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SGA election bounces back

29 percent increase in ballots cast since last fall's SGA election



Kenneth Brown, Jr.

Name: Kenneth Brown, Jr.
Hometown: Greensboro
Position Won: President
What I hope to accomplish: "Give the students a powerful voice and host more events centered on how to make Elon a better place, for all."



Michael Pitten

Name: Michael (Mike) Pitten
Hometown: Scituate, Mass.
Position Won: Vice President
What I hope to accomplish: "Engage the Elon Community in meaningful activities that unite us."



Austin Brehio

Name: Austin Brehio
Hometown: Hopkinton, N.H.
Position Won: Treasurer
What I hope to accomplish: "Get our class into a strong financial position."



Elyse Cowles

Name: Elyse Cowles
Hometown: Redding, Conn.
Position Won: Secretary
What I hope to accomplish: "My goal is to take the aspects of Elon that we already love and improve and expand upon them. I want to create a community that fosters the best interests of every member in our class."



Warren Barrett

Name: Warren Barrett
Hometown: Cookeville M.D.
Position Won: Senator
What I hope to accomplish: "Create an online suggestion box for students to outlet their ideas easier."



Emily Cline

Name: Emily Cline
Hometown: Indianapolis, Ind.
Position Won: Senator
What I hope to accomplish: "I want to make everyone in the class of 2019 feel like they are a part of a family here and feel like they have a voice on campus."



Sophie Zinn

Name: Sophie Zinn
Hometown: Indianapolis, Ind.
Position Won: Senator
What I hope to accomplish: "I want to be there for my fellow classmates as someone who's relatable and easy to go to."

Caroline Fernandez and Leena Dahal
News Editor and Assistant News Editor

With a renewed emphasis on recruitment, SGA in this week's Class of 2016 election turned around a recent track record of uncontested races and lackluster voter turnout.

Almost 1,000 freshmen — of a 1,520-person class — voted Monday and Tuesday to elect seven of their peers to first-time positions on SGA.

Twenty-five members of the Class of 2019 ran for elected office, a 60 percent increase compared to the 2014 elections.

The 933 ballots cast represents a 29 percent increase over the 722 ballots cast in the Class of 2018 races last fall.

Jana Lynn Patterson, associate vice president for student life, credited signs posted in residence halls and more social media promotion to the bump in candidates and overall attention paid to the election.

Robert Danis, Class of 2016 vice president, said a push from current SGA members, Orientation Leaders and RAs helped encourage students to run for office.

Danis said he sees increased freshman

interest in SGA as a positive sign for the future.

"As for SGA as a whole, more candidates and more interest should translate into more driven students that can better represent their constituents, so I am very excited to see what we can do for Elon this year," Danis said in an email. "I would attribute the higher number of candidates to SGA members as a whole reaching out in every way that they could. We have students who were OLs or RAs, and they made sure to encourage their students to run."

"I think another factor is just the students in general — it seems as though each candidate was a part of Student Government in high school, so it only makes sense for them to continue being involved in college."

Of the seven open positions, only one, Class of 2019 Treasurer, ran unopposed.

Ten students ran for the position of class president, four for vice president, three for secretary, seven for senator and one for treasurer.

Kenneth Brown, Jr., the elected Class of 2019 president, said running against nine other candidates was nerve-wrecking, but rewarding.

"It's a weird feeling, because it's the first race when I had to run against other people," Brown said. "So you put up this front where you're confident and you keep thinking, 'What if the cookie doesn't crumble in your favor?' But the cookie crumbled."

Michael Pitten, elected Class of 2019 vice president, said participation is paramount to a more-engaged class.

"I think our voter turnout serves as a benchmark of how the Class of 2019 is going to be engaged this year," Pitten said. "I'm excited to serve our already engaged class."

With more candidates running, though, came more disappointments. But SGA President Avery Steadman said there are still opportunities for students interested in joining SGA.

"All [interested members] need to do is contact me, and I will work my hardest to find a place for them somewhere on SGA or another committee," Steadman said.

Weekly SGA meetings are open to the public. The organization meets at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays in Moseley 215, where winners will begin their duties as elected officers representing their constituents.

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Host-ready? Athletic facilities aim bigger, better

Alex Simon
Sports Editor

Though construction is nothing new to Elon University, campus conversation around facilities has focused on a building with no ground broken yet: a more than 5,000-seat convocation center.

Elon University announced Sept. 1 it had purchased 19.5 acres of land for a proposed convocation center, a major step forward for a project still in its fundraising phase.

Beyond the developing proposed facility, preparations have begun for the first ever Elon-hosted Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) Championship events.

At the Jimmy Powell Tennis Center, which will host the men's and women's championships April 21-24, 2016 along with the Burlington Tennis Center, the surfaces have been redone for the first time since 2008, and are due to be completed today.

The Jerry and Jeanne Robertson Track and Field Complex was picked Aug. 25 to host the outdoor track and field championships May 6-7, 2016. Now, the question is what will be done to improve the complex before the championship.

And finally, cross-country head coach Nick Polk said that Elon has been chosen to host the 2017 cross-country championships, which will take place on the running course at the intramural fields.

Number of universal bathrooms at Elon nears 90

Terminology and signage updated across campus

Leena Dahal
Senior Reporter

From academics to social life, Elon University's commitment to inclusivity manifests itself in many ways throughout campus. To this end, for the past two years, administration has cracked down on restroom inclusivity.

Prior to the creation of the Gender & LGBTQIA Center (GLC), there were less than 15 bathrooms on campus open to students of all genders and sexes. One year later,

more than 70 were built. This year, the number of universal bathrooms has progressed to 90.

From unisex to universal

Matthew Antonio Bosch, director of the GLC, said the term used to describe gen-

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HALI TAUXE | Photo Editor

Elon houses nearly 90 universal bathrooms.

Yoga studio celebrates 1 year in Elon

Amanda Garrity
Reporter

As one of the few yoga, Pilates and barre studios within walking distance from campus, Zenitry Yoga Studio is hoping its first anniversary as an Elon business will bring fresh faces, yoga lovers and fitness enthusiasts to the Zen space.

Zenitry opened its doors more than three years ago in Burlington. Last October, eager to gain a larger student clientele, it moved to a vacant space near the Fat Frog Bar and Grill and Simply Thai and Sushi.

Zenitry's founder Christine "Cricket" Foster said Elon University students have welcomed the local studio with open arms, but she believes there is still room for growth.

"Being close to a university campus brings a lot of young energy and excitement to the studio, but there are still so many students who haven't taken advantage of the classes we offer," Foster said.

Similar to other local businesses, Zenitry is continuously trying to spread word of the services it offers, but they are not shy to boast about the positive benefits that Elon students have already brought to the studio.

Because of students' varied backgrounds, the Zenitry clientele has diversified in the last year. Before moving closer to campus, Foster said that the conservative surroundings in Alamance County did not mix well with the spirituality of yoga, and many people misinterpreted yoga as a religious practice.

"There are two sides of yoga: athleticism and meditation," Foster said. "A practicing yogi strives to find the balance between the two in hopes to find center in their life. It doesn't have to be a religious experience unless you want it to be."

Classes at Zenitry range in age and ex-

perience. The studio is focused on increasing class sizes and blending different communities, and popular classes like power hour and hot yoga often have a mix of Elon students and Burlington locals. Foster hopes to keep it that way.

"Zenitry allows you to build a home. It's a community of people looking to have a more balanced lifestyle and we want it to be just that — a community," said Foster.

While Elon students have access to the campus gym and group exercise classes, Zenitry provides students with something different: a Zen atmosphere. Taking a class at the studio gives students a space away from campus, both figuratively and literally.

"Classes at Zenitry not only give participants physical exercise, they also offer a mental break for students who may be experiencing stress or anxiety," said Marissa Douglass, an Elon senior and part-time Zenitry yoga instructor. "Whether they are freshman who are struggling being away from home or seniors who are overwhelmed by their course load, Zenitry is a safe and relaxing space students can come to when they need time for themselves."

New students can attend their first class for free. Zenitry also offers student deals, including the monthly-unlimited contract for \$79 per month.

Students can purchase an annual group exercise membership at Elon Campus Rec for \$20 — significantly less than Zenitry's contract cost. Some students interested in taking the classes Zenitry offers may be deterred by the steep membership price.

Elon senior Sara Russell attended a ballet barre class at Zenitry this summer.

"I took advantage of the first free class at Zenitry and felt like it was an ok experience," Russell said. "Unfortunately, their high prices



HALI TAUXE | Photo Editor

Cricket Foster, owner of yoga, barre and pilates studio Zenitry, leads the 9 a.m. yoga class.

are not feasible for most students, like myself, when we have free facilities on campus."

Group exercise classes at Elon have a tendency to get over-crowded and students can be turned away. Elon senior Natalie Kameron, a part-time barre instructor at Zenitry, recommends that students weary of waiting times or packed classes should take popular classes like Zumba and Pilates at Zenitry instead.

"Zenitry is a great alternative to group exercise classes at Campus Rec, especially when classes are full," Kameron said. "They also offer more specific classes like Piloxing or barre, which is a nice change from the traditional group exercise classes."

Maintaining the studio space and improv-

ing its overall atmosphere are reasons for Zenitry's high rates. The monthly package cost, while steep, allows Zenitry to complete its construction goals. This year, the studio will remove the fluorescent lights in its ceiling and replace them with decorated Japanese lanterns. From there, they plan to create a lobby space and sheer the outer window to give more privacy to students in classes.

In line with its Zen atmosphere, Zenitry offers massages, a private meditation room and a program called Zen Zone, which gives community members a place to study or practice dance routines. Elon organizations, including Greek sororities and fraternities, can use the Zenitry space for dance rehearsals or events.

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der-inclusive bathrooms two years ago was not as open to all genders and sexes as they are actually today.

"They used to be labeled 'unisex bathrooms,' which makes people think of one sex," Bosch said. "But this was before the advent of thinking of multiple genders and sexes."

The term "universal" captures the variety of identities that fall under the sex and gender spectrum. Bosch said a significant reason behind choosing the term was that it is accessible to everyone — including people with disabilities or outside guests who visit the campus during large events.

"There might even be a father who wants to take his three-year-old daughter to the bathroom but doesn't know if he should take her to the men's restroom or the women's," he said. "Despite gender identity and despite disability access, there are still plenty of situations where people of multiple genders need to use a restroom."

The re-signing process

When the office was created, Bosch led a restroom assessment and began to look at places on campus where long lines would form outside restrooms. Realizing that many of these restrooms were labeled "men" or "women" but were single stalled and lockable, Bosch pushed to change their signs and ensure that they were accessible to people with disabilities.

"There wasn't much reconstruction, per se," he said. "It was just a matter of finding these spaces and re-signing them."

Because of several factors including the fire code, the campus could not construct universal restrooms on every single floor — but with the exception of Historic and Danieley Neighborhoods, all residence buildings have at least one universal bathroom.

Bosch said he is very appreciative of Physical Plant and Construction Management for cooperating and realizing the significance of universal bathrooms.

"Those spaces could have easily been mechanical rooms or storage facilities," he said. "It's not easy on their behalf to say, 'This is why we need to remove some space in order to carve out some space for a universal restroom.'"

Bosch said because of the administrative support behind restroom-inclusivity, universal bathrooms are being included in blueprints for buildings that are now in construction, including McEwen's new School of Communications.

"From now on, it won't even be a question — universal bathrooms will appear in blueprints because of the campus support," Bosch said.

Elon senior Samantha Allen said the existence of universal bathrooms is another step in a right direction for all-campus inclusivity.

"I feel absolutely comfortable," she said. "I've never felt that gender identity is black or white and everyone, especially on a college campus, should feel comfortable walking into a bathroom that doesn't put them in a box."

Is it enough?

While universal bathrooms are accessible to students in most residential buildings, they are not accessible on every floor. For traditional-style on-campus housing — which is common in Historic — most restrooms on the hall are multi-stalled and gender binary.

This means a student conforming to a gender outside male or female would have to either use a bathroom that doesn't align with their gender or travel upstairs or downstairs to find a universal one.

"I would love to see them everywhere," Bosch said. "But it has a lot to do with the fire code."

He does not foresee multi-stalled universal restrooms being created in the near future.

"The question of having universal multi-stalled restrooms is tricky in a university setting simply because it is a newer concept," he said. "I don't think Elon is fully ready to move in that direction yet — there would need to be a lot more education and explanation, especially for parents of prospective students."

Allen said while it may take some time for the community to get used to and while it may mean maneuvering around logistical issues, such as including showers, it is necessary.

"I hate doubting Elon's ability to accept, because for the last three years I've been blown away with the changes that have occurred on this campus," she said. "But if just one person would be more comfortable if we had it, then I think it is something that needs to happen."

ON-CAMPUS GENDER-INCLUSIVE RESTROOMS

Academic Village (20)

Located in: Belk Pavilion, Holmes & Spence Pavilion, Kenan Pavilion, Cannon Pavilion, Darden & Gray Pavilion, Numen Lumen Pavilion, Gray Pavilion

Moseley Center (11)

Located in: Irazu Café, Moseley, Lakeside Dining Hall, Center For Leadership

Center for Leadership (4)

Global Neighborhood (10)

Located in: All five Global buildings and Global Commons

Historic Neighborhood (5)

Located in: Mooney Hall, McEwen Dining
*not including residential areas

Campus West (1)

Located in: The Oaks
*not including residential areas

Colonnades Residence Halls (5)

Located in: All five Colonnades buildings

Center for Arts (8)

Located in: McCoy Commons, Koury Athletics Center, Center for Arts

Arts West (4)

Located in: Scott Studios, Purchasing, Business Services

Powell House (2)

South Campus (24)

Located in: Scott Ellington, Financial Planning, Worsley, Holland, Holt Chapel, Johnston

Athletics (3)

Located in: Koury Fieldhouse, Softball Fieldhouse

Francis Center (2)

Located in: Francis

No magic number for Elon's growing student body, new facilities

Convocation center, two new academic buildings planned for next few years

Max Garland
Assistant News Editor

Another year, another largest class in school history. Another year, another round of construction plans for a new building.

As the student body increases at Elon University each year, the need for new facilities also increases. The two-story, 32,000-square-foot Inman Admissions Welcome Center officially opened in February, and a 38,000-square-foot expansion of Moseley Center, which included Lakeside Dining Hall, opened two years prior. Construction is currently taking place for the School of Communications expansion.

What's next on the list? Elon announced on Aug. 31 its purchase of 19.5 acres of property next to the Hunt Softball Park on North Williamson Avenue Aug. 31. Elon's Board of Trustees has designated the site as the preferred location for a proposed convocation center.

The center would also host major campus events and basketball and volleyball games, replacing Alumni Gym in its current role. There is no cost estimate for it yet, according to Gerald Whittington, Elon's senior vice president for business, finance and technology.

"Alumni Gymnasium has served Elon remarkably well for 60 years and was well suited for a much smaller school," Whittington said. "We believe the time has come to provide a larger multipurpose convocation center that can better serve a university of Elon's size and stature and be a premier gathering space in our region."

Elon's consistent yearly growth, a big reason for the

proposed convocation center, has transformed the campus. The Class of 2019 has a total of 1,497 students, while the Class of 2016 had 1,425 students enrolled. The small increases can add up over time—the Class of 1996 had just 820 students enrolled.

"At the time I started in admissions in 1990 we had approximately 3,200 students," said vice president of admissions

and financial planning Greg Zaiser. "Today, we enroll nearly twice that many."

Increased national awareness of the university has played a part. Elon surpassed 10,000 freshmen applications in the past four years, and Zaiser said he anticipates another 10,000 applicants for the Class of 2020.

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SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT FOR BUSINESS, FINANCE AND TECHNOLOGY

The admissions office is ready for it, Zaiser said. The influx in applicants started around 2005, leading Elon to move from a rolling admissions program to a more controlled three-deadline pro-

gram of early decision, early action and regular deadline.

"Elon's model of slow, sustained growth has been a great thing for the university," Zaiser said. "This will continue."

The draw of new and expanded facilities grows greater as the classes get bigger. The previous admissions office in Moseley Center had little space to help the influx of visitors, according to Zaiser. "We needed a space large enough to accommodate prospective students for both large group meetings and one-on-one conversations that are more frequently being requested," he said. "Also, prior to Inman, we would have to routinely close

sessions meaning we could not accommodate all our visitors due to limited space. Telling people they can't visit is not at all what we want to do, but when sessions were full, we had few options."

In addition to the proposed convocation center, the construction of two new academic buildings are also being planned for. One is for the School of Business, which needs additional space apart from the Koury Business Center, according to an E-Net article. The other building, which will focus on the physical sciences, is planned to be constructed near the McMichael Science Center. Fundraising will occur for the buildings over the next couple of years.

According to Director of Sustainability Elaine Durr, the increase in campus size does not conflict with Elon's goal of sustainability. She said in an email that Elon has a Green Building Policy, which requires major construction projects affecting 8,000 square feet or more to achieve LEED certification. Buildings are LEED-certified by the U.S. Green Building Council when they meet efficiency and clean energy requisites.

Durr added that Elon's design team is looking for ways to make the proposed convocation center as sustainable as possible.

"The design team is currently evaluating different mechanical and lighting systems for the facility to determine which is the most energy efficient and cost effective," she said. "The team is also evaluating the project using the LEED checklist, which has the following five main categories: sustainable sites, water efficiency, energy and atmosphere, materials and resources and indoor environmental quality."



Elon announced the purchase of 19.5 acres of land on Sept. 1 as the preferred site of the proposed convocation center. The acreage is currently occupied by woods and wildlife.

HALLI TAUXE | Photo Editor

Gender-focused documentary series debuts at Moseley

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Violent media. Mass shootings. Pornography. Rape culture.

These are a few of the hot-button topics “The Mask You Live In,” a 2015 documentary directed by Jennifer Siebel Newsom, links to the damage the United States’ idea of masculinity can have on boys and young men.

Roughly 40 Elon University students and faculty members watched the documentary Sept. 4 in the Moseley Center as the first of a four-part series sponsored by Elon’s Women’s/Gender Studies, Health Promotion and Inclusive Community Council.

“There was a lot of great documentaries exploring similar issues that were released recently, so we thought it would be a good idea to show these to Elon and start some discussion,” said Becca Patterson, Elon’s coordinator for health promotion.

The “Mask You Live In” focuses on young men in the United States who are challenged by the traditional definition of masculinity where strength is valued, which can lead to emotional isolation and depression. In the film, therapists, medical doctors and activists question the merits of “acting tough.” A Kickstarter campaign raised more than \$100,000 to fund the documentary’s creation.

A discussion on the film and masculinity in culture followed the 5 p.m. showing.

Much of the initial focus and discussion was based around how popular media portrays masculinity.

“One thing that the movie pointed out was that no male characters in video games express emotion, which says a lot about what society thinks a man should be,” said senior Evan Gaskin.

Gaskin added he feels there are few male friend groups where it’s acceptable to say you’re hurt or not feeling 100 percent and that the U.S. view of masculinity plays a part in that.

To promote a more open society for men in which emotions can be shared, the positives of masculinity have to be looked at just as much as the negatives, according to James Marchant, professor of arts administration.

“Guys have a lot of testosterone, and that’s a part of what makes us who we are,” Marchant said. “You have to ask, ‘What are the strengths of masculinity?’ and promote that instead of what’s bad.”

The discussion shifted to a more Elon-focused conversation, including issues on how fraternity parties operate.

“A lot of frats won’t let just any guy into a party,” said freshman Max Pivonka. “They have to bring girls that are considered attractive, which can cause problems.”

Jack Smith, a professor of performing arts, said some male students don’t step outside the “bro code” and open up, even in classroom discussion.

“You can see it happen in the class-

room, where a group of five guys will talk with each other and roll their eyes if there’s a subject that isn’t considered manly or challenges that,” he said.

Patterson said the hope is word will spread about the series and start discussions about masculinity, gender-based violence and activism.

“Getting people here aware about this is tough, because you can’t advertise this sort of thing in the traditional way,” Patterson said. “It’s a vulnerable subject. We

need men to say, ‘Hey, I saw this and it spoke to me,’ and start conversations with friends that might ignore this or laugh it off.”

The documentary series continues with “The Hunting Ground” 7 p.m. Sept. 28 in LaRose Digital Theatre, “Private Violence” 4:30 p.m. Oct. 7 in Lakeside 214 and “My Masculinity Helps” 5 p.m. Nov. 9 in LaRose Digital Theatre. Discussion and a long-table dinner follow all screenings.

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“The Mask You Live In”

Sept. 3rd | 5 p.m. | Moseley Oak Room 103

Screening followed by long-table dinner

“The Hunting Ground”

Sept. 28 | 7 p.m. | LaRose Digital Theatre

Screening followed by reception

“Private Violence”

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KATE BRAUNSTEIN | Design Intern

Study USA adds programs for Winter Term 2016

NEW WINTER TERM STUDY USA PROGRAMS

Florida & California

The science of happiness at Disney

Miami, Florida

Ecology and sustainability

Des Moines, Iowa

The trail starts here: The Iowa caucuses

Boston, Massachusetts

Mindful America, mindful Elon

WINTER TERM 2016: WHAT’S STILL OPEN?

China

The flying dragon

Costa Rica

Language, culture, and ecotourism

Discovering Dixie

Road trip to 10 Southeastern cities

Dominican Republic

Baseball and tourism

Ethiopia and Tanzania

An exploration of history, culture, and the natural world in East Africa

Miami, Florida

Ecology and sustainability

Gutenberg to the Web

Media’s impact on Western civilization

India

Education and development

Vietnam

Business and culture

J.C. Craig
Reporter

This year, more programs have been added to Elon University’s Winter Term options to accommodate the growing desire of students to travel domestically and globally. While many students stay on campus and take a class during the three-week period, others choose to take advantage of Elon’s various study abroad programs.

Mark Dalhouse, director of Study USA, said he noticed the passion that a majority of Elon students have for studying abroad.

“It’s a privilege to be able to help create those kinds of opportunities,” he said.

Senior Daniela Pereyra participated in a domestic Winter Term program in 2015. As an International Fellow, she and her peers completed the Discovering Dixie course, consisting of a road trip to 10 different Southeastern cities.

“I think that it’s just the right amount of time for you to be introduced to a different lifestyle and mentality,” Pereyra said.

Study USA has brought students to places such as Los Angeles, New York, Washington, D.C. and, more recently, Alaska. Summer programs include Elon in LA, Elon in NYC, Elon in Alaska and Elon in DC. For winter term, several unique programs are open for application.

New programs for 2016 include programs in Orlando, Miami, Anaheim and Des Moines. A new program that has a lot of students excited is called “Happiest Place? The Science of Happiness” at Disney. Beginning in Disney World and ending in Disneyland, students will spend time in both areas studying the manufacture of happiness.

“It’s my hope that that will be a yearly offering because I think that is going to strike a chord every year,” Dalhouse said.

The program fulfills a General Studies requirement in the area of Civilization or Society, and is already completely full.

Dalhouse plans new courses with current events in mind.

“My goal for Study USA is to have our programs be able to address current issues as they happen here in the US, so that our students have the opportunity to get a front seat,” he said.

One example is the new course called “The Trail

Starts Here: The Iowa Caucuses.” Taught by Richard Landesberg, associate professor of communications, this class allows students to engage in important parts of the presidential campaign and get an inside look at the primary process. Dalhouse plans to join Landesberg and students on the 10-day program in Iowa.

As far as benefits to the program, Dalhouse believes traveling during Winter Term offers immersion.

“It’s a short period of time,” he said. “It really does throw you in the deep end of the pool on a topic or a location.”

As Study USA grows, one of Dalhouse’s main goals is to stress the existence of global engagement within the United States.

“You don’t need a passport to have a global experience,” Dalhouse said.

With all the changes and diversity in the United States today, Dalhouse believes in the importance of uncovering global connections in our own country.

Pereyra agrees, adding that travel creates growth, even if its stateside.

“I think that most Elon students tend to underestimate how much the U.S. has to offer,” she said. “The diverse populations, cultures, languages and environments found in the States can take your mind and personal development quite far.”

For students looking for international travel, there are several options still available. Popular programs like “Pacific Rim,” “The Holocaust Journey” and “Ecotourism in New Zealand” have filled, but plenty of other international courses remain open for application.

With the exception of the Sundance Film Festival course, Study USA programs are open to students of all years. The deadline to apply for all Winter Term programs is Sept. 15.

Looking ahead, Dalhouse and the rest of the Winter Term team already have ideas in place for next year. Courses to look forward to include a study of mindfulness in Massachusetts and a class that will examine the experience of Iraqi and Syrian refugees here in North Carolina.

In addition to new Winter Term courses, faculty and administrative support has already been given to possible summer programs in Nashville, Tennessee and San Francisco. Though still in the planning stages, Dalhouse is hopeful that these programs will be available for summer 2017.

Students value gender-inclusive, single-sex dorms

Simone Jasper
Assistant News Editor

While gender-inclusive housing options are popping up on campuses across the country, some students question if single-sex housing should be eliminated at universities. Elon University has both gender-inclusive and single-sex housing, and students see the value in each.

Under a gender-inclusive housing policy, students of any gender identity can elect to live together. Supporters say students who don't comply with socially-constructed gender norms should have a comfortable space to live.

Elon offers two gender-inclusive options on campus. Students can apply to live in the Gender and Sexuality Living Community (LLC), located on the second floor of Colonnades A, and upperclassmen in the Station at Mill Point can also opt to live with students of different genders.

Junior Becca Nipper, a student worker in the university's Gender and LGBTQIA Center (GLC) and former resident of the LLC, said the university should push to add more gender-inclusive housing options. She said the current options are limited and force underclassmen to go through an application process.

"Off-campus apartments don't work that way," Nipper said. "That's not how the adult world works. In college, we take on responsibilities of an adult, but we are still limited in our housing."

In the current gender-inclusive options, students live in stand-alone single rooms or single rooms within a suite. But students cannot share a room with people of different gender identities. According to Nipper, there should be more options.

"I think that putting it in single-person rooms is a cop-out," Nipper said. "When I was living in the LLC, I was al-



Meg Wilson (left) and Shannon Robertson enjoy an afternoon in West Hall, a single-sex dorm.

ways in my room. We didn't interact with each other, which can be beneficial."

But introducing the LLC — Elon's first gender-inclusive option open to freshmen and sophomores — was an important start, according to MarQuita Barker, associate director of residence life operations and information management.

"Every year, we evaluate our LLCs, and we heard from students that this would be an important addition," Barker said in an email. "We also value inclusivity, and this was a great first step."

According to Campus Pride, nearly 200 colleges and universities in the country offer gender-inclusive housing. And, like some other schools that have this option, Elon offers both co-ed and single-sex dorms.

Elon's single-sex dorms — Carolina, Smith and West — are here to stay, Bark-

er said.

"There is a segment of our student population that wants a same-sex environment, and whenever there are rumors about us eliminating those options — which has never been a serious conversation by the university — we hear from students who still like the option and do not want to see it go away," Barker said.

One student who likes the option is freshman Sam Cook, a second-floor resident in all-male Smith Hall. He said he chose to live in single-sex housing because he wanted a sense of community.

"I like single-sex for the first year because of the bond of brotherhood," Cook said. "But I'm totally open to other types of housing for a different year."

For other students, single-sex housing wasn't their first choice. Freshman Shannon Robertson, a second-floor resident

in all-female West Hall, said she initially wanted a newer dorm room with a bigger floor plan. Now, she said she is comfortable in the environment.

"In a co-ed dorm, I might be uncomfortable to do certain things — like wear certain things — because there could be others around," Robertson said. "It's a big slumber party here."

In recent years, some colleges and universities have kept or expanded single-sex housing, citing reducing binge drinking and hookup culture as reasons for their decisions.

But others think same-sex housing should be eliminated.

"I never liked the idea of single-sex housing," said sophomore Katie Shannon, a student worker in the GLC. "It always seemed odd to me. I wanted to be surrounded by people with different experiences. One of the reasons I chose Elon was that there were very few [single-sex housing] options."

Robertson said she doesn't plan to apply to live in gender-inclusive housing, but she appreciates that Elon students can choose to live there.

"It's good that they're trying to be inclusive of all people," Robertson said. "It gives opportunities that other colleges don't. In some colleges, male and female students are separated. I like that Elon gives students autonomy."

According to Barker, no changes are coming soon to gender-inclusive and same-sex housing on campus.

In the meantime, junior Sarah Wright, who wants more gender-inclusive housing at Elon, said she and other students will work to increase awareness about this type of housing and advocate for its expansion.

"It's good that it's becoming a trend," she said. "But it should be the norm, something that colleges all should have."



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Elon continues efforts for food waste reduction

Courtney Campbell
Style Editor

When students stroll down the buffet lines of one of Elon University's three dining halls, they are presented with a seemingly unlimited amount of food. And when they pile their plates high and toss their leftovers in the trash, they can be oblivious to how much food goes unused.

FAST FACTS

- **40 percent:** Amount of food in the United States that is lost or wasted each year
- **1 in 6:** Number of U.S. citizens who struggle to get enough to eat
- **250:** Tons of food waste and biodegradable silverware Elon has composted since 2008

According to the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), about 40 percent of food in the United States is lost or wasted each year while one in six U.S. citizens struggle to get enough to eat.

Despite Elon's sustainability efforts, food inevitably goes uneaten and winds up in trash bins across campus. But Elon Dining is attempting to waste as little as possible with a new no-waste policy.

"Most of Elon Dining's waste consists of pre-consumer waste such as peels or trimmings of fruits, vegetables and meats produced while prepping food in the kitchen," said Eric Townsend, director of Elon University news bureau, in an email. "Additionally, there is post-consumer waste that comes from what people leave on their plates."

Though the amount of food waste varies each semester, Elon has two main initiatives to reducing the amount that is completely thrown away: donating untouched food and composting.

Elon Dining donates to different organizations in multiple ways. The dining service directly donates food to Allied Churches through Campus Kitchen at Elon, including annual Thanksgiving meals. With "Dine with Purpose," every month for a week, a different retail dining location on campus donates 10 per-

cent of all food dollar, cash and credit sales to different charity groups.

According to Stacey Rusterholz, coordinator for Campus Kitchen, Elon Dining provides the organization with food, a space for cooking, storage and equipment sharing. During the 2014-2015 academic year, campus kitchen received 448 pounds of donated food that was repurposed as meals.

"It is important to note that there are national regulations around the kinds of food that can and cannot be donated to Campus Kitchen due to health reasons," Rusterholz said in an email. "Additionally, this year, Aramark is donating some dry staples that can be used during cooking shifts. Together, Aramark and Campus Kitchen work to reduce food waste on Elon's campus."

As well as food donations, Elon also has a composting program that has two aspects: pre and post.

"Pre is all kitchen prep waste such as fruit and vegetable trim and peels," Townsend said. "Post is the food wasted by customers in the process of dining. All the pre- and post-consumer waste is collected in composting bins."

The biodegradable waste is composted at a off-campus facility. More than 250 tons of food waste and biodegrad-

able silverware have been composted since the project began in fall 2008.

In addition to composting uneaten food, Elon is attempting to lower the amount of food purchased by using Prima Web, a food production system.

"Based on past history, we forecast the number of portions that need to be produced and then tailor recipes to those quantities," Townsend said. "We also use portion control at point of service to make sure that the appropriate portion is being served, which helps eliminate post-consumer waste."

In 2007, trays were removed from dining halls to reduce water and energy usage, as well as food waste. According to Jessica Bilecki, education and outreach coordinator for the Office of Sustainability, without trays there was a 25 to 30 percent reduction in food waste per person.

There is also continuous employee training and consumer education regarding waste, but it is ultimately up to students to decrease their own food waste.

"Anyone eating in the dining halls can contribute to food waste reduction efforts simply by taking only what they are going to eat," Bilecki said.

North Carolina crosses paths with NAACP

Voting law debate sat as central topic of Raleigh march

Hali Tauxe
Photo Editor

RALEIGH — This week, members and supporters of one of the oldest civil rights organizations will begin a series of protests in Virginia after making their mark in North Carolina.

The NAACP marched through North Carolina as part of a "Journey for Justice," an 860-mile trek that began in Selma, Alabama, and ends in Washington, D.C.

Their objective in downtown Raleigh, the location of their largest rally, was clear: North Carolina's restrictive voting laws are unconstitutional. The marchers spent 10 days in North Carolina to draw attention to its voting rights record.

Cries of, "Forward together, not one step back" rang through the streets Sept. 3, when hundreds gathered for the rally.

"It's time to call names," said state NAACP conference president Rev. William Barber II. "[Sen.] Thom Tillis pushed through the worst voter suppression in the country."

Barber referenced House Bill 589, which would prevent voters from registering during the early voting period and is currently facing legal challenges. Other speakers also urged the crowd to write letters to their representatives in support of the Voting Rights Amendment Act aimed at restoring and expanding protections guaranteed under the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

The campaign mobilized groups such as Carolina Jews for Justice, The Sierra Club, Communications Workers of America and others from what Barber said was a coalition seven years in the making. Speakers from these largely left-leaning groups discussed the benefits of expanded voting rights, also touching on issues such as public education, environmental protection, women's rights and LGBTQIA rights, and elicited cheers from the crowd.

"We are in the midst of a third reconstruction," Barber said. "If we don't have the ballot, money wins. When we lose the right to vote, we lose the right to change our country."

In an impromptu press conference after the rally, NAACP president and CEO Cornell William Brooks addressed a system in which politicians can rig the game with measures like gerrymandering and stricter voting laws.



NAACP members and supporters gathered in Raleigh to rally for state voter rights. The rally was part of a series of protests named "Journey for Justice," an 860-mile trek that began in Selma, Alabama, and will end in Washington, D.C.

"There's this notion that staying in office somehow justifies any and all manner of discrimination," Brooks said. "When you come up with all kinds of extravagant, irrational voter ID restrictions, it's an imposition on people with disabilities and people of age."

"Are we going to tell them that it's OK for you to spend an extra hour figuring out how to exercise a franchise that you fought for when you were our age? That is just profoundly, manifestly immoral," he said.

Barber brought Brooks' point back to North Carolina laws.

"So North Carolina GOP decides we can suppress African Americans' right to vote by passing a very strict voter ID law, and it's true," Barber said. "By passing it, 50 percent of African Americans don't have a form of

strict voter ID."

While pointing out that such laws disproportionately affect black U.S. voters, the speakers were careful to frame this issue as one that affects all voters, both as a moral imperative and a practical one.

"When you mess with the right to vote, you mess with the heart of democracy," Barber said.

In the end, whether they came as a member of the NAACP, The American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations, Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays or The Raging Grannies, demonstrators from all groups shared a similar passion for the power of the vote, chanting at the end, "Show me what democracy looks like. This is what democracy looks like."

Cheat Sheet: European refugee crisis



MORGAN ABATE | Online Editor

More than 365,000 refugees have made their way through the Mediterranean to Italy and Greece in the past eight months.

As conflicts rage across Northern Africa, South Sudan, Syria and Iraq, refugees are trying to find a way out. Countries like Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey have taken in more than 3 million refugees, even when they no longer have the space or resources to take in anymore. Since Turkey has experienced several bombings in the past few weeks, many people are scared of seeking refuge there.

Instead, Syrians and other citizens fleeing their violence-ridden home countries are paying smugglers to take them across the Mediterranean to Europe. When they reach the shores of the first European Union (EU) country they reach — usually Greece or Italy — the smugglers leave them. Sometimes, the smugglers dump them in the Mediterranean, forcing coast guards and immigration authorities to choose between leaving them to drown or rescue them.

Seeking asylum in the European Union

According to the International Organization for Migration, nearly 365,000 refugees have crossed the Mediterranean in the past eight months. Of those, 99 percent have landed in Italy or Greece.

Under the Dublin Regulation, which outlines the procedure for handling asylum and refugee seekers, the first EU country in which migrants and refugees arrive must process their claims and decide whether to grant asylum or deport them back to their home country. If migrants and refugees continue

onward to other member states and are detained, they will be sent back to the EU country from which they arrived.

That law puts a burden on Italy and Greece. The two countries have argued that the law is entirely unbalanced — countries like United Kingdom do not have to process thousands of refugees daily.

Some countries, such as Germany, have allowed refugees to enter and apply for asylum. Others have done their best to keep them out. Hungary has built fences and walls to prevent migrants and refugees from entering.

Last week, the country also halted train service from Budapest into Austria to restrict further migration into the rest of Europe. As a result, on Sept. 4 thousands of refugees and migrants set out on foot to Vienna, a 300-mile journey. As traffic built up throughout the day, Hungarian officials offered to bus the refugees marching to the train station to the border.

The German government reported more than 17,500 asylum seekers entering Germany over the week-end. The government has welcomed them, ignoring the stipulation in the Dublin Regulation, but not all German citizens have embraced the welcoming policy of their government.

Finding a solution to the crisis

As the refugee crisis grows, so has anti-immigration sentiment across Europe. Europeans — especially in Hungary and Austria — recently elected right-leaning governments with hard stances on immigration.

Germany and France are calling for a quota system that would fairly distribute asylum seekers and take a huge burden off of Italy, Greece and — to an extent — Hungary. The president of the EU Council, Donald Tusk, has said that 100,000 refugees should be distributed across the 28 member states. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees released a statement Sept. 3, saying the EU should accept 200,000 refugees.

But other member countries — Poland, Czech Republic, Hungary and Slovakia — would rather pay more in humanitarian aid assistance to the countries bordering Syria that have taken in more than 4 million refugees.

The United Kingdom believes taking in more asylum-seekers would further the crisis — more people would begin making their way to Europe knowing they all could end up in Western Europe. Instead, Prime Minister David Cameron announced Sept. 4 that the United Kingdom would begin to accept thousands more Syrian refugees, who make up about 15 percent of those applying for asylum in the EU, according to the UNHCR.

But Cameron also stressed that those who will be granted asylum or refugee status are those who apply from refugee camps in Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan and other countries that currently host Syrian refugees. According to Cameron, this route will prevent more people from making the sometimes dangerous journey across the Mediterranean.

News Briefs

Some Alamance County law enforcement to offer opiate reversal treatment

The Burlington Times-News recently reported that law enforcement officials in at least three Alamance County departments will undergo training to administer Naloxone, which reverses the effects of an opiate overdose.

Alamance County EMS will provide training this fall to police departments in Elon and other communities, according to the report. The goal is for law enforcement officials to be able to reverse an overdose if they arrive on the scene before EMS workers.

In recent years, deaths from overdosing on opiates — including drugs like heroin and prescription painkilling medicines — have surged. A recently-released CDC report revealed the death rate for heroin overdose doubled from 2010 to 2012.

Bill approved by NC House to make GPS tracking illegal

Lawmakers in the state legislature recently approved a bill to make secretive GPS tracking illegal, with some exceptions. Senate Bill 238 would categorize this type of tracking as cyberstalking, which is a Class 2 misdemeanor in North Carolina.

The bill triggered controversy with some private investigators who use GPS tracking for investigations. The proposed law would allow them to use this tool only in cases that involve criminal activity, lost or stolen property or injury or death. The amended House version of the bill now awaits approval in the state Senate.

Burlington Carousel festival set for Sept. 19-20

The 28th annual Burlington Carousel Festival will feature art, antiques, food, live music and carnival rides. The festival is the largest event in the city of Burlington, drawing more than 50,000 people each year.

The event celebrates the history of the park's iconic Dentzel Menagerie Carousel, which was built more than 100 years ago and has 46 hand-carved animals. The family-friendly event will take place 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Sept. 19 and 1 – 6 p.m. Sept. 20 at City Park on 1333 Overbrook Rd. More information about the event can be found online at www.btowneventsnc.com.

Andy Grammer to headline Homecoming Concert

Student Union Board (SUB), in conjunction with SGA announced Sunday that singer-songwriter Andy Grammer will be the main performer at the Homecoming Concert Oct. 17. The concert, which is free for Elon University students and alumni, will be held 7 p.m. in the Colonnades parking lot. Pop rock band "The Summer Set" is also scheduled to perform at the concert.

CRIME REPORT

Sept. 2 TRESPASSING
NEAL STREET, ELON:
A woman called Town of Elon Police Department around 8 p.m. to report that her son was causing problems in her house and she wanted him to leave. The son appeared to be intoxicated and was arrested for trespassing, according to police reports.

Sept. 3 FOUND PROPERTY
MOSELEY CENTER, ELON:
Elon University police found a small plastic bag containing half a gram of powdered cocaine

outside Moseley Center Thursday afternoon. No one was connected to its possession and the case was closed.

Sept. 4 DEATH BY MOTOR VEHICLE
MAPLE AVENUE, BURLINGTON:
A pickup truck turning left on the intersection of Maple Avenue and Albany Street killed a man riding a moped Thursday night. Police arrested the man driving the truck for driving without a license and later added a death by motor vehicle charge.

Sept. 6 ARSON
WALNUT STREET, BURLINGTON:
A Burlington man was charged with first-degree arson after the front door of a Walnut Street house burned down Saturday morning. The resident was inside the house when he heard two bumps at the door and saw it catch fire afterwards. The cost in damage is around \$500. No injuries were reported. The man charged with the crime assaulted the same man with a steak knife with intent to kill in August, according to a Burlington Times-News report.

Editorial

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

Study abroad for yourself, not others

Studying abroad can give you a much-needed break from campus. It can introduce you to new places, scenery and ideas. It can make you into a whole new person, more confident and ready to take on trials such as traveling alone in a foreign country.

Or it can be a satellite of campus, where you spend your time with the same kind of people — or maybe even the same people — you spend your time with at Elon University. Yes, your surroundings may be different, but when you are with the same people, it's easy to fall into a pattern of doing the same things you might do at Elon. You can leave study abroad transformed, or you can leave it the same person you were when you arrived.

"Studying abroad is a chance to forge your own path, be your own person and do your own thing," said Emma Burress, assistant director of study abroad at the Isabella Cannon Global Education Center (GEC).

Students must decide for themselves

what they want their abroad experiences to be. They can choose to go somewhere that will further their career goals or that offers courses specific to their major, or they can choose to go to the same abroad destination as their friends. These options are not mutually exclusive: It's certainly possible to study abroad with friends and still have an experience that fulfills academic, professional, cultural and personal goals. But that is up to each student to determine for him or herself.

Elon's GEC has Centers Abroad in Shanghai; San Jose, Costa Rica; London and Florence and Study USA Centers in Washington, D.C., New York City and Los Angeles. These centers are great fits for students with particular interests: Shanghai and London both offer internships, and students in Costa Rica can select courses that fully immerse them in the Spanish language.

But these centers also tend to host large

groups of Elon students each semester. The largest, typically London and Florence, may host more than 50 Elon students during the fall semester, with smaller numbers in the spring. According to Amanda Zamzes, business and data manager for the GEC, of the more than 500 students off-campus during the fall semester, 212 are either at an Elon Center Abroad or a Study USA Center. In comparison, 253 are enrolled in Elon's various affiliate programs.

"There's a certain amount of comfort with something Elon has branded," said Bill Burress, associate director of study abroad, of the popularity of Elon's Centers Abroad.

The Centers offer safety in numbers, but that shouldn't be the only reason students flock to them. They also offer excellent opportunities relevant to many Elon students' academic and career goals — but if they don't fulfill a student's academic requirements or interests, that student should consider a different program.

"We want students to do the right thing for them, academically and personally," Bill Burress said.

Students should want the same things for themselves. Specifically, before they decide to spend a significant amount of time and money on an abroad experience, they need to consider what they want to gain from the experience and how it will get them closer to achieving their academic, professional and personal goals. If spending the fall semester of junior year abroad — the most popular time for Elon students to spend a semester abroad — could prevent a student from graduating in four years, that is not contributing, and the student should consider other options.

Studying abroad is a part of many students' college experiences, and the benefits should last beyond a single semester of college. Students must be willing to consider and do what's best for them, not their friends.

'Proper' language requires context

Grammarians say, 'Grammar snobs should boldly go to the trash'

Ask any group of English majors what their pet peeves are, and you could compile an entire Buzz-Feed-esque listicle entitled, "1,000 grammar mistakes you didn't know you were making but definitely are."



Hannah Silvers
Columnist

I'm an English major, too. Do you know what my pet peeve is?

Grammar snobs.

It may seem hypocritical coming from me. I'm a writing major twice over, a Writing Center consultant and, yes, Copy Chief for The Pendulum.

But through the haze of punctuation and style manuals, I see a difference between being paid to check "proper" grammar at the

Writing Center or the newspaper and the grammar snob who corrects "your" to "you're" with a sassy asterisk in a reply to a tweet.

The difference is context.

You show me someone who wouldn't unfriend me if I corrected their tweet, and I'll show you someone with a stick up their butt.

And yes, I just used "their" to refer to a singular noun. You know why I'm not having a fit over it?

The idea of "proper" grammar has long been used as a tool to marginalize communities. By participating in grammar snobbery, we perpetuate the idea that people who speak a certain way aren't speaking "properly" and are less intelligent or less educated.

Let's get linguistic for a second.

Every language is a dialect. There's no one "pure" form of English, Italian, Latin or Greek. What many people think of as "proper" or "pure" English — the English you would use for academic essays or emails to potential employers — is just a dialect linguists refer to as "Standard English." There's nothing actually "pure" about it. Dialects are neutral — humans are the ones who give them meaning.

Take African-American Vernacular English (AAVE),

another dialect of English. AAVE is characterized by linguistic markers such as substituting "dem" for "them" or "chillins" for "children." But many people often associate AAVE with "improper" English. In fact, so many people do this that speakers of AAVE have trained themselves to code-switch, or to speak a different dialect, when they need people to take them seriously, like in job interviews.

How bizarre is that? AAVE is just a dialect, just like Standard English. So why do we collectively think one is better than the other? Well, while the traditional power-holders of this country are typically brought up speaking and learning Standard English in schools and at home, AAVE is typically spoken by members of groups that are traditionally marginalized in the United States (read as: ethnic minorities, urban dwellers, low income families).

Let's bring it back.

When we correct grammar, we're telling the speaker or writer, "My dialect is better than yours." And what we mean when we say that is, "My culture is better than yours." And that's not just elitism — it also ventures into racism, particularly with AAVE and other dialects associated with traditionally marginalized ethnic groups.

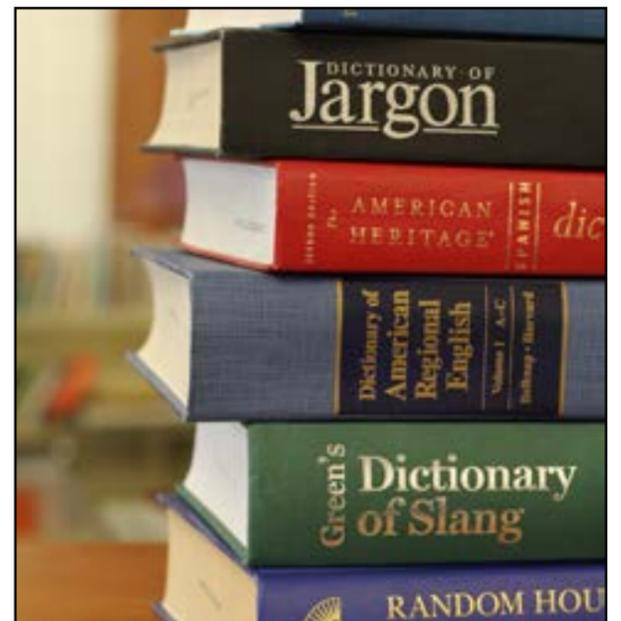
It's not just an issue of hurt feelings. The problem is that marginalization leads to discrimination. Once we marginalize a community, we begin to rationalize treating that community differently.

Sound awful? Sound dramatic? Sound familiar? It is. It happens all the time, and it's a problem. The public ridicule of Rachel Jeantel after she testified at Trayvon Martin's trial is just one in an unending series of examples.

Being a grammar snob is being a perpetrator of marginalization. It's also being ignorant of context and of purpose.

Where we live, when we live, the medium we choose and especially who we're talking to — all these factors influence the way we choose to speak or write.

I don't text my brother the same way I email my professors. I certainly don't interact with written text on Facebook the same way I interact with my academic essays, the business memos I consult on at the Writing Center or the articles that make their way across my



Grammar books and their rules are for essays, not social media.

desk at the newspaper.

That's because language's purpose isn't to be proper. Its purpose isn't to aspire to some textbook model of grammatical perfection. And its purpose certainly isn't — or shouldn't be — discrimination.

Rather, the purpose of language is to communicate. Its purpose is to translate ideas from your head to someone else's. Its purpose is to persuade, or to illuminate, or to simply bring something beautiful into the world.

Sometimes, I have to be a grammar snob. When I'm in a professional environment, I do my job to help the organizations I love and the people I happily work for run smoothly and look good. But there's a time and a place for correcting grammar for the purpose of being helpful, and there's a time and a place for recognizing that there are more important things, such as communication, or checking your privilege and biases.

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Honor: more than a tradition

“On my honor, I will uphold the values of Elon University: honesty, integrity, responsibility, and respect.”



Avery Steadman
SGA President

Tradition is the passing of customs or beliefs from generation to generation — or in Elon’s case, from class to class. The Call to Honor, held once every fall is Elon’s ceremony to do just that.

I will never forget the first time I signed the Honor Code and received my Honor Coin. The sun was beating down as I leaned over the table holding the Honor Code book. Just by looking at the book, I could tell it was rich with tradition. This book had been signed by generations of Student Government Officers, vowing to uphold the honor and integrity of the university. As I signed the book, I knew I was committing myself to be a part of something much bigger than myself. I was signing an eternal commitment to uphold what it means to be a member of Elon’s community.

Honesty, integrity, responsibility and respect. Each class is assigned a value.

The Class of 2019 will represent respect. Respect, as outlined by the honor code, is to be civil, to value the dignity of each person and to honor the physical and intellectual property of others.

All Elon students have affirmed their belief in this value, and therefore should be taking this into consideration every time they make a decision. Students have vowed to ask themselves, “Is what I’m about to post on Yik Yak respecting my peers? Is dropping this piece of trash on the ground respecting my community? Is cheating on this test respecting the intellectual property of my professor and classmates? Is using this word, dripping with inexcusable hatred, respecting those marginalized groups in my community?”

The Honor Code is more than something written on a poster. It is more than a code of conduct. It is more than a guideline for the classroom. It is a foundation for civil and academic excellence that will hopefully carry on into our postgraduate lives.

I would encourage all students to attend the Call to Honor 9:40 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 10 at Phi Beta Kappa Commons in the Academic Village to reaffirm their commitment to what binds all Elon students together.



HALI TAUXE | Photo Editor

At the Call to Honor, university members reaffirm their commitment to upholding the honor code.

True freedom is built on liberty

Shalom friends,



Rabbi Meir Goldstein
Associate Chaplain for Jewish Life

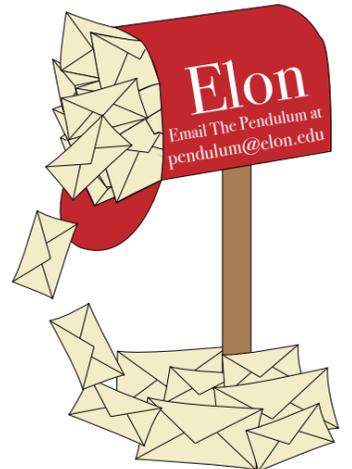
Last week, I went with some Elon University students to celebrate all those brave souls who joined the NAACP’s Journey to Justice as they marched from Selma, Alabama, to Washington, D.C.

We caught up with them in Raleigh, where we joined a rally for voter rights.

Believe it or not, in 2015, in our home, the state of North Carolina has passed the most restrictive voting rights laws in the country. Believe it or not, in 2015, there are now more obstacles for some of North Carolina’s citizens to execute their constitutional right to vote than in any year since 1965.

“True freedom is built on liberty.” This Jewish lesson instructs us that there can be no freedom without equal rights — and this includes all rights: voting rights, working rights, education rights, equal pay rights, environmental justice rights, marriage equality rights, reproductive justice rights and every right found in our great nation that is offered to any one of its citizens.

Freedom is either the greatest word in our society, or it is the most rapid. In a democracy, freedom represents the radical notion that no human being has more rights than another, no one’s life is more valuable than another’s, and no one’s blood is redder than another’s. This is the greatest principle that our country



represents. And it is being chiseled away by every law or official action that restricts our rights.

“True freedom is built on liberty.” True freedom is built on rights — legal and binding rights — offered equally to every citizen. Otherwise, freedom is simply a pretty word that stands for nothing at all.

When we were in Raleigh, I met a new teacher. His name is Dr. Rev. Cornell Brooks, and he is the CEO and President of the NAACP. If you have never heard him speak, you need to rectify that. Here is what Dr. Brooks taught:

“It is impossible to carry the Torah, impossible to carry the Bible, impossible to carry God’s word without God’s word laying upon your heart and crossing your heart.”

I know that the Torah I carry is a Torah of freedom. I know that the Torah I carry is a Torah of justice. I know that the Torah I carry is a Torah of love. My question for you: What is the Torah you carry? What are you doing about it?

Only blessings for a freedom-filled new year.

DOCTORS’ ORDERS PROCRASTINATION: IT HAPPENS TO ALL OF US



Lauryl Fischer & Frankie Campisano
Columnists

For more than 100 years, we here at Doctors’ Orders have been bringing nose exhalations, chuckles and maybe — if we’re lucky — even laughter to the Elon University community. But you may have noticed a certain column quite like the one you’re reading missing from the last issue of The Pendulum.

Maybe you thought, “Hey, Frankie and Lauryl have been working so hard, they deserve a week off.” Maybe you’re even a professor, and you also thought, “Frankie and Lauryl deserve straight

As this semester. What chipper young scholars they are.” Thanks, Teach.

But the truth is worse than you could ever imagine. We procrastinated. There’s not a cute medical misnomer for this. It’s just a case of not living up to our potential and failing to deliver on the work ethic we’re internationally renowned for. This is a newspaper, and there are strict deadlines. None of that Moodle extended-time Little League nonsense. That’s why they say, “It’s hot off the presses.” Because it’s that fresh.

You see, we had a great Doctors’ Orders lined up for you fine readers, asking the most important question of our era: Why the hell is Einstein Bros. Bagels closed on Sundays? That’s primo bagel time, Elon Dining! Also, no one knows when Argo Tea is open, we’d still rather have The Oak House on the meal plan than a Starbucks and the death of week-end Colonnades brunch says something about us all.

There were loads of great bread puns in this column we were proud of, too. We’re talking some fine wordplay, son. But when we failed to meet the deadline, the bagel column was toast. (See? See what could have been?)

You’ll never get to read it. Or maybe

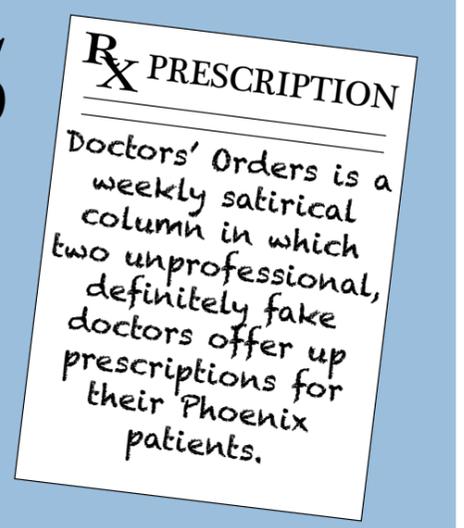
you will, online, if you find yourself perusing our archives on the recently revamped Pendulum website at www.elonpendulum.com.

We could’ve been in the paper, and we blew it all sky high. And now we’re making it our own headline all just because we ... missed our deadline. (For that last joke to land, you have to have been conditioned to think of the ripped pants song from Spongebob when you see the words “blew it all sky high.” We’re willing to take the chance with that one.)

But everyone gets bitten by the procrastination bug, and it’s a nasty piece of work, not unlike getting bitten by, say, a radioactive spider.

Like Spider-Man, it comes with great responsibility — that you naturally shirk. Unlike Spider-Man, you get no actual superpowers, and it doesn’t help you romance any hot babes, either, and mostly it’s just a headache, so it’s actually not like Spider-Man at all. And, while we’re talking Spider-Man, you can’t just take selfies and sell them to the newspaper to make a living. We’ve tried.

There are plenty of normal reasons you might catch yourself procrastinating. It could be simply because you are overworked, overwhelmed, unrested and



underfed (probably because there are no reliable bagels on Sunday mornings). Procrastination becomes your solution to this other problem, because otherwise, slaving over your schoolwork might make you break out in hives.

We here at Doctors’ Orders call this phenomenon “Life in Capitalist America” when you’re only as valuable as what you can or cannot produce. Students have become cogs in the academic machine, forced to forego intellectual fulfillment in order to make the grade, get the job and/or get into graduate school. There are only two things certain in life: debt and taxes.

In which case ... procrastinate away, my friend. Hakuna matata. Yolo. Etc. Etc. Go buy a bagel, if it’s not Sunday. Your column might not get into the paper, but you’re sticking it to the system. Bagel on, reader. Bagel on.

Stepping with potential new members

NPHC welcomes all with programming week

Caroline Perry
Senior Reporter

When senior Danielle Williams joined the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) her freshman year at Elon University, she knew that she wanted to be heavily involved

Wednesday, Sept. 9

The History of Stepping: 7 p.m. | LaRose Theater

Thursday, Sept. 10

Why We Can't Wait: 7 p.m. | La Rose Theater

Friday, Sept. 11

Unforgotten Faces: A Remembrance Vigil: 3-6 p.m. | Speaker's Corner

Saturday, Sept. 12

PeaceHaven Service Project | 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

NPHC Party: 11 p.m. - 2 a.m. | Taphouse

\$3 for Greeks, \$5 for non-Greeks

NPHC SCHEDULE: WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 9 - SATURDAY, SEPT. 12

in the organization. By her sophomore year, she accomplished that by becoming the president of NPHC and the youngest member of the executive board.

"I was worried that people wouldn't want to hear my voice because I was younger, but they were very open," Williams said. "I love the direction that we are going now."

Her passion and commitment are obvious for NPHC by the excitement she has simply speaking about it. Her current efforts are aimed at NPHC's programming week, which began Sunday, Sept. 6, includes various events to promote NPHC.

"We normally have our programming week directly after The Org Fair because we want to introduce people to what NPHC is before we introduce them to our specific organizations," she said. "We want people to know that they're not just joining their organization, you're still going to be a part of something bigger."

Junior Kennedy Ojimadu is also excited by NPHC's future. He's now the treasurer of NPHC.

"Even though we are a smaller council this year, there is a greater sense of unity between our organizations, as well as support for each other," Ojimadu said.

NPHC at Elon consists of seven different historically black sororities and fraternities including Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority. According to Williams, there are about 30 current

members in NPHC. Internationally, there are nine Greek letter sororities and fraternities in NPHC.

Depending on the amount of credits required to join the fraternity or sorority, each organization will accept new members this year as a part of their intake process, making new members usually sophomores.

To get potential new members more familiar with NPHC, the programming week will feature different activities each day. But Williams stresses that these events are open to everyone.

"It's a great opportunity for anyone to come to learn more about us," Williams said. "Last year some people came from Panhellenic, which was awesome."

For as many similarities that exist between NPHC, the Panhellenic Council (PHC) and the Interfraternity Council (IFC), there are an equal amount of differences. Williams stressed that first and foremost NPHC is a service organization, not a social organization.

"While we do function as social organizations, service to our communities is a big aspect of what we do," Ojimadu said. "It is important to give back, especially when you sit and think about how privileged and blessed your life is."

The NPHC council encourages anyone to join and help them in their efforts, whether they are a part of NPHC or not.

When Ojimadu was considering joining, he saw the value in NPHC's dedication to service, as well as the brotherhood of his organization, Alpha Phi Alpha.

"My chapter brothers are a group of men who I support and work with every day, and our bond will last beyond our college days," Ojimadu said.

Williams also feels the strong connection in her sorority, Alpha Kappa Alpha, as well as NPHC as a whole.

"We know everyone in the council, and I feel like there aren't that many places where you can say that," she said. "I feel like it's a powerful thing, and we have room to do so many productive things."

Both Williams and Ojimadu expressed their intentions to collaborate with other organizations on campus this year.

"I have had a lot of conversations with members of IFC and PHC, and I look forward to seeing them support our programs and vice-versa," Ojimadu said. "I am even more excited to build lasting relationships with the people of these neighboring

organizations."

Ojimadu believes through these relationships more people will know what NPHC stands for.

"We cannot expect everyone to just know what NPHC is off the bat, and it is our responsibility to educate others to create a more inclusive fraternity and sorority community," he said.

He is especially excited for NPHC's events on Tuesday and Wednesday night, The Lifetime Commitment and The History of Stepping, respectively.

Through events this week, NPHC hopes to make their family a little larger.

"Both of these events highlight the uniqueness and richness of our organizations, and I am excited to help share that with our community," he said. "We're a community, we're a family. Our slogan is, 'Five organizations, one family.'"



Members of NPHC celebrate the "Take Me to Church," event for programming week.

Dog Day Mixer welcomes students with fluffy, open paws

Danielle Deavens
Senior Reporter

Elon Community Church is known for its weekly farmer's market and exam week study space, but in less than a week, it will hold a unique and beloved event for students — the Dog Day Mixer.

From 3 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 13, Elon University students and community members are invited to the main church lawn to enjoy free food and, more importantly, to get some quality time with fluffy strangers. This event is all about petting and playing with four-legged friends.

But, the dog-filled paradise is nothing new. "The event was started about three years ago at the suggestion of Chaplain Jan Fuller," said Sherry Scott, chair of the event and university relations committee at Elon Community Church. "Shortly after our committee was formed, we asked faculty and staff about student needs that they saw. Chaplain Fuller suggested a pet play day."

The dogs were meant to remind students of home — and take away homesickness.

"She thought it would be good therapy for students who might be terribly homesick," Scott said. "They're homesick for family but also for the family pet as well."

Church members are asked to bring their dogs and share them with the students and community, and each year a crowd of wide-eyed, tail-wagging friends show up to receive tons of scratches behind the ears and love.

The university relations committee develops and hosts programs throughout the year focused on connecting the university commu-



At last year's Dog Day Mixer, a pembroke welsh corgi brought joy to homesick students.

nity with the church. Some are fundraisers and others are free opportunities for fellowship like Dog Day.

Though students do not have to be members to enjoy the events, Scott said she and the committee hope to make students feel more comfortable attending church services as well. This outreach is meant to make them feel welcome and extend hospitality.

The dog day event is focused on offering relief from homesickness, but students interested in long-term pet care can also make connections with local organizations.

"Nature's Emporium is going to be out," Scott said. "They will talk to people about pet fostering."

Freshman Andrew Moffa plans on attending the event — he already misses his chocolate Labrador retriever, Charlie. But, Moffa

said, having a pet while in school might be too much of a commitment.

"On the one hand, it'd be great to have a little companion living with me besides any roommates," he said. "On the other, a dog is a lot of responsibility, and I don't know how big of a time investment I can afford on top of everything else I'll be doing in college. All in all, it would depend on how I'm situated in later years, but I might want to."

Freshman Jenna Bayer already has her mind made up.

"I want to apply for this opportunity as soon as I am able to," she said. "At home, my dogs would give me constant love and support and I would love to have this feeling while here at Elon. At the same time, I would be able to give back to the community by training the animals that I love."

If Moffa or Bayer decide to foster or own a pet while at Elon, he or she would have to move off-campus and out of Elon housing for good. The university's residence life office has a zero-tolerance policy for pets that are not registered as therapy or service animals.

But, Scott said, organizations are looking for volunteers, as well.

"The Humane Society is looking to talk with university students about possibly volunteering at the shelter," Scott said.

In past years, the Humane Society of Alamance County has received proceeds from donations collected at Dog Day. During last year's event, one of the Humane Society's volunteers, Danielle Griswold, discussed how the organization uses this money.

"The monetary donations will probably go toward our low-cost spay and neuter program where we provide vouchers for people to get their pets spayed and neutered at a prorated price," she said.

She added that time spent volunteering is just as valuable as monetary donations from events like this.

In addition to the dogs in attendance, the church will provide free food at the event. Picnic staples like hot dogs, veggie-dogs and hamburgers will be accompanied by ice cream from Smitty's.

As the event continues to grow, Scott said Fuller's idea has been impactful. The Dog Day Mixer gives students a chance to escape homesickness, if only for a couple of hours.

"This tends to help," Scott said. "[Each year, students will] come out and be with people and laugh and have a good time and play with the dogs. It's a good way to make friends."

A minivan with a mission

Elon student makes extra cash as an Uber driver

Courtney Campbell
Style Editor

Zippering down E. Haggard Avenue, a dark blue Toyota Sienna picks up a group of girls from Provence and drops them off at the Oaks Apartment complex. Minutes later, an app went off, signaling senior Noah Sakin to pick up a new group of students.

Beginning this summer, Sakin has worked Tuesdays and weekends as an Uber driver, picking up Elon University students and Greensboro residents and bringing them to a new destination in the surrounding area.

"I had an unpaid internship in Greensboro that I had to do, and you have to make money somehow," Sakin said. "I figured if I'm working 9 to 5, it would be hard to get a job that isn't in that time."

Licensed to Uber

He applied to be an Uber driver in his hometown of Baltimore. To be approved as a driver, applicants must be 21, with three years of driving experience, or 23, with one year of driving experience, pass federal, state and sex offender background checks and have a registered vehicle that has four doors and is a 2005 model or newer.

A week after Sakin applied, he was approved and after a 15 minute video explaining how to use the Uber app, he was on the road.

"[My first experience] was good," Sakin said. "There's not a lot of demand for it in Baltimore. But there was an Orioles game, so that night was real good."

Sakin spent one night driving in Baltimore and then transferred down to North Carolina when he started his internship. A majority of his time was spent "Ubering" in Greensboro.

Now that students have returned, he spends most of his weekends driving students to different locations on campus. This gives him plenty of jobs, especially since Safe Rides, Elon's designated driver service, hasn't run the first two weekends.

"The weekend before classes was busy," Sakin said. "It's gotten busier since students have realized it's an option. That's why I drive with Uber stickers and a magnet on the side of my car."

Sakin said it is more enjoyable "Ubering" around Elon because of the kind of people he picks up.

"Everyone is always really positive, really nice and really appreciative of the ride that they get," Sakin said. "That's something that's been pretty unique to Elon. Sometimes in Greensboro I have adults, business executives who treat you differently, so the vibe here from Elon students is definitely better."

Ubering with secrets

Even though Sakin has only "Ubered" for a short period of

time, he has already had a few entertaining experiences while driving.

He has gone as far as to pick up someone from Moseley Center and drive them to North Carolina A&T State University.

"Every pickup is different, you never know what you're going to get," Sakin said. "Some people sit there on their phones, some want to talk to you — and the most interesting are when they pretend you're not there, so they'll talk to their friends about really personal things. There are a lot of secrets that Uber drivers — or anyone in the transportation industry — have heard."

Although Sakin enjoys "Ubering" and making some extra cash, he will still participate driving for Safe Rides, where he is on the executive board and is head captain, supervising and training all the student captains and overseeing any problems that go on throughout the night.

Sakin believes Safe Rides has prepared him to be an Uber driver.

"I sort of know what to expect," Sakin said. "I know how people [who] may be intoxicated act in a vehicle. You need to drive slowly, and don't turn too sharp or they'll



On most weekends and Tuesday nights, Sakin can be found "Ubering" students to various destinations around campus.

reiously and are more pleasant, especially because drivers have the ability to give them a low rating.

Often times Uber drivers will reject potential riders because they score a two out of five or come from a location known for reckless riders, making it more of

if he's online for an hour and only has one \$4 ride, Uber will pay the difference. The guarantee rises to \$21 between midnight and 3 a.m., which are peak hours.

Since Sakin's car is a minivan, it is also considered an Uber XL. This means he can take more than four passengers in his car for a slightly more expensive ride, but he will also run as a regular Uber if he is the closest car in the area.

"On average, it's anywhere from \$50 to \$100 per night," he said. "I usually drive three or four hours. In a week the most I've made is \$404. Some of it was hourly guarantees, and two were refer rides."

Sakin also makes additional money through "refer rides" by giving non-Uber users a promo code for a free \$20 ride. Once they redeem the ride, he receives \$5.

Although there are other options such as Safe Rides or the BioBus, Sakin believes that Uber is still a great option for getting across campus even though it's not free.

According to him, it costs about \$4-6 to get across campus and if you split that among four people, you're spending around one dollar.

He also sees Uber's benefits in regards to safety on a college campus and is meeting with the director of the greater Piedmont area to see about a potential partnership between Uber and

Safe Rides.

"It's worth it, especially since we live on such a small campus," Sakin said. "[Uber is] so much safer than walking or driving. Not only is drunk driving a problem, but so is drunk walking. People can get lost, fall or be a victim of some crime, and that's something everyone wants to avoid."

Sakin is currently Elon's only student Uber driver and appreciates the business he receives, especially on Tuesdays when the out-of-town Uber drivers don't come. He does see how the campus can benefit from more student and local drivers.

If there were more Uber drivers working during classes, afternoons and evenings, they could drive students to class or dinner off-campus. If a person wanted to drink at dinner, they could then safely take an Uber there and back to avoid any accidents.

"If there were more drivers, people would take it more," he said. "So there's opportunity for it to become a primary mode of transportation."

For now, Sakin and his minivan will continue to roll down the streets of Elon, saving students from 30 minute walks across campus.

"It's really fun, I enjoy it, I see some people I know," Sakin said. "It keeps things interesting."

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NOAH SAKIN
UBER DRIVER AND ELON SENIOR

fall out of the seat. I also know the area really well — where all the apartment complexes are or if someone gives you a street address. Without Safe Rides I would have to look that up. I'd be just like the other Uber drivers who are older and don't go here."

In comparison to Safe Rides, Sakin feels students understand how Uber works. Safe Rides vehicles are often slowed by students attempting to hail them on the street or getting in the car when they didn't call.

"That's one of Safe Rides' biggest things we're trying to get rid of," he said. "We're trying to get people to see it as a more legitimate organization and not a free taxi service."

With Uber, Sakin believes people know they need to request a car on the app to get the service. Also because people are paying for the ride they take it more se-

a liability for the driver.

"I don't believe in that," Sakin said. "Because if I reject you I don't make money. There are drivers that will not get you because it's too much of a risk for them."

Becoming the best in town

Uber drivers get ratings as well, and if it dips too low they lose access to the app. Currently, Sakin has a 4.85, which is good — but he's still aiming for a 5.

"He was extremely professional and friendly," said junior Claire Dockman, who rode in Sakin's Uber. "Since he was a Safe Rides driver in the past, he knows his way around campus and how to deal with people in the car. I gave him a five star rating."

As an Uber driver, Sakin receives 80 percent of the fare, which he said pays for gas and more. He also has \$10 hourly guarantees, so

UBER DRIVER REQUIREMENTS

- 21 years old with three years of driving experience
- Four door car that is 2005 or newer
- In-state auto insurance with your name on it
- In-state driver license
- In-state plates with current registration
- Pass a background check and a driving record check

Broadway stars show students how to rock the stage

Ally Feinsot
Senior Reporter

Yeager Recital Hall was filled with energy and excitement as 14 of Elon University's music theater students practiced riffing with Broadway actress and YouTube star Natalie Weiss.

The workshop, from Sept. 3-5, was part of a three-day master class series led by Weiss and Broadway stars Sean Michael Murray, known for "American Idiot" and the revival of "RENT," and Rachel Potter, who played Wednesday Addams in "The Addams Family."

In addition to performing in the Big Apple, the actors have been involved in the music industry — Murray was a finalist on VH1's "Making the Band," and Potter, who has been featured on "The X Factor," is currently working as a singer/songwriter in Nashville.

The music theater students chosen to participate in the workshop with these professional performers prepared a 32 bar cut, or fragment of a song, for their audition. Once chosen, they could perform for the guest artist hosting the workshop.

Elon's music theater department offers several master classes throughout the year to help students develop new vocal techniques and acting skills they can use to pursue a career either on Broadway or in Hollywood. This particular workshop included both music theater and music production, including everything from how to put on a concert to crafting original songs.

This semester's master class also focused on teaching students about the contemporary and pop-rock side of singing over classical mu-

sical theater. Junior Emily Fallon said although musical theater is the main focus of her training, it is also important to learn different vocal techniques.

"Singing is such a big realm, sometimes we have to venture away from theater to get a job and learn how to perform pop songs," she said.

Kurt Robinson, assistant professor of music theater, suggested the modern guest artists for the workshop since he teaches the contemporary vocal class, "Mastering your Mix." Robinson has worked with recording artists for Def Jam Recordings, Atlantic Records and Nickelodeon and held workshops with the performers, including "Top 10 Challenges and Issues for Today's Singing Artist."

Junior Auston Henderson said Robinson's contemporary vocal class helps students learn a variety of styles, including pop, country and rock.

"Musicals are becoming much more contemporary, so we need to learn the skills to act a pop song and take our musical theater technique into a Beyonce song," he said.

Last year, Broadway actress Eden Espinosa, who played Elphaba in "Wicked," led a workshop with Broadway composer Craig Carnelia. Carnelia stood out to Fallon especially during last year's master class.

"Craig delved so deeply into why you are signing each line of the song and what message it gives," Fallon said. "He helped us use what we have learned through our classes and bring it all together in a performance."

This year in the workshop, Weiss



Broadway performer Sean Michael Murray taught students about microphone techniques and stage presence.

taught her famous "breaking down the riff" technique. She said the technique evolved from her explaining to friends if you break down a riff into simple parts, it becomes less intimidating and easier to sing.

During the class, she pointed to eager students to try out the riff, giving feedback and commentary to individual students' vocal techniques.

During Murray's class, "Rock/Pop Stage Performance, Rock n' Roll for the Broadway Stage," students learned about microphone technique and "stage real estate," which involves filling up and moving around the stage.

Murray also emphasized interaction and creating moments with audience members. Four singers

sang pop songs for Murray, and he led singing exercises to get them to feel comfortable and less stiff on-stage by asking them to run around the theater to help them interact with the audience and connect to the song.

For the students who attended, the classes provided valuable skills and allowed them to learn how these performers became successful.

Henderson, in particular, recognized the benefit the workshop provided.

He felt he was already familiar with a more contemporary voice because growing up, he listened to music genres like R&B, soul and hip-hop. By listening to these types of music, he repeated what he

heard and began to develop a modern sound.

But later, when Henderson sang in his school choir, his vocal technique became more classical and technical.

During his sophomore year, he made the decision to pursue his dream of becoming a recording artist. He said this year's songwriting master class was important for him as an aspiring recording artist because he's improved on how to structure and write music.

"I couldn't think of a more perfect master class to help me learn how to put on a show," Henderson said. "I have learned how to connect to the music, involve the audience during a performance and how to own and rock the stage."

'Weird Enough to Work' addresses social issues

Lea Silverman
Senior Reporter

A new media production company, Weird Enough Productions, which started at Elon, has a civil rights agenda.

The goal of Weird Enough Productions is to defy common stereotypes in popular culture of African Americans and other minority groups by poking fun at — and bringing to light — the discrimination black students experience at a college with a majority white student body.

Weird Enough Productions was started in October 2014 by senior Rasheed Cheek, alumna Negesti Kaudo '15, sophomore Aneesha Smith, senior Mia Watkins and senior Tony Weaver who recognized an issue in how African Americans are misrepresented in the media. The group felt there

was a niche that was not being filled and decided it was their job to fill it.

"Are we artists? Yes, we are making art," said Weaver, the company's CEO and head writer. "But we are making art with a purpose, and I think that's what makes the difference."

Weaver has always had a passion for independent television, making it easy for him to step into his role as CEO.

Weird Enough Productions began producing original content in the form of a web series in spring 2015 called "Weird Enough to Work." The show follows three "weirdos" — Grayson Whithers, Kyle Waterman and Terry Sullivan — who don't necessarily fit in at Wellham University.

The idea for the show came from Elon's fall 2014 Triple Impact Challenge, a competition sponsored by the Doherty Center

for Entrepreneurial Leadership where student teams present their solution to a particular problem in the world.

The team won first place, and with the \$500 winnings, Weird Enough Productions has been able to produce higher-quality videos and continue to create content-driven pieces.

There are currently three episodes, which can be found on their website or YouTube channel, WeirdEnoughProductions. Each episode is around five minutes long, featuring relatable and hilarious college life situations.

The first episode, "The Rave Cave," is about the three friends returning to college. Whithers and Sullivan would rather stay home, watch documentaries and listen to music. Waterman, played by Weaver, wants to get out of the house and go to a party at "Rave Cave," that a fraternity brother told him about while turning him away from his own party.

The "Rave Cave" ends up not existing. "That happened to me as a freshman," Weaver said. "That's a true story. You look at 'Rave Cave' and it's like, 'Oh that's so funny they got invited to a place that didn't exist.' But if you were to show that to one of my black friends, he would say, 'Why are the three black guys the only ones who are getting invited to a place that doesn't exist?'"

The show uses humor to challenge the viewers into thinking about the truth about how black U.S. citizens are treated in these situations.

Students and faculty alike are watching. Naemah Clark, associate professor of communications, commented on the first episode on YouTube.

"FUN and creative!!! I want to go to the Rave Cave," she wrote.

While the first episode got some traction, not every follow up has been so popular. The number of views on the three episodes decreases from more than 700 on the first to around 200 views on the third, and the group's YouTube channel only has 56 subscribers.

But they hope to grow. The Weird Enough Productions team, which started with five members and has grown to around 40, is working hard to promote the web series and the message behind it.

The fourth episode will be coming out after its trailer premieres Sept. 7, and Season Two of "Weird Enough to Work" will start filming during the first week of October.

Weaver said that viewers should expect for season two to delve into the predominantly white campus where the "Weird Enough to Work" characters lives. The inspiration for the fictional campus demographic comes from the diversity, or lack thereof, at Elon.

The storylines aren't the only thing Elon has provided. The resources Elon has available for its students has helped Weird Enough Productions become larger than the creators could have imagined. They provide not only production materials through Elon Television, but also opportunities to share their show with competitions like the Triple Impact Challenge.

Also, with a support system that includes professors like Clark, Weaver and his team are encouraged to achieve their goals and help the production company continue after he graduates in the spring.



The "Weird Enough to Work" characters, Grayson Whithers, Kyle Waterman and Terry Sullivan.

Tennis facility

As students returned to campus for the start of the semester, they were greeted by a hole in the ground where the Jimmy Powell Tennis Center used to be.

The frenzied construction was prompted by the July 13 decision by the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) to have Elon University host the 2016 men's and women's tennis championships.

The tournament will be split between Elon and the Burlington Tennis Center, approximately a nine-minute drive from campus.

With the championships coming, the athletic department decided it was time for the courts to be resurfaced.

"The [resurface] project was due, and we got [awarded] the championship," said Dave Blank, director of athletics. "One wasn't the result of the other — it was just the timing that worked out."

The courts were last resurfaced in 2008, which puts this resurfacing in line with the typical lifespan of tennis courts. The resurfacing project is slated for completion today.

"We've definitely got our life out of the courts," Blank said. "It was time to redo them."

With recent renovations to the offices and the locker room, Blank is pleased with the tennis center.

"I think we're in a good place right now, relative to our tennis programs and their facility."

Elon University will also host the 2016 outdoor track and field Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) championship, which the CAA announced Aug. 25.

According to track and field head coach Mark Elliston, Elon submitted a bid to host with other CAA schools.

"The way it worked out, the other programs — and situations on their campuses — started to fall around us," Elliston said. "We were the last one standing."

Elon is only capable of hosting thanks to a renovation of the track surface at the Jerry and Jeanne Robertson Track and Field Complex that was completed prior to the 2015 track and field season.

With a new surface in place, Elon hosted the Phoenix Invitational April 18, the first collegiate outdoor meet at Elon in nearly 10 years.

While the facility now boasts a top-class track, there are no permanent bleachers there. But according to Director of Athletics Dave Blank, Elon has plans for the seating situation.

"We're addressing some seating," he said. "I'm not sure of the timing of that, but sometime in this calendar, we will put concrete pads on the embankment for temporary seating for the [championships] — but it won't be permanent at this point."

While the seating will mostly consist of metal bleachers, Blank said there is a master plan for the complex going forward.

"Someday, it would include a press box and a scoreboard and a sound system," he said. "But that will happen in the future, because we wanted to make sure we did the track surface first."

But Elliston doesn't think it will be an issue for the championship event.

"A lot of the fans and parents of track and field athletes know the drill," Elliston said. "They bring their lawn chairs and set up around the track."

As the reigning CAA champions, Elon will get a chance to defend its title in its home facility, which is good news for Elliston.

"We definitely want to defend," he said. "I think the girls are excited about it, and with the new recruits in ... if we can show up ready and healthy, we've got a good chance."

Track and Field

Convocation Center

Elon University announced Sept. 1 it had purchased 19.5 acres of land for a proposed convocation center, a major step forward for a project still in its fundraising phase. In Dec. 2014, two Elon parents, Dwight and Martha Schar, pledged \$12 million toward the center and the new School of Communications — the largest donation in the university's history.

For Director of Athletics Dave Blank, the steps toward the new building are a cause for celebration.

"We're excited about it," he said. "We were excited about the announcement and the gift from the Schar family that is going to really get us down the road to raise the additional funding to complete this project. It's very exciting to our coaches and our student-athletes."

The plan is for the convocation center, which will host the two basketball teams and the volleyball team, to contain 5,000 seats. That puts the center at a capacity large enough to compete with other schools in the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA).

And, according to Blank, there's no gray area about the proposed building.

"It's obviously a facility that this campus needs," he said. "I don't think that's any secret, and I don't think that's any comment that needs an apology."

"Alumni Gym has been awesome...but having something larger, particularly with where we compete now in the Colonial, will be a really positive thing."

There is currently no cost estimate for the proposed convocation center.

From the cover:

The athletic department has been busy with news about the facilities and events being hosted at Elon University. Here's a breakdown of each facility that's been in the news recently:

Nick Polk, cross country head coach, spoke after the Elon Open Sept. 4 and said that Elon would be hosting the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) cross country championships in 2017.

"It was on a list in a release from the CAA," Polk said. "But it is a long ways away."

Polk said that meets like last weekend's Elon Open and this weekend's Elon Invitational are important for the program.

"Other coaches come from Wake Forest [University] and High Point [University] and they say, 'These are awesome trails,'" Polk said. "They're envious of what we have in terms of places to run. We should definitely use that."

The head coach said the ability to host cross country meets is a benefit both to Elon and to other schools coming to race.

"We love being able to host events in our backyard," he said. "It was nice because teams like UNCG [University of North Carolina-Greensboro], High Point and Wake Forest didn't have to travel far."

What seemed to amaze Polk was that, even with the competing schools' geographical proximity to Elon, the cross-country course was a mystery to them.

"They didn't even know it was here until I told them," he said. "They came, took a chance, and ran on a good course. I think that shows that we can host good meets."

Polk said they are still working through some kinks in the hosting process, but he was impressed with how the course took the rain that hit the Elon area hard on Friday before the meet.

With another event this Saturday, Elon will see just how prepared the course is to host a championship.

"I'm looking at these meets as a tune-up for when we host the CAA Championships in the cross country season in a few years," Polk said. "We're continuing to learn how to run better and better meets, as we head towards that [championship meet]."

Cross Country



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The sun sets over BB&T Field as Elon and Wake Forest prepare for kickoff on Sept. 3. Head coach Rich Skrosky has not named a starter for Saturday's game against Gardner-Webb.

One week in, still no decision at quarterback

Skrosky did not know if he learned a lot about Thompson, Christiansen after first game

Alex Simon
Sports Editor

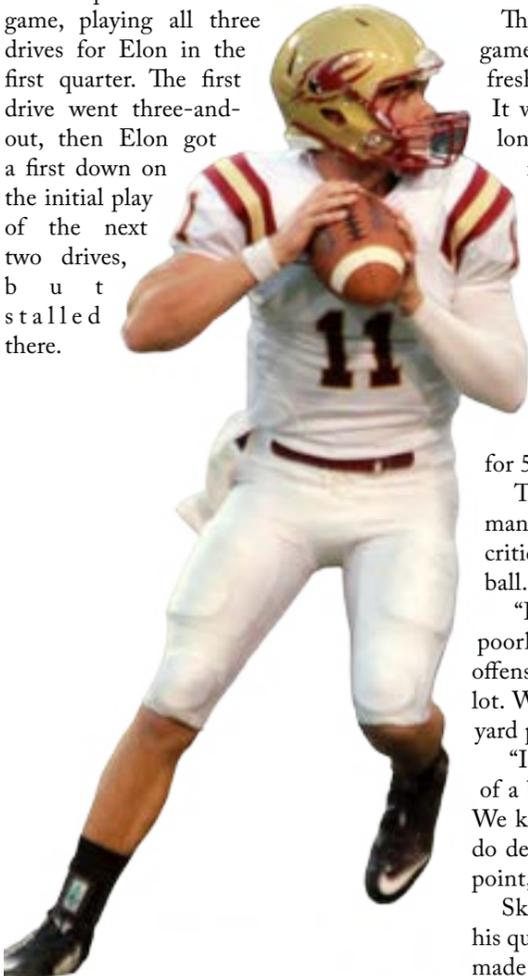
Elon University football head coach Rich Skrosky didn't announce his starting quarterback ahead of the Sept. 3 game against Wake Forest University but waited until right before kickoff to announce that true freshman Daniel Thompson was going to start for Elon over redshirt freshman Connor Christiansen.

"We felt, in the preparation, that Daniel had a little better control of it all," Skrosky said when asked about why Thompson started. "I don't know if either one physically stood out way above the other. I think [the control] was, at the end of the day, the measuring stick."

But after the game, Skrosky wasn't sure where the situation stood.

"I don't know if we learned a whole lot [about the quarterbacks]," Skrosky said. "That's the reality of it."

Thompson started the game, playing all three drives for Elon in the first quarter. The first drive went three-and-out, then Elon got a first down on the initial play of the next two drives, but stalled there.



Daniel Thompson (11)

Christiansen came in for the first two drives of the second quarter, both of which also ended in a three-and-out.

Thompson came back in and repeated his previous two drives: first down on the first play, then three-and-out. Christiansen got the last drive of the half and went three-and-out.

At this point, Skrosky decided to give Christiansen a chance to have multiple drives to start the second half. He admitted this was not by design, but since Thompson was given this opportunity in the first half, Skrosky deemed it fair to give it to Christiansen in the second half.

The first drive of the second half was the best result for Elon, as Christiansen took the team from the Wake 47-yard line to the 28-yard line, which led to junior John Gallagher's 45-yard field goal.

Christiansen played the next three drives of the second half, with results similar to the first half: three drives, two first downs, three punts.

Thompson got the final drive of the game, and completed a downfield pass to freshman wide receiver Tereak McCray. It would have been a 19-yard gain, the longest play of the night for the Phoenix, if not for a holding penalty. The three-and-out afterwards was predictable.

In the end, Christiansen had seven drives at quarterback, and Thompson had five. Christiansen was 9 of 15 for 56 yards and added 22 rushing yards on four carries, while Thompson was 6 of 13 for 44 yards, with two carries for 5 yards.

Thompson did not give his performance the benefit of the doubt as he critiqued his first taste of college football.

"Personally, I think I played very poorly," Thompson said. "I think, as an offense, we shot ourselves in the foot a lot. We'd get a 10-yard gain, then a 15-yard penalty."

"I do not think they were that much of a better team than the score showed. We knew everything they were going to do defensively. From an offensive standpoint, we didn't execute well at all."

Skrosky was complimentary toward his quarterbacks for the adjustments they made coming into the second half.

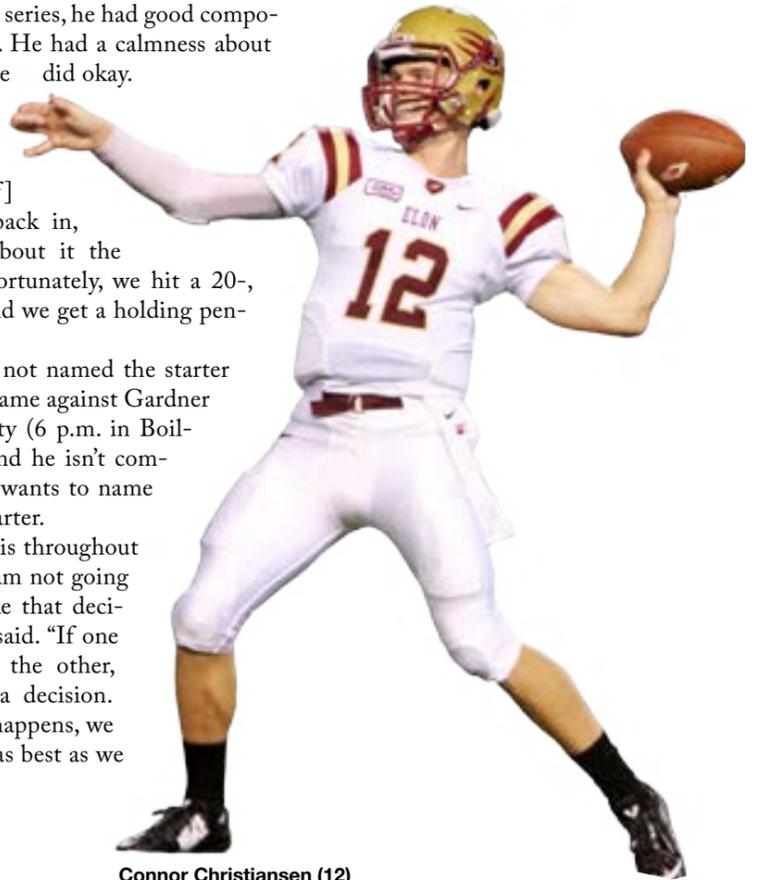
"I will say that I was pleased with

what Connor did," Skrosky said. "Coming into that fourth series, he had good composure about him. He had a calmness about him. I think he did okay."

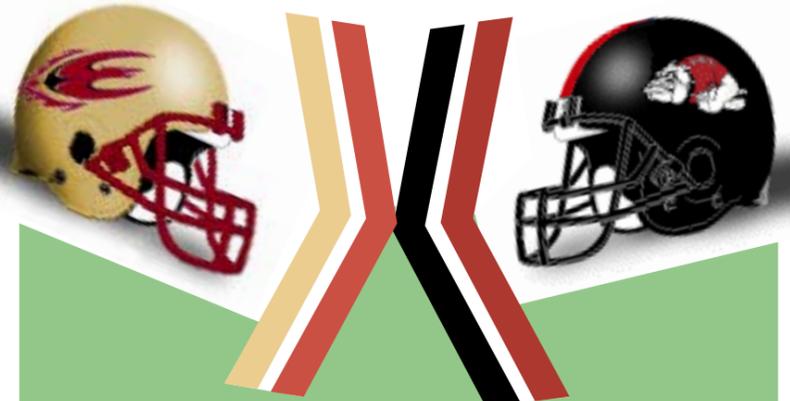
"When Daniel was on the sideline [in the second half] and he went back in, Daniel went about it the same way. Unfortunately, we hit a 20-, 25-yard pass and we get a holding penalty."

Skrosky has not named the starter for Saturday's game against Gardner Webb University (6 p.m. in Boiling Springs), and he isn't completely sure he wants to name a permanent starter.

"I've said this throughout the summer, I am not going to rush to make that decision," Skrosky said. "If one separates from the other, we will make a decision. But until that happens, we will manage it as best as we can."



Connor Christiansen (12)



Game Day

Date/Time: Sept. 12 | 6 p.m.

Location: Boiling Springs

Stadium: Spangler Stadium

Series History: Elon leads, 20-9

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Gravley brings leadership in final season

Kyle Lubinsky
Senior Reporter

There are many different factors that go into choosing a college. For some, academics are most important, while others choose schools based on scholarships or location.

For volleyball player Megan Gravley, though, the choice to come to Elon University held a highly personal connection.

“Once I committed [to Elon], I found out that my great-grandfather went here,” she said. “I will graduate exactly 100 years after my great-grandparents. He met my great-grandma here.”

The senior outside hitter’s great-grandfather also participated in sports – he was a captain on the basketball team. Gravley is currently in her second season as a team captain for volleyball.

On the court this year, Gravley is being called to be a difference maker for Elon. Six games into the season, her performance has been nothing short of stellar, as she leads the team with 88 kills, posting a team-best 3.26 kills per set ratio. She also leads the team

in points, with 97.5, and points per set with 3.61. She is tied for third on the team in service aces with four.

“She’s being really consistent,” said head coach Mary Tendler. “When you watch her play, she looks confident, under control and looks like she’s going to take over the match.”

Gravley, though, is modest about her accomplishments. The second-year captain is quick to mention that in a team game, working as one cohesive unit is crucial to succeed.

“We’re all staying together,” she said. “That’s helping each of us individually. We’re relying on each other.”

The impressive start is nothing new for Gravley. If anything, it marks the Apex, North Carolina, native’s fourth year in a row of success with Elon.

Her presence on the court was felt from the moment she donned an Elon jersey. As a freshman, she played in all 32 matches, starting 30. She led the Phoenix in kills with 350, and had 24 kills against Radford University in a five set match. Her performance earned her a spot on the SoCon all-freshman team.

During her sophomore season, Gravley played in all 33 matches. She again led the team in kills, tallying 341. She became one of the most consistent players on the team that year, finishing with 20 double-digit kill games, including a seven-game streak where she tallied more than 10. She was also recognized for academic achievement, earning a spot on the SoCon Academic Honor Roll.

Although she only played in 24 matches as a junior while dealing with an injury, Gravley still finished third on the team in kills, racking up 187. She was named to the all conference academic team for the second consecutive season, this time in the CAA.

Gravley is in a unique position as a senior. Along with senior middle blocker Catherine Head and senior setter Ana Nicksic, she played two seasons in the Southern Conference and is entering her second season in the Colonial Athletic Association. Switching conference has admittedly been a difficult transition one for the Phoenix, which finished 6-26 in its first year of CAA play,



Senior outside hitter Megan Gravley (3) jumps for a kill against N.C. Central on Saturday.

ASHLEY KING | Staff Photographer

in stark contrast to its 16-16 (2012) and 16-17 (2013) records during Gravley’s first two seasons.

Although the transition between conferences has been tough on the Phoenix, Gravley appreciates the chance to see new teams.

“I think it’s nice to get a new scouting report,” she said. “It’s pretty neat having the privilege to spend two years in one conference and two in the other.”

Looking back on her decision to come

to Elon almost four years ago, Gravley still loves the campus, and she has enjoyed her time with the volleyball team. Knowing that she walks where her family did a century ago has also made the experience special.

“It solidified my decision, and it made it a lot more meaningful,” she said with a smile. “I was reading through [my great-grandfather’s] journal and he’d be talking about [my great-grandmother]. That made it really worth it.”

VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

Popcorn Classic
Valparaiso, Indiana

v. Loyola
Sept. 11, 10 a.m.

@ Valparaiso
Sept. 11, 7 p.m.

v. Kennesaw State
Sept. 12, 9 a.m.

v. Savannah State
Sept. 12, 4:30 p.m.

Ciolkowski wins first race at Elon Open



Nick Ciolkowski won his first race as a collegiate athlete at the Elon Open.

HALI TALUXE | Photo Editor

Emmanuel Morgan
Reporter

When freshman Nick Ciolkowski found himself in the lead of his first race as a collegiate runner during the Sept. 4 Elon University cross country open race with half a mile to go, there was only one thing on his mind.

“Quite honestly, I was just terrified of someone catching me for the last half mile,” he said. “Literally, I was running for my life.”

Ciolkowski won the race, finishing with a time of 18 minutes, 33 seconds to take the title of the preseason race including four schools (High Point Uni-

versity, Wake Forest University, University of North Carolina at Greensboro and Elon). He said he wanted to use this event as an educational tool. Given that he’s only a few months removed from high school, Ciolkowski used this preseason competition as a measuring stick for future races.

“I just focused on running with the team and not doing anything stupid,” he said. “It was my first race, and I don’t have much experience, so I wanted to watch and learn. Overall, I felt good and confident the whole way through.”

Nick Polk, head cross country coach, wasn’t surprised by how the rookie finished. A good week of training, along with an ambitious mindset, ultimately resulted in Friday night’s stellar performance.

“He did an awesome job,” Polk said. “He’s healthy and will come out of this event ready to go next week.”

While the men finished third in the event behind High Point and Wake Forest, the women earned second place, trailing the Demon Deacons by only eight points. Junior Shelby Cuddeback

led the Phoenix in that division, clocking in a 14:48 time in the race, finishing as the runner up. Other scorers for Elon include senior Kaitlyn Snapp (fifth, 15:11), freshman Chelsea Smith (eighth, 15:16), and sophomore Corey Weiss (tenth, 15:28). Polk was pleased with the women, especially because many of the starters from a year ago did not compete.

“I was impressed with all of the girls,” Polk said. “They ran a great first race of the season.”

Aside from the success on the course, Polk was ecstatic that the event operated smoothly. Inclement weather caused doubts that the race would take place, but the course drained well and the rain didn’t seem to impact the runners. Polk would like to host more events at Elon, and the success of this one will certainly help his case.

“We love being able to host events in our backyard,” he said. “It was nice because teams like UNCG, High Point and Wake Forest didn’t have to travel far. Overall I think it everything today ran smoothly.”

CROSS COUNTRY SCHEDULE

Elon Invitational
Sept. 12
10 a.m.

Siewers ahead of the pack

Junior midfielder thriving after injury

Nathan Smith
Senior Reporter

Junior midfielder Kelly Siewers didn't see the defender coming. She was looking to head the ball early in a 2014 match against Appalachian State University, and while she was coming at the ball from the side, her opponent came straight on. Siewers headed the ball, and her opponent headed Siewers.

"She headed Kelly straight in the head," said head coach Chris Neal, recalling the collision. "It was a very violent collision, just watching Kelly fall in a kind of helicopter spin. The way she landed, I knew it would be really bad."

Siewers was out for the rest of the season as a result of a severe concussion, taking away a key starter from the Phoenix on the first weekend of the season.

How significant was her absence? One only needs to look to this season and the impact that she's had for the 4-1 Phoenix, which is off to its best start since 2010. She leads the team in points with five, excluding a goal she scored against Charleston Southern University in the canceled season opener.

She's also second on the team in shots and fourth in minutes played, a testament to her resolve and ability to stay fit.

"Endurance is not an issue for Kelly," Neal said. "She's just one of those kids that has that DNA, she can run for days."

The recovery process was a long road for Siewers. For weeks after the incident she wasn't allowed to go to practices or games, confined to her room with concussion symptoms.

"I was sensitive to light, I couldn't watch

TV, I couldn't even watch our away games on my computer," Siewers recalled. "I was always having constant headaches."

She was out of school for five weeks, although she said she was able to stay in all of her classes, thanks to understanding professors. She went to different specialists to figure out why her symptoms persisted, including vestibular therapy to reduce her dizziness as well as vision therapy to correct some deficits that had occurred, particularly in her left eye.

"I kind of had to re-train my left eye how to work again," Siewers said, adding the tracking was thrown off in her left eye since she had been hit on the left side of her head. The lagging also prolonged headaches, making therapy that much more intensive, and her stay on the sidelines that much longer.

"Just sitting out and watching my teammates play and being on the bench for so long, I was definitely ready to get back out there," Siewers said. "During the time I sat out, I wished more than anything I could have been playing."

Siewers went to therapy for six weeks in order to get her balance back, and to improve the tracking in her left eye. She wasn't able to return to the pitch until the majority of her symptoms were gone, stepping back onto the field in March 2015.

While she has played plenty of minutes so far in the season, the coaching staff is continuing to give her as much rest as possible. In a recent match against South Carolina State University, Siewers played only 35 minutes and was able to rest after the Phoenix jumped out to a 3-0 halftime lead and an eventual 5-0 victory.

"Any chance I get to rest her this year," Neal said, "I'll make sure we rest her."

If you ask Neal, there's no question about the impact that she's had so far this season.

Neal said losing Siewers was a significant loss from a performance standpoint. "It's pret-



Kelly Siewers



JACK HARTMANN | Photographer

The team huddles around Kelly Siewers during their Sept. 4 game against North Florida.

ty evident how important it is to have her on the field already," he said. "She's a very good player, so I think it's pretty evident for people that didn't know her that have seen her play so far this year."

Siewers is excited about the chance to play again, and is looking forward as the season progresses.

"I couldn't have gotten through this without the support from my family, friends, coaches and teammates," she said. "It was the hardest few months of my life and I couldn't be more grateful for all that they have done. We've had a great start to the season so far and I'm looking forward to continuing that into conference play."

WOMEN'S SOCCER SCHEDULE

v. Coastal Carolina

Sept. 11, 6 p.m.

@ UNCG

Sept. 13, 7 p.m.

Phoenix men's soccer streaking, start season 4-0

Jordan Spritzer
Assistant Sports Editor

The Elon University men's soccer team has started 4-0 for the first time since 2006. The Phoenix wrapped up its weekend in Wilmington, at the Courtyard by Marriott Wrightsville Beach Classic with a pair of victories over Campbell University and the University of North Florida.

Last week, the Phoenix picked up its first two wins of the year over DePaul University and St. Mary's College of California at the John Rennie/Nike Classic in Durham.

"For us to come through this with four wins, I think it's remarkable," said head coach Chris Little.

The Phoenix played four matches in nine days. In each tournament the Phoenix kicked off at 5 p.m. on a Friday and then turned around and played at noon the following Sunday. That meant the Phoenix was playing either midday or early evening in heat and humidity.

"We really tested ourselves," Little said. "Some of these players are running eight, nine miles a game with high intensity running and then to turn around and be asked

MEN'S SOCCER SCHEDULE

v. Davidson

Sept. 12, 7 p.m.

@ Wake Forest

Sept. 15, 7 p.m.

to do that again in 90-plus degree weather is very difficult."

Little said while the start times and short turnarounds didn't make things any easier for his team, it's done by design.

"The reason to do it is to replicate the conference championship at the end of the year," he said. "You have to play on Friday and then Sunday if you want to win the conference title, and that's the goal of our program every year."

Last season the Phoenix failed to qualify for the final rounds of the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) conference championship, losing to Northeastern University in the quarterfinal round.

Elon won its first three matches of the season with shutouts, and kept North Florida scoreless until a goal from junior defender Simen Solstad in the 32nd minute in Elon's 5-2 victory Sept. 6. That goal broke the Phoenix's streak of more than 300 minutes without surrendering a goal to start the year. In the 39th minute, the Phoenix allowed another goal.

"The first goal [redshirt freshman goalkeeper Matthew Jegier] conceded was always going to be difficult," Little said.

Little chalked the first goal up to bad luck. He said Jegier had the free kick covered, but the shot took a deflection and ricocheted in the opposite direction and into the net.

"The disappointing part was that we conceded a second [goal] quickly after the first one," Little said. "What was good for Jegier's development was he responded well for the rest of the match and kept a clean sheet [in the second half.]"

The Phoenix led North Florida 3-0 early in the match before conceding two goals in the span of seven minutes. Elon recovered and regained their two-goal advantage with a pair of late goals from senior forward James Brace, his second career

multi-goal match.

Those were goals 11 and 12 for the Phoenix after just four games, compared to 22 scored all of last season. Six Elon players have already scored this season, including four multi-goal scorers. The experienced front three of seniors Caue Da Silva, Cooper Vandermaas-Peeler and Brace have been lethal. Senior Eduardo Alvarez has added a pair of goals from midfield, and freshman forward Jaiden Fortune has already recorded the first goal of his collegiate career along with three assists.

"We've got a lot of depth and a lot of players playing well," Little said. "We've got a lot of weapons, we can use players in different places, we can substitute to give players breaks and keep them fresh so I think all of our attacking players are really contributing."

The Phoenix will return to the familiar confines of Rudd Field on Sept. 12 after back-to-back weekends away from campus. It's the first of just seven home matches the Phoenix will play. Little said he's eager to get back home and play at 7 p.m., a time they are more accustomed to.

"We can't wait to play at home - We always have really great support," he said.