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## Davidson's Matheny hired as new men's head basketball coach



Elon athletic director Dave Blank (right) introduces new men's basketball coach, Matt Matheny on Sunday during a press conference. Matheny was a former assistant coach at Davidson for 16 seasons.

**Pam Richter**  
Sports Editor

As Matt Matheny took the podium to be introduced as the new men's basketball coach, an eruption of applause filled the Atkins room in the Koury Athletic center Sunday afternoon.

He shook Elon athletic director Dave Blank's hand then stood and received a standing ovation from the packed room.

Elon fans were excited and so was Matheny, who was wearing the maroon and gold in his tie and an Elon Phoenix pin.

"It took two minutes for me to get excited about this," Matheny said. "There's something special going on here."

On Sunday, Elon University announced the hiring of Matheny as the new head men's basketball coach. He became the 17th head coach in program history. The announcement came 20 days after former head coach Ernie Nestor was released.

During his Elon career, Nestor compiled a 67-117 record at Elon over six seasons.

"We were looking for someone who is committed to the importance of the co-existence of athletic and academic excellence, who has been in that environment and would understand what we need to do here at Elon University to maintain integrity in both areas," Elon athletic director, Dave Blank, said.

Matheny, 39, was named the

associate head coach of the Davidson University Wildcats in 2003. This past season marked his 16th season on the Davidson coaching staff under Bob McKillop.

"When I stepped foot on campus, it felt like home," Matheny said.

During his time at Davidson, Matheny experienced much success. The Wildcats won nine out of the last 13 Southern Conference division championships.

"I'm excited about this. Matt is the right person for the job," Blank said.

With spring break this past week at the university, the players were not able to meet the head coach before his hiring was officially announced.

"I met with the players from last season and they were really confident that I know them and would make the right choice," Blank said.

This was Blank's biggest hire in three years at the university. Blank previously hired a new women's basketball coach, men and women's cross country coach, women's soccer coach and women's track coach.

Last year, Blank hired women's basketball coach Karen Barefoot to replace former coach Brenda Paul.

The team has its first meeting Sunday night. This will be the first chance for players to meet with Matheny.

"I'm really excited," sophomore guard Chris Long said. "I think he'll be a great fit."

In addition to success on the court, Matheny said he is committed to helping the athletes succeed off the

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## Half of North Carolinians oppose constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage, according to recent Elon Poll

**Margeaux Corby**  
News Editor

North Carolinians may not support full marriage rights for gays and lesbians, but the latest Elon Poll suggests a constitutional ban on same-sex marriage would not be passed.

Half of the latest Elon poll respondents opposed statewide constitutional amendment to ban same-sex marriage, while 28 percent supported civil unions or partnerships but not full marriage rights.

Republican lawmakers filed Senate Bill 272 "Defense of Marriage" earlier this month. If the bill passes, it will place the amendment as a referendum on the November ballot, leaving the decision in voters' hands.

Senators supporting the bill stress the sanctity of marriage is at stake and North Carolina nuptial laws must be protected. The bill also defines marriage as a union between one man and one woman.

"We are sponsoring this legislation because we firmly believe North Carolina's

marriage laws are at risk of being redefined by activist courts to include same-sex couples," Sen. Jim Forrester told WRAL TV. "At any moment, a lawsuit challenging our marriage laws could be filed by a same-sex couple from our state that obtained a marriage license in a state where same-sex marriage is legal."

Freshman Kevin Newman is gay and believes people such as Forrester are scared that allowing same-sex marriage will make homosexuality seem more acceptable and cause a stream of people to step out of formerly locked closets.

"People don't want their kids to grow up to be gay," he said. "They fear it could lead to a gay society."

A rally of more than 1,000 people gathered on March 4 to demand state lawmakers

give them a chance to vote on a constitutional amendment concerning same-sex marriage after the bill was reintroduced. Among the groups represented were Return America of Davidson County and

North Carolinians views on same-sex marriage



INFORMATION COURTESY OF ELON POLL

The latest Elon Poll, which took place March 15-19, reports half of North Carolina residents oppose a constitutional ban on same-sex marriage. Many advocates for same-sex marriage have protested in response.

NC4Marriage.

"North Carolina is the only state in the southern United States that has not protected marriage in its State Constitution, which makes us a prime target for same-sex 'marriage' activists," said Tami Fitzgerald, NC4Marriage Executive Director in a February press release.

Groups in opposition to the bill state that it would not deny domestic partnerships and civil unions, as well as marriage. Many gay rights activists argue that the institution of marriage is constantly evolving and same-sex unions are a natural progression.

"Banning gay marriage gets us

nowhere," Newman said. "People should just learn to adapt."

The poll, which surveyed 620 North Carolina residents with a margin of plus or minus four percentage points, was conducted March 15-19. Fifty percent of respondents said they oppose a constitutional

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# Professors close to cloning Elon squirrel

Alyse Knorr  
Design Editor

On Monday, professors in Elon's biology department said they have moved one step closer to successfully cloning a campus squirrel.

The lead researchers of the cloning project, assistant professor Tom Walton and associate professor Rick Forrester, said they have now entered the final stage of the cloning process, which first began three years ago.

Walton and Forrester first started their research when they noticed a gap in the cloning field in the area of rodent families.

"We thought that we could take advantage of our campus environment, with its larger-than-average squirrel population, by using that as our test animal," Forrester said.

The team applied for and received a large grant from the Scientific Quorum for Unfunded Institutional Rodent Research Enterprises, Ltd., then began the long process of research preparation.

"We're doing a type of cloning called reproductive cloning," Walton said. "What this kind of technology does is allow you to create an animal with the same nuclear DNA as another pre-existing animal."

Reproductive cloning is the same type of cloning that was used to create Dolly the sheep, the first mammal to be cloned from adult DNA.

Senior Lisa Stadler is serving as a student research assistant with Walton and Forrester. She said the most exciting part of the project so far was selecting the right squirrel to serve as the donor candidate.

"We wanted to find a candidate that was both physically robust and less aggressive," Forrester said. "We found



The donor animal is a one-pound Eastern Gray squirrel.

that the squirrels by the lake were somewhat territorial, so we set up most of our traps near the oaks by Whitley."

After months of searching, the team finally found the right specimen — a male eastern gray squirrel weighing 1.1 pounds that the team named "Moseley."

At this point, the team has moved out of the DNA transfer stage and has successfully implanted the fertilized embryo into its surrogate mother, a professionally bred squirrel shipped from Israel last month.

No scientist has successfully cloned a squirrel yet, though they have found success with the squirrel's close relatives, mice and rabbits.

"If we complete this procedure successfully, it will truly be the first of its kind," Walton said. "To contribute to that kind of scientific achievement would be wonderful."

Forrester added that President Barack Obama's recent decision to repeal federal restrictions on funding for embryonic stem cell research could allow even further developments.

April Fool's from the Pendulum staff!

# The Fighting Christian finally finds his place

Dan Rickershauser  
Multimedia Contributor

Ten years ago, Elon made the decision to abandon the Fighting Christian mascot and adopt the Phoenix when they became a university.

But in the years since, the Fighting Christian mascot has been searching for a job in the ever-dwindling mascot job market.

"I lost everything in '99 — my job, my fan base, my mascot pizzazz," the Fighting Christian said. "No one would talk to me. All I could do was watch that fiery, Big Bird-wannabe steal my career."

As the Phoenix stepped into the spotlight, the next few years proved a challenge for the Fighting Christian. He would sometimes go to the games but said he watched from a distance as the Phoenix took in the glory, high-fiving young children and pulling out the tricks on the field for the halftime show.

After he was turned down from a number of mascot jobs, the Fighting Christian decided to completely change his image.

He dabbled with other names on his nationwide search for a job. In 2000, he was the Bombastic Buddha. In 2001, he

became the Harmful Hindu. He even briefly experimented with the persona of the Avengeful Atheist in 2002.

But none of the name changes turned up a job.

The Fighting Christian then ran into trouble with the law when he tried to bring his act, "the Raging Rabbi," into a local synagogue.

"We mostly thought it was offensive," Rabbi Jake Santer said.

But the Fighting Christian began to battle his own problems as he watched the Phoenix from the sidelines.

"When I realized there was nothing out there for me. I just hit rock bottom: alcoholism, depression, the whole nine yards," the Fighting Christian said, fighting back tears after making an unintentional football pun.

After years of unemployment and addiction, the Fighting Christian decided to make a comeback by performing at Elon. He figured his best chance would be at last year's fundraising dance-a-thon.

"No one really knew who he was or what he was doing here," junior Jill Dickenson said. "His big goofy head and furry beard sort of creeped out all the girls. After about 10 minutes we had to throw him out."

The Fighting Christian walked out of Koury Gym as Elon alumnus Joe Christopher recognized the mascot that highlighted so many of his memories during his time on campus.

"I asked myself, 'Is that a beloved mascot I see crying in the beautifully landscaped bushes over there?'" Christopher said.

Christopher, now a therapist, approached the Fighting Christian and began talking. They now meet weekly and have resolved almost all of the Fighting Christian's problems.

The Fighting Christian said even though he had spent a lot of time trying alternative personalities, he realized he just had to be himself.

"It was like my school spirit was ignited all at once, like I had risen from the ashes," he said. "So what if on campus tours they point to my picture and say, 'You folks see that guy that looks sort of like a pilgrim? He used to be our mascot.'? I am a part of this school as much as that bird of fire, but it is not my time."

Now, the Fighting Christian is able to enjoy retirement.

"Let's just say I'm living a pretty good life these days. Yeah, I have an in-ground pool," he said. "Also, April Fool's!"

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# Second Life takes users to new heights

Lindsay Fendt  
Reporter

Imagine a world where one can fly to class, build an interactive building for a final project and hold meetings with classmates without even leaving the comfort of a dorm room. In Second Life, an interactive virtual world, students can do just that, and Elon is pioneering the program's use in education.

"This is a future technology," said Tony Crider, a physics professor who regularly uses Second Life in his classes. "In Second Life you can create visualizations you could not create otherwise."

In Second Life, users can do almost everything they can in real life. They can also build buildings and objects, starting with a primitive object such as a block of wood, and then add other elements using code.

Starting an account is free, and Elon has received several grants to buy an "island" on the site that students can use to build projects.

"I've done it for several semesters," Crider said. "Instead of having students do a final paper or presentation I have them build something in Second Life."

There are more than six million users on Second Life, many of whom use it to meet new people, or even make money with virtual land they have bought.

Crider said other schools use Second Life in this manner to provide a place for students and teachers to meet without having to go to campus.

Elon is one of the few universities that uses it to allow their students to build something.

"Most schools build a virtual campus where people can meet," Crider said. "We have the opposite approach. We provide them with a place to build their own creations."

With themes provided by Crider, students have created unique projects that educate other Second Life users that visit Elon's island. Last semester's theme was myths in astronomy, and students had to figure out a way to teach one of their book's chapters to people on Second Life.



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Physics Professor Tony Crider actively uses Second Life within the classroom to help his students learn. He believes the program will become widely used in the near future.

Crider said he believes the use of Second Life in the classroom is enabling students to use a technology that will be widely used in the future.

"Something very similar to Second Life is going to be how you deal with things online in the future," Crider said.

In fact, many companies and news organizations have started using Second Life as a means for reaching a new audience. CNN has an island and Cisco, a communications company, uses Second Life to reach the network engineers that use it.

Other companies also use it to hold meetings and conferences.

Sophomore Nicole Kiefer was in

Crider's class last semester and used Second Life. While Kiefer said using Second Life was fun, she did not agree with Crider's assertion that it would be so widely used in the future.

"I don't think that everyone will be on Second Life in the future," Kiefer said, "but I do think that it will be a business thing where people can meet online."

Other professors at Elon have also begun requiring their students to use Second Life.

Crider said he plans to continue the use of Second Life and hopes that one day a Second Life class will be available for students.

# Kiser named as interim dean of Elon College

## National search for permanent position continues

Margeaux Corby  
News Editor

While Elon students basked in the glow of spring break sun, university officials named human services professor Pam Kiser as interim dean of Elon College, the College of Arts and Sciences for the upcoming year. She will move into Lindner Hall to begin her duties June 1, when current dean Steven House will begin his position as university provost.

"After being at the institution 28 years, there is something in me that is a novelty seeker," Kiser said. "I look forward to learning new things and getting a different view of the institution."

Earlier this year, full professors were asked to submit letters of interest for the year-long interim position.

Kiser's commitment to service learning, as demonstrated through her role as the faculty scholar in the Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning and chair of the Service-Learning Advisory committee among many other civic engagement commitments, guided her decision to apply.

"I do see it largely as a matter of service to the institution," Kiser said. "It's a time the university really needed someone to step forward."

During her time at Elon, Kiser's service-learning efforts have been geared toward involving and engaging faculty. She said she is looking forward to a role in which she will still work closely with professional colleagues.

Kiser emphasized it will be a collaborative effort between herself and the college's associate deans to maintain the success of the school's programs.

"I see myself as being part of a team and collectively we will be where we need to be," Kiser said. "The reality is that I can't be Steven House."

A national search is currently being undertaken to fill the dean position once Kiser's term is completed.

### KISER'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2009 Robert L. Sigmon Service-Learning Award

Co-authored an article in Planning for Higher Education looking at how Elon has shifted from a student-centered cooperative model to a collaborative model of faculty, student and community partner relationships

Presented at the Symposium on Service-Learning and Civic Engagement at Western Carolina last summer

Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning scholar 2007-2009

Published two editions of her book, *The Human Services Internship: Getting the Most from Your Experience*, which is used by 150 colleges and universities in the United States and abroad

1997 Daniels-Danieley Award for Excellence in Teaching

# University computer replacement cycle extends to four more years

## Policy expands to save money, contend with out-of-business vendors

Margeaux Corby  
News Editor

After multiple hints and mentions at faculty budget committee forums, campus technology has finally made the move from a three-year to a four-year faculty and staff computer replacement cycle.

"A lot of people think they can't go that long," said Chris Fulkerson, vice president of campus technology. "In truth, there are very few people who can't go four years."

The move will save the university \$333,000. According to Fulkerson, this is equivalent to the cost of maintaining about five university employees.

As well as lengthening the computer replacement cycle, LCD monitors will no longer be replaced by campus technology unless they wear out, and the university will no longer offer accidental breakage insurance on laptops and tablets.

Faculty and staff were also made aware that switching from a Windows laptop to a Macintosh laptop would be twice the cost of switching from Windows to another Windows machine. They were also told one Macintosh desktop is eight times the cost of a Windows desktop.

Those upgrades would be charged back to the requesting departments, most of which are already operating with 2 percent of their budget reallocated elsewhere.

Campus technology sent out an e-mail encouraging faculty

members using tablets that are up for replacement to consider requesting a laptop, a switch that would save the university \$600 per machine.

In addition to general computer costs, campus technology will undergo the process of eliminating university-owned Gateway machines after MPC Computers, formerly Gateway Computers, filed for bankruptcy last November.

"We noticed problems with Gateway maybe three years ago. They were slow to respond and it was hard to get parts," Fulkerson said. "We were watching trade journals, saw the stocks drop and MPC made everyone nervous."

Idaho-based MPC Computers bought the professional side of Gateway in 2007, taking over the consumer direct unit that targets small businesses. The transaction meant MPC immediately assumed responsibility for Gateway's operations and support services, a \$60 million division which Fulkerson said translates to deep debt.

"When the buyout happened we decided not to go with Gateway," Fulkerson said. "We went with Dell and we're glad we did."

Media Services only offers Gateway tablets for student and faculty check-out and many university members still have the spotted cube emblem etched onto their university-provided computer.

"What it means for the university is that Gateway warranties are no longer valid, and we have a harder time

getting parts," Fulkerson said.

This summer, Campus technology will replace half the university's Gateway laptops this summer that are already up for renewal.

Instead of allowing faculty to buy back the computer at a discounted price, campus technology will be using the computers for parts to fix any Gateways that are not in line to be replaced this year.

"It's costing us more money to have to pay premium for parts we don't have since they are in the aftermarket," Fulkerson said. "If we just cannot get the part, we'll have to buy a replacement."

In the coming weeks, campus technology will send out 'requests for proposals' to several computer vendors and will decide which company's response best fits the university's needs and budget.

Fulkerson said that he could possibly see Dell being contracted for laptops and desktops and Toshiba for tablets.

He said students and faculty with Gateways will still receive support from campus technology, but the computers will not be available for faculty to purchase and the annual computer sale during planning week.

The bottom line, according to Fulkerson, is that the university is trying to cost-effectively remove all Gateway machines.

"We're trying to get rid of as many Gateway laptops as we can afford to," Fulkerson said.

# An alphabet of advice

## Nurse offers simple tips for healthier lives

Camille DeMere  
Multimedia Editor

Being healthy is easier than many think, speaker and registered nurse Barbara Bancroft said Monday evening in Whitley Auditorium.

Actually the top three risky diseases — heart disease, cancer and Alzheimer's — are prevented in many of the same ways. Exercising, eating healthier and taking daily supplements, while also being more aware of one's body, can promote a disease-free lifestyle, she said.

The medical profession is constantly changing, and being aware of new discoveries can improve health.

Bancroft said 30 years ago medical professionals were sure that people started out with a set amount of neurons that depleted over time and that there was no way to replace them.

It has since been discovered that things like exercise stimulate the production of neurons in the hippocampus, the memory area of the brain.

Antidepressants, such as Paxil, and medicines for high cholesterol and lithium, a common treatment for bipolar disorder, also cause neuron production.

"So pop a Zoloft and hop on the treadmill, and you're going to get brand new neurons," Bancroft said.

Bancroft also offered easy ways to actually attain the lofty goal of "eating properly." She recommends eating fish that are high in omega-3 acids,



LINDSAY FENDT | Staff Photographer

Barbara Bancroft has spoken to more than 2,000 audiences about the ease and importance of staying healthy.

like salmon, mackerel and tuna.

"The only people that have to worry about mercury are pregnant women and children," she said. "The rest of our brains are basically impenetrable to the stuff."

Americans are overweight, and portion control is the culprit. Bancroft said in the past 30 years, men's daily calorie intake has increased by 168 calories. Women consume 355 calories, or an extra McDonald's cheeseburger more per day than in 1971.

Visceral fat, or fat around the middle, has become so prevalent that it is now classified as an organ by doctors. This "organ" is producing hormones that

actually lead to an increased prevalence of the top three killers in America.

"Men and women should both check their waist measurements," Bancroft said. "Guys should have a 40 inch waist or less, and women should measure at 35 inches or less."

In addition to exercise, avoiding stress reduces the appearance of belly fat.

Bancroft also suggested that everyone gets regular check ups, but that those with early onsets in their family histories should be especially vigilant.

"Subtract 10 years from when mom had breast cancer, and that's when you should start getting examined," she said.

## New Web site provides alternative for buying textbooks

Jack Dodson  
Reporter

Attempting to offset the infamously high prices of college textbooks, Greensboro couple Mike and Marti Smith created Textbook Freeway as a networking site to link students to exchange their books. The site launched on March 16.

When their daughter enrolled in the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2007, the prices they were paying for textbooks seemed steep to them, without any way to get around paying a lot. Based on the assumption that each book would be about \$150, and that students would typically need about five books, a college student can pay about \$750 per semester, they said.

Bookstores only offer a fraction of this for returns, leaving students out \$300 - \$400 by the end of a semester. So, on the way back from Chapel Hill, after paying hundreds of dollars for new textbooks, the Smiths began to discuss the idea of exchanging textbooks without losing money.

"We wanted to do it for nothing, because we wanted the students to have zero out-of-pocket," Mike said.

This wasn't entirely practical.

As the Web site states, "What we would like to have happened was to be able to swap books with no money changing hands, but that was not practical, because, who would give up their books with no guarantee of receiving books? So, we developed the 50/50 plan."

For \$50 to buy or sell, students can post their used textbooks on the Web site and offer it to people who don't want to spend \$150 for the same book. It is \$5.95 per

book to buy, but after selling, and assuming that every book is sold back, it is still cheaper than buying from a major retailer.

"We were never in this to make a whole bunch of money. If we could make money, and the students could save money, that's a win-win for both of us," Mike said.

Mike visited Elon Monday afternoon with hopes of promoting his new company at the school. But just as on every college campus, advertising from private companies is limited so that Textbook Freeway cannot hand out fliers or place advertising on campus.

So the Smiths have come up with other ways to promote the company.

Newspapers and radio stations all around the country have run stories on it. The Web site gets hits every day from places like Alaska, Seattle and France. But on campuses, the Smiths have tried to team up with organizations, particularly sororities.

With two sororities in North Carolina that are running fundraisers to promote Textbook Freeway and getting a dollar for each book sold, the company's name has gained some momentum.

Essentially, it is a word-of-mouth effort, relying on Facebook and college students to spread the idea.

"We're starting our marketing in North Carolina, but with Facebook, there are no limits," Mike said.

In its first month of operation, Textbook Freeway has a professionally-designed Web site maintained by BEM Interactive in Greensboro, and it has been campaigning for a new way of buying and selling college textbooks.

# 'Silver Fox' visits campus, speaks next week

Sarah Costello  
Reporter

On April 7, Elon will host CNN's news anchor, Anderson Cooper, for a question-and-answer session and lecture in Koury Center's Alumni Gym. Cooper is a well-known and successful broadcast and print journalist as well as an author and the host of "Anderson Cooper 360."

"The idea to invite Cooper may have originated when (President Leo)Lambert met with some SGA students," said George Troxler, dean of Cultural and Special Programs.



Anderson Cooper  
CNN News Anchor

When asked who would be a good speaker to bring to campus, the students agreed Cooper would be an ideal choice, he said.

"It's very difficult to book (Cooper)," Troxler said. "They said it's very unlikely that he would be able to come." Despite the difficulty in booking a visit with Cooper, a date was eventually confirmed late last year after Dr. Lambert wrote a letter stressing Elon's strong communications program.

"Anderson Cooper comes when he comes," Troxler said. "We even offered a private plane that will enable him to return to New York that night. We made it as convenient for him as possible."

Troxler said the contract contains a clause that excuses Cooper from visiting campus in the case of a huge event. As of now, Cooper is still on schedule to visit Elon next week and the event is highly anticipated, especially among communications students.

"I think it's a great opportunity that Elon is bringing him here. I think it's awesome, especially being with Phoenix 14," said junior Shea Northcut, who is majoring in broadcast journalism.

Cooper will discuss current events during his lecture next week and will also touch on his experience covering past events.

Cooper studied political science and international relations at Yale University, but decided to pursue a career in journalism despite his lack of training in the field.

Before anchoring for CNN, Cooper was an anchor for Channel One News and later ABC. He also traveled the world reporting international stories.

Cooper has received numerous awards for his accomplishments in journalism, including the GLAAD Media Award for Outstanding TV Journalism and the National Headliners Award.

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## Elon poll results in direct conflict with lawmakers' recent reintroduction of 'Defense of Marriage' bill

ban on same-sex marriage while 43 percent support a constitutional ban. Less than a third of respondents, 21 percent, support full marriage rights and 44 percent oppose any legal recognition for same-sex couples.

Elon's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender organization, Spectrum, attempts to educate community members and raise awareness of gay rights issues. As part of this mission, faculty and staff members can become LGBT allies who offer support specifically to students struggling with sexual orientation and gender identity issues.

"It is a shame there aren't more accepting people," said Libby Joyce, LGBT ally and assistant director of institutional research. "The civil rights of a minority should not be put to a vote of the people. I would simply

like equal rights."

Forty-one states' laws define marriage as between one man and one woman and only Massachusetts and Connecticut allow gay marriage, while Vermont, New Jersey and New Hampshire allow civil unions. The only time a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage has been beaten was in Arizona in 2006, but it passed on a second ballot run in 2008.

In addition to questions asked about same-sex marriage, the poll also asked questions surrounding controversial issues such as video poker and juvenile justice.

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## Elon and the community

# Elon law students gain real-life law experience at wills clinic

**Laura Smith**  
News Editor

Since the beginning of the spring semester, Elon University Law School has been implementing a new hands-on way for students to gain real-world law practice.

Eight students are now offering a free wills clinic for Greensboro residents referred by Habitat for Humanity of Greater Greensboro. Students meet and interview the low-income clients and counsel them on estate planning and drafting wills, durable powers of attorney, healthcare powers of attorney and advance directives (living wills).

The students are licensed under the North Carolina State Bar limited practice

rules, which allows them to provide legal services to the clients under the supervision of a North Carolina licensed lawyer.

The students were able to register for the class after completing a semester course in Wills and Trusts Law.

The clinic includes three credit hours and is offered by Margaret Kantlehner, professor of law at Elon and the law school's director of externships, preceptors and the capstone leadership experience.

"Most of the students in the clinic are representing their first live client," Kantlehner said. "They are able to work for that client from opening the file through the execution of the documents.

The representations provide opportunities for students to put law, legal theory and ethical requirements into practice for a client who has a real need."

The wills drafting course operates as a mock law firm meeting where students will take turns as the firm's managing associate. They will present an ethical problem related to wills drafting and incorporate the rest of the class in an examination of a wills drafting issue.

Melissa Duncan is one of the students participating in the clinic.

"I wanted to get involved because not only is it a great practical learning experience, it is an opportunity for us to give back to the community

and use our knowledge and skills to help Habitat for Humanity clients," she said. "(The clinic) will help me in the future because I have learned about the real-life practice of law. I will be graduating in May, and already have confidence and the practical skills set necessary to meet with clients and help others."

In addition to the wills drafting work, the eight students have studied the Habitat for Humanities' lending structure, North Carolina legal research and legal interviewing and counseling.

Students will study units on the advance directives in hospice and palliative care, as well as regulation of the funeral industry later in the semester.

## Intricate schemes cost students in E-net fraud scams

**Rachel Cieri**  
Features Editor

It's a commonplace occurrence, according to Town of Elon Police.

A student posts a want-ad for a roommate on what he or she perceives as a safe, college-only Web site and accepts a rent payment from the person who answers the ad.

It is only after the student refunds excess money that he or she discovers the check was fraudulent.

Last month, two Elon students became a few of hundreds of college students across the nation to be duped by similar fraud scams through E-net ads.

Most recently, a student was shorted about \$400 by a scam artist claiming to be interested in subletting an off-campus apartment in Phoenix Villas.

The student had posted an ad on E-net looking for someone to sublet the apartment she had secured but no longer needed.

"One individual seemed more interested than the others," the student wrote in an e-mail to Dan Anderson, assistant vice president and director of university relations.

This individual, who called herself "Gina," claimed to be studying in Indonesia and said she was coming to Elon in the fall.

When the student agreed to let Gina sublet the apartment, Gina said her father would send a check for an advance of several months' rent as a way to show her commitment to the deal.

The check was more than the student had expected, but Gina had even given the student a UPS tracking number to make sure it arrived.

Shortly afterward, Gina contacted the student, asking her to use some of the money from the check

to help Gina secure a car in Elon, one that she claimed she had only days to buy.

The student then became suspicious and checked the legitimacy of the bank the check came from and the company Gina said her father worked for, finding no problems.

The student could not cash the check right away because it was a weekend, so she took the money to pay for the car from her own account.

When the check was finally processed, it was found to be fraudulent.

The student contacted Gina, who told her that her father would send another check, but the student never heard from Gina again.

When the student called the company for which Gina said her father worked, she was told there was no individual there by that name.

"There is no third party guaranteeing transactions," Anderson said of E-net ads.

Anderson said E-net administrators are planning to implement a warning to users that will be shown before an ad is posted.

Anderson posted a preliminary warning to students March 11, letting them know of the recent fraud and that anyone can view want ads even though only students, faculty and staff can post them.

These incidents are not the first instances of fraud on E-net, and while he has not kept track, Anderson remembers three or four scams in the past few years.

He believes this is the first time someone has lost cash as the result of the scam.

E-net will otherwise remain unchanged.

"E-net is such an important resource," Anderson said. "We want to keep it operating."

## Grants provide hope for economy, health in North Carolina

**Laura Smith**  
News Editor

Thanks to the help of several local universities and a new research unit, North Carolina's economy may be seeing a positive jump.

On March 17, The North Carolina Biotechnology Center approved a \$2.5 million, four-year grant to help establish a new unit to be launched in May that will create jobs by enhancing the state's medical device and related technologies sector.

This new unit is the advanced medical technology Center of Innovation, the result of a year-long planning process that will allow North Carolina universities to produce research in order to create a new industry sector based around advanced medical technologies.

In addition to the AMT Center of Innovation, there is a COI for Nanotechnology, a COI for Marine Sciences, a COI for Drug Discovery and a COI for Natural Products.

"With this support, the advanced medical technologies Center of Innovation will pilot a new multi-institutional model for accelerating commercialization of healthcare innovations and supporting the growth of companies that bring new medical technologies to market," Sam Taylor, president of the North Carolina Biosciences Organization and leader of the planning effort, said in a press release March 17.

The process for gaining this \$2.5 million grant has two phases.

First, a business model for an independent center is created and a \$100,000 planning grant is awarded. When the plan is approved by the Biotechnology Center, the COI is eligible for the award over four years and the independent COI can launch.

The AMT COI was the first of the five to qualify for this second grant phase.

This COI will consist of a team dedicated to nationally promoting the AMTS and give outreach to North Carolina hospital innovators, research institutions, inventors,

licensors and innovation service providers.

Another COI to recently receive a grant is the Drug Discovery Center of Innovation. In the middle of March, the Drug Discovery COI received the \$100,000 planning grant from the North Carolina Biotechnology Center.

This center is a multi-institution public-private partnership coordinated by the The Hamner Institutes for Health Sciences, which will initially focus on oncology.

According to Rick Williams, chief business officer of The Hamner and a member of the planning team, the goal of the center is to create a network of drug development resources throughout the state in order to make more drug discoveries. The center will first look at oncology and then hopes to branch out to drug discoveries for other illnesses such as diabetes and AIDS.

"We're looking at ways where different areas of the work could be done at separate universities," he said.

Members of the partnership include research facilities at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, North Carolina Central University, North Carolina State University, East Carolina University, Campbell University, Duke University's Comprehensive Cancer Center and Wake Forest University.

"We're in an unusual situation in that we have 40 comprehensive cancer centers (in the country) and we (North Carolina) have three of them: Wake Forest, Duke and UNC-Chapel Hill."

Stephen Frye is director of UNC's Center for Integrative Chemical Biology and Drug Discovery, and will work with the Hamner for this particular COI.

"New oncology therapeutics are the initial hope for delivery, but also a new model for drug discovery and development will be created in North Carolina that provides for better translation of academic research into the clinic," he said.

Funding for the Center of Innovation grant will be paid in increments as business

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Gaze at the stars with the physics department

In celebration of the worldwide "100 Hours of Astronomy", the Elon physics department and the Alamance County astronomy club will host an evening of stargazing at Northeast Park on Friday. There will be several telescopes provided at the event, which is open to the public. In the case of inclement weather, the event will be postponed until Sunday.

#### Anderson Cooper at Elon

Anderson Cooper will speak at 4 p.m. Tuesday in Alumni Gym. Cooper is a CNN news anchor and host of "Anderson Cooper 360." Tickets for the lecture have sold out, but the Box Office is distributing 400 tickets for closed circuit TV viewing in McCrary Theatre.

#### Fireside chat with Leo Lambert

From 6:30-8:30 p.m. on April 8, Leo Lambert and Julianna Malveaux, president of Bennett College for Women, will hold an inaugural Fireside Chat Series at the LaRose Digital Theatre in Koury Business center to discuss current challenges in higher education. A reception will be held before the event from 5:15 - 6:15 p.m. and will include performances by the Bennett Belles, Sweet Signatures and Rip\_Chord.

#### POWERLESS competition results for Week Five:

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Colclough - 16.7 percent  
Maynard - 16.2 percent  
Division II  
Danieley C - 19.1 percent  
Loy J/K, L, M - 18.4 percent  
Area Competition:  
Division I  
The Oaks - 19.6 percent  
North Area - 17.6 percent  
Division II  
Danieley Center - 42.9 percent  
Loy Center - 8.8 percent

### CORRECTIONS

There are three corrections to the story "Elon's green initiative goes one step further to reach carbon neutrality goal" in the March 18 issue.

1. The Geographic Information Systems analysis provided information only on faculty and staff commuting distances. It did not include student address information.
2. The Environmental Advisory Council plans to create Elon's initial Climate Action Plan within the next year. Implementing the plan will take place over several years, and the plan may change as technology and research develops.
3. Ryan Kirk is an instructor in geography and environmental studies not international studies.

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## A break from tradition

### London G20 summit belays global power shift

Economic summits used to be similar to a nest of baby birds, each with a squawking, open beak clamoring for its mother's nourishment. When there was only one superpower, this seemed like a perfectly reasonable setup — only one country could muscle through its own agenda and the agendas of hangers-on.

Now this model has been turned upside down and the nest has been dashed from the tree. The baby birds are scurrying in the dirt, fighting with one another for scraps. Mama bird is still smarting from the fall, trying to rally the indignant chicks.

The meeting of the G20 this week, an international summit built upon encouraging greater cooperation between the world's largest economies, has been met with great expectations and populist fury.

The United States, pushing for the implementation of stimulus packages similar to its own, has been met coldly by nearly every member of the G20.

Europe has been the most vocal opponent of the plan, stating that its own governmental social welfare programs eliminate the need for further spending. Angela Merkel, chancellor of Germany, put her foot down on a so-called "global new deal" that would have injected \$2 trillion into international economies.

"I will not let anyone tell me that we must spend more money," Merkel said, moving away from her previous role as a silent wild card in the international community.

Mirek Topolaneck, Czech Prime Minister and current head of the European Union, was more blunt, stating President Barack Obama's stimulus package was "the road to hell."

China has also been a staunch opponent, realizing that with its massive cash reserves and debt holdings, it can now essentially do whatever it wants. The governor of China's central bank has proposed the elimination of the American dollar as the world's reserve currency. China has also demanded that it be granted greater oversight of the International Monetary Fund if its much-

needed contributions are to be granted.

Despite Obama's overwhelming international popularity, there's little that a charismatic head of state can do when the rest of the world smells a chance not only to snag a bigger piece of the pie, but also to bake an entirely new one.

As defeatist as it may sound, it's time to pass the baton. The financial crisis has proven to be the final straw. The United States has lost its international credibility and countries will now follow its lead when they see fit, not because they feel forced to.

On issues like the IMF, to which America is proposing an increase of \$500 billion in aid, there is no longer a knee-jerk reaction from the international community. The IMF has long been a branch of American foreign policy and has suffered because of it. The fund has already done a solid job reacting to the economic crisis by making it easier for countries to borrow and increasing the amount they can take, but the inclusion of other voices in the back rooms could lead to a more reactive, integrated organization.

It's apparent the Obama administration seeks to improve international relations. Both its outreach to Iran and calls for better inclusion of China on the global stage serve as evidence. But this policy is tainted by policies such as the proposed "Buy American" clause and protectionist pleas from Congress, both of which are ultimately self-defeating.

Though there's no joy in seeing one's prominence on the world stage, decrease the actions a nation takes when it happens are critical. Lashing out at rising nations and retreating will do nothing to solve the current crisis. The United States is still the most powerful country in the world, but not to the degree that unilateral action is a possibility.

It's time the mama bird realizes the chicks have grown up — and when they start to assert themselves, a good parent never shuns its offspring, but helps them along the way.

## G20 SUMMARY

### BIG PLAYERS

#### UNITES STATES

The discredited leader, advocating stimulus packages and more funding for the IMF.

#### EU

A strong opponent of nearly every American proposal.

#### BRITAIN

The host of the summit, and proponent of a \$2 trillion global stimulus.

#### CHINA

The new kid on the block, willing to help with the IMF in exchange for more influence.

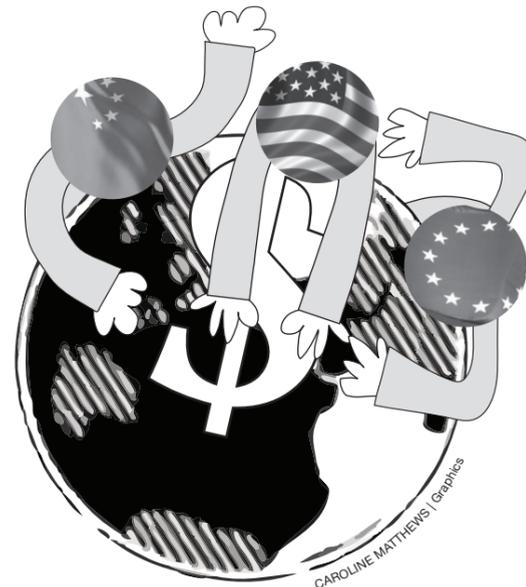
### BIG PLAYERS

#### GLOBAL STIMULUS PLANS

#### INCREASED FUNDING FOR THE IMF

#### COMBATING GLOBAL PROTECTIONISM

#### BALANCE OF POWER BETWEEN FIRST WORLD AND DEVELOPING ECONOMIES



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# Opinions

## Where to point the blame AIG, Washington both at fault



Neel Arora  
Columnist

The saga continues. AIG executives received an additional \$165 billion in bonuses while the economy is deep in a recession with people losing houses, jobs and their savings.

In the 18th century, Queen Marie Antoinette once said, "Let them eat cake," to the starving peasantry of France, who were unable to even afford bread.

Wall Street appears to be facing a similar situation. Not in the literal sense, as famine has not yet afflicted

the country, but in sentiment. It is clear that these executives are out of sync with the ordinary, less privileged middle and working class America. Their posh Upper East Side apartments, stretch limos and private jets have inflated a bubble around them that has eliminated empathy and blinded them from any misery or strife, apart from large divorce settlements.

But how are they to be blamed when it is the American ideals of prosperity, capitalism and free enterprise that allowed them to get where they are? All they have done is abide by their contracts. They worked their way up to the top, not through delusions or daydreams but through long, arduous hours and hard work.

Times have changed, though. The world they once had to struggle through is gone, and the world they now live in has no connection with the reality that surrounds the vast majority of America. They are governing companies that affect millions of lives, maybe even billions, based on the premise that "ignorance is bliss." If only it was.

Senate leaders and other top officials may say they take responsibility for the flaw in the proposal that allowed AIG executives to cash in, but the issue does not end there. Just a few individuals do not handle a proposal involving so many billions of dollars. Numerous policy makers were involved

and such oversight is implausible. To believe that such naivety exists among Washington's best and brightest is nothing short of ignorance.

"What do AIG executives pull out of their pocket when they search for a dime?" Chris Dodd," Jay Leno said.

The government has been tactful with its spin tactics, effectively transferring all the attention of a flawed policy onto the AIG executives, who were only taking what was promised to them. Yet again the government fails to hit the roots and only attempts to slaughter the scapegoat.

The policy makers should have stipulated in their proposal that failure will no longer be rewarded rather than attempting to subdue the public outcry with an elitist law that imposes a 90 percent tax on bonuses for companies receiving bailout money. This is the reactive approach rather than the proactive one, with the money already in the executives' pockets.

The conspiracy theorists should be having a field day with this, but there has been little said. Given, it is still the first 100 days of the Obama administration and a tumultuous few days at that. His administration and the members of Congress have been around long enough. They are the ones that need to be held accountable, as this imperfect policy was intentionally written, proposed and passed. The AIG executives' complicity with members of the administration needs to be investigated. The real scandal lies deep down, under the rhetoric of governmental spokespersons.

Aside from that, it is clear such mammoth companies like AIG need to be restructured with individuals who are capable of empathizing with America put in place to run the operations. Fresh faces are needed. Today, AIG is trading at about a dollar per share, with over \$800 billion in assets, one hundred thousand employees and losses amounting to over \$23 billion for the last quarter alone. A dollar stock playing a substantial role in the economy? The model is reprehensible and requires a reality check. Bonuses do not fit the scheme. The government, on the other hand, needs to employ responsible, accountable legislators.

## Viva la newspaper



Jack Dodson  
Columnist

In wake of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer's passing, it is as if the lion that has been stirring over what is to become of the news print industry has been goaded again. Earlier this year the Christian Science Monitor and the Rocky Mountain News joined the ranks of the failed papers, cutting back to mostly or fully online formats. Other major papers are also struggling.

It has become a topic frequenting blogs, magazines and television shows as journalism schools force their students to question the future of the profession, given the vague and, to be blunt, bleak-looking forecast.

Walk into a small town diner, and you'll find a couple of newsmen woefully discussing the budgeting issues that cut their stories.

The long-term professional journalists are beginning to fade away, yielding to bloggers and citizen journalists like Arianna Huffington. Now the way to write freelance is to start a Web site and get enough hits to attract advertising.

Ironically, despite the obvious blood spilled within the industry — the closing of century-and-a-half old papers and organizations that saw their reporters break famous stories — the mood is harsh but not yet defeated.

Let the television shows and bloggers speculate about the end of an era. But last week's Time magazine pointed out that the Seattle Post-Intelligencer's Sunday paper had almost as many readers as nationwide cable news shows have viewers. Any newsman will make the argument that it is not a question of readership. Some newspapers are even seeing increases.

Subscription is merely a minor part of revenue for papers. It's advertising that writes the checks. With a bleeding economy, ads are scarce and ineffective in print, and they are harder to implement into content.

Between the product placement and the advertisements that come on Hulu before your show, television and Internet have seen advertising campaigns within their mediums that don't correspond to print.

The issue that newspapers face is not how to win back public support. It is how to cope with new media and to support itself on a vastly different business plan. The climate of advertising and marketing has changed media with new and more interactive mediums, making old styles of journalism and media creation obsolete.

It is the role of newspapers that cannot be made obsolete, as they have distinctive qualities that no other mediums have. The more recently successful papers have been the community papers, offering local and specified content that readers can't find in USA Today or the New York Times.

The large-scale business model of the newspaper industry has seemed to fail, and in order to protect print journalism, some things need to be rethought.

Here's a big one: The role of online content against print stories has conflicted every newspaper. The online option offers itself better to new and more effective forms of advertisements, via videos and non-print ads. Blogs and multimedia content can be offered to attract viewers and advertisers, while the print version keeps its role as a source of classic journalism.

The growth of readership and credibility of community newspapers has cracked the big business, Rupert Murdoch style of media. Independent media has seen sharp increases over the years, accelerated by the Internet.

Now, people can create the media they want to see and are challenging the failures of the professional world.

All of this is accented by the economic landscape the world now faces. Obviously, all business has to be rethought.

That does not mean that the newspaper is headed for extinction. If anything it is moving toward its peak, where it can offer material less in the interest of corporations and more for its readers, and it can expand its revenue possibilities with new business concepts and more effective budgets.

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## Obama's sound and fury

### Public appearances signify nothing without action



Robert Wohner  
Columnist

Last Tuesday, President Obama made a mistake many Americans found unforgivable: He held a primetime news conference during Motown week on American Idol. OK, maybe only I felt that way.

Still, the president has been making campaign-style appearances throughout the media that are impossible to miss.

From filling out his NCAA basketball brackets, proudly predicting the North Carolina

Tar Heels the next national champions on ESPN, to making off-the-cuff gaffs with Jay Leno about his Special Olympics-level bowling skills, Obama has been keeping his calm, charming likeness in the American consciousness.

Coverage has gotten so extreme that the media carried on a discussion as to whether or not Michelle Obama's bare arms during the State of the Union address were appropriate. To be clear, this isn't a discussion of her second amendment rights but rather the constitutionality of her sleeveless dresses.

Will America get too much of Obama-mania? His appearances are all in an effort to sell to America his economic recovery plan. But "Barack"et-o-logy, chats with Jay Leno and Twittering come at a price.

The campaign is over. America needs the president to shut off the Teleprompter and convince America he is burning the midnight oil to get us out of this financial crisis.

Rasmussen Reports' polling concluded his latest primetime news conference did not sway Americans more in favor of his economic plan. Other reputable polling data concludes that while Obama's popularity

remains high, many Americans are still uncertain about his economic policies.

In fact, his overexposure leads some to have unrealistic expectations about what Obama can accomplish in such a short time.

Truly, part of what attracted many Americans, including myself, to Obama was his ability to communicate with the public using new media effectively. While his opponent fumbled with technology after admitting he had in recent years just learned the art of e-mail, Obama's casual dedication to his Blackberry showed him to be a modern president.

One famous master of new technology in his time was President Franklin D. Roosevelt. His famous "fireside chats," or radio broadcasts, reassured a struggling public throughout the Great Depression, boldening the country's resolve to overcome the economic turmoil. Speaking directly to the American people is essential for a president, and Obama is right to do so.

Sometimes we think that Roosevelt conducted his fireside chats weekly. But in 12 years in office, Roosevelt conducted only 30 fireside chats. By spacing out broadcasts, the public earnestly hung on to his confident words.

Obama would do well to follow Roosevelt's example. The fact remains that Obama is still widely popular with a majority of Americans, and they genuinely hope for his success.

Back in the 1930s, Roosevelt's fireside chats were not all that made the New Deal programs popular. More important was the fact that Americans could see Roosevelt's plans in action.

It then will not be Obama's oratory skills that determine his legacy. America will ultimately remember his ambitious plan's failure or success. Obama has a four-year term in office. Even his most ardent followers will grow weary of his speeches if they are not coupled with tangible results.

# bracket PAY OFF

Chris King & Hannah Williams  
Senior Reporter & Special Projects Editor

## GAMBLING: LOSING AND WIN- NING WITH NCAA

### numbers across the board

**10**  
percent of Americans the NCAA estimates  
will complete a tournament bracket.

**7 BILLION**  
dollars illegally bet on March Madness  
each year as estimated by sports gambling  
analyst Danny Sheridan.

**25**  
percent of college students who participate  
in some form of gambling each year.

**1**  
number of states where sports gambling is  
legal: Nevada.

**63**  
number of games in the NCAA  
Tournament.



Villanova, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Michigan or Connecticut? Just three games stand between one of these school's men's basketball teams and the 2009 NCAA Championship. Those same three games separate sports gambling enthusiasts from billions of dollars wagered on the outcome of brackets filled out at the tournament's beginning in a college basketball phenomenon known as March Madness.

The NCAA estimates that one in 10 Americans will complete an NCAA Tournament bracket this year. At Elon, nearly 68 percent of students reported filling out a March Madness bracket in a voluntary online survey of 100 students conducted by The Pendulum March 23-27.

"Whether or not you're a sports fan, March Madness is a national sensation. Personally, it is one of my favorite sporting events during the year," freshman Steven MacDougall said. "The excitement is undeniable when filling out the brackets with friends and family."

#### RACKING UP THE DOUGH

The Nevada Gaming Commission estimates legal wagering on March Madness at \$80 to 90 million, and Nevada is the only place where sports gambling is legal. In Nevada, bets are placed on the NCAA tournament not only by filling out the popular brackets but also on the outcome of each game.

Legal March Madness bets pale in comparison with the more than \$7 billion that sports gambling analyst Danny Sheridan estimates trades hands illegally through office pools, bets with friends, online betting and betting with bookies, according to Fox Business.

The NCAA Basketball Tournament is just one of numerous sporting events on which people place bets. While March Madness focuses media attention on the issue of sports gambling, bets are placed on all sports ranging from professional to pick-up games.

Every year, as much as \$380 billion is bet illegally on sports, according to the National Gaming Impact Study Commission.

#### BREAKING DOWN THE BRACKETS

March Madness brackets are a beginner-level variety of sports gambling. Bettors pick teams to win each game in the tournament, advancing their favorites to the finals and selecting an NCAA champion and then submit their brackets to pools.

Winnings are determined based on which bracket in the pool is the most correct, thus earning the most points. Points are awarded for each correct pick, with more points awarded for correct picks at higher levels as the teams are narrowed down from the original 65 to 32, then to the Sweet Sixteen, the Elite Eight, the Final Four and the championship game.

E-TV's "One on One" sports program aired its own "bracketology," picking winners for all 63 tournament games and debating the merits of each pick.

"A lot of people do it for the social aspect," said co-host Chris Bunn. "Picking brackets doesn't require a deep knowledge (of sports wagering), and a lot of people want to try and outsmart their friends. It's a lot of luck and chance."

Filling out a bracket is not illegal itself, as long as it is submitted to a pool that is purely for sport and not for money. Popular media networks like ESPN and Elon's Pendulum sponsor legal March Madness pools.

#### BEATING THE ODDS

Sports betting, though, encompasses much more than March Madness brackets. There are bets placed on every game, with money riding on the games' outcome.

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University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill coach Roy Williams and his team celebrate their 72-60 victory over Oklahoma.



North Carolina's Sunday's tourna

the underdog. Then the "point spread" is point spread is the number of points by underdog is supposed to lose.

blers "take the points," it means they underdog will be within the spread, while "points" means they expect the underdog to win the spread.

March Madness, the Super Bowl and the are top draws for bettors. And sometimes there are bets with the game itself.

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and sports have a messy history dating to 1919 Black Sox scandal, when bettors bribed the Chicago White Sox to throw the World Series.

most famously, former baseball player Pete Rose unilaterally accepted a permanent ban from Major League Baseball in 1989 for allegedly betting on Cincinnati Reds games while managing the team. Rose, confirmed in his 2004 autobiography, "Without Bats," stripped him of a spot in the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

In 2007, the FBI announced it was investigating referee Tim Donaghuay, a NBA referee from 1994 to 2007, for a conspiracy that affected the point spread of games he was refereeing. Donaghuay pleaded guilty to racketeering charges and was sentenced to 15 months in prison.

Tim Lincecum, a former Washington Huskies pitcher, lost his job after he was caught betting on the 2004 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament.

**TS**  
The NCAA vehemently opposes sports gambling and has taken steps to limit collegiate athletes' participation in such activities.

The NCAA's manual states, "The NCAA opposes sports gambling because it undermines and carries the potential to undermine the integrity of sports contests and sends the wrong message concerning the meaning of 'sport.'"

Surveys that were polled were split 50/50 on whether they felt coaches, players and officials should be sanctioned for their involvement in sports gambling. One survey that it is comparable to cheating on a test, an NCAA spokesman said. "It is your job and responsibility in sporting events damages the integrity of the game and those who play it. Coaches and referees should be banned from becoming ineligible for the Hall of Fame. Sports betting can be excessive, depending on the amount of money involved in the crime."

**ES ON**  
The NCAA and sports leagues publicly discourage sports betting. However, there doesn't seem to be much to stop people outside the organizations from betting on the games.

Bookmakers are active in every state, usually a bunch of them, Dougall says.

Forty-four percent of college students report betting in some form of gambling each year, according to the Indiana Problem Gambling Awareness Program at Indiana University.

Forty percent of Elon students reported gambling on sports, with 3 percent wagering on the Super Bowl.

"I'm making bets with my friends, even without a license. I can gamble with different things - it can be anything," Elon freshman Scott Immel said.

**WAGERING DANGEROUSLY**

"Most people can gamble responsibly and never develop a problem. For some, gambling develops into a problem for which they have little to no control," said Mary Lay, project manager of the Indiana Problem Gambling Awareness Program, in a press release. "Problem gambling can lead to financial devastation, crime and poor physical and mental health, including an increased risk of substance abuse, depression and suicide."

Problem gambling among college students is more than double that of the general population, with an estimated 3 to 4 percent of college student gamblers developing into problem gamblers, according to Lay. She attributes increased gambling in part to students' easy access to credit cards and more than 2,000 betting Web sites available.

A simple Google search for "March Madness betting" returns nearly 80 million hits featuring everything from online gambling clubs to wagering odds to news articles on the proliferation of people placing bets on the NCAA's Basketball Tournament. The popular social-networking site Facebook has more than 500 groups dedicated to the tournament.

Sixty-three percent of Elon students polled said they think online gambling is legal, when in reality it is not. While nearly 91 percent said they had never gambled online, this lack of knowledge can lead to unknowingly participating in illegal activity.

Friendly March Madness pools challenging friends to predict this year's NCAA champions may not be completely harmless, even if there's no money at stake. It may be a gateway to problem gambling.

**BREAKING THE BANK**

Thirty-seven percent of Elon students surveyed said they had gambled on sports, legally or illegally.

"Many students participate in online gambling and do not understand that it is a (honor code) violation that can have serious consequences," Coordinator for Judicial Affairs Whitney Pack Gregory said.

Pack Gregory said many cases of gambling go unreported, as the victim in the instance is the bettor. Two cases of gambling were reported to judicial affairs in 2008.

"In the two cases that were reported to us last year, the violation came to light because students had stolen money or credit cards from roommates/suitemates who were not gambling in order to gamble online or pay for gambling debts," Pack Gregory said.

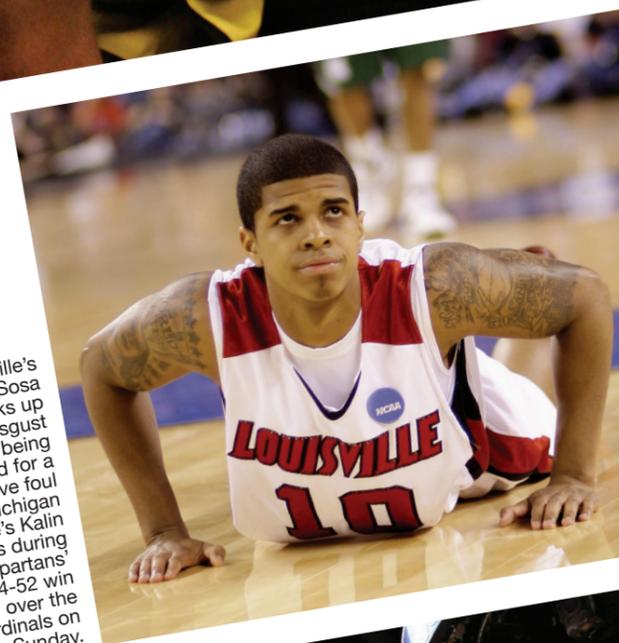
Elon's sanctions for a first-time gambling violation range from probation to suspension, with the possibility of an additional educational program or project and/or a counseling assessment and completion of recommendations, according to the student handbook.

Problem gambling among college students is characterized by spending more time or money on gambling than intended, lying to friends and family about gambling and missing class and grades dropping due to preoccupation with gambling among other things, according to the Indiana Problem Gambling Awareness Program.

Lay said college students and anyone else who bets on sporting events should remember that sports betting is illegal in every state, except Nevada, and that there are risks involved with gambling.



Missouri guard Kim English sits dejected following the team's 82-75 loss to the University of Connecticut on Saturday.



Louisville's Edgar Sosa looks up in disgust after being called for a defensive foul on Michigan State's Kalin Lucas during the Spartans' 64-52 win over the Cardinals on Sunday.

Villanova's Corey Fisher is fouled by Pittsburgh's Brad Wanamaker on Saturday in Boston. Villanova won 78-76.

Tyler Hansbrough (50) battles with Oklahoma's Blake Griffin (23) during the national championship final.



# Style

## Students volunteer on alternative spring break trips

Meghan Donovan  
Reporter

Instead of heading to the beach or back home to relax this spring break, four groups of Elon students traveled to Texas, Mississippi, Honduras and the Dominican Republic, rolled up their sleeves and got to work painting, building, cleaning and doing whatever they could to lend a hand to those in need.

### GALVESTON, TEXAS

Twelve Elon students and two faculty advisers without any construction skills helped out where they could by painting houses as part of a hurricane relief trip in Galveston.

The trip, led by sophomores Leah Fullbright and Christine Tompkins, along with faculty advisers Mary Wise and Brian O'Shea, was Elon's second Hurricane Ike relief trip. It was funded through scholarships from Bob and Kathleen Patrick.

Though they never got to meet the homeowners, Tompkins said it was enough for her that the hurricane victims would know that there were people out there willing to help.

"I live in Southern Florida and my house has been damaged by hurricanes, though not badly," Tomkins said. "So I can imagine what it would be like if that happened to me."

On the last day of the trip, the group traveled to the Bolivar Peninsula, where the damage from the storm was devastating. Houses were flattened and one had completely flipped over on its side. The only remnant of where one store had been was the sign that was lying on the ground.

Wise said service trips like this one are important because it is hard to round up local help, so they appreciate the outside support.

"I was so impressed with the students on this trip," she said. "For the most part they didn't really know each other at the beginning, but they really came together and worked hard."

Though she still can't get the paint out from under her fingernails, Wise said all the hard work was worth it to help people get their homes back.

### BAY ST. LOUIS, MISS.

Dressed in their best and ready to spend their only day in New Orleans during a Hurricane Katrina recovery trip, a group of 18 Elon students ended up trucking through the mud to help a



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Students pass building supplies up a wall they helped maintain in northern Honduras over break. The wall will prevent erosion of a mountain on which a school for at-risk youth is situated next to.

woman clear debris out of her backyard. Because of the group's extra efforts, the woman was able to obtain a permit that allowed her family to visit her on the weekend.

Led by sophomores Katie Lazor and Sarah Welch with faculty advisers Mel Byerley and Kyle Shade, the group of Elon students was hosted by Project Hope and Compassion outside of Gulfport, Miss. The students worked with an organization called Katrina Relief that takes in work requests, sorts through them and coordinates the work with volunteers.

Although Hurricane Katrina happened more than three years ago, the number of work requests that Katrina Relief receives is still overwhelming.

"It's becoming a lot harder to help because of a lack of funding," said Lazor. "Most of the work is just moving debris so that people can get building permits, but there is no money for materials."

Welch said she went on the trip because she wanted to continue to make a difference in a place so many people have forgotten. She said the best part of the trip was when the group spent three hours helping a man whose house had floated away during the storm clear out his yard.

"We made a huge difference in his life in such a short time, and seeing his face afterward was great," she said.

Welch said another highlight of the trip was meeting a diverse group of people from Elon that she never would have gotten to know otherwise.

### HONDURAS

For the past three years, junior Carmen Isaac has traveled to Honduras for spring break to volunteer with a

program that works with at-risk youth.

Isaac has seen first-hand the positive effect the program has on young boys' lives. During her first trip to Honduras, she met a young boy named Victor, who will soon be 16.

"Seeing how smart Victor is, where he's come from and the ambition and drive that he has now shows me how effective the program is," she said.

ProNiño, a non-profit organization based in northern Honduras, seeks to rehabilitate and educate young boys, get them off the street and help them become active citizens.

Last week's trip was Elon's fourth time working with ProNiño.

Led by seniors Frances Gee and Courtney Snead along with advisers Emily Ivey and Mayte De Lama, students' efforts during this trip were focused on building a retaining wall to prevent the mountain on which a school is situated from eroding, protecting its infrastructure. The wall will also serve as study steps for the boys to sit on.

Laying cement and concrete is hard work, but Isaac said the labor was worth it when she saw the finished product. She hopes to have a long and deep relationship with ProNiño and hopes to go there for three to six months after graduation to help out even more.

### DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

After only a week working in the Dominican Republic, Elon sophomore Justin Berger was able to say he helped to construct a finished house for a mother and her four young children.

Berger traveled to the Dominican Republic with 12 other students led by juniors Tristan Milder and C.J.



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Manuel, a youth in Honduras, gives director Frances Gee a bracelet he made.

Fleischmann and advised by faculty members Raquel Cortes Mazuelas and Jay McMerty. The group worked with Cambiando Vidas, a non-profit organization that helps build safe and affordable homes for poor families.

The houses are made of concrete and cinderblocks, and everything is constructed by hand. Berger said the work was hard, but he was inspired by the way the whole community got involved in the building process.

The families who will live in the houses, as well as community members who have previously received houses from the organization, are involved in the construction. Without the help of volunteers like Elon students, many families like the one Berger met would never be able to own their own home, he said.

## CALLING ALL GREAT MINDS: Student groups participate in process to select campus guest speakers

Rebecca Smith  
Reporter

Open up any Elon student's agenda and you will likely find the times, locations and names of many speakers scheduled to come to campus. Go to the E-net page and, on most days, multiple speakers are mentioned under "Today's Events." Walk through campus and flyers are taped to the walls advertising speakers.

Some students attend for class, others attend voluntarily, but all students have probably wondered at one point the same question — how was this person picked to speak to me?

The student body plays a large role in bringing speakers to Elon. Students suggest, research and vote for which speakers will visit Elon through their organizations.

"It's crucial that students have a real say in the cultural events that take place, because that's such an important part of their own education," said Ann Cahill, the adviser of the Liberal Arts Forum. "Making these choices is one way that students can shape the content of their own education, which helps them to take

a greater ownership toward it."

Many different organizations pick speakers to come as a series to Elon's campus. For example, the Voices of Discovery series, the Liberal Arts Forum series and the Mary Duke Biddle Chamber Music series were each chosen by student groups. According to the dean of Cultural and Special Programs, George Troxler, the Liberal Arts Forum brings the most speakers to campus.

"As a group, we vote for which four speakers we want to bring based on which prices we can afford, what subject matters will be the most appealing to Elon's student body and sometimes based solely on who's a big name in the academic world," said freshman Jackie Powers, a member of the Liberal Arts Forum. "We pick speakers a year in advance. Right now we are in the deciding process for the spring 2010 speakers."

According to Powers, some of the speakers that are currently being considered for the spring by the Liberal Arts Forum are Angela Davis, Louise Gluck, Reza Aslan and Donna Brazill.

The organization that brings a speaker is responsible for paying the transportation and hotel fees.

When they are researching possible candidates to visit Elon they look into what transportation and hotel accommodations are preferred.

Some programs work together to bring keynote speakers to Elon. With multiple groups helping to bring one speaker to campus, the fees can be divided by the many organizations. This allows a speaker to come without emptying the budget of one group.

"The School of Communications, the Truitt Center and the Liberal Arts Forum were involved in bringing Leonard Pitts," said Anthony Hatcher, a professor in the School of Communications. "The Truitt Center was the primary funder of his session."

The fall and spring convocation speakers are selected by the school's administration, including Troxler.

"In convocation speakers, we look for someone who is appealing to students, faculty and the general public," Troxler said. "We look for people who are good speakers. There are people who are good writers but are dull speakers. We also want our students to have heard a range of oral speakers during their four years at Elon."

The fall convocation speaker will

be Khaled Hosseini, the author of the common reading for the class of 2013, "A Thousand Splendid Suns."

Madeleine Albright and Anderson Cooper, names most Americans can recognize, are both coming to Elon within the same week.

"Some speakers get a lot more invitations and offers," Troxler said. "For example, with Anderson Cooper, what we did was write a successful, but very nice letter over the president's signature that explained why he should come to Elon. We wrote a lot about the School of Communications. We also offered him a private plane, which is not part of his contract, because that shortens the amount of time he has to be here."

One recent endowment to Elon is the Baird Pulitzer Prize endowment. This money is used to bring speakers who have won a Pulitzer Prize to Elon every year. It can be used to bring someone who has won the Pulitzer in any category.

"I think speakers are important because I think part of a liberal arts education is exposing yourself to people and their views who are shaping the world opinion," Troxler said. "To expose yourself to people who are making a difference and informing policy."

# Female student hip-hop group independent of university



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From coordinating practice rooms to designing performance outfits, the team is completely student led.

**Neel Arora**  
Reporter

Harden dining hall is not known as the liveliest spot on campus. But on a rainy Thursday night, there is something different about the place. The energy inside is electrifying, and the facility has been engulfed in it, as 13 of Elon's Finest women are sequentially aligned, their bodies gracefully moving in perfect synchrony with each other and T-Pain's single, "All The Above," blaring in the background.

Elon's Finest, the hip-hop dance club funded in part by the SGA and club members, has been around since 1971. This year, it has 13 members that, as president senior Brittany Feimster puts it, "love to dance."

Most of the girls have been a part of their high school dance teams, competing and even winning awards, she said.

But at Elon, the scene is completely different. The university has a rigid policy when it comes to dance clubs, other than

the official Elon dance team, performing at university-sanctioned events like athletics.

This leaves them with few big-scale outlets to perform in.

The university does not grant them access to a dance studio. Instead, the girls practice twice a week in the back room of Harden or in a classroom in Powell. They also practice with no mirrors to see how they look while performing, a necessity for dancers.

"I spend a lot of time in the living room and find some of my inspiration from MTV's 'America's Best Dance Crew' to come up with my routines," said Dacie Marshall, sophomore choreographer.

But all her moves are absolutely authentic. Marshall conceptualizes her routines on the spot, and the other 12 are able to embrace them instantly. They only need one attempt to engrain each step into their minds and then they move on to the next.

Their next performance will be at the Black Culture

Society's fashion show Friday. This semester, they have as many as six performances lined up for a competition at Chapel Hill.

Elon's Finest's engagements go beyond just hip-hop and dance. They perform outreach for children at the Mayco Bigelow Community Center in Burlington every Saturday, along with doing dance workshops. The philanthropy they perform is integral to the club's mission, "Diversity through Dance," according to club secretary sophomore Christina Cooper.

All funds they raise, along with contributions from SGA, go toward their outreach program.

The collectiveness and affection shared by the crew and its appreciation for one another is mirrored by the fact that many of the girls, who met after they joined the club, are now friends and even roommates.

The spirit of unity they enjoy transcends into their desire for "seeing how far we can grow," Feimster said.

# Students bring the world to campus with magazine

**Michelle Longo**  
Online Programs Director

At Elon, 71 percent of students study abroad during their career. On a national scale, 1.5 percent of students venture out of the country.

That statistic recently piqued the interest of two Elon seniors, who then took it to the next level.

Seniors Colleen Kwedor and Lindsay Eney are publishing "Voyages", Elon's first-ever study abroad magazine.

"We're trying to help people at Elon realize how fortunate we are to do this," Eney said. "(Elon's) percentage is phenomenal. We really want to work to make sure people understand how fortunate we are and give people opportunities to be better prepared for it to get the most out of the experience."

Kwedor and Eney are working on the publication for their Communications Capstone class. The project was opened as long as it was something that culminated the last four years. Once Eney sat down to think about her college career, inspiration struck immediately.

"The one thing that kept coming back to me was my study abroad in Australia for a semester," she said. "It completely changed me in every possible way."

With that revelation, Eney pitched the idea, Kwedor got on board and the project took off.

"I was really surprised at how well received the idea was," Eney said. "It was my reach idea in the scope of my project, but everyone liked it."

The magazine will be completely student-written, so the women are encouraging anyone that has had a study abroad experience to submit stories, pictures, tips, reviews or other contributions.

"People are excited about it, and we got the word out," Eney said. "What we have found, though, is a lot of people need direction. As much as everyone is excited about it, we have to push

them."

The intention of the magazine is to allow students to talk about their experience as a whole, offer advice and tips and introduce potentially tentative students to the advantages of a semester abroad. Suggestions from the pair include narratives, opinion articles, cultural differences pieces and the importance of a well-rounded college experience.

Eney said the length of the magazine depends on the amount of submissions they get, but the maximum would be 25 double-sided pages.

The number of issues being printed also depends on the circumstances. The seniors have applied for a grant from the undergraduate research department and are also considering one from SGA.

The Isabella Cannon International Centre, which handles all study abroad programs, also extended a hand in the publication of the magazine.

"(The magazine) gives a lot of awareness about what students are doing on the programs and it is an outlet to tell about a wonderful experience," said Heidi White, assistant director of study abroad. "It helps students reflect, share with others and promote the programs."

White said she is thrilled about the magazine and is helping as much as possible, but funding-wise, the department does not have enough money.

"It is something I am going to talk to the new dean about for the future, definitely," White said.

While the immediate future of the magazine is clear, how it will live on beyond the seniors is uncertain.

"It would be great to see this child we have been crafting all semester live beyond us," Eney said. "It all depends on how well we can execute this this semester. This is the test-run for the future."

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## ALBUM REVIEW ★★☆☆☆

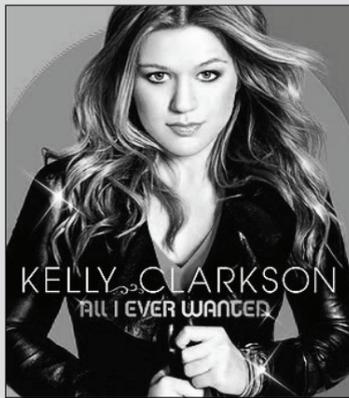


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Clarkson's voice is stronger than ever on her new album, "All I Ever Wanted." But the quality of the album's songs, like "My Life Would Suck Without You," leaves something to be desired.

## Life wouldn't suck without Clarkson's new album

Kyle Wiggins-Rowan  
Reviewer

For her fourth album, "All I Ever Wanted," Kelly Clarkson takes it back to her "Since U Been Gone" sound. Her voice is soaring and really, truly amazing, but her writers need some help.

She should no longer be singing whiny tunes laden with teenage angst and screaming high notes that make her seem less mature. Clarkson already has a big voice. The writers should allow her to develop a bigger sound than she has been able to in the past.

In her third album, "My December," she proved rougher around the edges. She felt more genuine, which is what made her famous in the first place. Her diva voice, tempered by an anti-diva attitude, won the favor of the judges in the first season of "American Idol" in 2002.

But now in "All I Ever Wanted," she seems less genuine and less able to express herself. The songs are all generic, with three chord verses and choruses. It lacks any ingenious ideas. Nothing is new. We have heard it all before.

But strangely, it still feels good to listen to.

Clarkson covers all the ground she wanted to cover in "My December" — self-esteem issues, unfaithfulness and longing — but with much less style.

The single "My Life Would Suck Without You" is reminiscent of "Since U Been Gone," but with worse lyrics. The hit line, "my life would suck without you," seems to have come out of a bad Broadway musical. Although Clarkson's voice almost carries it, the writer uses more immature lyrics like "stupid" and "pretty messed up" that kill whatever chance Clarkson had of saving the song.

It's something Britney Spears might have tried when she was first coming out with "Baby One More Time," a childish version of what could have been a really great song.

Essentially, Clarkson needs a new direction, maybe one that takes her back toward the "My December" sound. She seemed to feel more at home in the songs "Never Again," "Haunted" and "Don't Waste Your Time." With that album, she was even gaining on Hayley Williams of Paramore in style and attitude.

So for her next release, let's hope for something a little less clean cut. And let's hope she fires her songwriter.



FILE PHOTO

Sweet Signatures, pictured here at last October's Push the Music concert, placed third overall at this year's International Competition of Collegiate A Cappella finals. The group also won an award for Best Choreography at the competition for their song "Magic Tree."

## All-female a cappella group kicks year off with 'sweet' start

Corrine Ayoub  
Reporter

With a growing repertoire of songs, enthusiastic fans and a powerful presence at competitions, Sweet Signatures' star power continues to shine.

This year, the group has participated in a number of competitions, including the SoJam A Cappella Festival and the International Competition of Collegiate A Cappella competition, which includes groups from across the country. At this competition, the group's song "Magic Tree" won Best Choreography, and it placed third overall in the competition.

In addition to competing, Sweet Signatures hosts various a cappella competitions and shows.

At the beginning of the year, the girls played host to a cappella groups from various colleges throughout the region for the ICCA Quarter-Finals.

But being part of Sweet Signatures is about more than participating in competitions and winning awards.

It is also about making music and experiencing the close-knit companionship of the group, senior Sweet Signatures President Lauren France said.

"We genuinely care about each other and knowing that we all share that common bond of music makes us even closer," France said.

The girls take retreats together to build their connection. They recently took a weekend trip to the Outer Banks to work on new numbers.

"(We wanted to) devote the entire weekend to learning music and becoming closer as a group," junior Tessa Conte said.

New songs audiences can expect to hear in the near future include covers of Jem's "We are Learning They" and T-Pain's "We Takin' Over." The group hopes to add to its continued success at competitions, as well as raise funds and write new songs for another CD.

"I would love to be able to leave the group in a place both financially and musically where they could potentially record another CD next year," France

said.

For its last CD, Sweet Signatures was nominated for three Contemporary A Cappella Recording Awards. The group won the Best Song award for "Never Alone" and junior Eryn Gradwell won Best Soloist for the song "Wally."

The girls were also the runners-up for Best Female Collegiate Album and were featured on BOCA, a mixed a cappella CD with groups from all across the country.

Students and other Elon community members will have the opportunity to experience the "sweet" sounds of the group at least once more this school year.

At 5:30 p.m. on April 25, the group will present its big spring concert in McKinnon Hall. The group is enthusiastic about the upcoming performance and feels confident its audience will have a fun experience, Conte said.

"We are very excited about our new repertoire and look forward to putting on the best concert yet in April," Conte said.

## MOVIE REVIEW

★★★★☆

## 'Knowing' tells tale of catastrophe but pleases viewers

Adam Constantine  
Film Critic

Astrophysicist John Koestler (Nicolas Cage) has been trying to make life as comfortable as possible for his son Caleb (Chandler Canterbury). Ever since his wife passed away his days have consisted of teaching, taking care of his son and drinking himself to sleep at night. It is clear from the very beginning of "Knowing" that every passing moment is laced with his memory of her.

But John finds a new concern when a time capsule unearthed at his son's elementary school reveals what could be the greatest, and most terrifying, discovery made during mankind's existence.

What looks like a double-sided page of random numbers is actually chilling predictions of horrific tragedies to come in the near future. John must do everything in his power to find a way to stop these tragedies to not only save his family but also those who are put in harm's way as well.

While it is nearly impossible to find a good movie in which Cage has acted poorly, it is much easier to find his name in the credits of a bad movie. Cage has been known in the past to do movies that are questionable at best ("Bangkok Dangerous"). But "Knowing" is one that he can put in his "win" column. His role as an astrophysicist who spends most of his nights snuggled up with a bottle of booze is compelling and believable to watch.

The young son is another character that helps bring a human element to the movie. Caleb, who is hard of hearing, begins to hear whispers seemingly from nowhere, which his father believes has something to do with the number sequence.

Although it leans heavily into the science-fiction genre,



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In Alex Proyas' "Knowing," Nicolas Cage plays an astrophysicist who discovers a page of random numbers predicting major disasters.

"Knowing" is one of the best all-around movies from the past six months. It is clear that a lot of time and thought was put into the plot and how it would be executed. This is the best thriller of 2009 and doesn't resort to cheap scares or high special effects. The plot keeps viewers guessing from the opening sequence until the end of the movie without any holes, slow scenes or unnecessary sequences.

A seamless film from beginning to end, "Knowing" closes with an ending that will not only surprise the audience, but will leave them with powerful questions to ponder. Whether seeing this film with family or friends, it is a great pick.

# Student proves art is 'more than just stuff on the wall'

Amanda Kennison  
A&E Editor

Say the word "art" and visions of museum galleries, colorful canvases and abstract sculptures probably come to mind. Likewise, the word "artist" may carry connotations involving eccentric personalities, paint splattered smocks and unique creative minds.

Senior art major Alaina Pineda attempts to dispel common perceptions of art and artists with her research project, "More than Just Stuff on the Wall."

As part of her Elon College Fellow requirements, Pineda has spent the past two years performing research involving Elon's art collection.

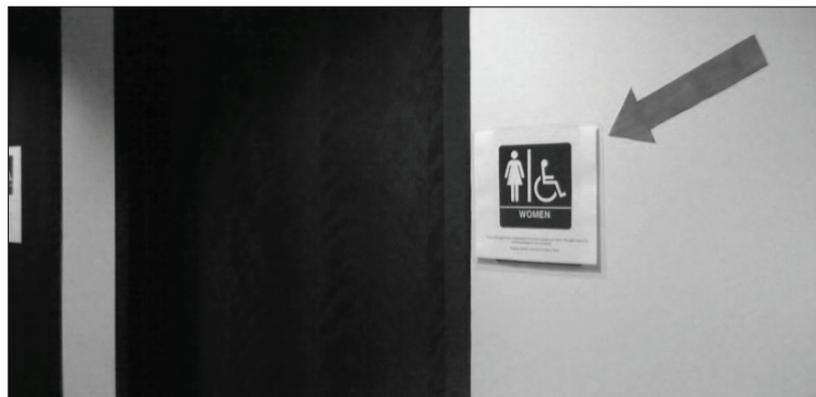
Pineda's case study stresses the multi-functional purposes of the little-utilized resource while dispelling the idea that art is only for art's sake.

"I hope that my project will highlight problems with the Elon Art Collection, including its past use of being thought of as solely decoration," Pineda said. "I also hope that people will be able to see that research projects come in many shapes and sizes. There is merit to research done in the arts, so hopefully my project will pave the way for the success of future undergraduate research in the arts."

Since her project focuses on finding specific uses for and ways to manage the art collection, Pineda's research involved studying various artists, art historians and art collections. She then developed a method that creates protocols and procedures to establish the Elon Art Collection as a collection in the proper sense. It is Pineda's hope to educate Elon faculty and students on the many uses of the collection. Her project argues art isn't a static object only to be looked at or critiqued by those in the art field, but that art can be used to enrich a wide variety of disciplines.

"Elon is lucky to have an art collection that is varied and accessible so that faculty and staff can really use these pieces," said assistant professor of art Evan Gatti, Pineda's faculty mentor. "As Alaina says in her letter to Elon, art (and this collection) is more than stuff on the wall. It represents people, places, experiences and opportunities that students can access through researching and presenting works from it."

As it is now, the Elon Art Collection consists of about 600 pieces assembled through gifts, commissions, bequests and purchases, among other circumstances. Broken into seven distinct collections, works are displayed across campus. Along with works prominently showcased in Belk Library, smaller exhibits can be found in Belk



Part of senior art major Alaina Pineda's projects includes a bathroom sign and quotation from Virginia Woolf's "A Room of One's Own" outside of the downstairs women's restroom in Spence Pavilion. Pineda created a case study as part of her Elon College Fellow requirements to help dispell the myth that art is only created for art's sake.



An altered women's restroom sign hangs in front of the upstairs restroom in Spence Pavilion and represents individual expression and creation of identities.

Pavilion, the Multicultural Center and the Religious Studies Suite.

Part of Pineda's work considers the fact that Elon's collection doesn't have a centralized location to call its own. Her recent exhibit, "A Room of One's Own," with co-curator and assistant professor of religious studies Lynn Huber, reflects on the fact that the art, like the gender studies program, doesn't have "a place of its own."

While questioning the need of the collection to have a specific location proved an important idea in Pineda's study, it wasn't her main focus.

"Our collection is more of a teaching tool," Pineda said. "Placing it in a university museum or gallery continues to remove it from its intellectual context relegating art, again, to the realm of decoration and eliminating our ability to approach it as an academic subject."

In order to put the collection to effective use, Pineda said measures must be taken to ensure a more organized future.

"I would like to see someone brought in to organize it," Pineda said. "There are protocols and procedures to follow when handling an art collection, so there needs to be someone dedicated to seeing this through." It takes both time and effort that cannot be given to it by any single one of us."

Expansion of the maintenance and quantity will hopefully lead to the works being integrated more into university life and education, she said.

"We don't want it to sit silently in a room, but have it worked into academic

spaces across campus," Gatti said. "(Pineda) has helped me see the art collection as more than service to my department or the university. It can be a significant part of my work as a mentor for undergraduate research. I hope other faculty across campus will begin to see a connection to their own disciplines."

For Pineda, her work has yet to be completed. Several more guerilla exhibitions and presentations at NCUR and SURF are still on her agenda. She hope these events will help redefine how people view art and, more specifically, serve as a catalyst for change at Elon.

"I hope that people will re-think how they approach art and view it as much more complex than just decoration, because it truly is 'More Than Just Stuff on the Wall,'" Pineda said.

## CD REVIEW

# For love of the music

Ryan Sweeney  
Reviewer

While the entire country faces a difficult economy, the soundtrack to this nation's turmoil can be found here in North Carolina. This year saw the release of Red Collar's debut album, "Pilgrim," an album with personal tales of life in the working class. In fact, Jason Kutchma, (lead vocals and rhythm guitar) quit his job so he could lose it on his own terms for once.

Many journalists and music critics describe Red Collar as Bruce Springsteen fronting Fugazi, mixing the straightforward, working-class lyrics of The Boss with the raw punk edge of Fugazi.

But when it comes down to it, Red Collar plays because they love music. Kutchma, his wife Beth (bass), Mike Jackson (lead guitar) and Jonathan Truesdale (drums) have not been playing music together as long as some local bands yet they bring passion and experience to their work.

While the music may be angry, it also builds the listener up, making them want to jump in a mosh pit and yell expletives at "The Man."

"Pilgrim" is punk rock at its best. This is no fluffy, overproduced bubblegum pop sung by skinny 18-year-olds with eyeliner.

It's straight from the heart, raw and real with a balanced production focusing equally on vocals, guitar, bass, keys and drums, recorded and produced by Brian Paulson (Wilco, Superchunk, Beck, Archers of Loaf).

The new album is only part of what makes Red Collar one of the best bands out there today.

The band's live performances come across as art, where the members don't play for an audience — they play with an audience, coming together as a community of friends and family.

There seems to be a point in the live show where everything stops, and listeners can lose control.



Red Collar's live performances feature interaction with the audience that creates a community.

The music can carry the audience in some sort of possessed trance as they connect with those around them.

Viewers forget the troubles in their daily lives and rock out.

If you go to a Red Collar show, don't just leave after the band plays.

Stay for the remaining bands and then go talk with Jason, Beth, Mike or Jon.

They'll tell stories, talk about what music means to them, politics and the state of the world, or thank viewers for coming out to the show.

If Red Collar lacks anything in its music or performance, it's an ego.

Unlike some groups, the members are not "holier than thou."

They are just like their listeners, living their lives and doing what they love, only hoping their music will inspire those that listen the same way it has inspired them.

Red Collar can be found at redcollarmusic.com, Reverb Nation, Myspace and Twitter.

Red Collar can also be heard of WSOE and seen on channel 14 as part of "Elon Presents: A Choose Local Music Showcase."

## LOCAL BAND ROUNDUP

### Already released albums from:

Ben Folds  
The Old Ceremony  
North Elementary  
Embarrassing Fruits  
The Butterflies  
Nathan Oliver  
The Loners  
Love Language

### Future CD release shows:

Hammer No More the Fingers (April 4 at Duke Coffeehouse with Future Kings of Nowhere, The Beast and The Dry Heathens)  
Kingsbury Manx, Impossible Arms and Americans in France (April 10 at the Cat's Cradle for the Odessa Records CD Release Party)  
Roman Candle (May 9 at the Cat's Cradle)  
I Was Totally Destroying It and Lemming Malloy (May 22 at the Local 506 in Chapel Hill, N.C.)

### Further Releases to look for this year:

Bombadil  
Holy Ghost Tent Revival  
The Midtown Dickens  
The Never

# The man behind the mic

## Byron Tucker makes his voice heard as an announcer for Elon

**David Koontz**  
Reporter

It's a cool autumn afternoon and Elon University students and alumni have gathered along with community members to watch another Elon Phoenix football game. As Elon completes a pass down the field, fans join in with the announcer cheering "First down, Phoenix!"

It's a shout most Elon students recognize, but more than the actual words is the recognition of the voice behind the cheer. It's the same voice that declares the touchdowns at football games and fouls at men's basketball games. It's one of the most recognized voices at Elon, and it belongs to Byron Tucker.

"I love this so much — I enjoy it so much," Tucker said. "The opportunities it's provided me not only on campus, but off campus as well, when you go out into the community and people ask, 'Hey! Aren't you the guy who does the First Down?'"

Tucker has been the game announcer for football and men's basketball for nearly 10 years. He also originally announced women's basketball until about four years ago, when they introduced a new announcer for the women's games. About six years ago, Tucker started announcing for men's baseball as well.

"The combination of football, men's and women's basketball ... and doing baseball — I've enjoyed every minute of it and I can't believe I look back and it's been 10 years," he said. "I'm sure that in the next 10 years, I'll probably say the same thing."

### The sensation of announcing

Speaking about announcing basketball games, Tucker said it's the pace of the game that engages him.

"With the exception of timeouts, from the opening buzzer to the end of the game, it is very fast paced," he said. "I think it's exciting to sit there and watch that, particularly from floor

level. I'm down on the scorer's table — I'm on the floor. That personally draws me into the game."

Tucker said he loves the long ball and when junior forward TJ Douglas nails a 3-pointer.

"I'm particularly impressed with Drew Spradlin, one of the freshmen," he said. "I love it when he just turns, fires, boom, and he's hitting the 3-pointers. That's exciting."

At the same time, Tucker said he has to watch his enthusiasm at times.

"Personally I have to watch that I don't get too caught up in the game, because I really do sometimes," Tucker said. "Sometimes I really just want to open the mic and yell 'Yeah! What a shot!' And then sometimes I want to yell 'Coach, what were we thinking?' You do get caught up in it, but you still need to maintain professionalism. Obviously, you can't have your personal feelings go out to the people in the stands."

### A community affair

Something Tucker admires about Elon sports is the degree of community involvement he witnesses at every game.

"It's very enlightening to talk with someone in the community that has no other connection with the school other than just to come and see the game and talk about how much they enjoyed it," he said.

Tucker said the local community members love the Elon sports program and they like the convenience of having a Division I team so close.

"Now, with the progression through the conferences we've been in, stepping up to Division I AA, that's a real opportunity for folks who live here in our community to see that level of athletics right here in their own backyards," Tucker said.

### Becoming a fan

Besides the big sports like football, basketball and baseball, Tucker makes recommendations to watch any of



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Byron Tucker has been Elon's game announcer for almost 10 years. He has shared his voice for many sports, including men's and women's basketball, football and baseball.

Elon's sports games.

"There are a lot of great programs on campus: men's and women's tennis, volleyball, track, soccer — we've got so many great programs on campus,"

Tucker said.

Tucker also encourages students to not only attend the big-name games, but also the smaller sports that do not get as much attention.

## All-access pass: Two students venture to ACC tournament

**Britt Clark**  
Reporter

When most people think of an "All-Access" pass, they think of a credential or a badge that gains someone access to every "nook and cranny" of an event.

In the eyes of the Atlantic Coast Conference Video Services team, an "All-Access" pass is experienced in a whole different way.

March 12 was the opening day of the 2009 ACC Men's Basketball Tournament in Atlanta.

All 12 teams from the Atlantic Coast Conference made the journey from their respective locations to the Georgia Dome. No matter the road traveled, each team had the same goal in mind: to cut down the nets on championship Sunday.

Behind all the glitz and glamour of one of the most anticipated college sporting events in the nation annually, one will find a hall-of-fame ACC team without a spot in the tournament bracket. Like the others, this team is also preparing for the tournament in their own sense, with its sights set on Sunday as well.

In a private work room away from the hustle and bustle, 11 diligent Atlantic Coast Conference Video Services team members prep cameras, set up editing equipment and organize tape stock for the long tournament weekend ahead.

"The most important role of the video services department during the tournament is to document the tournament for our video archives and to provide the television media with highlights and interviews of all of the games," said assistant director of Video Services, Steve "Slim" Vollinger. "Then,

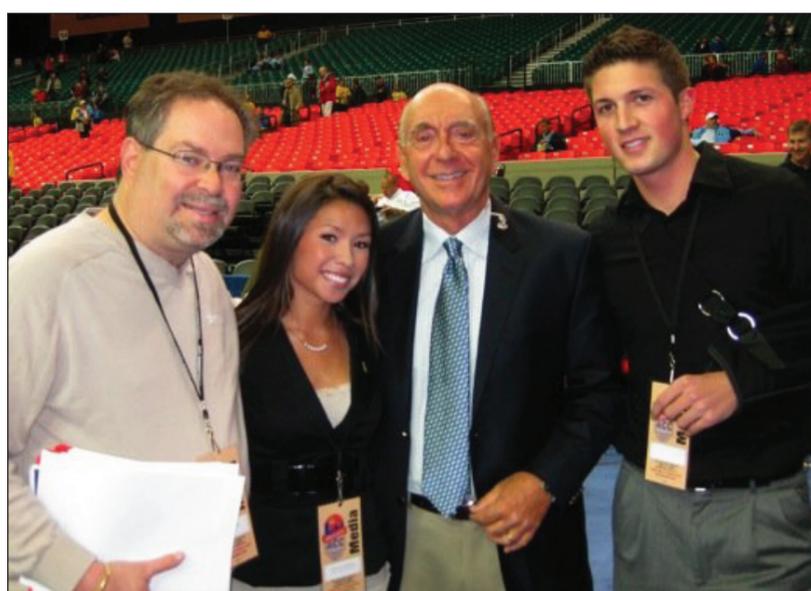


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ESPN commentators Howie Schwab (left) and Dick Vitale (second from right) take a minute to talk with Elon junior Eryn Gradwell and senior Britt Clark at the ACC.

the TV stations all across the nation can show highlights and interviews to the viewers at home who weren't able to attend the event."

"It provides the ACC with documentation of every event," said Elon junior Eryn Gradwell, Video Services intern.

During their routine responsibilities, the Video Services department has the privilege to gain a true "All-Access" pass to everything going on at a tournament.

"Our department gets to tell the story of the tournament through our pictures and sounds that we capture

throughout the week-long event," Vollinger said. "We get to capture the energy and emotion all the way from the tailgating lots to the pre-game and post-game locker room celebrations."

Gradwell said the behind-the-scenes aspect is very exciting.

"The opportunity to get an inside look at what goes on during this event was unreal," Gradwell said. "The most enjoyable part for me was being able to watch the games courtside and call it 'work.'"

In order for television viewers at home to see highlights from the tournament, an extensive amount of

work has to be done before, during and after the games.

Five ACC videographers captured all of the action from the 11 games of the basketball tournament.

"It was challenging shooting 11 games in four days. I am not as young as I once was, so my back and shoulder start to feel the brunt of the workload by championship Sunday," Vollinger said. "Luckily, the games are a lot of fun, so the adrenaline tends to override the soreness of the back and shoulders."

As many as 15-20 tapes have to be logged and edited in real-time as they become available during tournament games. It takes a streamlined system between the videographers, loggers and editors to provide the local and national stations with footage to air on their various newscasts.

"The most challenging part was keeping track of all of the footage," Gradwell said. "Tapes were coming at us left and right, and it was hard to tell whether or not each tape was logged when we were in the midst of a fast-paced environment."

Throughout the duration of the tournament, the ACC Video Services department worked countless hours with little rest, but there isn't a single dollar amount that can represent the sights and sounds experienced by the team.

"The trip was a chance for me to gain a true understanding of what goes on behind the scenes of a men's college basketball tournament and provide me with everything that I need to know if I get the opportunity to produce an event like this someday," Gradwell said.

# Club water ski team creates own wake off Elon's campus

Justine Schulerud  
Reporter

In its short time on campus, Elon's club water ski team has had success. Most recently, it was named the New Organization of the Year on campus.

For junior Brice McHale, creating this club began before he even stepped foot on Elon's campus.

He took a unique approach when he decided to write his college admissions essay about being an avid water skier and how he wanted to start a club at Elon.

McHale started the club water ski team last Sept. 22.

He is a nationally-ranked water skier, and McHale has taught the sport for many years. McHale grew up water skiing with his family and started water skiing while attending the Coble Ski School in Wilmington, N.C., when he was six.

After returning from nationals the summer before his freshman year, he received a letter from Eugene Grimley, also an avid skier, saying he had heard of McHale's interest in starting a water ski team. Upon arriving at Elon his freshman year, he was excited and ready to start the team.

But creating one was not as easy as he thought.

The idea of putting students out on the water and pulling them behind boats was a potential risk and liability. One day, McHale received a phone call from Grimley saying there was a boat in the driveway the club could use. McHale's dream was finally becoming a reality.

After only a little more than a few months of existence, the club has already attracted 27 members, both men and women of all ages and abilities, and is accepting new additions regularly.

The team makes the 20-minute drive to Lake Cammack about four days a week for practice. It currently has four trained drivers and three helpers that practice with them.

The team members' strong dynamics allows them to be able to participate in multiple activities together besides water skiing, club president Pat Minnock said. The team has winter snow skied, gone rock climbing, tackled the high ropes courses, held cookouts and participated in volunteer work.

"This club isn't just about water skiing, it's about having a great time



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Junior Brice McHale does a back flip on a trick ski. McHale was instrumental in founding the club water ski team at Elon last September.

on the water," Minnock said. "It really shows your strength and weaknesses."

The team competes nationwide in both the fall and the spring. During the fall it attended four tournaments and plans to compete in the same number this spring.

The team will debut at Clemson on April 13-14.

In the fall, the team finished eighth out of 12 at the regional tournament and plans to keep improving its rankings as the program grows, Minnock said.

He said water skiing at a collegiate

level has become more and more popular. Because of the extreme aspect of the sport, it attracts a certain type of person and has a certain thrill to it, creating a sort of subculture.

This subculture creates an atmosphere where everyone really comes together and gets to know each other, Minnock said. This sport is also a bit different from others because it is still a team sport, but really concentrates on the individual aspect of the sport.

"In this sport, you really start to test your trust in things. You really begin to get into your own and define you," Minnock said. "You really create a network that allows you to meet so many different people."

Though Elon's team is just starting, it seems to have a bright future.

"It really shows how legitimate this club is and the strong future that it has," Minnock said. "It also sets the bar for the club as well. We have high standards for the future."

## Matheny takes over men's squad



ANGIE LOVELACE | Staff Photographer

Matt Matheny energized the crowd at Sunday's press conference by talking about the potential of the Elon basketball program.

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court and in the classroom. During his time at Davidson, Matheny's players had a 100 percent graduation rate.

"Our program is going to revolve around student-athletes," Matheny said. "Our mission is to give our student-athletes a wonderful college experience. That's our mission. We are going to prepare these young men for life after Elon."

In the 2008-2009 season, Nestor coached the Phoenix to an overall record of 11-20 and a 7-13 record in the Southern Conference. The Phoenix lost a one-point game to University of Tennessee Chattanooga in the conference tournament semi-finals.

Matheny said he has some big goals in mind for his new team. During the 2007-2008 season, Elon lost to his former team, Davidson Wildcats, in the Southern Conference

tournament finals.

"We want to go the NCAA Tournament. That's a goal of ours. Our everyday goal is to get better. We're going to have a lot of fun," he said.

During the press conference, Matheny called himself an attacking coach.

"What I like to do is run and take good shots, not just run it and throw it," Matheny said.

Junior guard Devan Carter shares Matheny's excitement with this style of play.

"When I heard that I lit up like a Christmas tree," Carter said. "It's exciting to hear. I had a big smile on my face. We tried to do that a little bit more at the end of last season and it seemed to work well."

Matheny graduated from Davidson in 1992. During his time there, he played both basketball and football for the university.

He grew up in Statesville, N.C. and graduated from North Iredell High School.

### ELON SPORTS THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY 4/1  
Baseball @ Duke - 7 p.m.  
Men's Tennis @ Davidson - 3 p.m.

FRIDAY 4/3  
Baseball vs. UNC Greensboro - 7 p.m.  
Track and Field  
(Liberty College Invitational)  
All day

SATURDAY 4/4  
Baseball vs. UNC Greensboro - 7 p.m.  
Softball @ Furman - 1 p.m., 3 p.m.  
Men's Tennis vs. Furman - 1 p.m.  
Women's Tennis vs. Furman - 1 p.m.  
Track and Field  
(Liberty College Invitational)  
All day  
Track and Field  
(NC A&T Murray Neely Invite) All day

SUNDAY 4/5  
Baseball vs. UNC Greensboro - 1:30 p.m.  
Softball @ Furman - 1 p.m.

MONDAY 4/6  
Baseball @ Old Dominion - 5 p.m.  
Women's Golf (Western Carolina Invitational)  
All day

TUESDAY 4/10  
Baseball vs. Coastal Carolina - 7:30 p.m.  
Women's Golf (Western Carolina Invitational)  
All day  
Men's Tennis @ Appalachian State - 2 p.m.  
Women's Tennis vs. Wofford - 2:30 p.m.

FOR LAST WEEK'S ATHLETIC RESULTS VISIT WWW.ELON.EDU/PENDULUM

# Sports

## Focus follows Phoenix through spring practices in 2009

### Monday's practice marks first of 15 for spring season

**Pam Richter**  
Sports Editor

The 2008 Elon football season marked several firsts for the program. The 8-4 record the team posted was its best in nine years. It was the first time that an Elon team defeated three top-25 FCS opponents in a season. And the team finished ranked 17th in the FCS polls.

While the team failed to make a postseason appearance, head coach Pete Lembo said there were some good things the team is looking to build off of from the year before.

"It felt like we just got off the field in November last week," Lembo said. "It's good to feel like you were when you left off."

Monday's practice was the first of the 15 scheduled for the team in the spring session. All these practices lead up to the spring game at 3 p.m. on April 25.

"The game is the last major evaluation before preseason camp begins," Lembo said. "It's the last chance to recreate game-like conditions prior to the middle of August."

The team has many goals this season that tie into the team's overall motto of focus.

"We start off the season playing well, and at the end we can't focus. We have to focus this year," junior wide receiver Terrell Hudgins said.

Hudgins is the all-time Elon and SoCon leader in receptions in a season (117 last year), receptions in a career (272), receiving yards in a career (3,617) and touchdown receptions in a career (36).

Elon finished the 2008 season with a 26-3 loss to Liberty and finished just short of a postseason appearance.

"I think (the motto is) fitting because it's about living in the moment and staying focused on task at hand, not looking beyond the moment and just trying to reach potential at that given time," Lembo said.

He said the goal of spring practices is to go from good to great. He expects the team to get 10 to 15 percent better in every area of the game.

It was also the first time that sophomore quarterback Scott Riddle took the field since he announced that he would play baseball for the Phoenix this season.

He said it felt good to get back out on the field again and estimates in a few more days he'll be back "up to par."

"It was fun getting out here competing with the defense," Riddle said. "Everyone talks a big game during the offseason and it was fun competing again."

In his first two seasons with Elon, Riddle already has broken numerous records. He is the all-time Elon leader in passes completed in a career (609), passes attempted in a career (935), passing yards in a career (6,688) and touchdown passes in a career (55).

Riddle made a personal goal for himself during the spring practices - do not throw an interception. He said the team has goals as well.

"Another goal is just getting everyone on the same page to achieve our team goal, which is the Southern Conference championship," Riddle said.



ABOVE Freshman receiver Darius McQueen looks to run past an Elon defender during spring practice. Last season, McQueen missed the majority of the season because of an injury.

LEFT Freshman defensive end Rashawn Byrd looks to hit the blocking bags during spring practice. The team has its

BRYCE LITTLE | Staff Photographer

## Rainy weather causes troubles for the Phoenix



Junior Phil Bartholomew looks on before his shot. Bartholomew shot a total of 159 at last weekend's Furman Intercollegiate tournament for the Phoenix.

**Sam Calvert**  
Assistant Sports Editor

The Elon men's golf team encountered storms, both on the course and off, this weekend as it competed in the Furman Intercollegiate Tournament on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The tournament was cut from its original 56 holes to 36 holes after the second round on Saturday was canceled because of rain.

Head coach Bill Morningstar gave no excuses for his team's play.

"The weather is a factor with the way a lot of people play, but everybody had to play in the weather, and everyone had to play the same golf course," Morningstar said.

The Phoenix (321, 311 — 632) tied with Presbyterian College for 17 overall, behind conference foes Furman (596), Wofford College (614), Appalachian State (621), Samford (622), Western Carolina (623) and Davidson College (626). East Carolina (595) came in first.

Junior Jayson Judy (tied-73 80, 79 — 159) and Phil Bartholomew (tied-73 82, 77 — 159) led Elon at +15, followed by juniors Stephen Dressel (tied-84 81, 79 — 160), Scott Hockemeyer (tied-84 84, 76 — 160) and Michael Fekete (tied-101 78, 85 — 163).

"We were supposed to be taking it to the next

level, but it looks like we've been going the back way this spring," he said. "But hopefully we'll get it turned around by the conference tournament."

The team has one more tournament before the Southern Conference tournament April 19-21.

The Phoenix will play in the Palisades Collegiate Classic, co-hosted by UNC Charlotte and Davidson College, to take place on April 13 and 14 in Charlotte, N.C.

The players are trying to work on their course management by playing more on the course instead of just the practice facilities, Morningstar said.

"We need to get it so that they can get it in the hole instead of worrying about how they are hitting it," Morningstar said.

The team is also working on its confidence levels. "If they start playing better when we are out here qualifying and start getting a little bit of confidence, I think we'll be OK," Morningstar said.

The team has three weeks to get ready for the conference tournament and is looking to excel more than it has done so far this season.

According to Morningstar, the men's team just needs to put all the pieces together.

"I think when you get in a slump and aren't playing well, it just carries over," he said. "But we are hoping to get something going and get some confidence to get this thing turned around."