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MEMBERS OF THE LGBTQIA community and people of color have always been discriminated against. But for people of color who also identify as LGBTQIA, they say they face double the discrimination — and the experience of having multiple oppressed identities is called intersectionality.

The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines intersectionality as “the complex, cumulative manner in which the effects of different forms of discrimination combine, overlap, or intersect.” People — especially college students — often use identity to connect with others and exist in social groupings. But in cases where people may fit in multiple identity groups, identity can become complicated. It is even more complicated

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Clockwise from top: Tres McMichael, Matthew Antonio Bosch, Julian Rigsby, Darius Moore, Chris Stolz and Detric Robinson are members of the LGBTQIA community and people of color.

DEFINING INTERSECTIONALITY

The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines intersectionality as “the complex, cumulative manner in which the effects of different forms of discrimination combine, overlap, or intersect.”

when those identity groups are marginalized. According to the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs, 40 percent of LGBTQIA adults are racial and ethnic minorities, but 60 percent of LGBTQIA and HIV positive people who report hate violence are people of color. According to the American Public Health Association, black sexually marginalized men may be 1.2 times more likely to

attempt suicide than their white counterparts. With Intercultural Engagement being one of the four themes of Elon University’s 2018 Winter Term, students and faculty who identify in these groups want the conversation around this issue to open up. Detric Robinson, community director for the Danieley Neighborhood at Elon

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Rushing to religion

A girl’s journey to finding her independence through community

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When junior Leah Vail decided to rush a sorority during Fake Break of 2016, she felt that there were two categories of girls at Elon that rush: the ones who had always dreamt of joining or the ones — like her — who were told to try it out to see how the experience was. At Elon, 53 percent of females joined a Greek sorority in 2016 according to the

Elon Fraternity and Sorority Life Spring 2016 Chapter report. Once Bid Day came, Vail joined the Epsilon Chi chapter of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority. The happiness she felt as she ran down to the AOH house on Bid Day would soon turn into depression and loneliness, soon leading her to withdraw from the organization. It was through other organizations such as Catholic Campus Ministry and Leadership Fellows that she found the communities that allowed her to prosper on Elon’s campus.

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Junior Leah Vail holds a poster in support of Catholic Campus Ministry fall 2016.

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6 P.M.
McCrary Theatre
'Ethics of Protest' Discussion
10 A.M. - 11 A.M.
McBride Gathering Space,
Numen Lumen Pavilion

JAN. 11

Human Library
11 A.M. - 2 P.M.
Belk Library, 2nd floor

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Millennials of the Moral Movement Film Screening
7 P.M. - 9 P.M.
Alamance Community College

JAN. 15

Martin Luther King Jr. Day — No classes
All day

JAN. 14

Durham Central Park Food Truck Rodeo
12 P.M. - 4 P.M.
Durham Central Park

JAN. 16

'Ethics of Protest' Discussion
2:30 P.M. - 4 P.M.
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Numen Lumen Pavilion
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GAMES

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

ACROSS

- Share-a-ride pickup hrs.
- Go wild with Wild Turkey, say
- Golden Horde member
- Pope ___ VI (1963-'78)
- Copied
- Be nuts about
- "The Simpsons" bus driver
- Drink garnish
- Old-time actress Shearer
- Blindsided
- "Let's see ..."
- German city on the Danube
- Set ablaze
- The hit in the baseball mantra "A walk is as good as a hit"
- Sugar source
- Cultural funding gp.
- Pumpkin pie maker's tool
- Beef inspection org.
- 401(k) alternative, for short
- ___ stick: incense
- One of a global septet
- Suffix with percent
- College city on I-35
- Sharp
- Yom Kippur month
- "Who am ___ judge?"
- China's Chou En-___
- Flatbread lunch items ... and, as shown by circles, what 20-, 33- and 41-Across are?
- Work really hard
- '60s-'70s pitcher nicknamed Blue Moon
- Huge
- Awards for Asimov et al.
- Computer list
- Concerning

DOWN

- Geological timespans
- Woven
- Japanese mat
- Colorful period
- Plod (through)
- Small pastry
- Poppy drug
- Keystone State
- Ivy
- Scandinavian literary work
- Brightly colored songbird
- Deck out
- Attacked with gusto
- Limb with biceps and triceps
- "In Dreams" actor Stephen
- Netflix competitor
- Flying aid
- Light shirts
- All ___: listening
- Annoying bug
- First known asteroid
- Lab gel

By Paul Coulter
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Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

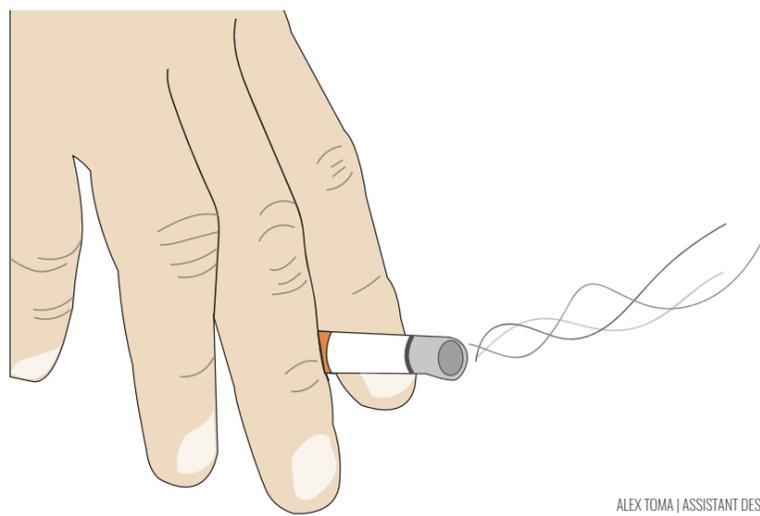
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35 Open just a crack
36 Ton, for one
37 Songs for one
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43 In the center of
44 Panama landform
45 Grub
49 Go by

50 Elk
51 Where much Bee Gees music was played
53 Mayhem
54 Graphic symbols
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58 It can come to mind
59 Concrete
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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY - SMOKING POLICY CHANGES



ALEX TOMA | ASSISTANT DESIGN CHIEF

In the Fall of 2011, Elon University changed its smoking policy to prohibit smoking within 30 feet of the perimeter of university buildings. Prior university policy prohibited smoking within university buildings and within 30 feet of building entrances. By January 2012, students and faculty were frustrated by the lack of compliance to the new policy and its lack of enforcement. The motivation for the policy amendment was, according to Smith Jackson, former Vice President and Dean of Student Life and current associate professor, increasing concern for the health of others being subjected to second-hand smoke. Signs were posted around

campus in areas where smoking was deemed permissible, but in January, smokers were frustrated by the lack of permanent installations and said this contributed to non-compliance. "Part of the problem is that receptacles can be difficult to find, and to my knowledge, no shelter is available for smoking away from campus buildings," said L.D. Russell, a lecturer in religious studies. Jordan Perry, former coordinator for student development on substance education said permanent accommodations were not installed to allow for the possibility of a smoking ban and due to potentially high costs.

NO SMOKING
Seven years ago, university policies prohibited smoking within 30 feet of buildings. In spite of conversations regarding even stricter limitations, no such policies have been passed.

NEWS BRIEFS

Elon Community remembers, honors Martin Luther King Jr.

A number of events are being held this month to remember and honor the work of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. Bestselling author, social entrepreneur and motivational leader Wes Moore will be delivering the Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Lecture at 6 p.m. Jan. 10 in McCrary Theatre and special church service at 10:50 a.m. on Jan. 14 at Elon First Baptist Church. These events and others are leading up to Monday, Jan. 15, on which the Elon School of Law has invited the community to join them in Greensboro where they will be celebrating Martin Luther King Jr. Day with a day of service. For more information regarding these and other events, check the calendar on E-Net.

Love School of Business joins international partnership

Elon University's Martha and Spencer Love School of Business has joined the International Partnership of Business Schools (IPBS), a consortium of 12 leading business schools in the U.S., Europe and Latin America, according to E-Net News. These schools are located in Ireland, the U.K., Spain, France, Germany, Mexico, Brazil, Italy and the U.S. Students of IPBS schools can participate in a special program which grants dual degrees. According to the IPBS website, this program includes study in two of the previously mentioned countries to promote cross-cultural fluency for business aptitude. North Carolina State University's Poole College of Management is also a partner of the IPBS program. Outside of North Carolina, there are only two other schools involved in IPBS in the U.S. — Northeastern University and the University of San Diego.

Elon Center for the Arts hosts 'Children: Our Colorful Future'

Throughout the month of January, Elon University's Center for the Arts will be hosting the photo exhibit "Children: Our Colorful Future" by photographers Alejandra Huitrón and Rodrigo Ancira of Topolino Films. Huitrón and Ancira's photos feature young children in their daily lives and children in the roles they might one day fill — lawyers, firefighters, etc. According to The Times News, the project, which has already made several stops around Alamance County, is presented by Latinos Unidos Promoviendo la Esperanza (United Latinos Promoting Hope) (LUPE). "We work with LUPE to make a concept of art to let people know that we are all together," Huitrón said to The Times News. "You never know. It doesn't matter if you are Mexican, if you are American." "The concept basically is that children that you see today, you never know what is going to happen tomorrow. Maybe one of those children can be your doctor tomorrow, or the police that help you for something, or the fireman that is going to save your life."

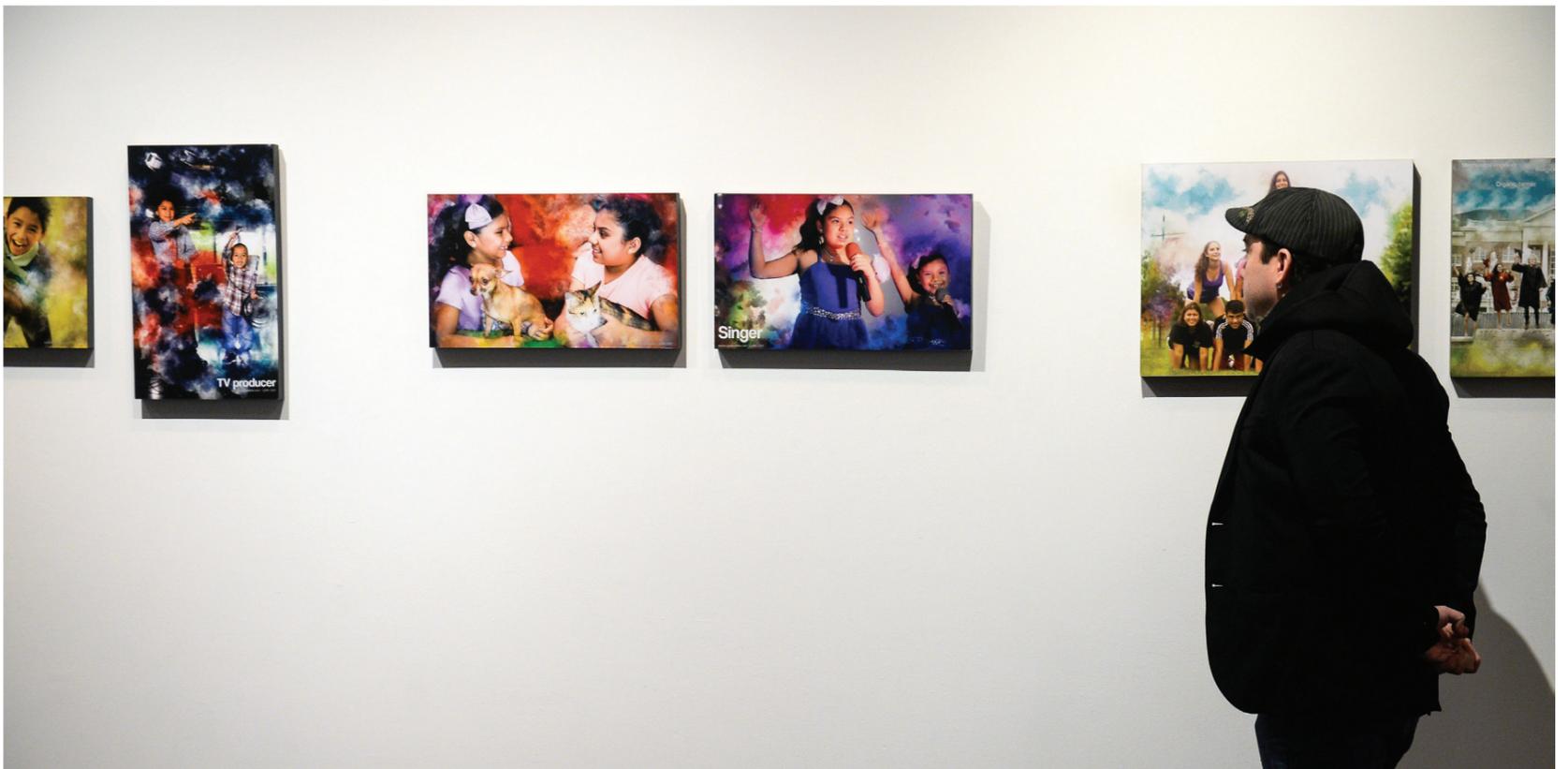


Sean Kenny and Miguel Fernandez from Instant Laughter perform for the Pancakes and PJs at Lakeside Dining Hall on Jan. 4. MALLORY SIEGENTHALER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Freshman Saadia Munford high fives her teammates after making a layup against Northeastern on Sunday Jan. 7. ABBY GIBBS | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Jorge Peart views the artwork of the installation produced by LUPE - Latinos Unidos Promoviendo la Esperanza at the opening reception held in the Isabella Cannon Room at Elon University on January 4.



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Lake Mary Nell partially freezes over as Elon's campus is hit with a winter storm on Jan. 4.

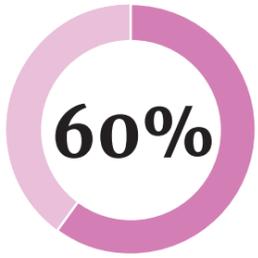
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LGBTQIA-IDENTIFIED ADULTS



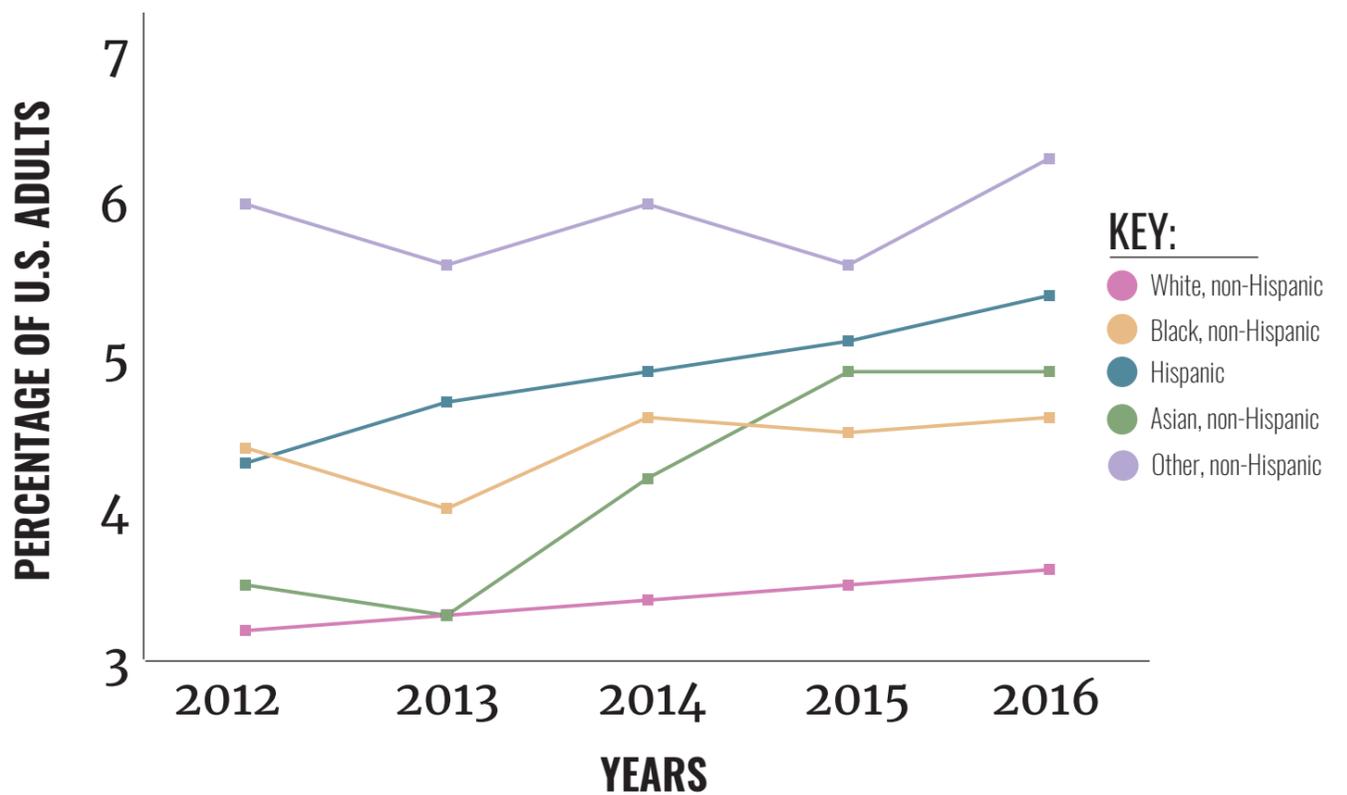
OF LGBTQIA-IDENTIFIED ADULTS ARE RACIAL AND ETHNIC MINORITIES*

REPORTING HATE VIOLENCE



OF LGBTQIA AND HIV POSITIVE PEOPLE WHO REPORTED HATE VIOLENCE ARE PEOPLE OF COLOR**

PERCENTAGE OF U.S. ADULTS IDENTIFYING AS LGBTQIA BY RACE/ETHNICITY*



STEPHANIE HAYS AND KAITLYN FU | DESIGN CHIEF AND DESIGNER
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**STATISTICS COURTESY OF THE NATIONAL COALITION OF ANTI-VIOLENCE PROGRAMS LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, QUEER, AND HIV-AFFECTED HATE VIOLENCE IN 2016 REPORT

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University, said that from his own experience, queer people of color tend to focus on one aspect of their identity, essentially separating their identities and ruining what it means to be both.

“My partner and I identify as gay black men, but in college we explored our black identity and our gay identity at different points; I focused on my gay identity early on while my partner focused on his black identity,” Robinson said. “This comes back to us seeing those as two separate experiences during our times in early college, but now we recognize that we can’t separate the experiences of the two identities.”

Ann Cahill, professor of philosophy, argues that intersectionality creates problems around how others perceive those who exist in multiple minority groups.

“Our conceptual frameworks create the problems with assumptions built into them,” Cahill said. “It makes certain identities less than welcome, less than represented. They often feel like they have to correct the record.”

WHAT IT MEANS TO WANT

Many argue that attraction is objective; people like what people like and there is no rhyme or reason as to why. Cahill argues the opposite.

“It’s a conceptual confusion if those preferences exist separately from systems of autonomy,” Cahill said. “Your thing is not just your thing, it’s located in a social and political context; you have some responsibility for it.”

In her article, “Sexual Desire, Inequality, and the Possibility of Transformation,” Cahill argues that sexuality and preference cannot be reduced to a choice of this or that.

“Instead, as is the case with virtually and perhaps all elements of subjectivity, sexual desires, orientation, and identity emerge from a rich and dynamic intersection of materiality, social norms, historical location, and even choice,” Cahill said.

Junior Tres McMichael said his own experiences have shaped how he sees preference.

“When you start to talk to people

about their preferences, they get really attacked,” McMichael said. “Your attraction is centered around race, something that isn’t changeable. You are not attracted to a major part of my identity; and that in and of itself is racism.”

According to McMichael, preference is largely developed as a result of comfort with the familiar. In his eyes, this is the reason why white, gay men find it difficult to talk to and date black, gay men.

“If you’re a white, gay male who lived in an all-white community, you don’t know what it’s like to have a black, gay male come into that community,” McMichael said. “It’s hard to change because if people are so focused on their attraction, they won’t be willing to reach out to those who are different.”

SEXOLOGY AND THE PSYCHOLOGY OF “THE OTHER”

Online dating services provide more insight. Relatively private and remotely used, dating apps contain a slew of demographic information that reveals who people are and what people want.

Studies at various dating app companies reveal that white, gay males’ preferences are inherently skewed based on skin color.

At OkCupid, reply rates were measured between gay males of different races. Two important conclusions were generated. One, black, gay men receive fewer responses than any other demographic — about 20 percent less than non-blacks. And two, white, gay men respond the least to non-white men; they respond 15 percent less often and show a marked preference for other whites.

In the chances where white, gay men do message black, gay men, there are instances of fetishization.

“I am rarely approached by men without an assumption that I have a large p*nis or that I am a sexually aggressive ‘top,’” Elon alumnus Darius Moore ’17 said.

But neither fetishization nor sexual racism can be confined to black, gay men.

“When people find out I’m Latino, their demeanor changes towards me,” Matthew Antonio Bosch, director of the Gender and LGBTQIA Center said. “Some even use food



YOUR ATTRACTION IS CENTERED AROUND RACE, SOMETHING THAT ISN’T CHANGEABLE. YOU ARE NOT ATTRACTED TO A MAJOR PART OF MY IDENTITY; AND THAT IN AND OF ITSELF IS RACISM.

TRES MCMICHAEL
JUNIOR

HIGHER SUICIDE RATES

1.2

According to the American Public Health Association, black sexually marginalized men may be 1.2 times more likely to attempt suicide than their white counterparts

terms to describe Latino, gay men, making references towards beans and rice, burritos, being a spicy lover — a papi.”

In being fetishized, queer people of color are inherently reduced to their skin color or the connotations that others have of people with darker skin.

This reduction can have many effects on a queer person of color’s psyche.

“Being a gay, black man means that I have to accept a lot of trauma,” Moore said. “A lot of trauma from family and friends. A lot of trauma from partners. A lot of trauma from institutions. ... It means that my white friend will always receive messages from men with zero expectations of him while I will receive a message once every three weeks from an older man who ‘loves dark features and aggressive men.’ It means that I will never have a place in the community.”

McMichael said he ultimately feels isolated.

“People won’t reach out to me or go on dates with me; I think that’s part of the thing that makes me feel not welcome at Elon,” McMichael said. “Gay men don’t know the implications that has with my feelings.”

Others, such as junior Julian Rigsby said the issue of being black and gay rarely crosses his mind.

“I don’t think about it that often,” he said. “I only think about it when a negative thing happens to me. It isn’t something I actively think about — only when something collides with who I am.”

BEHIND THE VIRTUAL WALL

A poll conducted by Travel Gay Asia and Gay Star News, two globally renowned gay online publications, concluded that 48 percent of gay men find companionship on gay dating apps.

But the culture of gay dating apps reveals a sexually racist climate that pushes queer people of color into a cycle of being blocked, ignored and outraged against.

The issue is more prevalent than what some might think.

According to a Gallup poll, 48 percent of LGBTQIA students of color experience verbal harassment because of both their sexual orientation

and their race or ethnicity.

Regardless of the virtual medium to which queer people of color resort in finding companionship, many have felt disadvantaged as a result of their race.

“There are people on these apps that will literally put up ‘no blacks,’” McMichael said. “People have no shame saying that when going after a sexual experience, but in the real world, no one would say they wouldn’t have a conversation with a black person — but behind the fourth wall, it’s all fair game.”

For Chris Stolze, sophomore at George Mason University in northern Virginia, the effects of sexual racism can still be felt as a member of the Asian-American community.

“I am half German and half Filipino; however, all guys only see the Asian half,” Stolze said. “Since I am not a fit, white, gay male, I am immediately put behind thousands of gay men just because of my skin color.”

REDEFINING PRIDE

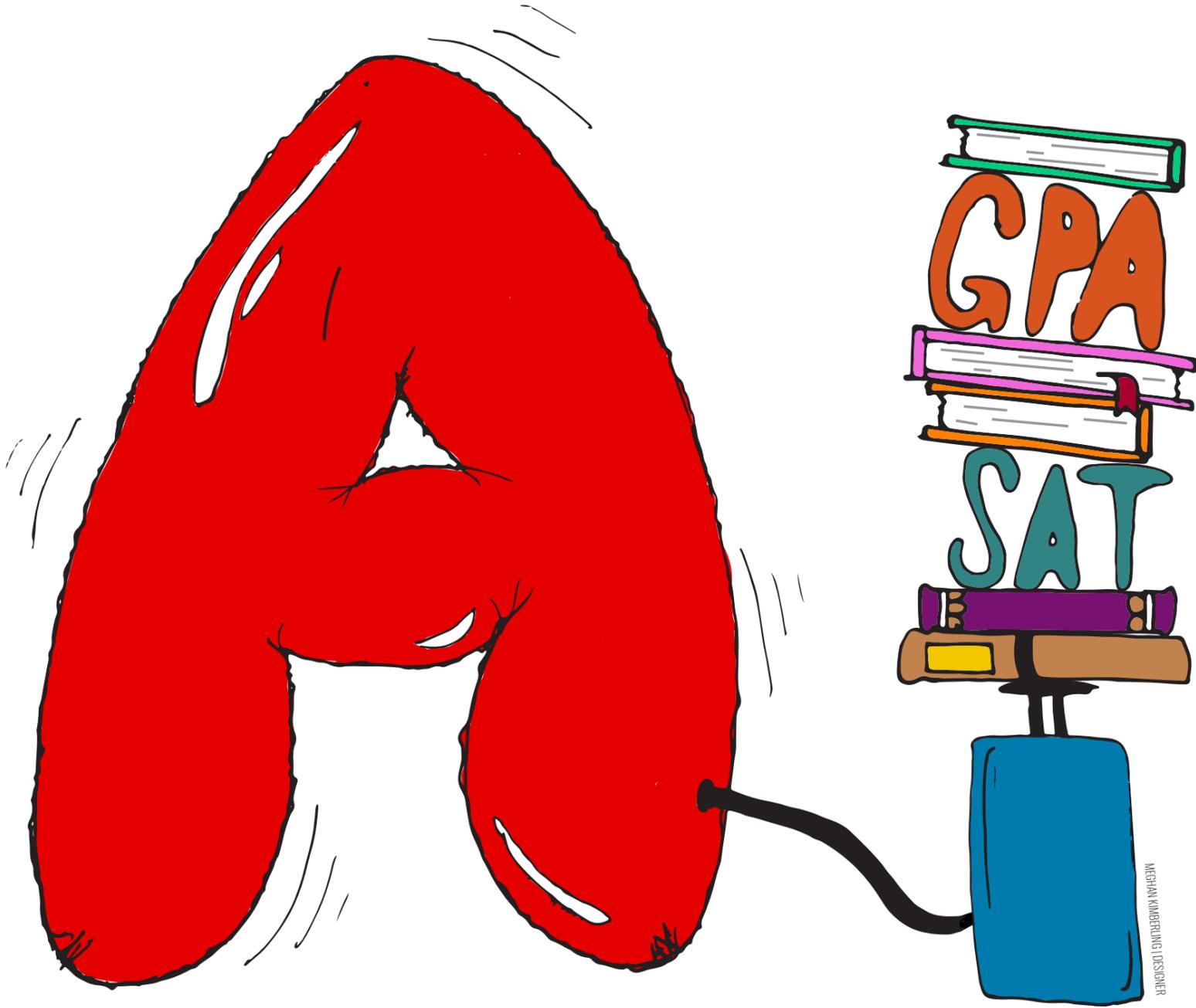
Many queer people of color point out that there is no easy way to change how others perceive them; the mindsets towards them from other identity groups are rooted in years of ignorance and misunderstanding.

Some think change exists in correcting standards of attraction.

“One thing would be opening up the idea that beauty comes from all bodies,” Bosch said. “If we cut ourselves off from that too early, then we really limit the possibilities for ourselves and instead perpetuate a narrow definition of beauty and of acceptance.”

Moore said that white, gay men need a reality check.

“Ultimately, white men need to challenge their inherent prejudices,” he said. “Learn the distinction between preference and fetish. Ask yourself why your expectations of black men are so much higher than white men. I am not asking anyone to force themselves to speak to a person of color just so that they do not perpetuate a cycle of oppression, but I am asking people to have the conversation.”



Oliver Fischer

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WHEN FORMER DUKE UNIVERSITY professor Stuart Rojstaczer handed out grades for an undergraduate class he taught in 2003, there were no C's, or D's or F's. There were only A's and B's.

But unlike for his students, this was no reason for him to celebrate. Rojstaczer was likely experiencing grade inflation, commonly defined as higher grades for work that would have previously earned students a comparatively lower grade.

According to data collected by Rojstaczer, at Elon University, the average GPA in 1977 was 2.48. The most recent figure that Rojstaczer acquired was 3.29 in 2013. Higher grades and GPAs do not automatically equal grade inflation, but if the current trend continues, Elon is projected to hit an average GPA of 4.0 by 2037.

Different authorities cite different reasons for the gradual but consistent increase in grades at U.S. universities. At Elon, Provost and Executive Vice President Steven House said students got significantly better between 1980 and 2010, coinciding with higher SAT scores and GPAs from incoming students.

"During this period of time, I'm not convinced you can conclude that we had grade inflation," House said.

Associate Professor of Communications Glenn Scott said he has experienced improved student performance firsthand.

"There's no question that I've seen an improvement in the intellectual abilities of our students in the 14 years I've been at Elon," Scott said.

Scott recalled the type of low-performing student that used to attend Elon.

"There would be four or five guys at the back of the room in their flannel shirts and their ball caps pulled down over their eyes, who were likable guys, but had no intention of working very hard," Scott said. "They would turn in their work, it wouldn't be terribly good, but it would be passable and they would generally get C's and they would happily take their C and leave. They had no greater aspiration. Today, we just don't have those students."

House attributes the change in the type of students coming to Elon and changes in the

RISING GRADES, RISING CONCERNS?

With a higher number of passing grades, universities address concerns of grade inflation

direction of the university as a whole to the increase in average GPAs.

"I think Elon students are better now than they were back then. I think faculty are better teachers now," House said.

On his website, Gradeinflation.com, Rojstaczer also takes into account that the type of student entering certain universities has changed over time, resulting in GPA increases.

"At private schools like Duke and Elon and at public schools like Florida and Georgia, the caliber of student enrolled is higher than it was 30 or 50 years ago," Rojstaczer wrote.

But Rojstaczer notes that more lenient grading is still the main driving force behind grade inflation at these schools.

"Rises in average GPA are mainly due to the same factor found at other schools: professors are grading easier year-by-year by a tiny amount," Rojstaczer wrote.

Though the general notion of students becoming smarter remains unfounded according to Rojstaczer, Jesse Stommel, executive director of teaching and learning technology at the University of Mary Washington, does think this is the case.

"My anecdotal experience over 17 years of teaching is that my students are getting better and better and smarter and smarter," Stommel said. "They are working harder and harder and I honestly believe that my students are performing better."

House doesn't deny the possibility of grade inflation taking place in the last decade, when SATs and students entering Elon were not getting better compared to past decades.

But House said he is still skeptical because grade inflation remains difficult to prove.

"To really conclude and say that's definite-

ly what's going on, you'd have to hold all other variables constant," House said. "You can't do that."

Elon's Office of the Registrar defines an A as a "distinguished." House said as a faculty member, he is bothered by the amount of A's that are given out. If too many students receive A's, the distinction, and therefore value, of the grade is lost.

"We have too many people that are 'distinction,'" House said. "I think it's unfair to the best students."

House said students come into Elon expecting similar grades as they received in high school.

"There is more pressure on faculty to give good grades from students," House said. "It doesn't come from the administration."

Scot said that pressure comes from the students' expectations.

"For most of our students here now, a C is hard on them," Scott said. "Most of our students today aren't happy with a C, at all."

Some students try to avoid rigorous professors, but students shouldn't choose classes that have a reputation for an easy A.

"You're only a college student for five percent of your life," said Christopher Healy, an associate professor of computer science at Furman University. "Some students play the game to maximize their GPA."

"Just because that course over there gives 60 percent A's, how do I know that I'm one of the 60 percent?" Healy said.

"Unfortunately, people take classes for the wrong reasons sometimes. Healy said. "People should follow their calling, not the A."

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MY STUDENTS ARE GETTING BETTER AND BETTER AND SMARTER AND SMARTER. THEY ARE WORKING HARDER AND HARDER AND I HONESTLY BELIEVE THAT MY STUDENTS ARE PERFORMING BETTER.

JESSE STOMMEL

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF TEACHING AND LEARNING TECHNOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF MARY WASHINGTON

ELON'S PROJECTED GPA

4.0

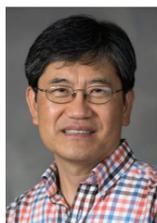
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CHEAT SHEET

North Korea, South Korea begin historical dialogue

These conversations will address ongoing conflict, the Olympics

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Byung Lee
Byung Lee is a professor of journalism in the School of Communications. In an interview, Lee discussed the implications of the conversations between North and South Korea regarding North Korea's participation in the Winter Olympic Games in Pyeongchang.

Q: What will the two countries be discussing?

A: I think the size of the team, the cost, and then about the people who are participating other than the team members because they are anticipating some government officials ... The U.N. already made a list of people who cannot travel outside of North Korea. Athletes and then the people who will cheer for the team [would be considered] ... So the size of the athletic teams and the size of the cheering groups, then who will pay the costs of the expenses. There will be definitely some agenda.

Q: Do you think this conversation could open doors for future communication?

A: That is what the South would like



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to do because if war breaks out, then the South is in front of all the things. So the South would want to go beyond that, ... such as the unification of separated families of the civil war or nuclear weapons.

In the case of Iran, they have not completely implemented or developed nuclear weapons, it is much easier for them to stop. But North Korea, they already developed the weapon... Maybe [they] can just stop developing because ... technology is not really, fully developed at this point, so if they do not develop the missile technology further, then the U.S. might feel a little assured that those missiles would not ram into American soil.

Q: How could tensions between the North and South be ameliorated?

A: The South Korean government is worried about if the mood is not ameliorated, lots of governments will say, "Oh, we do not want to send the teams." That's why the South Korean government is really eager to make some kind of move ... at least to make it peaceful, that North Korea will not do anything during the Olympic Games ... I don't think they are going to disrupt the Olympic Games [if] they are at the Games.

Q: What's the relationship

Undated photo from North Korean News Agency shows North Korean leader Kim Jong-un visiting a Korean People's Army unit, in an undisclosed location, North Korea.

like between South Korea and America?

A: Right now, I think that it's a little tense because the U.S. wants to restrain North Korea as fully as possible ... The South Korean government is really afraid of ... unexpected outcomes. We have talked with them for maybe twenty years or thirty years, but there is no solution. That is what Trump's government is saying. We should start the talking, we have to use more threats rather than just talking. But the South Korean government is thinking that maybe it's too dangerous.

Q: Are there any economic implications?

A: We are living in the global era, so in the case of Samsung, Korea's biggest company, more than 50 percent of the shares are owned by foreigners ... If the situation is bad, then they'll sell the stocks and leave, then what happens? Those people who owned the stocks will be angry... So if the situation is bad then people will not invest money in the Korean peninsula.

Q: Why should the Elon community care about these meetings?

A: Because we are all interconnected with each other. If you look at the situation, North Korea attack will be targeting the United States. So that's the issue we have to care about. Not only that, economy is very much interdependent ... It is the fourth biggest market in the world. I think that everything is intertwined nowadays, politically, economically.

Lambert, Book announce steps to promote mental health

The changes, announced via email, include the expansion of counseling services

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In a joint email to the Elon University community Jan. 5, President Leo Lambert and incoming President Connie Book informed students of changes that are coming to Elon regarding suicide prevention. In less than three years, four Elon students died by suicide, including two students last semester.

Suicide remains a national problem, as it is the second leading cause of death among young adults with more than 1,100 college students dying from suicide each year, according to the Center for Disease Control.

"Let us recommit to value each member of this special community, to offer kindness and compassion unsparingly, and especially to take care of ourselves and each other as we begin this new year together," said Lambert and Book.

Lambert and Book said they plan to take several steps to address this ongoing issue, starting with inviting Dr. Nance Roy, chief clinical officer of the JED Foundation, to visit campus this coming Friday. The JED Foundation is one of the nation's leading organizations that works with schools to promote mental health awareness and reduce suicide among its students.

"We look forward to Dr. Roy's guidance and strategic counsel on

ways Elon can build the healthiest environment possible, as many of our peer institutions have done with the assistance of the JED Foundation," Lambert and Book said in their email.

In addition, Lambert and Book said Elon will expand its Counseling Services by opening three new positions as counselors. These additional counselors will serve students through individual appointments, and will offer group counseling sessions as an option. Over the past few years, many have said the department has struggled to meet the needs of students.

Senior Alicia Leja believes this increase in counseling will be good for Elon.

"I think a lot of students do not realize the importance of self-awareness and care that can come from going to mental health services," said Leja. "It's a step in the right direction."

Beyond counseling, Lambert and Book said it will work on expanding other mental health service options. Jana Lynn Patterson, associate vice president of student life and dean of students, is working on a visual model that will help students access these different options.

Students of Elon University are also encouraged to complete QPR training, as this training gives students skills in preventing suicide. More than 650 Elon faculty, staff, and students have already completed the training program.

Mollie Monett, senior at Elon University, says she plans to complete the QPR training and is glad the University is making these



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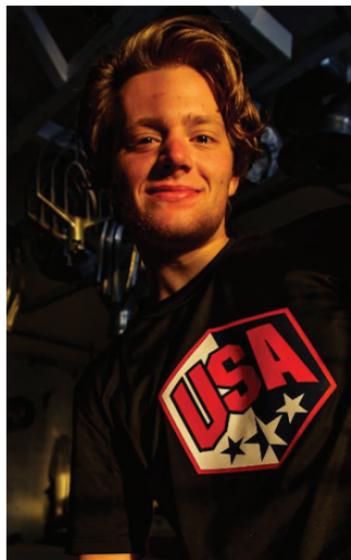
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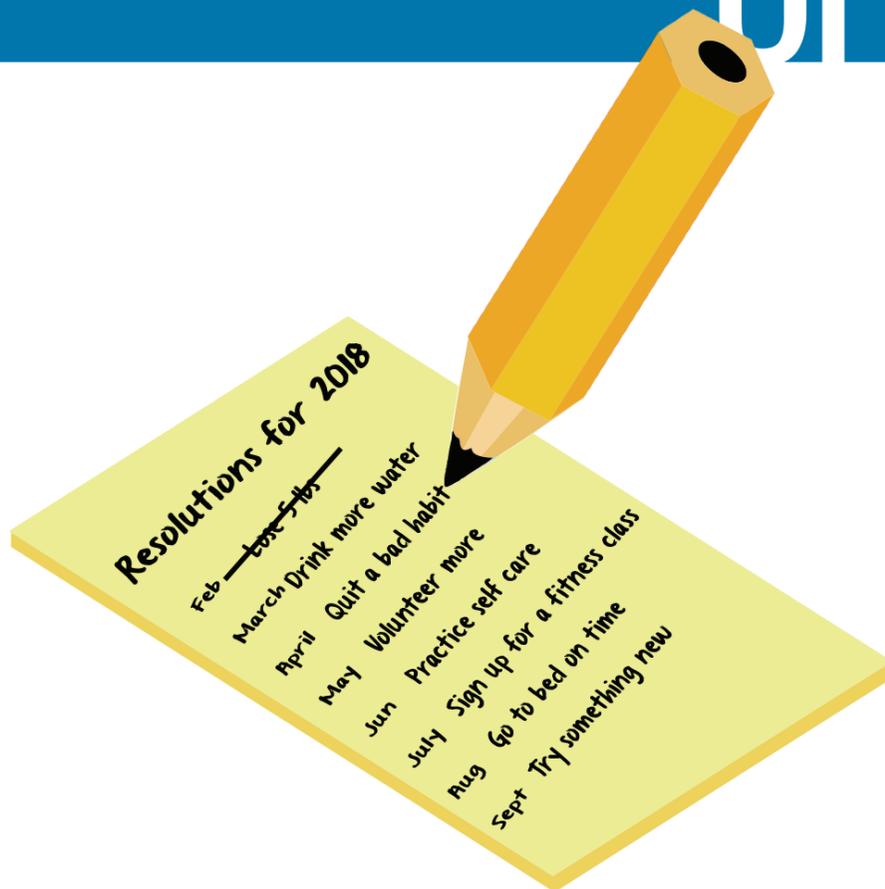
changes.

"Mental health and suicide specifically is much too overlooked within universities," said Monett. "Changes need to happen and an open mind and open conversation is a good place to start."



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(Clockwise from top left) Breslin Wiley, Demetri Allison, Harrison Durant and Trent Stetler are the most recent cases of suicide at Elon University.



STAFF EDITORIAL

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New Year's resolutions should continue year-round

HOW WE SEE IT

While the New Year brings a great time of reflection and goal-making, bettering ourselves should occur year-round.

With each turn of the calendar year, hundreds of people begin making lists of New Year's resolutions. These goals often vary among different ways to try and change or be better — with the most common ones being getting healthier, losing weight, quitting smoking, drinking less or working out more. Each January, the lines at the gym get longer, there are more visitors at the salad bar and people try to spend more time with friends and family.

But, a recent study from the

University of Scranton found that 80 percent of people break their New Year's resolutions. The New Year may bring a sense of optimism to many, but this hope and motivation for change seems to dwindle as the months go on. Come February and March, it seems many of us forget the promises we made for ourselves in the hype of the New Year, and we go back to whatever habits we were trying to change.

Taking the time to reflect on ways we can improve is important

for personal growth, and the New Year is a perfect time for that. But, in order to keep this growth and momentum going for the rest of the year, we shouldn't simply make resolutions in January — leaving them to be neglected and forgotten after a few weeks. It is important to continue seek growth year-round.

Making goals and resolutions for ourselves can help us grow, and it's important we take this time to critically reflect on the ways we can evolve as people. Each month, try to make a new goal or resolution for yourself. By making goals for yourself year-round, you can keep up with the motivation of the new year, allowing yourself to be more productive and effective throughout

the year.

When making resolutions, we should also be deeply reflecting on how we can make these changes last. If you have a large goal in the beginning of the year for yourself, try breaking it down into smaller goals you can try to accomplish each month.

The concept of New Year's resolutions is a positive one, but the ways in which Americans go about it are unfortunately ineffective. In order to take full advantage of the New Year's motivation, we should try to update our resolutions each month to better accomplish our goals. Working to better yourself or achieve your goals is almost always positive, and this practice shouldn't just be in focused on in the month of January.

CAMPUS VOICES

Understanding foreign conflicts comes from immersion



Alex Mancuso
Junior

Last December concluded my six consecutive month trip in the Middle East where I lived in Morocco for two months and Jordan for four. I also went on a weekend trip to Israel and Palestine — just days before President Trump announced that America would recognize Jerusalem as the true capital of Israel. This sparked protests throughout the Middle East and resulted in my study abroad program canceling classes for the day. It seemed too surreal, from first sightseeing peaceful streets in Palestinian cafes, to then seeing broadcasts of those areas engulfed in protests and war-zone-like scenes.

My time in the Middle East was marked by various opinions from citizens regarding the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Taxi drivers routinely asked me about my stance on the issue, but ultimately used the opportunity to voice their disdain toward Israel and toward American foreign policy.

The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees estimates approximately 1.9 million

Palestinian refugees live in Jordan, so naturally many taxi drivers and shop owners were Palestinian-Jordanian. Their comments varied in intensity — from simple confusion as to why the United States supports Israel, to full-blown anti-semitic comments. It was safe to generalize that a consensual disdain toward the United States foreign policy was present in Jordan.

Until my Holy Land trip, I could only accept these comments at face value. After my trip, I gained a more well-rounded perspective.

Before entering Jerusalem, my friends and I crossed the King Hussein Bridge border — or at least some of us did.

Here I realized the extreme racial profiling against Arab Muslims by the Israeli border-patrol. My two Muslim friends, one Ethiopian and one Egyptian were detained for four hours. My other white American friends and I were barely questioned and waited while Israeli guards questioned our friends about family — American passport

holders with foreign heritage — and about travel intention: a fun weekend with friends. During our wait, the Israeli guards prohibited us from checking on our friends and ultimately relocated us to a different gate because we were



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“crowding” that one. Eventually they allowed us all into Jerusalem after it became clear our two Muslim friends were just traveling Americans.

My perception deepened once in Jerusalem and Palestine where I saw the disparity between the Jewish site, the

Western Wall, and the Muslim site, the Dome of the Rock. For the Western Wall, tourists and Jews alike can enter the site at any time by passing through minimal security. Once in the site, tourists can view the Western Wall and the hundreds of devout Jews praying there. But only tourists and Jews could be seen throughout the site. This completely contrasted with the Dome of the Rock.

Sunday provides the only time when non-Muslims can visit the Dome of the Rock — a choice by the Muslim community — but we walked our two Muslim friends, the Ethiopian, wearing a hijab, and the Egyptian, to the site. At the site's gate, a group of Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) standing guard wielding submachine guns and tear gas launchers, decided my Egyptian friend in western clothing, was not Muslim.

The same military force that assumed so much about my Muslim Egyptian friend at the border, now denied her identity. It wasn't until the Muslim gatekeeper, also dressed in jeans and a jacket, spoke with

the IDF and verified she was a peaceful Muslim wishing to pray in her holy site. Finally, on Sunday, my friends and I viewed the Dome of the Rock with various tourists and Muslims — with armed IDF soldiers standing amidst the grounds.

In Palestine, my perspective crystallized. We met with a mutual friend, Mustafa, who toured us around Bethlehem and Birzet University. He spoke of his love for Jerusalem, but as a Palestinian, he cannot travel unless he obtains a special permit from the Israeli government. This floored me. I'm a Catholic American who just traveled freely to and from the Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem, but my Muslim Palestinian friend cannot.

Most Arabs criticized Trump's decision, believing it halted peace talks between Israelis and Palestinians. At the surface, the decision shows America legitimizing Israel as the authority in Jerusalem, but it also shows America legitimizing the Israeli-sponsored injustices toward Palestinians.

RELIGION | from cover

Rushing a sorority

Vail's freshman spring at Elon was busy with her sorority, Catholic Campus Ministry and the Leadership Fellows Program. At the time, she enjoyed being a part of these groups on campus.

"It was still very new and very innocent," Vail said.

When housing registration came, Vail decided to sign up to live at the AOII house the following year. Vail says she considers herself a family and community-oriented person and thought living in the house would be a good idea.

"I just loved the idea of being a 'house girl,'" Vail said. "They tell you all these things like, 'You're the face of Alpha Omicron Pi.'"

Vail's first month and a half living in the on-campus house was nothing but positive. She began to meet freshmen who wanted to join CCM and AOII because they could visibly see the joy that both organizations brought to Vail's life.

But that joy wouldn't last.

Confronting Reality

In October 2016, Vail had her first meltdown. She called her mom in tears.

"I started realizing I didn't like being at the house," Vail said. "I would walk into the house and hear the conversation and literally turn around and leave because I couldn't take it."

Vail assumed that living under the same roof as her sorority sisters would lead to the development of special relationships. That was not the case.

"I just found girls going out together, and when they weren't going out together, they were at the dining hall together only talking to each other," Vail said.

This behavior didn't sit well with Vail as she considers herself to be a freethinking individual.

"It was getting to a point of becoming groupthink, which is really unhealthy, and I don't think any of them saw it," Vail said.

Over the course of fall 2016, she says the sorority house transitioned from a home to a place Vail actively sought to escape. She said conversations were heavily centered on nightlife at Elon and going out, something that never appealed to Vail. She says that the values pitched to her during her recruitment process were not prevalent in the day-to-day operations of the sorority.

"Our biggest philanthropy event was a walk in December to raise money and awareness to combat arthritis, and half the executive leadership team wasn't there," Vail said. "Included in the people not there was the head of recruitment who told us all the time during recruitment training to talk about



Amanda Corso, Kristen Burke and Leah Vail (left to right) celebrate with members of Alpha Omicron Pi on bid day 2016.

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our philanthropy. This was a major indicator to me that things were messed up and not okay."

It was the lack of ability to remedy these issues that Vail says haunted her. Initially, she took her concerns to older members of the sorority that she looked up to. She would ask them if they felt bad about certain aspects that she did not feel comfortable with, and they would simply reply that that is just how things worked.

"It got to the point where I realized I don't want to do this anymore," Vail said. "I don't want to even try to attack this monster."

Vail, who came in as a passionate freshman just a year earlier, became damaged by an overwhelming feeling of helplessness.

By this point, Vail's friends had become fully aware that something was not right with her. Junior Andrew Novinski noticed the difference in Vail. "Mid-fall was when I started seeing signs of disinterest, confusion and unhappiness," Novinski said. "I never knew the full story of what was going on, but I just knew through non-verbal cues that she was struggling with something."

As more time passed, things only got worse.

"I went home for Christmas break, and I was a wreck," Vail said. "I came back to the house in January and could not deal with being at school, much less being in the house. The first week back at school I was definitely severely depressed. I wasn't sleeping."

By this time, Vail had removed herself from her



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LEAH VAIL
ELON JUNIOR

other commitments, thinking that if she just devoted a little more time to her sorority things would get better. No longer was she a servant-leader in CCM, an organization that provided her with purpose and spiritual guidance. She also quit the club softball team and said goodbye to a sport she had played her whole life.

In January 2017, she called emergency counseling services to seek help regarding her situation. That same month Vail says she self-suspended herself from the organization. Every Greek organization has different definitions of what it means to be a suspended or self-suspended member.

"Once members are initiated, the withdrawal process goes through the national organization, so it looks different for every organization," said Emily Mitch, assistant director of fraternity and sorority life (FSL).

While FSL doesn't provide any formal resources, students struggling within their organization can meet with FSL staff. From there, staff members can refer students to counseling or other

university services, but can't make any appointments for students.

Former president of AOII, Shannon Rush, says these situations are saddening but serious.

"We take each situation where a member requests suspension, such as Leah's, with care through an individualized and holistic process with a standardized protocol," Rush said. "There are many more areas for students to explore and we highly encourage our members to inspire ambition in other ways."

Leaving the house

Vail knew she would not be able to emotionally handle living in the house during the upcoming recruitment period, so she was able to get a special housing request from the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life to move out before sorority rush began at the end of January.

Once Vail moved out of the house was when the rumors started within her sorority. She heard girls saying that she was taking a mental health break.

"I would walk past people

who were calling me their sister a week before, and now they wouldn't say hello to me," Vail said. "It's like when someone dies and you don't know whether to say sorry or not to acknowledge it at all."

Returning to normalcy

Knowing she could not battle her demons alone, she sought the advice of Rev. Peter Tremblay, associate chaplain for Catholic Life and Catholic campus minister at Elon. She had one-on-one sessions with him.

Tremblay recalls Vail seeking a clearer understanding of the people she should surround herself with. In their sessions, Vail and Tremblay dealt with difficult questions she had to reflect on.

"What are the communities that support my values? Where do I find them echoed?" Tremblay said.

After a few months of honest dialogue with Tremblay, Vail tried to immerse herself in CCM once again in March; this was a task that proved to be a real test for her. Tremblay thinks Vail was too worked up about a problem that never actually existed. Meanwhile, Vail questioned her fit within the Catholic Church and her faith.

Instead of critiquing her own beliefs, Tremblay admires her ability to serve as a model for others doubting their faith.

"Leah has done something most people of her generation cannot," Tremblay said. "She is the poster child of the best ministry we can be about."

As the months went by,

GREEK LIFE MEMBERSHIP

53%

At Elon, 53 percent of females joined a Greek sorority in 2016 according to the Elon Fraternity and Sorority Life Spring 2016 Chapter report.

Vail's conversations with Tremblay assisted in the process of bringing Vail back to a sense of normalcy. He was proud of seeing how she tried to get a deeper understanding of her faith rather than being discouraged by her doubts. Vail leaned heavily on religion during this transformative phase of her life to provide her with confidence she could not gain elsewhere.

"Religion is honestly a way that I take care of myself because it's restorative at its core," Vail said. "It teaches you that you are completely okay as you are - imperfections and all."

Finding a new outlook

In June 2017, Vail officially withdrew from AOII.

Back at Elon for her junior year with a fresh perspective and the confidence that she can overcome anything, Vail is nowhere near the same person she was for much of her sophomore year.

Novinski had not seen much of Vail for nearly six months before she rejoined the CCM community, and her outlook on life shocked him.

"It's almost overwhelming at times in a positive way," Novinski said. "There is no filter, which is really funny at times, but once you understand what she's been through, it's easy to understand why she's so happy."

Burke, who missed much of Vail's worst days due to being abroad for the fall semester, was impressed by how Vail now embraces being her genuine self.

"Her approach on life has changed, but her approach is now more true than her putting on a mask and being forced to live in the mold that most freshmen are forced to live in," Burke said.

In spite of everything she went through, Vail has no interest in destroying Greek life at Elon or even dissuading someone from joining a Greek organization.

"My goal now is not just to tell people it's right for some or wrong for others," Vail said. "We need to work on integrating Greek life more into our community because I think a lot of people just push it to the side."

Vail was recently added to Leo Lambert's Presidential Task Force on Social Climate and Out-of-Class Engagement. Her area of expertise on this task force: integrating the Greek community with the broader Elon community.

"My personal experience with Greek life was not ideal, but that doesn't mean you can't find meaning and community in an organization," Vail said. "I'm just not a sorority girl, and I don't know why I put myself in that box."

CREATING A BUSINESS, ONE STROKE AT A TIME

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Junior Lucy White remembers first selling and showcasing her abstract paintings at “Breakfast at Tiffany’s,” a mother-daughter event of the Gamma Nu Chapter of Phi Mu during the Fall of 2016. It was not until a mother asked her about the price when she realized the potential her artwork had.

White says she told the mother the painting was \$30 and she could not believe the painting was that cheap.

“My paintings were cheap because I wanted to see if they would sell,” White said. “And they did, which was awesome.”

White’s interaction with the people at this event as well as Bonamu, another Phi Mu philanthropy event, led more people asking about buying her artwork. Customers from Elon and their mothers found out about her work through word of mouth and through the Instagram account @lucy-whitestudio. Through Instagram, people can directly text or email her with specific orders. White paints ab-



Junior Lucy White smiles as she displays some of her abstract paintings on a table in her art studio.

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stract paintings of animals, portraits, figure drawings, buildings and what she has named “scrappy” paintings which are the ones done with a palette knife.

“The more people that started buying it, the more that started following it,” White said.

Senior Grace Shealy bought one of White’s pieces at one of the philanthropy events.

“I heard about her account from our mutual

friends and followed her,” Shealy said. “Once she was getting ready for school a lot of people would comment asking her to paint something for their dorm rooms at various schools and it grew from there.”

White’s original intention for the Instagram was to serve as a place where people could see samples of her work and then tell her which style they wanted. Though this served its purpose, it also allowed White to turn

her hobby into a job during the summer of 2017, painting eight hours a day.

“I wanted to take as many orders as I could because I had no idea what I really liked doing yet so I wanted to try as many things as I could,” White said.

White always had an interest in abstract painting.

“They are so fun to do,” White said. “You are kind of like throwing colors and you can do so many cool things and mess around with it.”

She recalls making a small art studio in a landing of a hallway outside her room in Charlotte. She laid a tarp down and placed shelves, a chair, a cart and an easel. White’s art business grew so much over the summer that she shipped orders to Florida, South Carolina and New York.

“I love Lucy’s art,” Shealy said. “I am always so shocked that every piece is different and unique but all of them have a similar

pattern. It reminds me how she treats everyone like they are special.”

White says that the breaking point for her business was when she created a giveaway of a bull skull on a small canvas which led to more customers and followers on her page. Though her business has grown more than she ever imagined, she says that the most challenging part has been figuring out accurate prices and making sure her customers are pleased. Other aspects that first were difficult, but she has learned to deal with, are identifying and mixing color as well as mapping out specific features of a painting like a portrait.

“I think art makes people happy and makes them feel a certain way,” White says. “If my painting can do something like that then that is really cool.”

Though the most rewarding part of her work has been to see people be satisfied with her work, she too has benefited personally from her artwork.

“Art makes me feel relaxed and in my own space,” White says. “It is so fun and kind of like a therapy for me.”

White hopes her business keeps on growing and to one day have her own art studio.

ELON EATS

Taco Bao reinvents the taco-Asian Fusion style

Taco Bao’s combination of Mexican and Asian cuisine is unique to Greensboro

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Leave your preconceived notions at the doorway. Taco Bao has taken everything you thought you knew about tacos, flipped it upside-down and served it up on a warm piece of bao.

Since September 2017, Taco Bao has been crafting Asian-Mexican fusion-inspired cuisine unlike any other.

Located on the fringes of the University of North Carolina Greensboro’s (UNCG) campus, Taco Bao caters to both students and locals. The restaurant offers a mix of traditional Chinese food, like bao, a sweet and soft Chinese bun made of flour, and more Americanized food, like rice bowls, to appeal to everyone. Owners, husband and wife duo Ken and Ling Huang, said that Taco Bao has a Mexican base. From there, influences from Japan, Korea, Thailand and China are layered on top. There’s nothing purely Mexican, and there’s nothing completely Asian.

Take one step inside the restaurant and you’re greeted by an expansive digital menu, a cozy seating area and brightly decorated walls. But walk up just one flight of stairs, and you’ll reach student dormito-

TACO BAO

Location: 1101 W Gate City Blvd, Greensboro, North Carolina
Hours: 11 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.
Price Range: \$11-\$14
Food Type: Asian cuisine

ry housing. Taco Bao rents their restaurant space from UNCG – as do all neighboring restaurants. Students at UNCG can use their Flex, similar to Elon’s meal dollars or Phoenix cash, to pay for food from all of these restaurants.

For Ling and Ken Huang, who are the head chefs as well as the owners, this is not their first rodeo.

The pair met 15 years ago while Ken was studying restaurant management at Appalachian State. Since then, they’ve owned and operated several restaurants around North Carolina.

“We recently sold some of our other restaurants because we really wanted to focus on Taco Bao,” Ling said. I don’t think you can find anything similar to this, and that’s really special.”

Ling and Ken said that they wanted to make food you can find in big cities available in North Carolina. So far, the concept of Asian-Mexican fusion has been a hit.

“This is my first time here, but it’s so good! I really like it,” said North Carolina State student Chloe Nichols.

Ling says that, while locals enjoy Taco Bao, it has been most successful at drawing in international students.



The bao with Bang Bang Shrimp (right) is one of six taco options at Taco Bao. They also serve more traditional tacos.

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“International Chinese students especially come here to eat because we have a lot of traditional Chinese food, not Americanized Chinese food,” Ling said.

Traditional bao, Taco Bao’s signature menu item, is especially popular among international students.

“My favorite thing to cook is the bao,” Ken said. “I start by seasoning the meat, then I stuff it inside a warm bao with red cabbage, carrots,

cucumber and top it all with Korean spicy sauce.”

While the bao is most popular among locals and international students, most students prefer the rice bowls – a combination of fried rice, kimchi, cheese, scallions and fried egg. Taco Bao also serves more traditional-looking tacos with a flour or corn tortilla base topped with Asian meat. Customers can choose from Korean-style bobogi beef,

Thai-style chicken, Chinese braised pork, Japanese tempura fish, bang bang shrimp or karo chicken.

Almost all of what Taco Bao serves is made in-house ranging from the bao and tortilla chips to the tiniest details like ketchup.

“We don’t just import things, we actually cook it and make it here,” Ling said. “It’s the little things like that that set Taco Bao apart. There’s really nothing like this here.”

SPORTS

FAIRWAYS *and* FAMILY

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How one set of brothers is keeping a trend alive on the Elon men's golf team

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ONE IS LEFT-HANDED AND the other is right-handed. One is a redshirt-senior and the other is a freshman. Both play for the Elon University men's golf team representing the same last name.

Hailing from Westwood, Massachusetts, brothers Patrick and Will Frodigh ended up together at Elon by chance. Patrick transferred twice, spending two years at the University of Denver, a year at the University of Louisville, and then entering Elon for his final two years.

"When I transferred, I was looking at a few schools," Patrick said. "Will mentioned that he was being recruited here by Coach Hill, and there's so many kids from our hometown that come here every year, so I reached out to a few of my friends about the school, and it's just ironic that both of us ended up here, and it's ironic that this was actually the first school that I visited in high school."

"Pat bounced around a little bit before he found his home here at Elon," said head coach Don Hill. "Will was more of the typical recruited student-athlete out of high school. Never ever dreamed that they would be on the same team at the same time."

Because of the NCAA rules on transferring, Patrick had to sit out his first year at Elon. When he started playing again this year, he was joined by his younger brother.

"He's been here for a couple years now, so he knows everybody, knows everything," Will said about his older brother. "It was nice to have him show me around a little bit, and he's good for support ... if I ever need help, I can always turn to him, so it's good to have him here."

Even if both brothers are playing their respective first seasons in the Elon polos, Hill says that the experience is different for the brothers.

"Patrick and Will are on very different ends of the spectrum," Hill



ERIK WEBB | SPORTS DIRECTOR

said. "Patrick is a fifth-year senior, playing it out. He's 23, and Will just turned 19. There's a big difference between 19 and 23. Will lives with the other first-years on the team and Patrick is living with a friend off campus. They do share a car, so I guess they have to communicate a little bit. But, they run in different circles."

Even though they don't run in the same circles, when they step onto a golf course they become part of a cohesive unit – the Elon University men's golf team.

"It's honestly not as different as I thought it would be," Patrick said. "Obviously we're really close, and we help each other with whatever we want, but at the end of the day we're just here to push each other to be the best golfers we can be. Me, being a senior now, and Will being a freshman, that's kind of my job to motivate him and help him reach his potential because he has three years left after this year. So I think that's a pretty unique aspect that I have here that I didn't have at my two prior schools."

Playing golf together is not something that is foreign to the Frodigh brothers. Growing up next to a golf course, the brothers, accompanied by their father, Peter, would sneak out at dusk to practice. This continues to this day as the family is still a member of the same club, and they play whenever they can at home. Hill says that having them together at Elon is something he likes.

"To have them both here ... it's good," Hill said. "It has its challeng-



I LIKE THE CHALLENGE OF GOING OUT EVERY DAY, WHETHER IT BE ON A NEW COURSE, DIFFERENT WEATHER CONDITIONS OR PINS – THERE'S JUST SO MUCH VARIETY. I JUST LOVE THE CHALLENGE OF THAT.

PATRICK FRODIGH
ELON SENIOR

es, certainly, because you might have one in the lineup, and one not in the lineup. You might have neither of them in the lineup or both of them in the lineup – you never know how it's going to play out with qualifying. But having brothers – I like it. I'm an only child – I didn't have a brother and now I have kinda 10, 12 sons, I guess, on the golf team."

According to Hill, each person on the team brings something unique to the squad, and that includes the Frodigh brothers.

"I think Patrick provides good leadership, and Will is more of the quiet type in some ways," Hill said. "I'm sure he probably talks a lot when I'm not around – Patrick has no problem talking in front of me. But I think the dynamics there are good."

When it comes to their games, each has a unique skill set, too.

"You can't teach size and speed, and they're big, strong guys that hit the ball a long ways," Hill said. "We play a lot of golf in March and late October and November and February and those things ... you need those things. You're playing in March and if it's raining, 45 degrees, you have to keep the ball in the air."

"We have 12 guys who contribute every day that we're really looking forward to the spring because this fall we won our home tournament, and we had a couple other high finishes, but we definitely didn't meet our full potential at all," Patrick said. "Going into this offseason, we all have good

Top: Will (left) and Patrick (right) Frodigh hit golf balls on the Elon practice range together Jan. 7.

Bottom: The Frodigh brothers watch as Will drains a putt on the practice putting area inside the Worsley Golf Training Facility on South Campus Dec. 8.

things to work on and get ready for the beginning of February."

When it comes to playing the game they share, each of the Frodigh brothers enjoys something different about golf.

"My favorite part is probably the challenge of being able to play every day and playing differently," Patrick said. "You can play poorly one day and still score well and then the next day you can hit the ball unbelievably and just not make enough putts to shoot a low score. I like the challenge of going out every day, whether it be on a new course, different weather conditions or pins – there's just so much variety. I just love the challenge of that."

"You can always hit a bad shot, but you can always recover from it as well," Will said. "I also like how everything is on you, so you can't really blame anybody else, and it's all about preparation. My favorite aspect specifically ... like the tee game. I've always liked that the most. I don't know why, it's just my favorite part."

For Hill, the Frodighs are not the first set of brothers that he's coached. According to the coach, this is either the third or fourth set of brothers he's had on the team.

"No ... I promise I don't try to do that," Hill said. "It's all about relationships and relationships with your guys. When you treat people the right way, you're honest and fair with people, then you're fortunate to recruit good people. It kind of lends itself to brothers wanting to do that."

The Frodighs are the first set of brothers Elon has had on the golf team since Jonathan and Will Dilanni played together from 2013-2015. Hill is hopeful that the trend will continue.

"We have guys on the team that have younger brothers who are good golfers," Hill said. "I can't say everything because there are NCAA rules about recruiting, but I hope it's not the last set of brothers that I coach. My guess is that this probably won't be."

Welcome to the club, Tyler and Dmitri



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Seibring, Thompson became newest players to score 1,000 career points

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Senior guard Dmitri Thompson and junior forward Tyler Seibring said their singular focus Jan. 7 was defeating Hofstra University on a frigid day in Hempstead, New York.

But both Elon University men's basketball players chuckled when they admitted there was another contest in the back of their minds.

And it was against each other.

Ahead of the game, both players were within arms reach of scoring 1,000 career points. Seibring needed 20 points, while Thompson needed 18. So during the Phoenix's 89-76 rout of the Tigers, the competition wasn't only on the scoreboard, but who would etch their name in the record book first.

"Ty and I discussed it once and only discussed it once, and we were in a little bit of a competition," Thompson said. "We definitely were not competing against each other during the

game, but we were aware."

Seibring barely edged Thompson to that goal, scoring his thousandth point by a three point shot with just over 10 minutes remaining in the second half. Thompson quickly followed two minutes later with a three pointer himself. Seibring finished the game with 22 points and Thompson added 18. Both players said it was an honor to achieve that feat. At Elon (11-6), only 39 other players have done so in program history. Seibring said even though these are individual accolades, it takes a team effort to reach them.

"It's a good honor to have it and obviously it's exciting to have it," Seibring said. "We definitely cherished that moment together because you can't do it by yourself. We had a lot of good passers giving us good looks."

Head Coach Matt Matheny said he noticed in his pregame notes that Thompson and Seibring were quickly approaching 1,000 points. Afterwards, Matheny said he congratulated them. But, like his players, he said they couldn't celebrate the feat forever. They still have the remainder of the season to worry about.

"As a coach, I couldn't be

happier for them," he said. "It's a great benchmark and it speaks to their growth as players. And as a unit, the main thing we really focus on is our team's improvement."

Seibring and Thompson agreed and said they couldn't accomplish this without each other. Schematically, the two complement each other well because of their skill sets. At 6 feet, 9 inches tall, Seibring is the third tallest player on Elon's roster. But this season, he leads the team in three point field goal percentage at 43.5 percent (minimum of 40 attempts). His ability to play on the perimeter and in the paint is frustrating to defenses.

When he knocks down outside shots, it forces the defense's big men to cover him in space. And that leads to more driving lanes for Thompson, who is averaging 11.7 points per game, the third highest average on the team.

Matheny said he noticed key qualities in both men when he recruited them. Thompson's talent allowed him to play early in his collegiate career. And over the past year, he said Seibring has earned more respect from his teammates for developing his vocal leadership on the floor.

Left: Junior forward Tyler Seibring drives to the basket against Duke University on Nov. 11.

Right: Senior guard Dmitri Thompson surveys his options against the Duke University defense during their match-up Nov. 11.

Thompson said it was only fitting that they receive this accolade at the same time, in the same game.

"It was good, it's always great to be a part of history no matter what it is," he said. "It's always fun to do it. It's a team game so being able to do it with your teammate is great."

The coming weeks are the most crucial for the Phoenix as they are in the thick of their Colonial Athletic Association schedule. And while they jockey for tournament position, Matheny said he'll be leaning heavily on Thompson and Seibring for production and leadership.

They said they're up for the task.

"There's a lot of good competition in our conference, so we're looking forward to a lot of tough games coming up," Seibring said. "We have to be ready to play every time we step on the floor in conference. We know that and we're preparing to do that."

SPORTS BRIEFS

Postseason awards grace Elon football

Junior linebacker Warren Messer leads Elon University football players in postseason accolades after he earned his second All-American nod.

Messer was named to the second team of the 2017 STATS FCS All-America Team on Dec. 19, and was also placed on the second team of the 2017 Phil Steele FCS All-America Teams earlier in the month. He is the program's first All-American since wide receiver Aaron Mellette in 2012.

Hailing from Garner, North Carolina, Messer posted 10 or more tackles in each of Elon's first five games this year, including a career-best 15 tackles in a league win at No. 6 University of Richmond.

Both the first-year quarterback and head coach for the Phoenix squad finished in the top-five for other Football Championship Subdivision awards. Freshman quarterback Davis Cheek finished fifth in the Jerry Rice Award voting, which is presented to the top freshman player at the FCS level, and first-year head coach Curt Cignetti finished fourth in the voting for the Eddie Robinson Award, which is presented to the FCS coach of the year.

Women's basketball moves up in rankings

After beginning the season ranked inside the top 10 of the CollegeInsider.com Mid-Major Poll, the Elon University women's basketball team moved inside the top five to begin the new calendar year.

With its ascent, the Phoenix reaches the top five in the mid-major for the second straight season. Elon topped out at No. 3 in the postseason edition last year after winning the Colonial Athletic Association and receiving a bid to the NCAA tournament.

Elon continued its undefeated run inside Alumni Gym on Sunday, after a late charge elevated the Phoenix over the Northeastern Huskies 78-71. The team is now 10-4 (2-1) on the year and 6-0 at home.

Football commits 10 in early signing period

In the first wave of future Phoenix players to sign their National Letters of Intent, the Elon University football team will welcome 10 new players next fall.

They include offensive lineman Mike Barone of Apex, North Carolina; offensive lineman Zach Bevins of Virginia Beach, Virginia; offensive lineman Nick Cerimele of Allentown, Pennsylvania; linebacker Devonte Chandler of Chester, Virginia; defensive back Cole Coleman from Raleigh; wide receiver Bryson Daughtry from Charlotte; wide receiver Avery Jones of Joppa, Maryland; linebacker Jamir Malone of North Ridgeville, Ohio; defensive lineman Malik Medley from Raleigh; and linebacker Zack Monson of Alexandria, Virginia.

Softball will welcome seven in Fall of 2018

The Elon University softball team also announced its first recruiting class for the 2018 year, when it will welcome seven student-athletes to the team.

They include infielder Lauryn Clarke of Ashburn, Virginia; outfielder Allison Eith of Alpharetta, Georgia; utility player Katie Hoover of Tampa, Florida; pitcher Sydney Ingle from Greensboro; outfielder Rebecca Murray of Indian Trail, North Carolina; utility player Grace Sherron of Roxboro, North Carolina; and catcher/first baseman Megan White of Creedmoor, North Carolina.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

RESULTS **10-4**

DEC. 29 UNCW/ELON 75-67
JAN. 5 DELAWARE/NEWARK 66-80
JAN. 7 NORTHEASTERN/ELON 78-71

SCHEDULE

JAN. 12 JAMES MADISON/
HARRISONBURG, VA 7 P.M.
JAN. 14 WILLIAM & MARY/
WILLIAMSBURG, VA 2 P.M.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

RESULTS **11-6**

DEC. 30 DREXEL/ELON 90-75
JAN. 2 TOWSON/ELON 75-72
JAN. 5 NORTHEASTERN/BOSTON 60-72
JAN. 7 HOFSTRA/HEMPSTEAD, NY 89-76

SCHEDULE

JAN. 12 UNCW/ELON 7 P.M.
JAN. 13 COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON/
ELON 7 P.M.



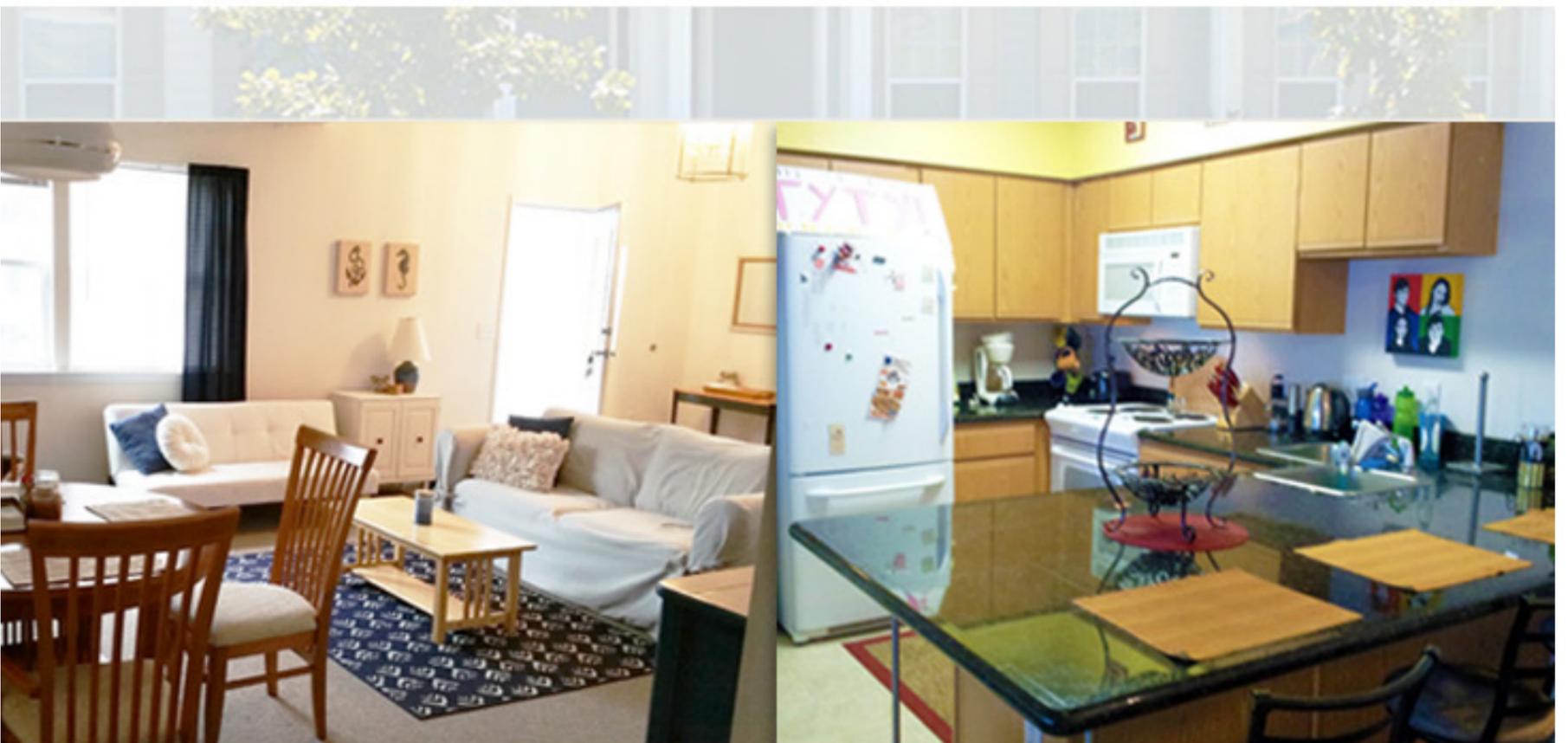
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