

Year in review: The news stories that rocked Elon's campus

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MORE STORIES OF THE YEAR

Want a recap of some of the other big news events this year? See page 12

Nan Perkins retires



Nan Perkins, vice president of Institutional Advancement, will retire this October after serving Elon for 32 years. Perkins has held several positions with the university, and plans to stay involved with the community in the future.

Bill Clinton visits Elon



On the campaign trail for his wife Sen. Hillary Clinton, former President Bill Clinton spoke in front of Alamance on Wednesday, April 23. Clinton drew out a crowd of supporters and opponents.

Zippin' into Moseley



In the fall, Zipcars were brought to Elon University for the first time. Zipcars provided the campus with on-the-spot car rentals, available for hours or days at a time. A \$35 membership fee will secure membership for a year.

Colonnades finally opens



Sept. 14 was a highly anticipated day — a day when the meal plan gained real value. That was the day when Colonnades dining hall finally opened. The perfect pan pizzas, the luscious linguini, the robust roast, the drool-worthy desserts all worth the wait.

Alcohol policy changes



The Presidential Task Force on Alcohol eliminated the rule stating students in the presence of underage drinkers would also be written up for possession. Also, "Good Samaritan" students will not be charged with an alcohol violation for seeking medical help for someone who has had too much to drink.

School of Communications launches graduate program



Students can ride the wave of the ever-changing journalism landscape by earning a Masters in Interactive Media. The School of Communications graduate program was approved to fully launch in the fall of 2009 with potential to start as early as summer session I taking Digital Media.

Law school gets provisional accreditation



The Elon University School of Law received provisional approval for accreditation by the American Bar Association. The final decision about accreditation will be made June 6.

Students in spotlight

Madelaine de la Ossa: A culture in photos



FILE PHOTO

Madelaine de la Ossa's completed a photography project in Panama during Winter Term this year.

Madelaine de la Ossa, a senior journalism and corporate communications major, has created a photography exhibition titled Panamá: Tierra de Diversidad (Panama: Land of Diversity).

A product of a Winter Term 2007 independent study, the 26 photos will remain on display on the second floor of the McEwen School of Communications until the end of the semester.

De la Ossa's exhibition focuses on three groups of indigenous peoples: one in the highlands near the Costa Rica border, another along the Atlantic coast at an Indian reserve in San Blas and a third in the capital along the Chagres River near the Panama Canal.

"I think that one of the main beauties of Panama is the diversity of its native people," de la Ossa said. "The origin of their traditions is very different [from one another]."

Bre Detwiler: Making Elon history

Junior Bre Detwiler was named the first student in Elon University history to receive the prestigious Truman Scholarship. Not more than a month later, she was named a Udall Scholar, again making school history.

The Truman Scholarship is awarded to college juniors with "exceptional leadership potential who are committed to careers in government, the nonprofit or advocacy sectors, education or elsewhere in the public service," according to the scholarship Web site.

Beyond the \$30,000 for graduate school, she will also attend a Summer Institute in Washington, D.C., during the summer after her graduation, where she can take on an internship with a "federal government agency, non-profit or other public service

organization."

The Udall is a prestigious national award given to individuals planning to pursue careers related to the environment. Detwiler received \$5,000 for one year of college studies and will spend a week in Tucson, Ariz., this August to network with policy makers in environmental fields. She is one of 80 students out of more than 500 candidates in the nation to be recognized.



Bre Detwiler



FILE PHOTO

RJ Yozwiak and Ian Baltutis won \$10,000 at the New Venture Creation Competition.

RJ Yozwiak and Ian Baltutis: Elon entrepreneurs

After creating their own startup company, "The Vibration Solution, LLC," as a project for an entrepreneurship program at Elon, RJ Yozwiak and Ian Baltutis won \$10,000 as the first place prize from the New Venture Creation Competition on April 4 at the University of Evansville.

Yozwiak and Baltutis developed the idea for the product their company sells, Silent Feet, through

this entrepreneurship program.

The Vibration Solution, LLC is the first operational company to come out of the Doherty Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership.

According to the Web site where Silent Feet is available for purchase, www.thevibrationsolution.com, Silent Feet "reduce noise and vibrations caused by your washing machine and dryer from disturbing your living environment."

Best campus visitors

September

George F. Will: Conservative Pulitzer Prize Winner

George Will's sharp humor and engaging public speaking skills — he spent less than a minute behind the podium and moved casually about the stage for the remainder of his speech — did not detract from the seriousness of his message: The American economy is booming



George Will

against a backdrop of pessimism and a growing demand for entitlements. "The majority of Americans begin taking Social Security at the age of 62," Will said. "Fixing Social Security is conceptually

simple: We need to raise the retirement age."

Using colorful, baseball-related metaphors to emphasize his arguments, Will's lecture demanded a cohesive mix of both optimism and caution for the future.

Will's written commentary appears in more than 475 U.S. newspapers. He won the Pulitzer Prize in 1977 and his commentary can be heard weekly on ABC's "This Week."

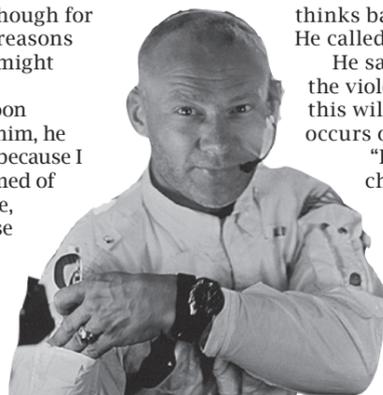
September

Buzz Aldrin: Second man on the moon

Colonel Buzz Aldrin of the Apollo 11 mission spoke in October to recount his lunar landing and discuss its implications for our future.

As a young child, Aldrin was very interested in the moon, although for different reasons than one might think.

The moon intrigued him, he said, "not because I ever dreamed of going there, but because it was my mother's maiden name: Miranda Moon."



Buzz Aldrin

On July 16, 1969, Apollo 11 lifted off on its revolutionary journey to the moon.

Once safely landed, Neil Armstrong and Aldrin stepped onto the moon to behold the strange and alien world.

"We were witness to the utter desolation of the moon with its lifeless, windless, barren landscape," Aldrin said. "Only its harsh shadows moved with the sun."

Nevertheless, Aldrin's actions that day affected America with greater force than either of the pilots could have ever imagined.

Whether it was Aldrin planting the American flag, or Armstrong's famous commentary, America was captivated by the unknown world of space exploration.

Whether it is years, decades or centuries from now, Aldrin said he hopes we will have achieved lunar accomplishments and much more.

November

Arun Gandhi: Grandson of Mahatma Gandhi

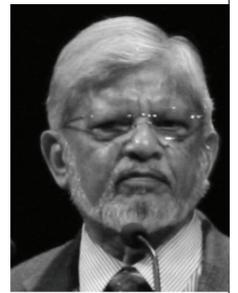
When Arun Gandhi stepped up to the podium on the stage of McCrary Theatre, the audience listened intently to his soft but powerful message of non-violence and its relation to terrorism.

Gandhi said that non-violence is often misinterpreted as being anti-war and anti-violence. He affirmed that these ideas were true, but that the idea of non-violence is much deeper.

Violence occurs first in one's own mind, he said. This violence can be thinking badly of oneself. Also, violence can occur when a person thinks badly about someone else. He called this "passive violence."

He said if people can control the violence that occurs within, this will reduce the violence that occurs outwardly.

"If you make the right choice, you can save this world from destruction," Gandhi said. "You can create a world where peace and harmony prevail."



Arun Gandhi

Students brace for parking fee hike in the fall

Pam Richter and Camille DeMere
Reporters

Last Wednesday, Elon students received an e-mail informing them of new parking fees for next year. The substantial increase in parking costs has been implemented to offset new security measures that will be in place when students return to campus in the fall.

Security cameras will be installed in the parking lots during the summer.

These cameras are just a part of various new safety measures that will be implemented when students return to campus in the fall.

The measures are part of a master safety and security plan that will include lighted crosswalks, fencing in the south and east areas of Danielely and gated parking lots.

"We hope the technology will act as a deterrent for anyone committing a crime in the parking lot," said Chuck Gantos, director of campus safety and police.

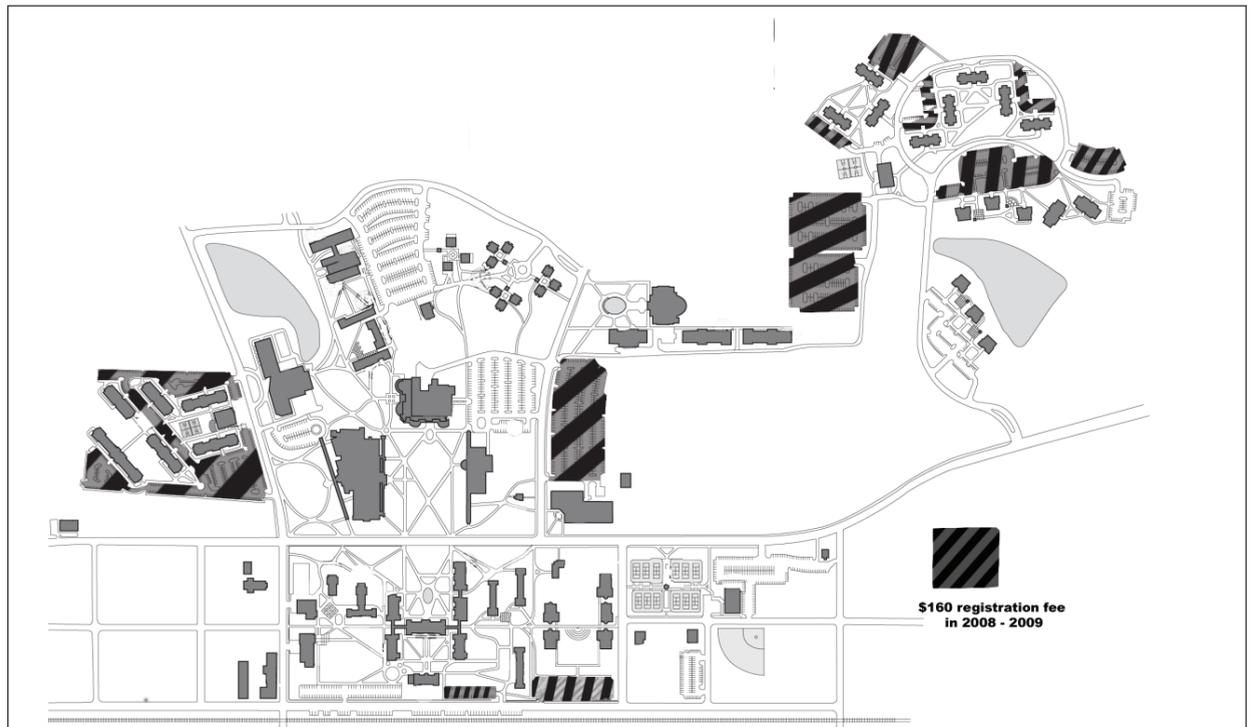
Students living in North Area, the Greek Courts and West Area will have to pay an \$80 fee, a 100 percent increase from a previous fee of \$40.

Those living in the Academic Village, East Area, Danielely Center, Colonnades, the Oaks and commuter students will pay \$160. This is an increase from \$80 this past year.

Some students think these cameras are unnecessary because many of the security incidents do not happen in the parking lots. Elon campus security hopes these cameras will act as a preventative measure.

Brooke Shore, a freshman, currently has a car on campus. She will be bringing a car next year and living in Danielely Center.

"The price is a little ridiculous," she said. "But they're putting up cameras,



CAMILLE DEMERE | Graphic

On the campus map above, the parking lots with a striped texture above will have the newly instated \$160 registration fee

which makes it safer."

Shore also said that this is a good justification for a price increase because they are implementing security cameras and not just raising the price to make a profit.

Elon student Casey Collins also feels these cameras are a good measure.

"My roommate's car got vandalized out in the West parking lot," Collins said. "It was vandalized pretty badly and they told her there was nothing they could do because they weren't liable. Cameras will be good, especially with people walking out at night to the

parking lots."

Even with the substantial price increase, Elon's parking fees are on the lower end of the spectrum in comparison to other North Carolina universities.

"Even with our increases, our parking fees, when compared to other North Carolina schools, are reasonable," Gantos said. "And it's going to be a good cause. We're not raising the fee, just for the sake of raising prices."

According to Duke University's Web site, students pay \$228 for parking. For students at Wake Forest

University, the cost is \$325 for the school year. Davidson students pay only \$50 for every vehicle parked on campus.

According to Elon Campus Security, about 2,065 students paid \$80 for their parking pass last year and 670 students paid \$40. Gantos doesn't expect this to affect any current students who were planning on bringing a car next year. He does think fewer freshmen will bring cars because of the price increase.

Gantos urges Elon students to bear with campus security as these new changes are underway.



THE HONOR SOCIETY OF
PHI KAPPA PHI

The ELON UNIVERSITY CHAPTER OF PHI KAPPA PHI would like to congratulate the following new initiates who were selected to membership from the upper 7.5% of the junior class and upper 10% of the senior and graduate classes. These students were recognized at an induction ceremony on Wednesday, April 23rd for their achievement. National Past-President Dr. Wendell McKenzie gave the opening remarks and Dr. Ray J. Davis, Southeast Region Vice President, gave the address.

Congratulations!

GRADUATE INITIATES	Mary Dalton Lisa Dettling Breanna Detwiler Andrea Dorrow Katelyn Downer Danielle Dufour Elizabeth Easterly Sarah Eibin Michelle Eichel Christopher Farnsworth Larissa Ferretti Sarah Findle Constance Fischello Sean Flynn Ryan Ford Laura Fraase Jordan Frederick Melissa Gaiser Cynthia Goodson Amanda Gross Rebecca Hampton Robertta Hawthorne Amelia Henderson Kathryn Jaffe Meredith Jones	Amanda Joyner Julie Kenneally Hallie Kilmer Carolyn King Jeremy Kitts Pamela Kopsky Matthew Korn Erika Lamanna Corinna Landon Diane Lechleiter Jay Liotta Jonathan Mahlandt Lauren Margolin Kimberly Marker Kyla Mathews Colleen McCarthy Caitlin McDonnell Caitlin McGarry Anna McGhee Victor McGlaughlin, III Julie McGowan Kyle McGrath Meredith McNeill Carin Metzger Stefanie Meyers Kelsey Miller	Paul Mirek Arnold Moore, IV Patrick Morse Kelly Murtagh Bradford Nock Nicole Olavarria Justin Parent Whitney Phillips Alaina Pineda Garrett Pittenger Ashley Poole Mariana Poole Sara Portoghese Ashley Potts Megan Prilutski Jenna Raffio Anna Reynal Heidi Rice Julia Roberts Shelley Russell Megan Sabo Kristin Schulz Rachel Scott Jessica Shade Daniel Sharpe, Jr. Kristine Silvestri	Sarah Simmons Sarah Smith Zachary Smith Eileen Sorge Brandy Sparks John Steward Miya Stodghill Ian Subsara Bethany Swanson Allison Tencza S. Emily Thomas Jennifer Toadvine Jaclyn Tordo Jennifer Tucci Alice Turner Iris Versmissen Katie Volkerding Rebecca Watts Ryan Weeks Alison Welch Autumn Welt Hannah Williams
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Students study effects of gender roles on relationships

Laura Wainman
Reporter

Four girls in Dr. Ann Cahill's current controversies in feminism class have spent an entire semester researching the answers to one question: How do the gender roles that our society has created affect long term heterosexual relationships?

As the semester draws to a close, they may have finally reached a conclusion.

Caroline Byrne, Hillary Waugh, Lauren Fitzgerald and Fjolla Berisha attempted to answer their research question by polling 100 Elon students by means of a 10-question online survey.

The results they found led them to conclude that, "Society does not train us to use a critical eye when examining the history of gender roles, therefore, the majority of individuals entering into heterosexual relationships carry with them ideas based on largely antiquated ideas of how males and females should behave in their daily lives, as well as in romantic endeavors."

The group said they believe it is important to expose the myths about gender roles so that "real dialogue between men and women may begin to take place, creating healthier and more fulfilling relationships for all involved."

They have posted flyers across the campus stating the findings of their research.

They also wrote a letter to The Burlington Times-News to begin educating society about their conclusions.

Facts from their findings:

- Only 26 percent of women and 58 percent of men believe that men and women should have certain roles in marriage based on gender.
- 42 percent of women and 39 percent of men believe that their current, or most recent relationship, is neither male nor female dominated.
- 63.8 percent of women and 89.5 percent of men said their parents' relationship has influenced their views on gender roles in relationships.
- 47.4 percent of men and 20 percent of women felt the media impacted their views on gender roles.
- 54 percent of women and 58 percent of men believe their views of gender roles on marriage impact their relationships.

Elon names new director of Physical Plant

Kristin Feeney
Reporter

It didn't happen overnight. There were piles of applications, days of interviewing and serious deliberation. Elon University has named Robert Buchholz the new director of Physical Plant.

A native of Southern Pines, N.C., Buchholz attended North Carolina State University for his undergraduate receiving a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering.

For his post-graduate studies, Buchholz attended the University of Washington at Seattle and received a Masters in Science in Civil Engineering as well as professional licensure from the state of Minnesota and certification from Duke University's Fuqua School of Business Advance Management Program.

Professionally, Buchholz has 32 years of experience: 26 years with the United States Navy Civil Engineer Corps as a commissioned captain and six years spent as the associate vice president of facilities management at Temple University.

While his professional experience has led him to travel to exotic locations such as Guam, Spain, the Philippines and Lebanon, Buchholz has always wanted to come back home



Robert Buchholz

to North Carolina. "I have wanted to return and give back to my home state some of the time and talents it provided me," Buchholz said. "Elon is a superb university and it provides me a great opportunity to serve a great academic institution. It is very interesting, challenging and rewarding work."

Though the 575 acres of Elon grounds may prove to take some getting used to, Buchholz's experiences have prepared him.

His last naval assignment in Northwest Florida included 5,000 acres and 1,800 buildings, and served 20,000 sailors, marines and staff.

"My time in the Navy and Temple has provided the experience to be able to work with a variety of facilities, settings and environments," Buchholz said. "There are always new challenges that provide opportunities to call on your experiences and training. You learn to work together with your team of professionals to meet those challenges and accomplish

a great deal together."

From experience, Buchholz knows that it is essential to get the lay of the land before setting any professional goals.

He plans on discovering what works best and figuring out what could be done more efficiently so that he can set goals for himself and the Physical Plant staff.

"Mr. Buchholz's experience and talents will be an excellent asset for Elon's Physical Plant department," said Gerald Whittington, vice president for business, finance and technology. "We look forward to his strong leadership as we continue to develop one of the nation's top university campuses."

While Buchholz may not officially step in until July 7, he is already planning for his return to North Carolina.

"My wife, Pam, and I look forward to the experience of returning to North Carolina and being a part of Elon University activities," Buchholz said. "Both our parents and two of our daughters live in North Carolina. We're excited about the prospect of being here."

As Buchholz departs Temple University, even his former employers have positive remarks for him.

"Robert Buchholz is one of the U.S. Navy's top facilities management

executives and he has been a great asset for Temple University," said Temple Vice President William Bergman.

Get to know Robert:

- Served as associate vice president for facilities management at Temple University since 2002
- Registered professional engineer
- Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from North Carolina State University
- Has a Masters in Civil Engineering from University of Washington, Seattle
- Was responsible for more than 11.8 million square feet of building space, 480 employees and \$460 million in projects at Temple University and the Temple University Health System

NEWS IN BRIEF

Sign up for free massage today

Exams stressing you out? Get a free massage sponsored by SUB during Exam Jam on Reading Day (today). Sign up at Moseley front desk.

Use meal plans by May 21

All meal plans and meal dollars must be used by Wednesday, May 21. They will not be available next year.

Empty out Koury Center lockers

If you have a locker in Koury Center and are a student who is graduating or will not be on campus during the summer, the locker needs to be cleared out by May 23.

Locks can be brought to the front desk. If you're staying on campus for the summer and wish to keep your locker, please notify Alison Polisenio at polisenio@elon.edu.

Interested in bringing a National Multicultural Sorority to Elon?

This sorority has seen enormous national growth over the past decade and would be the first of its kind at Elon. Encompassing the goals of campus organizations committed to multiculturalism, they would also focus on important elements of sisterhood and service.

If you think you would be interested in helping to found a chapter of this organization, please contact Ashley Lyons at alyons3@elon.edu.

Local teen arrested for marijuana possession on campus

Elon University Police Officer Anthony Tillotson arrested a Burlington teen for possession of 15.4 grams of marijuana in the Arts West parking lot at 3 a.m. on May 3.

Octavia Laver Sanford, 16, of Holt Street, was charged with possession and intent to sell and deliver.

The Elon Town Police Department charged him and Dane Ronald Slade Jr., 18, of Main Street, with felonies for a breaking and entering on West Lebanon Avenue.

Cookie Walk to take place today

Stop by Methodist Fellowship's Cookie Walk in McKinnon D in Moseley from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Reading Day. In exchange for two canned goods or \$2, participants can get as many home-baked goodies as they'd like.

All donations will go to Loaves and Fishes.

RSA to host annual Crunch Brunch

Come celebrate the end of the semester with food and friends in Harden Wednesday night from 10:30 p.m. to 12 a.m. Twisted Measure and Sweet Signatures will be performing, and President Lambert will make an appearance as well.

Senior events to say goodbye

A picnic lunch on The Green (between Moseley and the Loy Center) with all faculty and staff will start at noon on May 21. That night, the second annual semi-formal Senior Class Gala will take place from 9 p.m. to midnight in McKinnon Hall.

Join O-Team

Want to be a part of New Student Orientation? Then join O-Team, an integral part of orientation that helps with opening day and brother/sister orientation.

For more information or an application, please stop by Moseley 226 or e-mail compass@elon.edu with any questions.

N.C. Primary supports Obama despite Rev. Wright controversy

Morgan Morris
Reporter

The recent controversy surrounding Barack Obama's relationship with his old Reverend, Jeremiah Wright has proven to have only a relatively small impact among North Carolinians in this hotly contested Democratic race for president.

Even though the national media has portrayed a significant loss for Democratic nominee Obama before the most recent primaries, North Carolina reflected a different opinion that supports his current lead against Hillary Clinton.

Locally, the Elon University Poll and students share this same general opinion. In a statement that was found before the Rev. Wright scandal emerged, the April poll found that for "likely voters" 34.4 percent of North Carolinians support Obama against both Clinton at 31.6 percent and the Republican nominee, John McCain at 21.5 percent (the sample size was 288 with a +/- 5.9 percent margin of error).

In a head-to-head race with Clinton, this same poll still found Obama on top with 48.9 percent more than 31.4 percent.

National and local results continue to support Obama.

According to the Associated Press, half of the state of North Carolina said the Rev. Wright "was important when choosing a candidate," while six in 10 of these individuals backed Clinton. Eight in 10 of them were responded that they were white.

This same article states that black voters overwhelmingly favored Obama and did not believe that the controversy surrounding the Rev. Wright is an important factor in this election.

Most newspapers covering the primary have stated that the issue is extremely racially charged, which makes finding these results both on a state or national level difficult.

Even though this number seems high since Obama won 51 percent of North Carolinians' votes, this disparity can be explained through what Freshman Nick Ochsner, recently elected chairman of the Elon College Republicans, called Obama's push to advocate early voting.

Other students in the organization,

Elon Students for Barack Obama, are inclined to disagree and cite Obama's encouragement as a positive note of his campaign.

Daniel Harwell, a freshman who has actually been working for Obama and is an active participant in this organization, cites Obama's attempts to encourage methods for voting like "one-stop voting," which takes 10 minutes, as one of the many ways this candidate is "educating people on where and how to vote."

Despite these conflicting opinions on Obama's methods, both political parties, along with senior Kaitlyn Day, a participant in Elon's National Campaign for Student Political and Civic Engagement, are inclined to believe that the media is making a bigger deal of the Rev. Wright and that his comments will not make the difference in the long run.

Ochsner as well as Dr. Hunter Bacot, associate professor of political science, have also stated that Obama is the most likely Democratic candidate, despite his ties with the Rev. Wright.

Because of issue greater than Rev. Wright, Ochsner believes the door will be open for more involvement from all the candidates, including McCain.

"People like Reverend Wright are setting off a clear picture of Obama's character," said Ochsner. "Barack has given America a reason to be doubtful."

According to Ochsner, this fact, along with Obama's extreme leftist attitudes, are what he says will make McCain more easy to elect.

Even though the controversy surrounding Obama's old pastor has caused a small dip in the polls, this presidential candidate has maintained his lead over Clinton both in North Carolina and nationally.

In a New York Times/CBS Poll the national opinion was reflected when 73 percent of registered voters said that Rev. Wright would "not much or not at all" affect their vote in the general election.

"Presidential elections always have a scandal," said Ochsner.

The nation and North Carolina are now forced to continue in this high stress Democratic election and hope that a nominee arises from this political hotbed of indecision.

Saving up to see the animals

Elon students help a local elementary school afford a trip to the zoo

Andie Diemer
News Editor

When psychology professor Alexa Darby heard that a group of kindergartners from Harvey Newlin Elementary were not going to be able to visit the zoo this year because of the costs, she shared the information with the students in her educational psychology classes. Together they decided they wanted to make the zoo trip possible.

"One of the students brought up that the kindergarten class was going to the zoo and many of the kindergartners could not go because their family did not have the money," Darby said. "My students in both of the classes connected the importance of field trips in reading comprehension and decided to raise funds. They went right after class and started raising money."

One of Darby's students, junior Katherine Troxler, said it was amazing to see everyone so passionate and willing to help a school just seven miles from Elon's campus.

"I feel like the majority of Elon students never had to miss a field trip in elementary school simply because they didn't have \$23 extra dollars to allow them to go," Troxler said. "I think it was important because we were able to make it so the kids who may not have been able to go to the zoo with the rest of their class, can now go because we took a few days to ask for change."

Sophomore Melanie Binder was involved in the fundraising process and personally got involved because of the impact the zoo had on her growing up. She did not want any students to miss out on the opportunity because they could not afford it.

"It is so important for Elon to partake in projects like this because, as cheesy as it sounds, these kids are the future and should have all the same opportunities that kids from wealthier backgrounds have," Binder said. "We are all so blessed here at



Girls in Assistant Professor of Psychology Alexa Darby's educational psychology class count pennies to help send kindergarten students at Harvey Newlin Elementary School on an annual zoo trip that was cancelled because of limited funds.

Elon to have what we do and to be able to share it with those that are less fortunate, and projects like this are a wonderful way to reach out to the community and make an impact on a child's life."

Since finances were the only obstacle between getting the kids to the zoo, students went around collecting change and contacting student organizations. Between learning about the problem on April 30 and dropping off the money at the school on May 7, the group raised \$2,300, including donations from RSA and the Chaplain fund.

"Now every child will get to go to the zoo and the remaining funds will help with the fifth grade field trip to Washington, D.C." Darby said. "We delivered the money to the school and the principal and treasurer were so happy they had tears in their eyes."

Darby said one of the most exciting aspects of the situation was she didn't even ask her students to raise the money.

"The only thing I have told them is when you identify a problem and you have the means to help, do something about it," Darby said. "I continually talk about university, school [and]

community partnerships and they took responsibility. I am so proud of them."

But to her students, the gratification is not only in the students they helped, but in the years to come.

"They were so deeply grateful that we would put so much effort into helping them and could not stop saying thank you," Binder said. "I sincerely hope that these efforts can be continued in the future and that the students of Elon will be willing to give what they can to such a worthy cause."

A new generation of voters sends in ballots



ASHLEY BARNAS | Photographer

Members of the National Campaign at Elon pose with cardboard cutouts of the presidential candidates during a North Carolina Primary party. The students met from 7 to 10 p.m. to watch the primary results.

Ashley Barnas
News Editor

The political passion among the high school students was so viscous that it couldn't escape through the open door. Each eloquently articulated thought sapped off one Young Democrat and onto another as the conversation mounted into a lump of political molasses. The outcome could be strong enough to convince the most politically apathetic youth to become a more informed voter.

Four Young Democrats members at Western Alamance High School are a mere slice of the fraction of 18- to 24-year-olds who are politically engaged. According to a Harvard University poll, 70 percent of 18- to

24-year-olds said "they follow news about national politics either very or somewhat closely."

With the political facts and statistics these students can spout off, they are in the upper percentile - and only one of them has turned 18.

This year's election has sparked the interest of a new generation. George Taylor, political science professor and adviser to the non-partisan National Campaign at Elon, pinpoints the 18- to 24-year-old group as this year's most influential at the polls.

"The youth vote is going to be big," Taylor said. The younger generation "is finally realizing they need to be involved."

Alex Waddell, 18-year-old Western senior and president of Young

Democrats, voted early for the North Carolina primary. Chris Radford, 17-year-old Western senior, was eligible to cast a ballot on May 6 because he will be 18 by the time of the general election. The members are true to their organization's objectives.

On Tuesday, a group of students went to polling locations and handed out voter information and told voters about specific candidates their organization was endorsing, specifically Sen. Barack Obama.

The four students have mirrored national statistics regarding the youth vote. The Harvard Institute of Politics poll found that 70 percent of 18- to 24-year-olds who plan to vote Democratic in the general election in November strongly prefer Obama to Sen. Hillary Clinton.

The IOP poll found that "64 percent of young people said they will definitely be voting in the general election, up 3 percentage points from levels seen last October."

"Your generation is wanting different things," Taylor said. "Not the same old, same old that we've seen."

Josh Hughes, a freshman Young Democrat, cites that same reason for his generation's interest in the election. "I know for all of us, we've either had a Clinton or a Bush in office since we've been born," he said.

The other three members of Young Democrats agreed: They don't want a "dynasty of Bush, Clinton, Bush, Clinton." So Obama is their anti-dynasty option.

"I feel like Obama has a better chance of winning the general election," Waddell said. "And in my

opinion, we need the Democratic Party to win this election."

Obama has brought himself to the state senate, the U.S. Senate and now to the presidency, Waddell said.

Kaitlyn Day, one of the co-directors of National Campaign, offers her own anti-dynasty stance.

"Senator Obama is younger and an outsider," Day said. He is appealing to people who are seeking change.

The reason a younger generation is showing more excitement and involvement in this election is a combination of the candidates' diversity and the resonating issues at hand.

"The war, the economy and your voice," are what's prompting young people to vote, Taylor said.

The IOP poll shows that the economy is of greatest concern to the 18- to 24-year-old voters with 86 percent importance.

The political statements claiming support for the constituents have become valid.

"It's not a name on the ballot anymore," Radford said. "It's a face and a person and a policy that lives on with that name."

The voice of the youngest generation of voters holds more significance in this election than it has previously. Taylor knows the secret to having an impact on the election's outcome.

"Participate, get involved and go," he said. "You can really make a difference. But it's not immediate - it's incremental. Democracy is not a spectator's world. You've got to get out there and fight. It's true you can have an effect."

RateMyProfessors.com may be as valid as official rating system

Rachel Cieri
Reporter

Only a few weeks ago, it was time to register for fall classes and stress was once again running rampant. Students pored over their computers with their noses two inches from the screen, clicking the refresh button every 30 seconds to make sure that the section they wanted was still open.

Then the unthinkable happens — the class fills. As they scrambled to find other options, the much-criticized RateMyProfessors.com was the first place they turned.

Although there has been as much disapproval as praise for the student-powered site, a new study at Lander University suggested that RateMyProfessors.com may be just as accurate as a nationally used evaluation system.

A study to be published in the journal "Assessment and Evaluation in Higher Education" found a high correlation between the Individual Development & Educational Assessment Student Ratings and RateMyProfessors.com in three areas. Both systems had similar evaluations of ease in the course, and the courses rated the easiest resulted in the highest grades. The courses on RateMyProfessor.com with professors rated highest in "clarity" and "helpfulness" were also given high marks on the IDEA ratings for course excellence.

IDEA Student Ratings of Instruction is used at 275 colleges and designed to take into account more than just how much students liked the class. Like the

course evaluations at Elon, they make adjustments for how well a student did in the class, student effort and motivation to take the course.

There are also adjustments made for other factors outside of the instructor's control, including student work habits, class size, inherent course difficulty and interest in the subject matter regardless of the instructor. The system even allows instructor input regarding teaching methods and learning objectives.

Criticism of RateMyProfessors.com often stems from the fact that the Web site does not attempt to take extenuating circumstances into account. When rating a professor, the site asks only for prior interest level as an adjustment factor.

Even with vast differences in the evaluation methods, the two systems achieve similar results. In the study of ratings for 126 professors at Lander University, researchers found that there is "preliminary support for the validity of the evaluations on RateMyProfessors.com."

Michael E. Sonntag, a leader in the research and former professor at Lander, pointed out that the findings can be looked at in two ways. It can be seen as evidence that RateMyProfessors.com is just as good as the IDEA system, or it can be seen as testimony that IDEA is just as poor a tool as RateMyProfessors.com.

It's not likely that Elon will start using RateMyProfessors.com for course evaluations, but the question remains: What is the right way to rate a professor?

RATE MY PROFESSORS

THE SITE

The Web site was founded by John Swapceinski in May 1999 for university students to assign ratings to their professors. The site contains more than six million ratings for more than half a million professors in the United States, Canada, New Zealand, Australia and the United Kingdom.

THE SURVEY

The Lander University study looked at the rankings of 126 professors from the South Carolina University and then compared the IDEA and RateMyProfessors.com rating systems. The survey found:

- Student rankings on the ease of courses were consistent in both systems and correlated with student grades.
- Professors' rankings for "clarity" and "helpfulness" on RateMyProfessors.com correlated with overall rankings for course excellence on IDEA.
- The journal article says that they offer "preliminary support" for the validity of RateMyProfessors.com

Graphic and information compiled by Bethany Swanson



FILE PHOTO

North Carolina finally makes a decision during May 6 primary

The following candidates have been selected among the other members in their party to move on to the general election in November:

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- U.S. Senate:**
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Janet Cowell
- Auditor:**
Beth A. Wood
- Commissioner of Agriculture:**
Ronnie Ansley
- Commissioner of Insurance:**
Wayne Goodwin
- Commissioner of Labor:**
Mary Fant Donnan
- Superintendent of Public Instruction:**
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- Lieutenant Governor:**
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- Commissioner of Agriculture:**
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- Commissioner of Insurance:**
John Odom
- Commissioner of Labor:**
Cherie Killian Berry
- Superintendent of Public Instruction:**
Richard T. Morgan

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| —Arkansas | —Alaska | —Nebraska |
| —California | —Colorado | —Nevada |
| —Indiana | —Connecticut | —North Carolina |
| —Massachusetts | —Georgia | —South Carolina |
| —New Hampshire | —Hawaii | —Texas (caucus) |
| —New Jersey | —Idaho | —Utah |
| —New Mexico | —Illinois | —Vermont |
| —New York | —Iowa | —Virginia |
| —Ohio | —Kansas | —Washington |
| —Oklahoma | —Louisiana | —Wyoming |
| —Pennsylvania | —Maine | —Wisconsin |
| —Tennessee | —Maryland | |
| —Texas (primary) | | |

C-SPAN bus makes stop at Elon

Pam Richter
Reporter

On May 6, the Indiana and North Carolina primaries took place in one of the most intriguing election campaigns in recent years. The three major candidates are anything but conventional.

There is a former prisoner of war, and for the first time, a competitive woman and an African American fighting over the Democratic ticket.

In many previous years, these late primary elections usually do not have a significant impact, with the winner already decided but this year has proved to be different.

There has been increased campaign coverage and last Monday morning the campaign reached the grounds of Elon University and Alamance County once again.

C-SPAN, the Cable Satellite Public Affairs Network, has a campaign bus that travels around the country and made a stop on Elon's campus. Later in the afternoon, the bus was scheduled to stop at a local high school.

"It's a good school [Elon University] and you have a communication department that C-SPAN felt might be interested," said Darrell Heinrich, director of public affairs for Time Warner Cable. "We came down because of the interest of the school."

On average, the bus makes about two to three stops a day. In a given week, it can be in three or four cities.

Each year, 35,000 to 45,000 miles are put on the bus. The one that stopped at Elon has about 430,000 miles on it and is one of the two buses that C-SPAN operates.

All 50 states and all 50 state capitals have been visited by one of the buses since 1993, when the first bus tour was started. The second bus was added in 1996.

The driver, Terence Bilal, has been a C-SPAN employee for five years.

"I started out driving entertainment buses for a couple of years," Bilal said. "Driving for a company like C-SPAN was like night and day. When you drive for C-SPAN you deal a lot more with political people."

Bilal explained that when it's not campaign season, the bus serves other purposes. One of its functions is to book appearances at festivals across the country.

"We don't really know what the focus will be after the campaign, so right now we're just deeply entrenched into the campaign process," he said.



PAM RICHTER | Photographer

C-SPAN is becoming proactive in this campaign like many other television networks, since this election has many young voters heading to the polls. C-SPAN is hoping to reach out to some of these younger voters through the bus tour.

"Our goal with [the bus] is to make sure younger folks are aware of C-SPAN," said Scott Peterson, representative for C-SPAN.

The bus serves as an educational tool and also an additional television studio for the network.

One of the reasons C-SPAN can shoot shows on the bus is because of its uncommon setup.

"If you see C-SPAN, you know simple works on our network," Peterson said.

"It's not that we don't know how to do television more exciting," he said. "It's that we're doing it for a reason."

Peterson emphasized that the purpose of C-SPAN is not to provide entertainment, but to provide a public service, as a public affairs network. Viewers can watch both the House and the Senate from gavel to gavel on a daily basis.

"What makes C-SPAN so different is that we're a nonprofit network," he said. "Our purpose is not monetary based, but mission based. There's never going to be a bill or law passed that people can't watch."

This clear mission and philosophy is often lost in the eyes of many network critics.

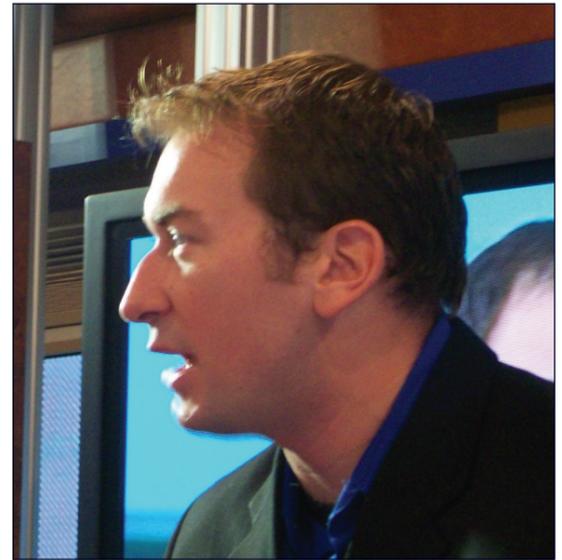
"The people at C-SPAN believe in the mission and philosophy [of the network], which is presenting public policy without any spin put into it," said Tamara Robinson, media relations director for the C-SPAN bus. "I think everyone at C-SPAN believes in that mission and I think that that is the best part of working here."

It was emphasized to visitors of the bus that C-SPAN is not a news network, even though it often

gets compared to one. Peterson said it is a primary resource that does not edit, but presents the entire speech or talk. On other news networks, there is not time to show a reporter asking a question.

He said with editing, executive decisions are made as to which comments will be aired that can skew the audience's perception. One of the biggest challenges in his mind is trying not to show any bias.

"We have a balance of what's responsible, what's fair and what's interesting," Peterson said.



PAM RICHTER | Photographer

Scott Peterson, a representative for C-SPAN, speaks to students on the C-SPAN Bus at Elon University on Monday.

Student donates \$50,000 to Safe Rides program

Laura Wainman
Reporter

After his parents were approached about giving a donation to Elon University, senior Andrew Bennett made a big decision. He felt that it was time for him to give back to the university that he has loved for the past four years. He did this by donating a total of \$50,000 to Elon's Safe Rides program during the next five years.

"My parents had already done so much for me just by paying for my education at Elon and I didn't want them to have to do anything more," Bennett said. "Since I had the ability to make the donation myself, I wanted to be an example to other students who may also have the ability, and remind them that if they have had a positive experience at this university, they should consider giving something back."

Bennett specifically chose to donate to the Safe Rides program because it was an area that he felt he could make a big difference in students' lives.

"I've been involved with the university throughout most of my time here and have always wanted to do something that would make a

true difference in the lives of my fellow students," he said. "I know what an important program Safe Rides is, and I wanted to do something that would have a positive impact on the alcohol issue at Elon."

The Safe Rides program provides students with free and safe transportation home on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. The program currently has two cars that can carry three passengers each.

The purpose of Safe Rides is to deter students from walking home alone or getting behind the wheel of a car while intoxicated.

In recent years, the resources of the program have been stretched thin. According to E-Net, 100 students already receive rides on Friday and Saturday nights, though far more students call to be picked up.

With Bennett's donation, not only will Safe Rides be able to increase their staff and marketing of the program, but the university also chose to donate a new van to the program in light of Bennett's generosity.

The addition of a van will allow the program to double their occupancy rates and shorten the waiting period students who use this service



PHOTO COURTESY OF E-NET

Andrew Bennett made a donation of \$50,000 to Elon's Safe Rides program. Bennett wanted to give money to Safe Rides because he says it can make such a difference in students' lives.

often face.

This may lower the number of students who choose to get home through unsafe modes of transportation because they don't want to wait the

hour that it may take for Safe Rides to pick them up.

Bennett said he hopes that his own gift will motivate other students in a position to give to start thinking about

helping Elon University.

"For many of us, Elon has become home," he said. "Why wouldn't we want to help improve our home?"

Elon alum pursues unique medical degree abroad

Andie Diemer
News Editor

This fall, Elon alumnus Geoffrey Lynn will be pursuing a dual medical and Ph.D. degree with training from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, the National Institutes of Health and Oxford University in England.



Geoffrey Lynn

The degree, which will take about eight years to complete, is part of the National Institutes of Health Oxford/Cambridge Scholars Program, an individualized, accelerated doctoral training program for outstanding science students committed to biomedical research.

Lynn, who graduated from Elon in 2007, will be one of about 100 American students who will partake in the program since it was created in 2001.

Aside from full tuition at either Oxford or Cambridge universities, he will also receive a living stipend, health insurance coverage and travel expenses.

Students undertake a collaborative biomedical investigation project and can conduct research at a campus in Bethesda, Md., Oxford University or Cambridge University. They may also travel abroad, to places like Africa, to gather more data.

Lynn, who currently works at the National Cancer Institute, told Elon that he is interested in medical technologies that promise to improve

efficiency of vaccines, imaging probes, therapeutics and more. His acceptance into the program will help his dreams materialize.

"The program provides an unparalleled opportunity for training in a highly multi-disciplinary and collaborative research environment," Lynn said. "In the traditional model, students seeking a Ph.D. degree often complete all of their work in one laboratory within a single department at a university."

Chemistry professor Joel Karty, Lynn's research mentor and adviser at Elon, told the school the most impressive aspect of Lynn was his ability to solve problems, on paper and in the lab, at a graduate level.

"Much of this was an outcome of his intelligence and natural abilities," Karty said. "Perhaps more so, however, it was an outcome of his inherent curiosity in science, and his passion for finding answers."

Lynn said the undergraduate research program at Elon opened doors to graduate-level programs.

"At most major universities, really, you're doing grunt work as an undergraduate. You're doing stuff that graduates and post docs don't want to do," Lynn said. "Here you have many unique opportunities."

Before he graduated, Lynn was vice president of Phi Kappa Phi honor society, a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and a student affiliate of the American Chemical Society.

He was the recipient of a Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship.

The NIH is a federally funded office in the Department of Health and Human Services that works to support and fund medical research.

OMG: Writing with abrevs and emoticons?!

Noelle Clemente
Reporter

In a society where we have lost the art of the handwritten note, it appears we might have also lost the art of formal writing. The lines between text messages, e-mails and school papers are blurred, and students are taking advantage of the new version of prose.

Communication in today's society is comprised of instant messages, text messages that must be shorter than 160 characters to be delivered in full, or brief e-mails with nearly no capitalization. And if it were not for spell check there would be numerous spelling errors.

With these habits infringing upon classroom writing, teachers are concerned about teenagers' ability to enter levels of higher education and the work force.

The report "Writing, Technology, and Teens" proved that "38 percent of high-school-age students have used abbreviations like 'LOL' in school assignments." Richard Sterling, professor at the University of California

Berkeley and contributor to this report, placed pressure on educators to "get students to slow down and be more thoughtful and more reflective about what they're reading and what they're writing."

This new age of writing and responsibility of educators proves to be a challenging balancing act. The report proved that 93 percent of participants do write outside of the classroom, an opportunity schools could take advantage.

Elon requires students to take college writing in the first year in order to fine tune writing skills. With this expansion of what is considered everyday language, this class might also need to be expanded.

Perhaps high-school-age students have discovered a progressive form of writing, or perhaps they need to slow down, idk. ttyl.



Myanmar allowing U.S. cyclone aid



Cyclone victims are doing the bulk of the cleanup work themselves in Yangon, Myanmar's largest city, usually with hand saws, machetes and axes. LOS ANGELES TIMES

Bruce Wallace
Los Angeles Times

BANGKOK, Thailand — Relief supplies that were supposed to include the first U.S. aid flight reached Myanmar on Monday, but the sinking of a Red Cross barge underscored the logistical challenge of distributing food and shelter to survivors in the swampy aftermath of last week's cyclone.

The United Nations said its teams inside the battered Irrawaddy Delta region reported between 60,000 and 100,000 people dead or missing, and the Myanmar government increased its official death count to 28,458. The scale of the disaster means that relief efforts have been too feeble, U.N. officials said, warning that disease and hunger are stalking the roughly 1.5 million survivors.

"Some aid is getting into the country, but the door is not open as wide as it needs to be," said Richard Horsey, a spokesman for the U.N.'s humanitarian operations, which landed a cargo plane carrying 30 metric tons of non-food relief, including tents, in Myanmar on Sunday. "The government does not have the capacity to respond to this on its own, which is why it is essential that they move urgently not just to allow goods to come in but also the people and equipment needed to distribute it."

Myanmar's military rulers have approved only a smattering of visas for foreign aid workers, although relief agencies reported that aid shipments were now receiving official clearances with greater ease. The U.N.'s World

Food Program also said the Myanmar government had released 38 tons of high-energy biscuits that had been impounded at the airport and allowed the organization to begin distributing them.

Others saw encouraging signs in the junta's agreement to accept aid from the United States, an offer that had been rebuffed previously because of hostile relations between the two countries. A U.S. military C-130 transport plane was cleared Monday to land with relief supplies in Yangon, Myanmar's largest city, carrying water, mosquito nets and blankets. No other flights have been approved, but the U.S. is "hopeful" of authorization for two flights later this week.

Other aid continued to come in from the Thai and Indian governments. But U.N. agencies said the most urgent need is for helicopters and boats to transport the aid from the airport to the delta region, where roads have been washed out. The delivery problem is compounded by hundreds of thousands of people being on the move, seeking shelter and food.

Relief work suffered a setback Sunday when a barge being used by the International Committee of the Red Cross to carry supplies to about 1,000 people struck what was believed to be a submerged tree and sank. The barge was one of just two available to the Red Cross.

"We can't just land on the tarmac and drop stuff off," Horsey said. "We need boats and helicopters to get the goods into the Irrawaddy. Not nearly enough is getting through to the people."

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Editorial

Letter to the Editor

I read in Time that poverty has a chance to end by 2025. But to do this, we need to get off our big egos, our couches and our new cars and do something. We're brainwashed to believe that this matrix is inescapable, that we have to buy into it to achieve "happiness." If you get a grade below an A or if you're not involved enough in extracurricular activities, 10 people jump down your throat and tell you that you're wasting your life away.

Can't they get it through their heads that there is more than one acceptable way of living? And that maybe their lives, where they are constantly stressing about something, could possibly be wrong? The book and recent movie "Into the Wild" is a good demonstration of this concept.

The main character, Chris McCandless, is very idealistic and extreme, and he ends up traveling across the country to Alaska by himself to escape everything he doesn't like about society. But a person who is almost more respectable is his sister, Carine. She is someone who sees multiple ways of living, and even though she chooses something a little more conventional than the extreme idealism of her brother, she accepts and understands it nonetheless. Not like their close-minded judgmental parents.

We need to stay open, keep growing and keep learning about ourselves. Understanding that we have some flaws is still hard to let go of, especially at our age. But we're all learning collectively as a generation. As long as we stay this way, keep our minds open and make sure we always have someone to shock us back into place if we ever lose it, maybe things aren't so pessimistic after all.

Scott Van Dorn
Elon '10

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Students should welcome parking price increase, safer parking lots

As most students are aware of by now, the price of parking on campus will be doubled next year. As can be expected, this new hike in parking passes will be met with some resistance from the student body.

Any time there is an increase in college costs, students will begin to bicker and complain. College is expensive enough already for many students. Even increases in the price of small things like parking passes can create a bitter uproar.

What students need to realize, though, is that the parking cost increase is justified and is something that no student should be against. The increased

revenue from the parking passes will be going to fund Elon's initiative to make the parking lots, sidewalks and the campus more safe and secure.

A lot of security incidents have plagued Elon this year. Considering the issue that occurred this past weekend where a woman was assaulted on Haggard Avenue, it is becoming more evident that the safety of students is not up to par.

Walking across campus isn't something that an Elon student should have to avoid for fear of being attacked, assaulted or mugged. The Elon "Bubble" may be a lie, but that doesn't mean that a trip across campus should be dangerous.

These increased security measures are for the good of all students and especially students with vehicles on campus. The school is simply taking a few more steps to make Elon as safe as possible and the security cameras, lighted pathways and other plans the school is planning to implement will better ensure the student's safety.

And honestly, the new price is not that big of a price for college parking. While it will be double of the original price, Elon students still pay less than many other North Carolina colleges, and will still pay less even after the price increases.

Students at Wake Forest

University pay \$325 for a full year's parking pass according to the university's Web site. Students at Duke University pay \$228 for an annual parking permit.

Parking price increases are not something that Elon student's should be up in arms about.

It is a small increase and the ends justify the means.

Safety should not be as large of an issue at Elon as it has been this past year.

Elon is not and never will be a complete safezone from harm, but these new policies and projects will help make Elon a safer place for students to learn and socialize.

Late night dining staff should be held to a higher standard

Kaitlin Busch

Contributing Columnist

Students are used to waiting a long period of time for their lunch or dinner at Acorn and Varsity, more so at the latter of the two locations. They know some of the workers on a personal level and laugh at their jokes. For the most part, students typically enjoy the employees' personalities. But recently, the work ethic of these employees has been appalling.

Two weeks ago I went to Acorn with one of my friends around 10:30 p.m., craving a milkshake. I assumed I'd go in, place my order and leave. No such luck. I walked in to find the employees either sitting at the tables closest to the outside window or sitting outside the back door. Most of them noticed me, but made no attempt to wait on me. They just sat, continuing their conversations as if they were the customers.

After a few minutes, a man came in from outside. When he saw that I wanted a milkshake, he yelled at one of the female employees to make it. In the meantime, my friend was considering ordering a smoothie. That sent the whole place up in arms. Although Acorn is supposed to be open until 1 a.m., the employees start closing down some of the equipment around 10 p.m. They said they start cleaning up early so they can go home right away.

To make matters worse, one male employee insulted me. I asked him why they clean up so early considering Acorn is one of the few places students can get food late at night. He snapped, and with disgust in his voice he said,

"Well hunny, one day when you work, you will understand."

That statement was rude and absolutely uncalled for. I, like many Elon students, have been working as a waitress over the past four years to pay for my college education, and I have never said anything that distasteful to a customer. The restaurant I work at in Pittsburgh is open until midnight and we are absolutely not allowed under any circumstances to clean up early. If a group walks in at 11:45, we serve them. The point being, most employees never leave work when the shop closes.

After closing is when employees should clean up. The customer comes first.

His comment really struck a nerve and I believe that he should not be able to talk to a student like that. He assumed I was a spoiled girl who never worked a day in my life. What he said was wrong, and he never apologized, even after I explained to him my job and the duties that come with it.

Unfortunately, Acorn isn't the only dining site on campus with lazy employees. My friend and I grabbed a late dinner at Varsity on Sunday night around 9 p.m. We were one of three tables in the entire restaurant. Our waitress didn't even come to take our drink orders until 15 minutes after we got there. We both ordered water, but she neglected to bring our drinks until after our food came out, which was another 20 minutes later. Instead, she was flirting with her boyfriend at the bar.

When our food came, my friend placed a to-go order for her roommate and the waitress assured her it would

be waiting at the counter when we paid. Of course the order wasn't waiting because the waitress never put it in. She was too busy vacuuming because she "had to leave." It was 10 p.m. and the place is open until 1 a.m.!

While we were waiting for the to-go order, the phone rang non-stop. All three of the employees acted as if they didn't hear it ring. The caller hung up and then called back a few minutes later. Again, the employees dispersed, neglecting the phone call. When someone finally went to answer it, another worker yelled at her not to. The same worker then put the phone on hold when it quit ringing so anyone who would call would get a busy signal.

And as if that wasn't enough, when a table of four boys came in and sat down, two of the waitresses played rock-paper-scissors to see who would have to take the table because neither one of them wanted to do their job.

Witnessing all of these experiences in the past few weeks has been extremely frustrating. Elon employees should be held to some standards. Their rudeness, laziness and bluntness should not be tolerated. The employees are extremely disrespectful and have no reason to be.

Students need places to go late at night to order food and it is the employees' job to serve them. The employees are constantly complaining and slacking off. If they don't like it, they need to find a new job so Elon can hire new dining services employees who will be pleasant and actually take part in the Elon community.

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POLITICS:

The Internet revolution of politics

For the past 14 months, the top news story throughout the media has been the upcoming 2008 election and the candidates that are in the running. This election has been unlike any other in history for a few reasons, the most obvious of course being that for the first time the nominee for a leading party (in this case the Democratic Party) will not be a white male.



Kevin Clang
Columnist

This historic occurrence is not the only thing making this election unique. Throughout these long 14 months, the rules of the game of politics have literally been rewritten right in front of our faces, faster than ever before.

Fundraising, mud slinging and even voting, everything is being revolutionized, all thanks to the Internet. In the past year we have even seen a "Facebook" debate and two YouTube debates. For better or for worse, the Internet is changing everything. In the end, it is giving politics back to the American people.

The clearest demonstration of the Internet's newfound power is the online fundraising numbers of the candidates. Earlier this year, Republican Ron Paul broke records when he raised \$3 million from ordinary supporters in just one day online.

Through his Web site, Barack Obama's campaign has received donations from 1.5 million different people, which is about one tenth of the number of people who voted for him in primaries. This number is unprecedented. Most of these donors give \$100 or less and have never contributed to a presidential campaign before. Hillary Clinton's numbers, while not at the astronomical levels as Obama's, have been equally impressive when compared to years before.

When Obama said early on that he was not

going to take money from lobbyists, many people scoffed. If there is one thing you need to win an election (other than votes) it is a lot of money. For many years the easiest way to raise quick cash was from lobbyists, who in turn expect the candidate to carry out their policies. In this case, the Internet is taking Washington away from corporations and giving it back to the American people.

Yes, the Internet was around during the 2004 Bush-Kerry election, but nowhere near the same degree that we find today. Just imagine what the infamous anti-John Kerry group "Swift Boat Veterans for Truth," known for their slanderous books and television commercials, could have done with the power of YouTube.

In many ways, YouTube has been its own third party candidate, tearing down major Democrats and Republicans alike. Now, more than ever candidates and their campaign staff are being held accountable for literally everything they say. Just ask Hillary Clinton about her trip to Bosnia or Barack Obama about his relationship with the Rev. Jeremiah Wright, two non-news stories that should have died down months ago but keep resurfacing thanks to their constant circulation on YouTube.

In just four years we have seen the Internet evolve from just a minor political player in 2004 to its own entity today. Part of the reason the campaigns of Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama have been so successful thus far is due to the fact that they recognize and respect the power that the Internet has over them.

This evolution makes one wonder how much more the influence of the Web will grow in the next four years. Will we soon see a truly "democratic" government, with ordinary citizens overtaking the jobs of their Congressmen and simply voting on bills and resolutions online? It could be possible in the future as we have already seen how much the Internet can affect an election in the present day -- and we don't even have both our candidates yet.

POLITICS:

Undone (The Hillary Song)

Heroes must often suffer defeat to be truly admired. They must slog through setback after setback, endure all sorts of trials before winning total victory at the end, having become wise as a result of their trials.

Open a newspaper or surf over any news site and you'll see such a figure. The question is whether or not this defeat will give her the hardened wisdom to persevere for the rest of her career, to rise like Nixon from apparent political demise or if she'll bow out with a smirk, sabotaging her opponent's best efforts to continue onward.



Morgan Little
Columnist

It's obvious who's being discussed here. Miracles aside, Sen. Hillary Clinton's run for the White House is finished for this year. The math speaks for itself. At

this point it's not even a matter of picking sides in the seemingly never-ending Clinton vs. Obama struggle; it's simply fact.

But great leaders have been beaten before. The Clinton empire has just been lucky enough to have never experienced presidential defeat before. Sure, Bill had his whole run-in with the impeachment hearings, but the only negative result of that was a series of late-night comedy jokes and some tarnishing of his legacy. Now, Hillary, who appeared to view the presidency as a position to be inherited, is left with nothing but empty pockets and a list of debts.

The matter of her legacy will still be up for grabs though. Will she help out Barack and put the White House back into the Democrats hands? Will she return to the Senate and build up her credentials for a 2012 presidential run? Or will she retreat into self-imposed exile, bitter at imaginary betrayals and a perceived abandonment of the party that she ignored in the first place?

Nixon's political comeback has been written about so often that to reference it as an example of a second chance done right more than once

in an article is sheer redundancy. Instead, let's look outside of the sphere of politics. Let's look at Weezer frontman Rivers Cuomo.

For those of you unfamiliar with Cuomo, he's the brain behind the popular rock band Weezer, that broke out in 1994 with its self-titled debut album. It won the band millions of fans and heaps of praise. Their second album, Pinkerton, was a clear departure from the arena-rock, radio-friendly style of Weezer, and was immediately met with a sharp drop in sales and poor press.

Cuomo's reaction? He shut himself off from the world; the stories of his days after Pinkerton are filled with bizarre rumors of black rooms and manuals on how to write the perfect pop song. Never mind the fact that Pinkerton has come to be recognized as a brilliant album; for Cuomo, he had suffered defeat at the hands of his fans and his critics.

After a lengthy hiatus, Weezer returned, and has since been pointlessly trying to recapture the magic of its first album with three other albums (and another coming out June 17.) Instead of moving forward with its sound, building off of the late-blossoming success of Pinkerton, Cuomo has just sat on the past and called it a day.

Such action should provide Clinton with a perfect example of what not to do. In order to save herself and come out of this election with a certain degree of victory, she cannot moan about being "cheated" out of Michigan and Florida's delegates or the proportional style of Democratic primaries.

Her loss has provided her with an excellent learning experience. She should have her notepad and pen out with her ears perked. Having a list of big donors was nice in the 90s, but having a huge list of online campaign contributors constantly funneling cash into your coffers is even better nowadays.

A politician can never run on experience alone, there must always be an emotional connection, a true underdog story, an uplifting message, anything to get the voter to not only think about taxes and foreign lands, but that feeling they get during inauguration, when they realize that there's a new sun on the horizon, and perhaps things will take a turn for the better.

POLITICS:

Clinton's campaign is anything but over

I never dreamed I'd say this, but Hillary Clinton is a lot like a monster. No, I'm not sarcastically quoting Samantha Powers' infamously asinine accusation. Clinton actually reminds me of the hydra from Greek mythology: You can cut off one of her heads, but it will grow back with four more.

Unfortunately not everyone else sees this as an attractive quality. Pundits are asking everything from "Why doesn't she graciously concede defeat?" to "Why won't she just die already?"

But what would she gain if she quit now?

Well, if she "finds a timely way to become a strong supporter of Obama" her status in the Democratic Party would be "greatly enhanced."

If she "bowed out of the Democratic contest now" the odds of her winning a top leadership spot in the Senate would "improve dramatically."

And if she "suspended her campaign immediately" the Obama campaign would "almost certainly" agree to pay back the \$11.4 million she had to loan to her own campaign.

But financial troubles aren't the only problem for Hillary. She's having a tough time making the delegate math work in her favor.

But when the math turns against Hillary, Hillary

turns against the math. Not everyone sees this as an attractive quality. Pundits are asking everything from "Doesn't the math make it hard for her to win?" to "Does she not know how to count?"

It's almost mathematically impossible for Hillary to catch up to Obama in the race to get 2024 delegates, the "magic number" needed to seal the deal on the Democratic nomination.

But does it really matter?

Because there's another "magic number" that no one's been talking about, even though it's the most important number in the elections. That number is 270, the number of electoral votes needed to win the presidency in the fall.

And the electoral math heavily favors Hillary.

Karl Rove may be a lot of things, but he's not stupid and he knows all about elections; he is, after all, the man who got the worst president in modern history, George W. Bush, reelected.

Unlike Hillary and her surrogates in the Democratic Party, he doesn't have to say, "Well, either candidate can win the general election, but Hillary is stronger!"

He can tell the truth. And the truth is that Hillary would win. Obama would lose.

If you're still reading this, you already know that Hillary will have just won a convincing victory in West Virginia on Tuesday, May 13. This proves my point.

For those of you Obama supporters who, in typical elitist fashion, think West Virginia is full of "bitter", incestuous red-neck mountain-people who "cling to guns and religion" and therefore don't really matter, think again! West Virginia is a critically important swing state. It's a state the Democrats carried in '92 and '96 (when Bill Clinton was president,) and it's a state they lost in 2000 and 2004 (when George Bush was president.)

I'm not going to stand around, watching as the Democrats' last chance passes by.

You probably think I sound like a sore loser, but you're only half right. I am sore. I'm sore at the thought that we could have had Al Gore as our president, and instead we've had to put up with eight years of George W. Bush, a man who stole the election from us in the first place!

I don't want to see that happen again.

So I may be sore, but I'm not a loser, and neither is Hillary. She hasn't lost yet. This race isn't over. If the Democrats want to take back the White House, Hillary is our only hope.

This isn't about likeability, it's about electability. The superdelegates have to nominate the person who can win the general election, not who can win over the hearts of some people by appealing to the emotions with a pretty speech.

It may not be a pretty thought, but Hillary really is like the "monster" Samantha Powers called her. Tonight I'll sleep soundly with the reassuring thought that Hillary is like a hydra: the political pundits can write her obituary if they want, but she said she's going to keep on fighting until the very end. And that's why I'm going to keep fighting for Hillary, too.

I can only hope that the Democrats wake up because their dream of taking back the White House may turn out to be nothing more than that: a dream.



Derek Kiszely
Columnist



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An election season to remember

This year's election season began with 11 Republican candidates and eight Democratic candidates, but quickly became a campaigning year to remember as Republican candidates rapidly dropped, securing Sen. John McCain the Republican nomination, and the Democratic Party became split between Sens. Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama.

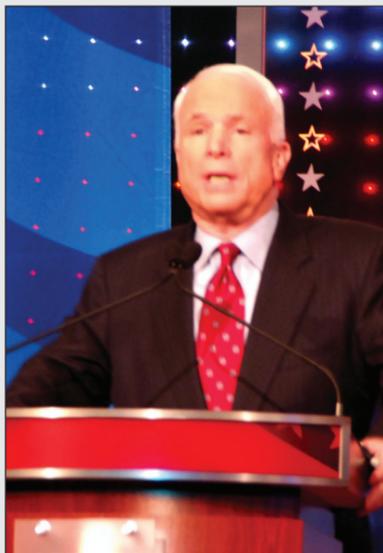
With McCain earning 1,409 delegates, far more than other candidates, the Republican primaries didn't get nearly as much attention as the neck-and-neck race for the Democratic nomination between Clinton and Obama. The Pendulum staff attended the Republican and Democratic debates in January, obtaining footage and original photos for publication.

Former president Bill Clinton's campaign stop at Elon for Hillary in April, along with several other stops in North Carolina, was still not enough for Hillary to win in the state's primaries. Obama walked away with 56 percent of the votes, leaving Hillary with 42 percent, the remaining percentage choosing other options. Clinton earned a narrow win in Indiana with 51 percent of the votes.

With Democrats split between Clinton and Obama, voters are closely critiquing their platforms for the War in Iraq, the economy and education. Primaries will continue in Kentucky, Oregon and Puerto Rico, leading the Democratic Party closer to a nominee for the election in November.

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Bill Clinton's Elon campaign stop on behalf of Hillary was memorable for Democrats and Republicans alike.



FILE PHOTOS

Clinton and Obama battle for each state during the primaries, hoping to win the Democratic nomination to run against McCain, the Republican nominee.

Lighthouse: The end of an era

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Students await a decision from the university administration about the future of Lighthouse Tavern, the former bar and popular hangout located near Elon's campus.

The karaoke nights and weekend fun at Lighthouse Tavern and Deli came to an abrupt close after the owner Grayson "Chad" Snyder was arrested on charges of selling cocaine, cocaine possession and possession of the date rape drug GHB (gamma hydroxy butyrate).

Elon paid \$750,000 dollars for Lighthouse, including the purchase of the facility in January.

With promises from the administration to consider student input in the decision of the future of Lighthouse, focus groups and surveys put out by communications research classes were circulated around campus.

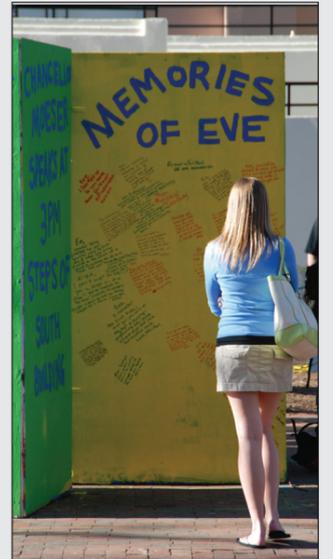
While university administration originally planned to re-open Lighthouse this spring, the facility remains closed because it is not up to code. The future of Lighthouse is still uncertain. Initial meetings with students revealed an interest in a music venue with a bar. After the most recent poll taken by the entire student body, Elon students hope for a final answer from the administration next semester.

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Student Tragedy: Kyle Fleischmann



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TOP: Elon students hold a candlelight vigil for Elon alumnus Kyle Fleischmann. BOTTOM: A UNC Chapel Hill student approaches a memorial for Eve Carson, former student body president.

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Compiled by Shelley Russell
Special Projects Editor

'Phantom of the Opera' masquerades into Elon



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Through special arrangement with the Rogers and Hammerstein Organization, Elon was one of two universities and four high schools to have the opportunity to act as a "test sit" for the show's first off-Broadway run.

With a rush to prepare for the show, Elon's high-quality theater department put on a breathtaking performance; selling out weeks in advance for each show. Profits from tickets sold for opening night raised nearly \$50,000 in scholarship money.

The colorful costumes, beautiful music and energy from opening night quickly spread around campus, leaving those who studied abroad during Winter Term disappointed at the missed opportunity to purchase tickets for one of the most widely talked about shows on campus.

Senior Matt Shingledecker, who played the Phantom, earned a role on Broadway as an understudy in the musical "Spring Awakening", soon after the closing of "Phantom."

Leads Matt Shingledecker, senior, (the Phantom), and Katie Emerson, junior, (Christine), share a tender moment during Elon's production of "Phantom of the Opera."



FILE PHOTO

Tragedies: Kyle and Eve Carson

2007-2008 school year marked a time of tragedy in students and the North Carolina community, the mysterious disappearance of Elon alumnus Kyle Fleischmann and the murder of Eve Carson, UNC Chapel Hill student body president.

Fleischmann, a 2006 graduate of Elon, was last seen in late in early November, leaving the Buckhead Saloon in the early morning hours of Friday, Nov. 9. Through a support group formed by Fleischmann's close friend Daniel Schmitt, awareness in the Elon community and a search for concerned students and friends quickly formed. A Web site, www.helpfindkyle.com, created by friends and family of Fleischmann includes descriptions and photos of Kyle, as well as links to other news stories. The Kyle Fleischmann Foundation was officially incorporated as a non-profit organization in late November 2007. A candlelight vigil for Fleischmann was also held on Elon's campus.

Another tragedy hit close to home in the spring with the murder of Eve Carson, a senior at UNC Chapel Hill. Carson's murder led Chapel Hill police to a desperate search for her killer. After surveillance photos of an unknown male at an ATM and an attempt to use Carson's bankcard were released after her murder. The male at the ATM, later identified as Alvin Lovette Jr., 17, was arrested after he was identified in the death of Eve Carson. A second suspect, James Atwater, 21, was also arrested. Carson's murder spread a wave of sadness and anxiety across Elon's campus, given that Chapel Hill is a mere 40 miles from Elon's campus.

Dean Nelson resigns

Students and faculty were shocked at the unexpected resignation of Dean Nelson, assistant dean of students and director of judicial affairs. Nelson resigned Oct. 30, after drinking during Homecoming festivities and being caught in the designated responsibility area during the football game, which is designated responsibility. Nelson also faced allegations of inappropriate conduct with students who were tailgating. Nelson's behavior violated the university's staff manual, which states that "conducting or participating in activities while intoxicated or under the influence of controlled substances on or off university business" is considered an unacceptable

resignation to staff, deans and students," Nelson said in October 2007. "I learned from my poor example. I tried to be a mentor and I was not successful." The university announced the new assistant dean of students, Jodean Nelson, this spring.

Year of Green: Elon's sustainability plan

No more trays at McEwen dining hall, no more Styrofoam cups at Octagon and no more excessive printing sprees at Belk Library. It was another year of further energy conservation efforts and recycling promotion at Elon.

With the 10-week nationwide RecycleMania program underway for its second year at Elon, improvements were seen campus-wide. The month of October showed an overall increase in recyclables by five tons in comparison with the previous October. RecycleMania results were promoted throughout campus each month.

With completed construction of the Colonnades residence halls, Elon's first sustainable

living learning community enjoyed living in buildings partially constructed with recycled materials and energy-efficient appliances. The living learning community has also developed an organic compost pile within its living quarters.

In addition, the seven-week "POWERless" conservation competition with 40 residence facilities across campus kicked off in February, promoting reduced energy consumption. The Loy Center courts had the highest energy reduction at the end of the school year, lowering their energy intake by 15.13 percent.

Elon continued its efforts to promote sustainability by adding electric Cushman and Toyota hybrid security vehicles, and by becoming a Zipcar university.



RecycleMania
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8 Increase in alert e-mails

Spring semester was filled with Smith Jackson's security e-mails reporting instances of indecent exposure, intruders and Peeping Tom encounters around campus and surrounding areas. Since the university's new policy to always report security issues to the entire community, the student population has received more "Smith Jackson e-mails" than ever.

The Town of Elon police worked carefully to solve the reports of sexual exposures, and safety tips were circulated to the student body via campus e-mail.

But Elon wasn't the only town with reports of increased sexual exposure. Similar reports in five states reveal an ongoing trend of sexual exhibition. Indecent exposure and exhibitionism have been reported at Penn State University, the University of Massachusetts and in Newport Beach and Los Angeles, Calif.

The Town of Elon and university chiefs of police conducted an open forum to discuss

campus safety. As a result, additional officers were assigned to patrol streets surrounding campus, and follow up on any clues that may lead them to the suspect.

Students remember the composite of the alleged intruder and repeat-offender which quickly circulated around campus after it was released by town police.

According to Sam Russell, captain of police for the Town of Elon, the last reports of exposure in the community occurred on March 26. Police continue to make progress in tracking down offenders in the area.

Reports of recent intruders in the area led to further awareness among the student body, in terms of appropriate safety measures to take, and possible security issues surrounding Elon's campus.

The town has further increased security measures to add additional video cameras and a Neighborhood Watch program.

Men's basketball team makes historic run

This spring, the men's basketball team began a historic run through the Southern Conference Tournament. Making the tournament as the No. 7 seed, the team scored victories against Furman University, Chattanooga University and College of Charleston to advance to their first ever SoCon championship game.

The Phoenix faced Davidson College in the championship game, losing 65-49, but not before it rewrote history.

Elon became the first team to make it to the championship game with a losing record. They were also the only team since 1988 to succeed to such a level with a seed as low as 7.

Elon held on for as long as they could and fought back from double-digit deficits but could not pull out the win in the end.

TJ Douglas poured in a career-best 18 points, connecting on six of his 10 attempts from three-point range. Brett James added 13 points along with a team-high six rebounds.

The team is going to lose its only two seniors, Brian Waters and Montell Watson, both important players and leaders. Watson was one of the most consistent shooters for the Phoenix while Waters had experience in tight game situations.

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GOING SOLO: Learning to FLY

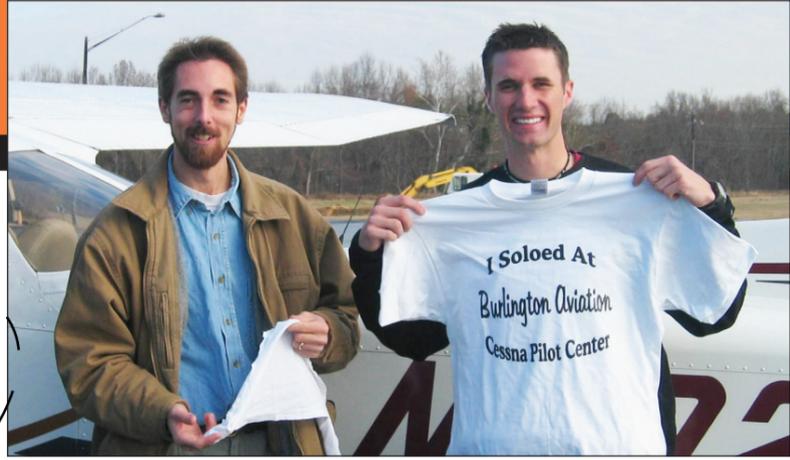



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Jones poses for a picture after completing his first solo flight. The senior plans on eventually joining the Air Force and becoming a pilot.

Laurie Craft
Reporter

While some seniors are uncertain as to what they will be doing, many know exactly what they want and will stop at nothing to achieve their goals.

For senior Greg Jones, deciding on a career path in college wasn't difficult because he started thinking about it many years before entering Elon.

While many of his friends will enter the world of work or graduate school after graduation, Jones will return home to Raleigh. He has applied to the Air Force, and if accepted, he will attend Officer Training School for 10 weeks. When that is completed, he will be a Second Lieutenant and once he gets his bars, he begins his commitment of 10 years as a pilot. He will then attend flight school for 18 months.

Jones said that going through this training is a tough process, and flight school is especially difficult.

"There is no room for error," Jones said. "There will be a lot of studying and working."

Hard work is not new for Jones, who is a physics major. He chose this field after Air Force recruiters

recommended he have strong math and technical skills. While the Air Force will look at his grade performance, there are other factors in the acceptance process.

"They don't want someone without any common sense in the cockpit," Jones said. "They look for people with leadership skills, who play sports and know what it's like to work as a team and who have that competitive edge."

Jones has been playing baseball since the age of four, and is sure he has the competitive edge that the Air Force requires. He actually chose to attend Elon instead of entering the Air Force Academy because he wanted a chance to play in Division I baseball. He has mixed feelings about college baseball being over.

"It's ending, but a new chapter is beginning," he said.

Jones said he is excited for what the future with the Air Force holds for him. He is looking forward to all of the traveling he will get to do, the people he will meet and most of all, the planes he will be allowed to fly.

"With everything I do, it's like living in the fast lane," Jones said. He is looking forward to flying jets that go

at extreme speeds. His eyes light up when he thinks of sitting in a cockpit that "costs more money than I will ever see in my life."

About a month ago, Jones received his private pilots' license, which allows him to fly smaller jets. This past September was the first time he was allowed to sit in the cockpit of a plane, where an instructor gave him control. He said it is difficult to put into words what this felt like, and could only describe it as "being on cloud nine."

Jones said his parents have always encouraged him to follow his dreams. While his mother may worry, she said she understands that this is something he wants to do. His dad has always had a passion for flying, and shared his hobby with Jones.

"He's all about it," Jones said. "I think he may be more excited than I am, actually."

While he has the support of his family and friends, Jones still said that it will be hard to be away for long periods of time, working in places far from home. But he accepts this as a requirement of his dream job.

"I'm always up for new challenges in life," he said.

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Reporter

To some people, being a student at the school where their parents work seems like a nightmare. To others, this unique situation offers them plenty of benefits and opportunities.

Lindsey Wills, a freshman at Elon, knows exactly what this feels like. Her father, Kyle Wills, works in the Athletics Department as the senior associate athletics director of business and administration.

Lindsey said that there are "lots of perks" involved with having a parent working here.

"I am pretty much guaranteed tickets to any athletic event before it happens," Wills said. "I also got into the [Appalachian State]/Elon game without a ticket and

with my dad's all-access pass instead!"

Wills interned for her father last year, and got the chance to make several connections within the athletics department. She said she was also excited to be able to get a coveted Faculty/Staff parking permit. But there are downsides to having her father at Elon.

"Dad can find out how well I am doing in my classes whenever he wants," she said.

Freshman Sarah Costello also knows what it is like to have her family life intersect with her education. She's a communications major, and her father, Vic Costello, is an associate professor for the School of Communications. But Sarah said she chose Elon based on the prestige of the communications and arts

department, and her father's position did not affect her decision at all.

"It's really awesome having him so close, although we're both extremely busy and don't have time to see each other often," Sarah said.

The father/daughter duo see each other about twice a week in McEwen, and Sarah appreciates the feedback that her father gives her on assignments. On occasion, he is even able to lend her textbooks. But Sarah said she doubts that she will ever have her dad as a professor.

"I almost took JCM 200 over Winter Term with dad," Sarah said. "But we both decided that would have been too awkward."

Both of Tyler Anderson's parents work at Elon. His mother, Janna, is an associate professor in the School of

Communications and his father, Dan, is the assistant vice president and director of university relations.

"While I like that they're close, it sometimes feels as though I would be having a different experience if I were further away," Tyler said. "Sometimes I wonder what that experience might be like."

But he, like Sarah and Lindsey, enjoys the Elon experience. After all, it is nice seeing a familiar, smiling face on campus.

Associate professor of communications Janna Anderson and her children, Kacie and sophomore Tyler Anderson.

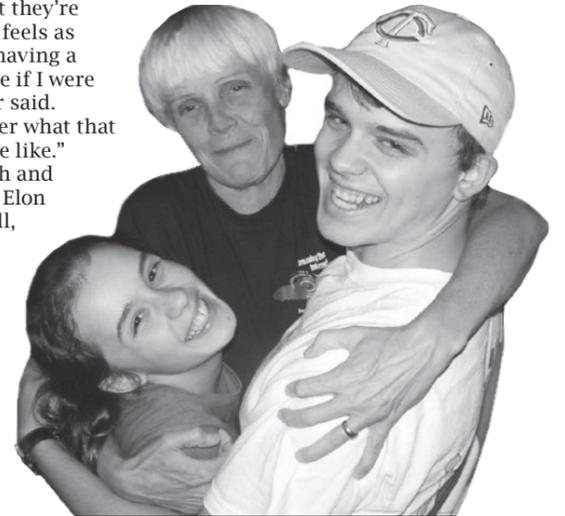


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A compilation of the HIGHS and LOWS of student life this past year



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1. Geocaching as a new outdoor activity
2. Having a book published before graduating college
3. Buddy Night at the Driving Range
4. Volunteering!
5. Fresh food grown in the Elon Community Garden



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OVERHEARD AT ELON U

"Ever walked in on a conversation and wish you hadn't? Overhear a comment that made you wonder just how rigorous Elon's admission process is? Here's the place to share."

Sophomore Nick Massa created "Overheard by Elon U," a Facebook group that highlights ridiculous comments made by Elon students. The group features daily posts and hosts more than 650 members.

"Ohmigod ... Did you see that lightning? It's like being at a rave! Let's hurry to the bar."
-overheard by Nicole Bonine

"I'm going to go and hope I don't become a Smith Jackson e-mail."
-overheard by Susan Fetch

"Just pour beer on it, it's the same as rubbing alcohol."
-overheard by Anna Zavala

"You see through me like translucent water."
-overheard by Ghenet Pinderhughes

"I've been Facebook stalking you and you look REALLY good!"
-overheard by Katie Martin

"I just can't do good at tests. I mean, some people are really good at them, but I am not at all. If there was a test about Greek Life or, you know, a test on myself, I would totally get an 'A.'"
-overheard by Shenee Howard

"Is there like, bobsledding here at Elon? ... What's so funny? There's horseback riding."
-overheard by Laura Wylie

The song "Walk it Out" comes on and a girl says, "OHMYGOD this song like TOTALLY defines my life!"
-overheard by Elyse Granger

"So I'm officially a vegetarian now ... being a vegan was just too intense."
-overheard by Rich Ryan

Said by a girl in Astronomy: "We've been to Mars, right?"
-overheard by Meaghan Britain

"Aren't scabies and scurvy pirate diseases? I didn't think you could get those in a developed nation."
-overheard by Amanda Ketner

"I'm fine. I mean, I woke up with a hospital bracelet on, so like I knew I was taken care of."
-overheard by Anna Zavala

"It's pretty easy to stay out of trouble. I just did something really stupid. I would do it again, though."
-overheard by Dillon Wyatt

"They make these cards now that my mom could send me for Mother's Day, like if I was a mom, she could send me one."
-overheard by Audra Wagaman

"After the spork came out, I'm kind of surprised someone didn't invent a knife-spoon thing like right away."
-overheard by Elyse Granger

"Now that I know you're in here, I can smell you."
-overheard by Audra Wagman

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From abroad with love

Many students share their study abroad experiences by postcard with Dominic Del Corso, an Acorn Coffee Shop employee

Ansley Labarre
Reporter

When Dominic Del Corso overhears an Elon student talking about studying abroad, he has a stock request: "Send me a postcard."

Each card that arrives from Rome, Vietnam or Johannesburg joins a stack that the 17-year veteran employee of the Acorn Coffee Shop crams into a leather pouch for safekeeping.

Del Corso loves receiving the cards. The postcards picture the combined excitement of a new destination and an old friend. He keeps them all in his black pouch, each a connection to students and their discoveries. But he rarely looks at any one postcard from his collection more than once.

"It's like watching a movie," he says. "Once you've seen it, you've seen it."

But he doesn't forget the cards, or their senders, just as viewers don't forget the meaning of a good movie. He knows the cards in his collection, and knows when one is missing, just like he knows when a favorite student

is traveling abroad.

Del Corso is the official "opener" at Acorn, arriving at 5 a.m. five days a week to prepare the day's food. Among the noise of the espresso machine and yells of sandwich orders, Del Corso blends easily into the background of the shop, but makes a conscious effort to stand out.

"Dominic - Greetings from Denmark! I don't know if you remember me, but you asked me to send you a postcard from Denmark. I met you in the coffee shop. Well, I remembered you. Things are wonderful here," Jessica wrote on a postcard featuring the Copenhagen skyline. Del Corso's postcard request was memorable, as he had only met the former student once.

"I wouldn't know her if she walked in the door," Del Corso said.

But that's not his typical style. Del Corso tries hard to remember the students that come in and out of the coffee shop each day.

"I can't see the same people every day without knowing their names," he

said.

Junior Lauren Limerick, whose most recent postcard to Del Corso arrived from Spain, recalls meeting him while standing in the sandwich line her freshman year. Limerick says his friendly acknowledgements from behind the counter break up the normal Acorn routine, often reminding her of a grandfather-figure away from home.

The same familiarity is extended to students during their travels, when the thought of Del Corso bustling to fill Acorn orders offers comfort during potential culture shock.

"Seriously in need of some good old Acorn tuna salad sandwiches— send food! They do have some very strange foods sold here," Caitlin wrote while she was studying abroad in Vietnam. The postcard pictured a street market "roast" of pigs, ducks and other skinned livestock.

But the comfort works in both ways. At 72, Del Corso says the Acorn environment that bustles with young students is energizing. To him, it's

a healthy escape. When he gets off work in the early afternoon, Del Corso returns home to care for his wife, Dorothy, whose multiple sclerosis has grown so intense that she now sees with double vision.

"I feel so bad for her," Del Corso said. "She wasn't dealt a good hand in the game of life."

Del Corso has only been abroad twice, each time taking a small vacation to London. The trips, he says, allowed him to spend time with family while seeing the famous city.

As a caretaker, Del Corso says his "running-around days" are over. But as he passes one of his most beautiful postcards across an Acorn table from the island of Santorini, Greece, he can't help but exclaim: "Boy, would I like to go there."

But while excitement lies in seeing foreign locations through the delivery of the mail, even more excitement is found in the reconnection of old friends across the globe.

For Del Corso, the real picture on the postcards is that of friends.

An Elon wedding story

Debbie Silverstein
Reporter

Four years ago, two girls moved into the first floor of the Carolina dormitory. Just like everyone else moving into college, these two said goodbye to their parents, unpacked their bags and got settled in their new homes.

Soon, the girls got to know their roommates, then the rest of the girls on their hall, then each other. They got closer every day. They hung out on the weekends, shared secrets and even pledged a sorority together.

As time went on, their friendship began to fade a little. They became more of acquaintances and less of friends. But the two girls would soon find that they had a lot more in common than they could have imagined.

This past fall, the girls both got engaged to their boyfriends of five years.

Coincidence? There's more.

Not only did they both plan to get married in the summer, they planned to get married on one special day: August 9.

The freshman year friends, Ashley Bell and Jenny Pearce, unknowingly chose the exact same day to begin their lives with their fiancés.

"You could have told me this was going to happen four years ago and I wouldn't have believed you for a second," Bell said.

The two girls have spent their senior year juggling schoolwork, friendships and wedding plans in anticipation for the big day. They have renewed their friendship by going out to dinners and sharing wedding tips and advice.

Bell said that the experience has made her senior year different than what might have been expected. Instead of "living it up" in college for the last time, Bell has spent the little free time she has planning her wedding.

Bell, 22, has been engaged since October when her fiancé, Griff Jenkins, proposed to her in Boston on the banks of the Charles River. Bell says they met in 8th grade and have been dating consistently since their senior year in high school. Jenkins is a senior at Harvard University.

"I really had no idea he was going to propose,



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Senior Ashley Bell calls her parents to tell them the good news after her boyfriend, Griff Jenkins, proposed in Cambridge, Mass.

although I knew we were both ready," Bell said. "I wanted it to be a surprise."

Since that day, Bell has had a lot on her plate. Although she's still an average college student doing homework and hanging out with friends, she also student teaches at a local elementary school every day for no pay. And now, she said she's starting to really feel like a wife working out things with the wedding and planning for the future.

"Sometimes I almost feel torn because I feel like I'm leading three different lives," Bell said.

Overall, Bell said the experience has changed her senior year, but never in a negative way.

"I just feel like my whole life is about to change really fast," Bell said. "Not to sound selfish but I really think it will change a lot more than other people's. There's definitely a lot to think about."

Pearce's senior year has changed too. Although she's not student teaching like Bell, she attends classes and is a varsity athlete on the track team.

Pearce says that everything was a lot harder in the beginning. Balancing practice, track meets, schoolwork and seeing friends is difficult. And with an entire wedding to plan, Pearce is even busier. But she said that she's worked out a lot of details and now she's able to relax and enjoy organizing the rest of her wedding.

"You think that it all just comes together magically, but there's really just so much detail and planning that go into it," Pearce said.

Being engaged does change a senior year. Pearce's friendships have remained strong, but she said that she is in a different place in her life than most of her friends. Because of that, there will be things that they don't always understand.

"Lots of people in college are looking for that short term relationship fling," Pearce said. "I'm just on a totally different page than that."

Instead of going out every night like some college seniors, Pearce is looking forward to the future. Although she said there are times when she is really sad about leaving Elon, she's also excited for what's to come.

"I feel lucky because I really have something to look forward to," Pearce said. "I feel like this is a stepping stone to my next step in life."

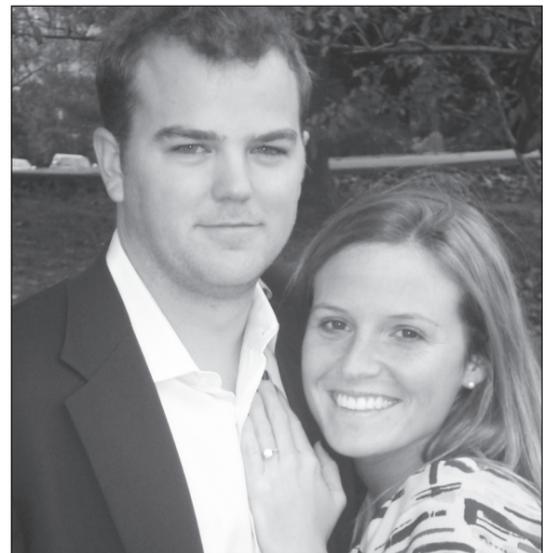


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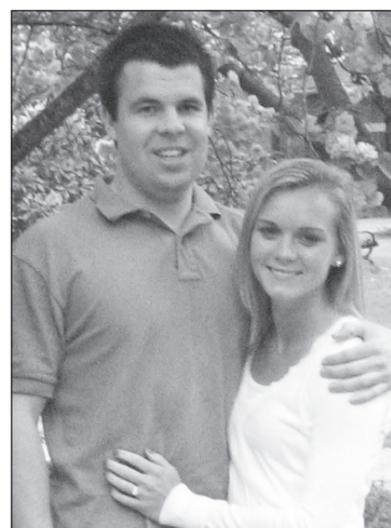


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ABOVE: Bell poses with fiance Jenkins. LEFT: Senior Jenny Pearce says her life has gotten a lot harder since her engagement, but she is excited to finish school and for her upcoming marriage.

Arts & Entertainment

Arts worth a second look

Elon has a self-proclaimed commitment to creative expression and innovative intelligence. Looking back on the programs and events the university sponsored this year, it's clear they held up that commitment. The 2007-2008 school year saw a variety of unique performances, lectures and showcases.

Amanda Kennison and Alexa Milan
Reporter and A&E Editor



FILE PHOTO

The performing arts department set the bar of expectation high this year. In addition to its groundbreaking production of "Phantom of the Opera," the other major shows proved equally exciting. In the fall, "Cabaret" provided a night of energy and excitement that reminded people why the classic has made such a mark in musical theater.

At the end of April, "A Midsummer Night's Dream" offered a great finale. Mixing Shakespeare and the 1960s together may seem like an unlikely combination, but the infusion proved to be an amazing concoction of classical Renaissance beauty and modern chaotic vividness.

visual arts:

In November, Elon art students exhibited their creative juices in a special student gallery show. Planned and supplied solely by students, the exhibition provided a great look at Elon's artistry. The "Artists Leading Elon" gala displayed various artistic mediums: sculptures, paintings, sketching digital media, etc. The installation below, called Repeater, was created by visiting artist Perri Lynch.



FILE PHOTO

This January, alumnus Laith al-Majali ('05), received the prestigious World Cinema Audience Award for drama at the Sundance Film Festival. Majali's film, "Capatin Abu Raed," tells the story of a lonely janitor in Amman's International Airport. With the help of a discarded captain's hat, Abu befriends a group of local children and inspires them to follow their dreams.

This movie is the first feature film to come out of Jordan in 50 years. Majali's product was one of 16 films chosen in the World Cinema Dramatic Competition, out of the original 900 submissions. It is this former student's hope that his film will help open up more opportunities for Arabic films.



FILE PHOTO

music:

Elon's Wind Ensemble demonstrated that movies don't need words to be entertaining. The ensemble's spring night of "Fun Music and a Movie" breathed new life into an old favorite. Providing the soundtrack for Buster Keaton's "The Goat," the Wind Ensemble brought back the high energy and upbeat rhythms of 1920s big band music.

oscars:

The 2008 Oscar ceremony was fairly predictable with several wins for dark films like "No Country for Old Men" and "There Will Be Blood," but there were a few surprises. Julie Christie, who won every other major award this season for "Away from Her," lost the Oscar to "La Vie En Rose's" Marion Cotillard (right), and "Michael Clayton's" Tilda Swinton took home the best supporting actress Oscar even though Cate Blanchette or Amy Ryan were favored to win.

Also, for the first time in Oscar history, a winner was brought back onstage to finish her speech after she was cut off. The orchestra started playing before "Once's" Marketa Irglova even got to speak following her win for best original song with Glen Hansard, so host Jon Stewart brought her back out after a commercial.



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alumni:

television:

People across the country found themselves missing out on their favorite television shows when the Writer's Guild of America went on strike on Nov. 5. The writers made the decision to stop working when the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers refused to negotiate higher DVD residuals and payment for new media entertainment.

Some shows went off the air almost immediately while others managed to remain through January, but eventually viewers found themselves with nothing to watch but reruns and an endless stream of reality TV. After more talks with the AMPTP, the WGA voted to end the strike on Feb. 12. Most shows returned to the air in April to finish an abbreviated season, while others won't return until the fall.



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A group of writers form a picket line outside of Paramount Pictures in California.

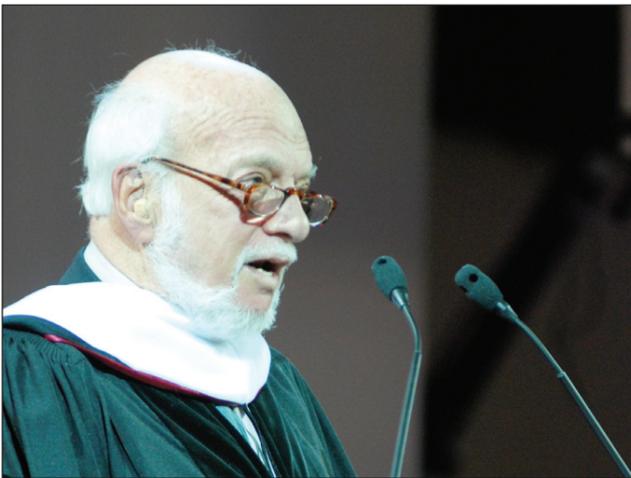
speakers:

In addition to the masses of student talent at Elon brings in interesting, thought-provoking speakers and artists. This year, a variety of famous and influential individuals visited campus.

On Oct. 17, Academy Award-winner Olympia Dukakis spoke to Elon students. The actress's honest and comedic remarks provided a refreshing lecture. Dukakis' down-to-earth nature and genuine interest in the audience set her apart from many speakers. The actress graciously offered words of advice for anyone pursuing an acting career: The most important thing is to remain true to yourself and everything else will fall in place.

On April 10, Tony Award-winning director and producer Hal Prince spoke to Elon students at the Convocation for Honors celebrating excellence in the performing arts. In addition to Prince's address, whose productions include "Phantom of the Opera" and "Sweeney Todd," musical theater and dance students performed for the audience and a video was shown about Elon alumni with performing arts careers.

The convocation also included the world premiere performance of Jason Robert Brown's "A Little More Homework" from the upcoming Broadway musical "13."



FILE PHOTO

Tony Award winner, Hal Prince, speaks at Elon's spring convocation.

books:

Fans around the world lined up at midnight on July 21 to get their copy of the seventh and final book in the Harry Potter series, "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows." But just because the series ended didn't mean it would stop making headlines. J.K. Rowling stirred up controversy in October when she outed the character Albus Dumbledore as gay. Some fans embraced the news, saying they knew it all along, while others refused to accept it because it was never explicitly stated in the books.

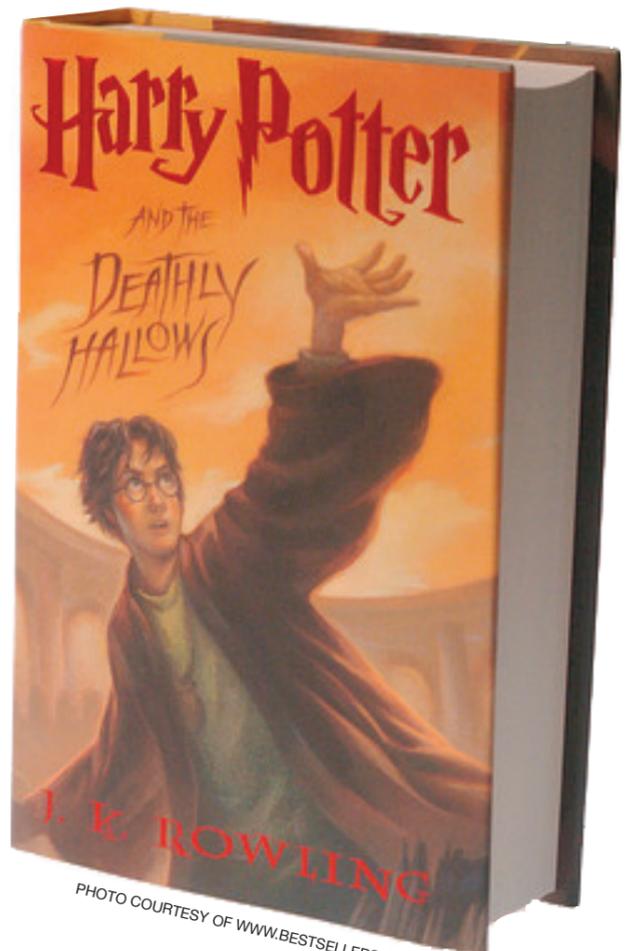


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celebrities:

Perhaps the biggest blow to the world of arts and entertainment this year came on Jan. 22 when Heath Ledger died of an accidental overdose. Ledger was 28 years old at the time of his death, leaving behind his daughter and a promising career that hadn't come close to its peak. Ledger was nominated for an Academy Award for his role in "Brokeback Mountain," and there is talk of a posthumous Oscar for his role as The Joker in the summer's "The Dark Knight" based on his performance in the trailer alone.

At the time of his death, Ledger was in the middle of filming Terry Gilliam's "The Imaginarium of Dr. Parnassus." Though it remained unknown for a while what would become of the film without its star, Gilliam said that because of the film's fantastical nature, it was for Ledger's character to be played by multiple actors. Johnny Depp, Colin Farrell and Jude Law will step into the remaining scenes, and Ledger's work will be salvaged.

Hollywood also faced the possibility of losing another talent in August when Owen Wilson attempted suicide. This was a sobering moment for the entertainment industry as people realized that a man known for his comic timing and good humor was, in reality, facing a more somber reality. The incident forced Wilson to withdraw from this summer's "Tropic Thunder" and restricted his promotion of "The Darjeeling Limited." Now in good health, Wilson is currently filming "Me."

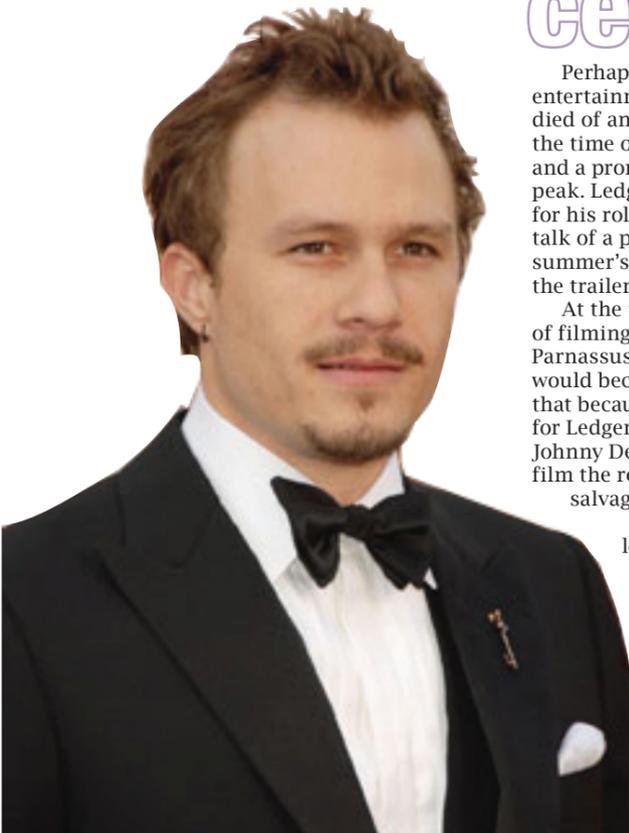


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Spring concert proves IT'S ALL FOR YOU

Alexa Milan
A&E Editor

As fans were already starting to line up outside a half an hour before the doors were set to open, laughter and thuds could be heard from inside Alumni Gym. As the Student Union Board executive staff and volunteers made their way into the gym for a meet-and-greet, Sister Hazel and Matt Nathanson were found trying to dislodge a basketball they had gotten stuck between the rim and the backboard.

After regaining some composure, the guys dropped what they were doing and signed autographs for the staff, chatting animatedly all the while. This encounter provided just a glimpse of the jovial, personable nature Sister Hazel and Matt Nathanson would bring to the stage May 9.

Sister Hazel bassist Jett Beres said he couldn't believe the band has been around so long and never played at Elon before.

"Everyone we've met since we've been here has been great," Beres said. "So we're excited to rock out for you guys."

The enthusiastic Elon crowd showed its appreciation for all the bands that played at the spring concert, starting with local favorite Anonymous. Made up of Elon alumni, Anonymous used to play regularly at Lighthouse before it closed and said they were happy to be back performing for an Elon audience.

After Anonymous finished playing a set of its rock-reggae-funk-jazz-infused music, the crowd went wild as Matt Nathanson took the stage. Though he sometimes plays with a band, this time he chose to perform solo.

According to Nathanson, connecting with people is the best part of touring.

"I know that sounds kind of hippie," Nathanson said. "I could say like drugs or sleepless nights, but it really is about being able to connect with the crowd."

Connecting with the crowd is something Nathanson does well. Between songs he talked to the audience in a manner resembling stand-up comedy. Nathanson gladly obliged as the audience shouted out songs they wanted him to play, including his cover of "Laid" from the movie "American Wedding," a song he rarely plays.

"I wrote this song this morning just for you," Nathanson said before one song. "On a napkin. With a Crayola crayon."

Nathanson was joking, but he made up for it later in the show when he improvised a song about his love for Elon. Once Nathanson finished his set, the crowd showed just as much enthusiasm for Sister Hazel.

Together for more than a decade, Sister Hazel played both newer songs and old favorites that will appear on its upcoming acoustic album.

"I don't think you can play as many shows as we have and not evolve as musicians," lead singer and acoustic guitarist Ken Block said.

This was illustrated in the set of songs they played; it was clear that after all their time together, Sister Hazel's high energy and enthusiasm haven't changed. During songs like "Change Your Mind" and "Happy," the crowd danced and sang along as the band jumped around onstage. The crowd went even wilder during the song "Champagne High" when Matt Nathanson returned to the stage to sing the second verse.

Sister Hazel's music has been featured in a number of movies like



Sister Hazel performs for Elon's spring show May 9 in Alumni Gym. The band's new live acoustic album, *Before The Amplifiers*, is due in stores June 17.

ANGIE LOVELACE | Photo Editor

"The Wedding Planner" and the TV show "Scrubs," and Block challenged any fan in the audience to name two movies in which their songs appeared. The band invited the lucky girl who did to join them onstage with two of her friends and help them sing "Your Winter" from the movie "10 Things I Hate About You."

"What can we do to top that?" Block said after the fans left the stage, before breaking into the band's first hit single, "All for You."

Screaming, jumping and singing at the top of their lungs, the people in the audience made it clear that Sister Hazel made the right choice.

Summer cinema guide

Adam Constantine
Reporter

The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian (May 16)

Just as life in the real world is becoming the norm for the four Pevensies, they are summoned back to Narnia just a year after their first visit. But things aren't the same in the Narnia they remember. The time between their two worlds has drastically changed, as 1,300 years have passed in Narnia since they left.

Now they find that the ones they know and love are in the fight of their lives, and it lies in their hands and one Narnian prince to save it. The second book in C.S. Lewis' "Chronicles of Narnia" collection is a film that will set the tone for the rest of an action-packed summer.

Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (May 23)

George Lucas and Steven Spielberg bring another Indiana Jones movie that will have everyone running to the theater. With a cast that includes Cate Blanchett, Shia LaBeouf and, of course, Harrison Ford, the movie takes them deep into the Amazon for the search for the crystal skull. It is here that Indiana Jones must battle a ward of evil and right the wrongs created by enemies.

The Incredible Hulk (June 13)

Scientist Bruce Banner (Edward Norton) has inner demons unlike anyone else: a monster that lives inside him. He has kept himself in seclusion trying to find a cure for the unstoppable beast, but the government is on the hunt for Bruce to capture his ability.

When government officials eventually catch up with Bruce, he shows his true colors. In a fight with the good and evil within himself, Bruce must find a way to stop the madness. It isn't until the government unleashes its own bio-weapon that he realizes he must accept responsibility and use what is inside him to save the world.

Wanted (June 27)

Wesley Gibson (James McAvoy), is an average young man until he meets someone who claims to know more about his life than he does. When told that he has the special ability to be one of the greatest assassins in the world, he is thrust into a place that is completely foreign to him. It is here that he meets Fox (Angelina Jolie) and Sloan (Morgan Freeman), who begin to train him to be a lethal weapon.

In this secret brotherhood of assassins one saying motivates them: "Kill one, save a thousand." This film is sure to leave your head spinning.

Hancock (July 4)

Will Smith returns to the screen in a genre switch from "I am Legend" to a superhero movie unlike any other. Hancock is a man that has been given a gift: He is indestructible. He makes this known with flashy, nonchalant and even brash actions he calls "heroics." He is doing his part to make his city a better place, in his own mind.

But the public views him as a nuisance. Many hate him and he gives them no reason to feel otherwise. It isn't until Ray Embrey (Jason Bateman) tries to help him repair his image that he realizes he has a side that does care.

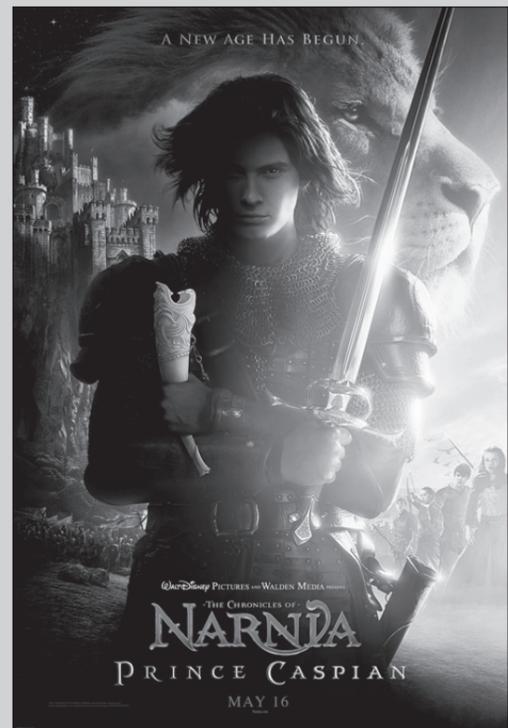


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The Dark Knight (July 18)

In what may be known as Heath Ledger's greatest performance, The Joker shows his smiling face in "The Dark Knight." Batman's (Christian Bale) arch nemesis is introduced with such vigor and tenacity that this has the potential to be one of the most memorable Batman films of all time. The Joker will put Batman and all of his high-tech gadgetry to the test.

Lytle plays in once-in-a-lifetime tournament

For the first time, Elon will send a golfer to the men's NCAA Division I Tournament in Washington State

Justin Hite
Reporter

For the past week, senior Jimmy Lytle has been preparing for arguably the biggest golf tournament of his life.

But on first glance the casual onlooker would have no idea that Elon University's top men's golfer was preparing for the NCAA Division I West Regional on May 15-17.

"Everything stays the same really," Lytle said. "What I'm doing now is just fine-tuning. I'm not overly stressing. A little bit of practice here and there."

Spending the last few days playing practice rounds both alone and with sophomore teammate Jayson Judy, he has been honing his skills and working to further improve on a 72.22 scoring average — the third lowest in the Southern Conference.

"That's a credit to his success," Judy said. "He's a grinder, he tries to put himself in places where he will be in tournaments and tries to grind them out."

Some may call golf a game and others may despise the idea of hitting a small dimpled white ball, but Lytle considers it work, with a little twist.

"I just like to get better," Lytle said. "I like the challenge of getting better. It's a game, but it's also work. I like working hard and knowing that it's going to pay off."

Lytle's work at the sport has finally paid off.

"Every year I wanted to do it," Lytle said. "Sophomore year it could have happened I just had a bad spring. Last year I was pretty close."

This year he finally made it, but will face competition more difficult than any he has seen during this season.

"All the kids out there can play," Lytle said. "It's whoever is the smartest



FILE PHOTO
Jimmy Lytle individually placed fourth in the Southern Conference Tournament with a one-over-par 71 and earned All-Southern Conference honors this season.

and trusts themselves the most."

The three-time All-Southern Conference golfer is one of only five individuals that was invited to go along with the 27 teams.

"It was exciting," Lytle said. "I knew that I was right on the bubble. I had an idea that I was going to get invited but it wasn't a sure [thing]."

When Lytle travels across the country to Bremerton, Wash., for the

regional he will be the first golfer in Elon's history to reach the men's NCAA Division I Tournament, and has set

a new standard for the future of the team.

"Hopefully it does something for the kids in the future," Lytle said. "Even though it's a small school you can make it to the post season."

The tournament may serve as a culmination of his four-year college career, but Lytle will always be remembered as one of the best golfers to grace the courses surrounding Elon.

"He's one of the top," coach Bill Morningstar said. "He's probably the hardest worker we've had in the program since I've been here. He's out there all the time. He wants to make that his livelihood."

Lytle was named the SoCon Athlete of the Month once and SoCon Golfer of the Week twice. He also earned All-SoCon accolades at the end of the season. Lytle has helped his team to a first place finish at Elon's Sea Trails Invitational and the Wexford Plantation.

Like all the rest of the tournaments Lytle has played in this year, he comes in confident in his ability.

"I won't go into a tournament thinking otherwise," he said.

STAY ON PAR WITH LYTLE

Look for updates while Lytle makes his way through the tournament at The Pendulum Web site, www.elon.edu/pendulum



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Emily Regan and Mandy Wilson dig their feet deep into the sand to return a ball.

Volleyball team digs into the sand

Michelle Longo
Sports Editor

Instead of fluorescent lights shining in their faces, a hard wood floor beneath their feet and the traditional six-player line-up of Alumni Gym, the volleyball team was confronted with a different challenge this spring — sand volleyball.

The Phoenix concluded its spring season in late April at the first Southern Conference Sand Doubles Tournament at UNC Greensboro.

"By playing in the sand, you develop into a smarter player," sophomore Mandy Wilson said. "Quickness is also a key factor. The experience will make us smarter and quicker players for the fall and make us better court players."

The sand tournament featured 22 doubles teams from six SoCon schools: Elon, UNCG, Furman University, Davidson College, Wofford University and Western Carolina University.

Elon's Sarah Schermerhorn and Wilson finished third, Kelley Blakewood and Lauren Copenhagan finished fifth while Shelley MacBean, Emily Regan and Lizzie West rotated partners and finished ninth.

"The sand tournament was a great experience for everyone," head coach Mary Tendler said. "Each team had to utilize their strengths and exploit the weaknesses of their opponents to ensure the success in the tournament."

In addition to the sand tournament, the Phoenix also competed in three additional indoor tournaments during its spring season. The tournament records indicate sets that pitted the teams against each other in a two-set format.

At Davidson College on April 5, Elon finished with a 6-4 record. The Phoenix finished 6-2 at Gardner-Webb University on April 12 and 5-3 at Appalachian State University on April 19.

Next fall, the conference is separating into divisions and Elon will be a part of the North Division, which includes Appalachian State, UNCG, Western Carolina, Chattanooga and newcomer Samford University.

"During our four tournaments, we played hard and showed that we have versatility in all positions," MacBean said. "We don't have just one stand-out player. We all work together to win the matches."

Elon ended its 2007 campaign with a 17-16 overall record and 11-7 in conference. The Phoenix will return nine players for the 2008 season and add three incoming freshmen.

"Our team worked so well together without our seniors on the court with us," MacBean said. "We became a strong unit that is ready to work with the freshmen."

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Baseball catches SUCCESS

Elon clinches a share of SoCon regular season title

Michelle Longo
Sports Editor

On Saturday, the Elon baseball team proved it could win without even playing.

Furman and UNC Greensboro losses allowed Elon to clinch a share of the Southern Conference regular season title for the second time in the last three seasons.

The Phoenix is on top of the standings with a 19-8 conference record with no more conference games to play.

College of Charleston is seeded second with a 16-8 record and three conference

games left to play May 15-17 against Western Carolina University.

If College of Charleston sweeps Western Carolina, Elon and the Cougars will become co-champions.

If this happens, Elon will enter the conference tournament as the No. 2 seed because Elon lost the head-to-head match-up, as the Cougars took two of three games from the Phoenix.

But if College of Charleston loses one game this weekend, Elon will be the sole owner of the crown.

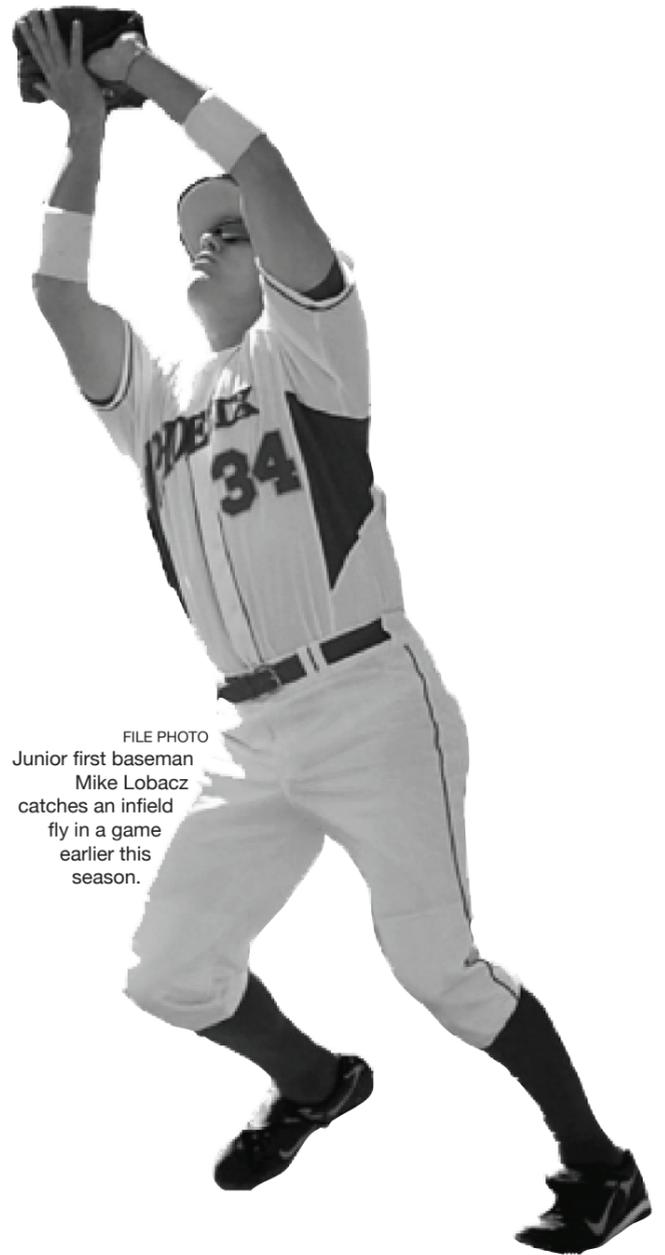
Elon swept Davidson College, which is in last

place, on May 7 and 8 allowing the Phoenix to be in the running for the championship.

The Phoenix sat idle for the rest of the week, eagerly awaiting results from around the conference.

Appalachian State University swept Furman in the Paladins' last conference games this past weekend; thereby, eliminating Furman from contention.

A UNCG loss to Georgia Southern University eliminated the Spartans from any scenario in which they could claim a part of the SoCon title.



FILE PHOTO
Junior first baseman Mike Lobacz catches an infield fly in a game earlier this season.

Elon's centerfielder shines off-field

Pam Richter
Reporter

This season, the Elon baseball team has had a lot of success on the field. Friday, one of the team's leaders was recognized for success off the field.

The Phoenix's centerfielder, Chris Dove, was selected to the 2008 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District Baseball Team.

Dove is only the second Phoenix student-athlete to be named to an academic all-district squad this year. The other is men's soccer player, Brett Paschall.

A junior accounting major, Dove, currently has a 3.31 GPA.

He is one of 33 Elon student-athletes to be named to an all-district team since 2000.

He is the fourth baseball player in program history to earn this honor.

This season Dove hit a .292 batting average with 48 runs scored, nine doubles, five triples, four homeruns and 26 RBIs. These numbers rank as the seventh best in one season of Elon baseball.

He leads the Southern Conference with 36 stolen bases and ranks among some of the national leaders. Dove also has seven outfield assists this season.



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Junior Chris Dove was named to the pre-season 2008 Brooks Wallace Player of the Year watch list as well as a First Team Pre-season All-SoCon pick by the media because of his outstanding arm in centerfield and his speed.

Phoenix signs two for 2009 campaign

Justin Hite
Reporter

Coach Mike Kennedy and the Phoenix signed two players for next year's team to bolster the infield.

Justin Hilt, a junior college transfer from Louisburg College, and Zeth Stone, an incoming freshman from Chattanooga, Tenn., will both be joining the Phoenix in the fall.

Hilt is a utility infielder that has spent most of his time at third base, but also dabbled on the mound in his career.

Hilt will join an infield that loses second baseman Donny Jobe and utility infielder Matt Hill, but retains third baseman Bennett Davis, shortstop Neal Pritchard and utility infielder Chase Austin.

Hilt won't be alone in the additions to the diamond. Stone, a 5-foot-11 infielder, will give Kennedy a dynamic infield filled with multiple players who can play multiple positions.

Stone earned all-state honors after his junior year in which he hit .433 and 33 RBI.



FILE PHOTO

The Phoenix looks on as it records a win at Latham Park against Campbell University on May 3. Elon finished its home schedule and is set to play in the SoCon tournament May 20.

Morningstar shines brightly after 36 years

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Sports Editor

He has been elected into four Hall of Fames, won 32 Coach of the Year awards, won more than 100 golf tournaments, coached five Elon teams, three of which he founded, and is arguably the most renowned coach in Elon athletics history.

A career that began in 1960 with a full basketball scholarship to Elon quickly turned into a career that spanned almost four decades and left quite a legacy, one that is still going strong.

Bill Morningstar, the current men's head golf coach, started his Elon legacy as a basketball phenomenon. On a full scholarship, Morningstar holds the record for most games played with 127. He was a four-year varsity starter and captain.

After coaching basketball, tennis and cross country at various high schools, including the one he graduated from, Morningstar returned to his alma mater in the fall of 1972 as the assistant basketball coach.

"When I was hired as the assistant basketball coach, the athletic director, Dr. Alan White, was explaining what I needed to do and said, 'Oh by the way, you are the head golf coach.' I said, 'I don't know anything about it,' and he replied, 'That comes with the job,'" Morningstar said.

The way it worked in those days, coaches would teach a half-load, head a major sport team and be an assistant coach to a minor sport.

Morningstar served as the assistant basketball coach for seven years before assuming the role of head coach for another seven years. All the while, he remained the head coach of the men's golf team.

"We wore a lot of hats back then," Morningstar said.

Once Morningstar got out of basketball, he became the director of the Fighting Christian Club, now known as the Phoenix Club, for three years.

"At this point, White came to me and wanted to start a men's and women's cross country program," Morningstar said. "I was just supposed to start the program and then be done."

Start it he did, but of course, he did not stop there. Morningstar simultaneously headed the women's team for the next 10 years and the men's team for the next 12 years, while still holding onto the men's golf program.

In the cross country programs' first year, the women clinched third place in their conference while the men won the title.

"I can still see them coming across the hill and thinking, 'we are actually going to win this,'" Morningstar said.

Soon after, Morningstar was also put in charge of starting the women's golf team. For a few years, Morningstar headed the men's and women's cross-country teams and the men's and women's golf teams at the same time. Ironically, he started three of those four sports in Elon athletics.

Although Morningstar is a jack of many trades, golf is the one constant passion in his life.

"Golf has been and is a very big part of my life for over 20 years," he said.

In his second year as the head golf coach, Morningstar said he realized the biggest thing was acquiring good



Morningstar coaches senior Jimmy Lytle as he prepares for the NCAA West Regional Tournament. Morningstar said, "Lytle is the best that has played here in my 36 years. He has probably taught me more than I have taught him."



Morningstar (far left) and his team won the NAIA National Golf Championship in 1982, his 10th year as head golf coach at Elon University.

players. When he was done recruiting for basketball, he set his eyes on the fairway ahead.

In 1976, his fourth year as head coach, Morningstar's team lost the national title by one shot to finish second. Two years later, the team again finished second after winning the conference and district titles.

Finally in 1982, Morningstar and his team enjoyed sweet success clinching the conference, district and national titles.

"I realized I did not have to know about golf to get good players and good talent," Morningstar said.

Elon captured the conference title six consecutive years from 1989-1994. During Elon's first official NCAA Division I campaign, the Phoenix captured six tournament titles and reached a national ranking of 27.

This season, the team finished sixth at the SoCon championship.

The Phoenix excelled in the beginning part of both the fall and spring, winning the Sea Trials Elon Invitational in fall and the Lonnie D. Small Spring Classic and the Wexford Plantation Intercollegiate in the spring.

"As head of the golf program, it takes special kids who love to play and win and do know what it takes to win," Morningstar said. "I provide them with good tournaments to play in. This season, we played well but then hit a downward slump at the end of the year. We were a much better team than we ended up."

Morningstar has just completed his 36th year with Elon athletics.

He has seen Elon go from a college to a university, Fighting Christians to Phoenix and has seen the athletic program transition from NAIA to Division II to Division I Big South and finally to Division I Southern Conference.

"It has been a big time transition and I feel honored to be apart of it," Morningstar said. "Credit must go to Fred Young and [Athletic Director

Alan] White. In recent years, Dr. Leo Lambert has carried on the tradition of making sure we are one of the better D-I schools."

Despite all the success Morningstar has accumulated in 36 years with the golf program, his fondest memory is not of a specific event.

"My relationship with players and students [is the most important], knowing that 99 percent of players that have played for me have graduated," Morningstar said.

Even though his team will be losing senior Jimmy Lytle, its best golfer, and arguably the best golfer Elon has ever seen, Morningstar is optimistic for next season.

The Phoenix will only be losing one more senior, Justin Newton and is bringing in two good recruits to help make another great run for the SoCon championship.

"I pretty much stay on break," Morningstar said. "My job is like being on break. Elon has given me the opportunity to do what I have wanted in life."

Softball team falters at SoCon Tournament

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Reporter

The Phoenix's softball season came to an end after falling to the No. 3 College of Charleston in the Southern Conference Tournament last weekend.

The team opened the tournament with a 1-0 loss to No. 5 UNC Greensboro but rallied back to beat No. 8 Western Carolina 5-3 before ultimately falling to Charleston.

Elon was ranked fourth going into the SoCon Championship.

The tournament was held at Patriot's Point Field in Mt. Pleasant, S.C. beginning on May 7.

"Going into the tournament we really focused on playing our game," freshman pitcher Pam Del Pizzo said. "We did not want to play down to the level of other teams or let our opponents control the game. We had already learned everything we needed to play in the tournament; we just needed to bring our heart."

In the opening 1-0 loss to UNCG, the Phoenix stranded nine on base.

The Spartan's sole run came in the top of the sixth.

Del Pizzo pitched a complete game, allowing four hits, walking one and striking out four. The Phoenix is 1-2 this season against UNCG going into the game.

"In the first game we did a good job getting on base and putting the pressure on UNCG but we struggled in getting that runner to score," Del Pizzo said. "In a game that is so close just one hit could blow open the game and unfortunately we just didn't get that hit."

The Phoenix faced Western Carolina in the second game on May 8.

It looked as though Elon's troubles were going to continue when the Lady Catamounts quickly got on the board first.

They scored once in the first inning and twice in the second.

The Phoenix battled back in the top of the third inning, scoring four of its five runs.

Senior Rebecca Rijavec hit a two RBI double, scoring Allison Hartman and Tracey Dahlen.

"In the third inning our bats just erupted," Hartman said. "Our energy and intensity was soaring. It was a definite team win."

The Phoenix added an insurance run on Brandi Jones' solo homerun in the top of the fourth, her seventh homerun of the year.



STEFANIE MEYERS | Photographer

Shortstop Tracey Dahlen is safe on the steal at third against College of Charleston on Saturday. Dahlen is a senior captain of the Elon Softball team from Pasadena, Md. Despite Dahlen's successful steal, the Phoenix still lost last weekend at the SoCon Tournament.

"We went into the game with a different mind frame," junior Melanie Helterbran said. "We knew we needed to take the game, one inning, one batter, one run and one out at a time. We didn't think ahead and we had confidence in our abilities and our teammates' abilities."

The team's final game of the season came on May 9 against the No. 3 College of Charleston.

The Phoenix was shut out 8-0, finishing its season with a record of 26-27, 12-11.

Del Pizzo got the start again and allowed three runs on five hits and two walks.

Helterbran came in relief, pitching 3.1 innings and allowing four earned runs on four hits.

The Phoenix combined for four

hits on the game.

The tournament was also the final games for the team's five graduating seniors, Dahlen, Rijavec, Samantha Schroeder, Carol Lilley and Debbie Zeigler.

"This year we didn't come out on top, but we fought hard every game," said Helterbran. "We have a great group of girls so we will look forward to working even harder to be even better next season."

Lacrosse follow-up: They've gone to Nationals

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The club lacrosse team has received official word that they will be allowed to compete in the National Championship in Dallas.

Elon made the decision to allow the team to travel to Dallas despite the championship being during finals week. Other arrangements were made to allow the student-athletes to attend the tournament. The team left Elon by bus on Sunday afternoon to make the 18-hour drive to Dallas.

The Phoenix received the No. 6 overall seed and played No. 11 Framingham State on Tuesday at 1 p.m.

Team captain Andrew Bright said all the support they received from fellow students definitely helped the positive outcome.

Check www.elon.edu/pendulum for updates on how the team is doing in Dallas.





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UNFORGETTABLE RUN MARKS MEN'S BASKETBALL SEASON

This spring, the men's basketball team ended its season on a national ESPN2 stage after a historic, unforgettable run through the Southern Conference Tournament. The No. 7 seeded Phoenix was the first team to advance to the final with a losing record. Elon defeated No. 10 Furman University, 52-37, setting a new SoCon record for fewest field goals allowed in one game. The Phoenix then scored the upset victory over No. 2 Chattanooga, 60-57. Ola Atoyebi had 10 rebounds and tallied 13 points in addition. Senior Montell Watson led Elon over No. 6 College of Charleston in the final with a 75-61 victory. The run came to an end as the Phoenix appeared in its first ever SoCon championship game, losing to nationally-ranked No. 25 Davidson College, 65-49. Although Elon kept up almost the entire game, the Wildcats proved to be too much in the end. James and Watson earned First Team All-Tournament honors while Ola Atoyebi was named to the second team.

Riddle, Hudgins break many records on the way to success

Freshman quarterback Scott Riddle led the Elon Phoenix football team to its first winning record (7-4) in the Southern Conference since joining in 2000. Riddle broke 16 records, including an NCAA freshman record with 3,817 yards of total offense. He ranked first in the Football Championship Subdivision with 346 completions on 508 attempts and total yards. He was also named the Southern Conference Freshman of the Year. Riddle's counterpart, sophomore wide receiver Terrell Hudgins, ranked first in the FCS with 107 receptions, 1,474 yards and 18 touchdowns. He was placed on the All-Southern Conference First Team and was nominated for the best offensive player in the FCS.

Elon football breaks attendance records

Rhodes Stadium was sold out for the first time in school history on September 29 when the Phoenix hosted Appalachian State University. About 13,100 fans packed the stadium to see the Phoenix take on the Mountaineers. Even though Elon lost 49-32, it was still a historic day in Phoenix athletics. The majority of the fans stayed until time expired. At the time of the game, ASU was ranked fifth in the subdivision and the Phoenix was ranked 24. This was the first top-25 matchup for the Phoenix since October 23, 1999 when Elon hosted Hofstra in a 21-9 loss at Burlington Memorial Stadium. ASU went on to win the NCAA Football Sub-Division Championship for the third consecutive year.

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Women's basketball coach Brenda Paul leaves

On March 12, Elon athletic director Dave Blank announced that women's basketball coach Brenda Paul's contract would not be renewed. Paul posted a record of 12-20 overall and 6-12 in the Southern Conference. In her 30-year career, Paul has a career coaching mark of 441-428.

Paul helped the Elon program through many transitions including the move from Division II to Division I, and from the Big South to the Southern Conference in 2003.

A new coach, Karen Barefoot, was hired less than a month after learning Paul would not be returning.

Baseball team starts season undefeated

The Phoenix baseball team had a lot to think about in the off-season after its early exit from the tournament the year before. All that thinking and practice paid off in the first two weeks of the season as the team went 10-0 to begin on the right foot. In early April, Elon shut out No. 4 UNC Chapel Hill 2-0 for the victory. Junior pitcher Steven Hensley became the all-time leader on Elon's career strike-out list.



Men's tennis team rides 30-match winning streak

Dating back to the 2005 spring season, Elon's men's tennis team accumulated 30 consecutive wins at its home court. Once ranked as high as No. 42 in the country, the Phoenix was enjoying its winning streak until Drake University visited. On March 19, 2008, No. 42 Drake University defeated Elon to end nearly three years of perfection at the Jimmy Powell Center. The team also recorded an 18-match SoCon regular season winning streak.



Men's soccer team breaks crowd record in UNC tie

In front of a record crowd of 1,773 fans in Rhodes Stadium, the Phoenix tied the UNC Tar Heels 1-1. The match was the fourth annual match to benefit The V Foundation for Cancer Research and raised more than \$1,000. It was the Phoenix's third tie against ACC foes, including Clemson University and then No. 1 Wake Forest. During the season, the men had four consecutive shut out victories to set a new school record.



Women's basketball lose historic 4OT game

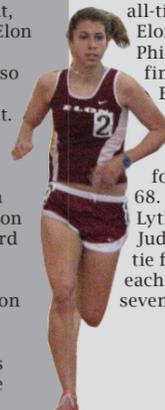
The Elon women's basketball team's battle with Western Carolina tied for the longest game in SoCon history. The Phoenix eventually came up short in a 102-101 loss at Alumni Gym.

Phoenix senior guard Tierra Bumbrey had a career high with 36 points. She hit a three-pointer with two seconds left to send the game to the first overtime. Bumbrey's individual performance was ranked third in the program's history in both points scored and three-point field goals made in one game.

Women's track success in indoor and outdoor

The women's track season started its outdoor season with a success, breaking 16 school records in the Duke Invitational, Elon's first outdoor meet of the season. The good start has helped the Phoenix finish fifth at the SoCon Tournament, the highest since Elon joined the SoCon.

The Phoenix also took fifth at the indoor tournament. Justine Robertson and Jennine Strange led the Phoenix all season long, with Robertson setting a new record of 12.15 meters in shot put. Strange was the highest Elon finisher, running second place to Western Carolina's Kerri Savery in the 800-meter race.



Men's golf grabs first place at own tournament

All five Elon golfers finished in the top-13 as the Phoenix captured the top spot at the Sea Trail Intercollegiate. Elon shot a 276 to finish the tournament 36-under-par and 187 strokes ahead of the second-place team. It marks the best score all-time for any Elon golf team. Phil Bartholomew finished second, Elon's top finisher, after shooting four-under-par 68. Senior Jimmy Lytle and Jayson Judy placed in a tie for fifth after each shooting seven under par.