofstra (DH) 2 p.m.	BB at Towson 1 p.m.		SB vs Longwood 6 p.m.
BB vs. Campbell 6:30 p.m.		WTEN vs Towson in Williamsburg, Virginia 12 p.m.	SB at Hofstra (DH) 4 p.m.	WGOLF CAA Championship in Southport, N.C.		
		WLAX at Hofstra 5 p.m.	WTRACK Phoenix Invitational	WLAX vs Drexel 1 p.m.		
		MTEN at Drexel in Williamsburg, Virginia 6 p.m.	WGOLF CAA Championship in Southport, N.C.			

# Colonial Athletic Association standings

Women's lacrosse				Softball				Baseball			
SCHOOL	CONF	OVERALL	PCT	SCHOOL	CONF	OVERALL	PCT	SCHOOL	CONF	OVERALL	PCT
Hofstra	4-0	9-4	.692	James Madison	11-0	32-6	.842	CofC	11-1	24-8	.750
Delaware	3-1	10-5	.667	Hofstra	9-2	22-9-1	.703	UNCW	8-1	25-8	.758
James Madison	2-1	10-4	.714	Elon	7-5	25-13	.658	Elon	7-5	16-18	.471
Towson	2-2	7-6	.538	Delaware	5-6	21-15	.583	Northeastern	7-5	14-20	.412
William & Mary	1-2	5-8	.385	Towson	5-7	22-16	.579	William & Mary	6-6	14-18	.438
Elon	1-3	8-6	.571	CofC	4-8	20-22	.476	Towson	4-8	9-23-1	.288
Drexel	0-4	3-11	.214	Drexel	3-8	13-15	.464	Delaware	3-6	13-12	.520
*updated through 4/13				UNCW	2-10	15-21	.417	Hofstra	3-9	11-19	.367
				*updated through 4/13				James Madison	2-10	12-21	.364
								*updated through 4/13			



Women's lacrosse prepares for game against William & Mary.



Sophomore Alli Burdette winds up March 13 against NC Central.



Junior Danny Lynch smacked a double April 7 against NC State.

# Top Photos and Top Tweets at Elon



Sophomore Anna Vitton looks for a teammate to pass to during Elon University's 8-7 victory against William & Mary on Sunday at Rhodes Stadium.



A masked performer rehearses for 'Servant of Two Masters,' which premieres in Elon University's McCrary Theatre at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 16.



Elon University students raised \$180,068.58 for Duke Children's Hospital during Elonthon 2015.



- Elon Sass**  
April 9  
@ElonSass

Shoutout to the guy whose yellow raincoat and salmon colored pants show that he is a Kimmy Schmidt fan.
- CH**  
April 11  
@twelvegotbounce

Over \$180,000 raised #FTK at Elonthon! Amazing
- Only At Elon**  
April 8  
@OnlyAtElon

Elon's Snapchat Geotag: the best thing to come to campus since Fried Chicken and Mac & Cheese Thursdays at McEwen.
- Jaleh Hagigh**  
April 13  
@ElonJaleh

You know it's spring at #Elon when you hear seniors talking about the great jobs they've landed weeks before commencement. #impactandvalue



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