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HIGHLIGHTING HOLI



Distinctions of caste, class, age and gender are suspended during Holi

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Elon University sophomore Abhinav Nitesh knows he's immensely outnumbered.

According to the Spring 2017 Registrar's report, he's one of only 24 Hindus at Elon, a fraction compared to the thousands of students who practice other religions.

Still, it doesn't stop him from trying to make an impact.

With Holi — one of the more well-known Hindu festivals — taking place at Elon Friday, Nitesh saw a prime opportunity to promote his faith while also providing a chance for members of the community to enjoy themselves. Holi, which celebrates the beginning of spring and the triumph of good over evil, rallies people together and culminates in a paint or colored powder fight. Nitesh understands Holi is intended to be a playful occasion, but his mission is to leave a lasting impact that won't easily be removed like the color on


Holi celebrates the coming of spring and new life and energy



Holi is particularly celebrated in North India



Last year, approximately 300 students attended Elon's Holi celebration

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HB2 repealed, controversy continues

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North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper signed House Bill 142 — March 30, repealing the controversial House Bill 2, but sparking a debate as to whether this compromise was worth it.

House Bill 142 prohibits government institutions from regulating access to multiple occupancy bathrooms and changing facilities.

HB2, or the "Bathroom Bill" was passed more than a year ago by former North Carolina Gov. Pat McCrory. Among other things, the bill mandated that people use public restrooms correlating with the gender declared on their birth certificates. HB2 stirred up national controversy because of its specific impact on the LGBTQIA community.

"[HB2] has stained our reputation — it has discriminated against our people,

and it has caused great economic harm in many of our communities," Cooper said at a press conference after signing HB142.

But now HB142 is facing backlash of its own.

The new law also prohibits government institutions — including the University of North Carolina System and the North Carolina Community College System — from regulating access to multiple occupancy bathrooms and changing facilities.

HB2 banned local nondiscrimination ordinances from being passed, and though HB142 does not ban nondiscrimination ordinances from being passed forever, it does prohibit them from being passed by local legislatures until 2020.

HB142 also does not amend the classes of people who can be protected by those nondiscrimination laws to include sexual orientation or gender identity — something many activist groups argued was vital to preventing future inequity.

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CAROLINE BREHMAN | Photo Editor
Junior **Bella Salmon** prepares food during Spring Pride Week's Bar-B-Queer April 4.

Spring Pride Week: Colorful, inclusive

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Despite achieving national recognition as an LGBTQIA-friendly school, members of the LGBTQIA community at Elon University feel there is still progress to be made concerning inclusivity on campus.

Hosted by Spectrum, Elon's queer-

straight student alliance, Spring Pride Week is an opportunity to take steps forward in raising the visibility of LGBTQIA students on campus. Celebrated from April 3 to 7, Pride Week is a time to celebrate nonconforming sexual and gender identities while forming stronger relationships between

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CRIME REPORT

March 31
WEST LEBANON AVENUE
ELON
Burglary

At 11:30 a.m., the manager of The Tangent restaurant located at 116 West Lebanon Avenue reported that the restaurant had been broken into and approximately \$1,000 in cash removed from the safe.

April 1
WEST LEBANON AVENUE
ELON
Larceny

At 6 p.m., a Town of Elon police officer was sent to the Subway restaurant located at 112 West Lebanon Avenue in response to a report of larceny by an employee.

April 2
WEST TROLLINGER AVENUE
ELON

An Elon University student reported that she received a letter from the IRS which stated that another person may have used her Social Security number to obtain employment. The form advised her to place a fraud alert on her account. An investigation will be conducted.

GAMES

FOR RELEASE APRIL 5, 2017

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Chickens (out)
 - 6 Lay eyes on
 - 10 Judge's setting
 - 14 Like kindling when lit
 - 15 Advil target
 - 16 Insulate, as a jacket
 - 17 *Process of electron gain or loss
 - 19 Killer whale
 - 20 Cereal with lemony lemon and orangey orange flavors
 - 21 Falling-out
 - 22 Bryn Mawr undergrads
 - 23 Have a bawl
 - 24 *Beneficial substance in berries
 - 26 Lacking the skill
 - 28 Not as much
 - 29 Katy who voiced Smurfette in "The Smurfs"
 - 30 "Jeopardy!" creator Griffin
 - 33 Takes off the shelf
 - 34 *Eating
 - 37 At the center of
 - 40 Compete in a sack
 - 41 Lets up
 - 45 Asian rice porridge
 - 47 Show up
 - 48 *London subway system, with "the"
 - 52 Bus. card info
 - 53 Highly recommends
 - 54 "Monday Night Countdown" airtel
 - 55 Cruciverbalist Reagle of "Wordplay"
 - 56 Danish shoe company
 - 57 Each answer to a starred clue begins and ends with identical ones
 - 59 Big bunch
 - 60 Golf game spoiler
 - 61 Sailor's "Halt!"
 - 62 Gull relative
 - 63 Start of a preschool song
 - 64 ___-Bismol

- DOWN**
- 1 Watches late TV until a teen comes home, say
 - 2 "From my perspective ..."
 - 3 Hotel room amenity
 - 4 Amount to pay in Calais
 - 5 "___ who?"
 - 6 Absorb the loss
 - 7 "The Martian" genre
 - 8 Snapchat upload
 - 9 Nikkei index currency
 - 10 Diabetic's concern
 - 11 High behind a front, e.g.
 - 12 Holy smoke
 - 13 Campsite shelters
 - 18 Former Education secretary Duncan
 - 22 Golfer Michelle
 - 24 Kirk __, first movie Superman
 - 25 Last Super Bowl won by the Giants
 - 27 Capital of Barbados
 - 30 "Tell ___ story"

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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- 32 MapQuest output: Abbr.
- 35 Oldest Brady boy
- 36 Geeky sort
- 37 Most severe
- 38 Accessory for Mr. Peanut
- 39 Ambien, vis-à-vis sleep
- 42 Webpage index
- 43 "Into Thin Air" peak
- 44 Does business with
- 46 Workplaces for LPNs
- 47 Green Gables girl
- 49 Post-op therapy
- 50 "Hamlet" courtier
- 51 Flip over
- 55 Bit of chess action
- 57 ___-la-la
- 58 Con man's target

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UPCOMING EVENTS: APRIL 5 - 11

8 P.M. Nick Swardson performs 5	9 P.M. An Evening with Diane Rehm 6	4 P.M. Holi, festival of colors 7	7:30 P.M. The Importance of Being Earnest 8	2 P.M. The Importance of Being Earnest 9	All Day National Siblings Day 10	All Day Registration begins for Fall 2017 11
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TOP PHOTOS



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Daniel Gilbert delivers the Spring Convocation address on the science of happiness in Alumni Gym March 30.
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Freshman Julia Weingold ties a shirt up to be dyed during Spring Pride Week's Rainbow Tie-Dye event.
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DIEGO PINEDA | Contributor
Members of the Omicron Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. perform during the fifth annual Set it Off Stroll Off in Alumni Gym April 1.



AJ MANDELL | Staff Photographer
The Elon community celebrates the dedication of the School of Communications expansion in the Snow Family Atrium March 31.
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Freshman begins petition for fall sorority recruitment

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A new petition for fall sorority recruitment has garnered nearly 150 signatures in the past week.

The Elon Panhellenic Association, the “local governing body” of the nine sororities on Elon’s campus, implements the standing 2.8 GPA requirement and the spring recruitment process.

Freshman Juliette Firla created the petition because she could not meet the 2.8 GPA requirement for recruitment this past spring.

“I had issues adjusting to school here,” Firla said. “I took too many classes, I got involved in too many

things.”

Firla is planning to study abroad the second semester of her sophomore year, and would consequently not be able to be a part of the recruitment process until spring of her junior year.

The petition calls for a fall opportunity to rush — much like the opportunity men on campus already have.

“That’s why I didn’t necessarily include [men],” Firla said. “I think they kind of are already included in the process.”

Though Fraternity and Sorority Life on campus is aware of Firla’s petition, there is a more compli-



CAROLINE BREHMAN | Photo Editor

(From left to right) Sophomore Gabby Ferguson, freshman Maggie Brown and sophomore Clara Hannigan celebrate during Bid Day, Jan. 29.

cated hierarchy of power within Fraternity and Sorority Life.

“Recruitment during any time of year is possible, however FSL helps administer the process, which is controlled by the National Panhellenic Conference and the Elon Panhellenic Association,” said Dan Faill Director of ESL.

The Elon Panhellenic Association, the local governing body of the nine sororities on Elon’s campus, implements the standing 2.8 GPA requirement and spring recruitment process, as well as decides which appeals will be accepted or denied.

Men and women who fall

below the GPA requirement can submit an appeal to participate, but according to FSL’s website, those appeals are rarely granted. Firla’s appeal was one of 39 submitted this spring, and one of 28 denied said the FSO office. The Panhellenic Association will ultimately make the decision regarding Firla’s petition.

Freshman Elise Granath is a member of the Kappa Zeta chapter of Sigma Kappa sorority who signed Firla’s petition.

While Granath believes fall recruitment may be beneficial to upperclassmen, she says that it may not be feasible.

“There’s a lot that goes on behind the scenes of recruitment that you really don’t see until you’re on the other side of it,” Granath said. “In order to make it just as special and as big a deal as spring recruitment ... rehearsals would probably have to take place in the summer or a couple weeks before school started.”

But, Granath still thinks all students should have the chance to experience Fraternity and Sorority Life.

“It’s for some people and it’s not for some people,” Granath said. “But if you think it’s for you, I think you should have the chance to be in one.”

I KNOW MY FRIENDS LOVE ME AND I LOVE THEM, BUT WHEN YOU SEE THESE PEOPLE ALL TOGETHER CREATING A FAMILY TOGETHER AND YOU’RE NOT A PART OF IT, IT HURTS.

JULIETTE FIRLA
FRESHMAN

Faill says he appreciates Firla’s “spirit and passion” for the petition, but would have preferred she contacted the FSL office before publishing the petition.

“Being a part of a fraternal organization at Elon is a privilege, not a right,” Faill said. “If there are students that do not meet the minimum expectations of the university, the governing councils or the respective chapters, I support that decision to hold themselves to a higher standard.”

Firla’s petition is rooted in her own experiences of feeling like the odd one out.

“I went through second and first semester feeling completely left out and feeling like I didn’t belong,” she said. “I know my friends love me and I love them, but when you see these people all together creating a family and you’re not a part of it, it hurts.”

Firla said, “I just want girls to realize that everyone should be able to feel included.”

HB2 from cover

Some have refused to call the bill a repeal, instead referring to it as a compromise.

“This is not a perfect deal and it is not my preferred solution,” Cooper said. “It stops short of many things we need to do as a state. In a perfect world with a good general assembly, we would have repealed House Bill 2 fully today and added full state-wide protections for LGBT North Carolinians.”

The American Civil Liberties Union of North Carolina described the new bill as a “back-room deal that uses the right of LGBT people as a bargaining chip.”

“The bill makes it illegal to protect people from discrimination. And worse still, it does so under a claimed interest in protecting “bathroom safety and privacy,” said Staff Attorney of ACLU LGBT & HIV Project Chase Strangio.

Elon University sophomore and North Carolina native Talia Wahl said she is not happy with this string of events.

“I feel embarrassed to be a North Carolinian,” Wahl said. “I feel like we are going back in time instead of forward ... When I tell people I am from North

Carolina, I always get asked about [HB2] because it represents our state.”

Wahl said that though she understands why HB2 was written, its purpose went awry.

“I still believe Pat McCrory was trying to provide safety in the state, and I think that is a good initiative, but he ended up [targeting people],” Wahl said.

Freshman Derek Dzinich said he thought it was “ridiculous” that the HB2 battle was not completely repealed.

“Smart business decisions should appeal to conservative law makers, but so far that has not been the case ... It’s projected to cost the state \$3 billion over a couple year period, and it seems absolutely ridiculous that they

should make a situation that is so financially compromising, but yet they continue,” Dzinich said.

Last week the Associated Press reported that HB2 will end up costing North Carolina \$3.76 billion in lost revenue over the course of 12 years. The NCAA has avoided North Carolina as a venue, and the NAACP has organized boycotts to prevent eco-

nomical gain in the state.

Dzinich blamed the governor’s lack of power for the situation.

“This is just an example of the weakness in the balance of powers in the North Carolina state government where the governor’s powers have been diminished compared to the legislatures,” Dzinich said.

Freshman and North Carolina resident Grace Briskman said she believes some progress has still been made.

“I think any [law] that isn’t HB2 is progress,” Briskman said. “However, the replacement bill does not suffice to the amount of progress I was expecting.”

Briskman said she thinks HB142 was focused on saving face and income rather than transgender rights.

“It seemed to me like the replacement bill was a way to get the money back to those massive organizations that punished North Carolina for HB2 and a way to cover up the bathroom problem rather than solving the bathroom problem,” Briskman said. “So although I think any replacement bill is better than HB2, it’s not satisfactory.”

HB124 will be up for revision again in the year 2020. State Senate leader Phil Berger said that between now and then there will be time for federal lawmakers to address LGBTQIA issues.

A BREAKDOWN OF HB142

Passed March 30, 2017 with a 70-48 vote

REPEALS HB2 AND . . .

PUBLIC ENTITIES’ POWER OF REGULATION

- **People using government facilities are no longer legally required to use bathrooms, changing rooms and showers that corresponds with the gender on their birth certificate.**
 - This includes state and local agencies, boards, offices, departments and insitutions.
 - University of North Carolina and North Carolina Community College systems fall into these categories.

ALLOWS CITY AND LOCAL ORDINANCES

- **No longer blocks local non-discrimination ordinances.**
 - But cities will be barred from passing legislation concerning public accommodations or employment practices.
 - These limitations remain in place until House Bill 142 expires in December 2020.

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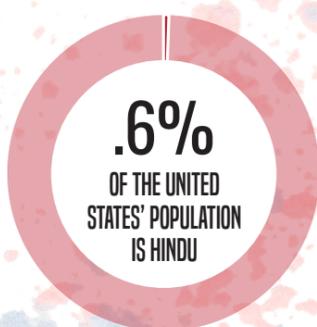
THE WHOLE PURPOSE OF HOLI IS TO HAVE FUN, BUT MY AIM IS TO LET PEOPLE KNOW WHY THEY CELEBRATE THIS FESTIVAL.

ABHINAV NITESH
SOPHOMORE

THE WORLD'S, THE UNITED STATES' AND ELON'S HINDU POPULATION



15% OF THE WORLD'S POPULATION IS HINDU



.6% OF THE UNITED STATES' POPULATION IS HINDU

.004% OF ELON'S POPULATION IS HINDU



.004% OF ELON'S POPULATION IS HINDU

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HOLI from cover

der fight. Nitesh understands Holi is intended to be a playful occasion, but his mission is to leave a lasting impact that won't easily be removed like the color on someone's clothes.

"The whole purpose of Holi is to have fun," Nitesh said. "But my aim is to let people know why they celebrate this festival. If someone asks them in the future 'What do you think about Holi?' I don't want them to say 'Oh, it's just a color run.' My aim is to let them know what Holi is about, so if someone asks them what Holi is about, they'll be able to give an intelligent answer."

A different perspective

Originally from India, the birthplace of the Hindu religion, Nitesh moved to the United States last year for a better education. He chose Elon because of the smaller class sizes and the proximity to his uncle, who lives in Cary, North Carolina. Nitesh said he expected an adjustment period to assimilate to a different environment, but that process was expedited because of the hospitality of the Elon community. After he got his footing and became more comfortable, he wanted to add his voice to the conversation around

Elon's multifath initiative.

He applied to be an intern at the Truitt Center for Religious Life, and once accepted, he immediately began planning Elon's 2017 Holi Festival. He was initially surprised to hear that Elon celebrates Holi and Dilwali — another Hindu festival — and hopes to bring a perspective as someone who has been immersed in the culture.

"This is one of those festivals I really love the most because back home, all of our friends would gather around and just enjoy ourselves while worshipping in our faith," Nitesh said. "The goal for me here and now is to try and replicate it the way we do it back home."

"This job opportunity at the Truitt Center provides me with a platform to make people aware about a different religion. It gave me a podium to inform people about the faith that I hold near and dear to my heart."

Since he has been at Elon, Nitesh said he has had numerous conversations about his faith, something he enjoys. He said students' genuine interest in learning about other cultures is one thing about the Elon community that impressed him. Because of that, he wants to ensure everyone has a chance to learn something new.

"I would have conversations like, 'I'm from India,' and they would ask, 'Oh, what's your religion?' Nitesh said. "And I would

say Hinduism and some of them wouldn't even know what it is. That would give me an opportunity to educate people."

Preventing 'Instagramability'

Carrie Seigler, the multifath intern coordinator at the Truitt Center, said Nitesh's perspective has brought an energy and a fervor to the logistics of Holi, more so now than previous years' celebrations. Every detail ranging from set-up to tear-down has been accounted for, but Seigler said Nitesh's emphasis on the educational potential of Holi has had the most impact. While Seigler said Holi is one of the Truitt Center's most popular events, it may be that for the wrong reasons. She said some students may attend the event simply for the colorful "Instagramable" nature. When she told Nitesh of this, he took the steps to ensure even if that is the case, people will still leave with some lessons learned.

"Holi tends to attract a lot of people because it's happy and fun and lends itself to Instagram photos," Seigler said. "What Abhiniv has been intentional about doing is integrating Indian-American and International student voices into the planning process, so that even if students show up just for color, we've structured it in a way to where they will have to wait

and watch a typical Hindu performance and intentionally made it an educational piece.

"This is not a 5k where you can just throw colors. It is a deeply meaningful, but also joyful festival."

Expanding the Hindu base

University Chaplain Jan Fuller said that while the aesthetics of Holi may supersede its true meaning to some, she said it is a powerful tool to promote Hindu life at Elon in an attempt to grow its numbers. She said their office is going to launch a webpage outlining Elon's Hindu life, and hopes that within the next few years, Elon will hire a Hindu staff member in her office. Because of Holi's reputation, Fuller said this is another building block to a greater project.

"We hope this will be one more step to help create an affinity group and we would really like a group to help us produce these things," Fuller said. "We got lucky — we have an intern who is Hindu — but more often than not, we

don't."

Fuller said that is her hope for not only for Elon, but also for society as a whole. Discussions held by multifath interns and the SAGES program are steps she says can broaden students horizons. Living as an engaged citizen and recognizing the correlations between different things — including religion — is one thing people should always strive to do.

"There's a lot of places where this work is being done, and if people come to Holi and have an experience of spiritual diversity in that moment, it will make them wonder about where else is this happening in our life or where else should I be interested in learning," Fuller said. "How can I be on the look out for that? We hope that this will raise those questions, even if students just come for the colors and dance around."

Nitesh said he doesn't mind being outnumbered and said he appreciates Elon taking the steps to help his culture thrive.

Now it's up to the students to push it further.

"Elon is trying its best. They're having so many events and awareness things like bringing in guest speakers," Nitesh said. "I think it's the students that need to be involved in it now. Elon can only do so much, it's the students who need to be interested in it. If students are not interested, it's not going to help out."

Student club oversees guest speaker selections

SGA-funded club decides academic speaking events



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(Clockwise from top left) Bob Woodward, Vint Cerf, Bryan Stevenson, Kathleen Parker, Daniel Gilbert and Molly Crabapple are the speakers the Liberal Arts Forum brought to campus this year.

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From artists to scientists to authors to lawyers, Elon University students have opportunities this year to meet and listen to professionals from different backgrounds and careers.

These events might only take a few hours for most students, but for Emily Hayes, copresident of the Liberal Arts Forum, and other students in the class and club, these events take months of planning and thousands of dollars.

“The Liberal Arts Forum is a student-run organization on campus that plans all academic speaking events at Elon,” Hayes said. “We decide which speakers to bring and then we host the speakers when they come.”

The process for deciding which speakers to invite to campus is strenuous for the small club. Each meeting begins with members pitching people they would like to see come speak.

The club proceeds to narrow the original list of 25-30 speakers by watching TED Talks, YouTube videos and reading passages from books or articles about the possible guests.

“We really just try to learn as much as we can about the individual so that we make sure we are bringing in somebody that everybody will be really excited about,” Hayes said.

Once the list of speakers is finalized and agreed on by members of the club, Patti Gibbons, the associate director for Cultural and Special Programs and staff adviser for the Liberal Arts Forum, steps in.

“When they know who they want to invite for the fall or a spring series, they will ask me to get in touch with them,” Gibbons said. “I’ll contact the individuals directly or I’ll work with their representatives and present the idea of a visit and what it might include. Then we go from there to draft a letter of agreement.”

With this long process of deciding which speakers would be the most interesting for Elon students, comes the equally important task of figuring out the budgeting for each speaker.

“The Liberal Arts Forum is a student-government funded organization,” Gibbons said. “Every year, they go to a budget hearing like all of the other organizations and they present a proposal for guests that they want to bring, they are then awarded a sum of money to use and once that is approved they know how they are going to divide that up across the different guests that they are bringing.”

That budget varies each year but according to Hayes the budget for the club is usually around \$40,000.

“The most expensive speaker that we will bring is about \$20,000, but if we do bring a really expensive speaker that usually means we can’t

bring two more speakers,” Hayes said. “We try to have two-three speakers each semester, so if they each are less expensive we can usually bring three.”

This year, the most expensive speaker that the Liberal Arts Forum brought to campus was Molly Crabapple, who came on Feb. 9, to give a talk on “The Connection Between Art and Politics.”

Since Crabapple is an award-winning artist and her journalistic work has been published by major news organizations such as The New York Times, Newsweek and CNN, she merited a high price.

“Usually the more well-known a speaker is, the more expensive he or she will be,” Hayes said.

Both Hayes and Gibbons believe that the Liberal Arts Forum not only provides opportunities for the entire school, but also trains the students to deal and network with high-profile speakers.

“In an interview, I’ll talk the most about the Liberal Arts Forum because what we do is really impressive,” Hayes said. “We work directly with speaking agencies, we meet these authors, we spend time with them. It is a really good way to boost your experience at Elon and also to have something unique to talk about in an interview.”

The Liberal Arts Forum welcomes all students to join their meetings every Tuesday at 4:15 p.m. in Alamance 207.

School of Communications dedicates new facilities

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Elon University faculty, staff and students gathered in the Snow Family Grand Atrium on March 31 to dedicate the new School of Communications facilities and recognize those that made the expansion a reality.

President Leo Lambert, along with Dean of the School of Communications Paul Parsons and Board of Trustees chair Kerri Anderson, spoke at the dedication ceremony to acknowledge the expansion of the school and personally thank all of the donors present. The School of Communications underwent an expansion with the addition of Schar Hall, Snow Family Grand Atrium, Citrone Plaza and Steers Pavilion. There were also renovations done to the already established McEwen and Long buildings.

Lambert cited Elon as having one of the best schools of communications in the country as he spoke to the crowd of students, faculty, staff, parents, donors and more present at the event. He thanked Dwight and Martha Schar for their generosity and said they had given Elon the single largest gift in the history of the university.

“It’s a wonderful school,” Dwight Schar said. “This is an inherent part of the university and being able to help bring this to fruition, you know, I like to get involved in things that are transformational and

what is being done here with the School of Communications is transformational.”

The Schars are also responsible for the currently-undergoing-construction of the Schar Convocation Center.

“They made a major gift to the university to support the building of the convocation center,” Parsons said. “The university said, ‘This is wonderful, but our next building project is the School of Communications, would you be willing to have a portion of your gift go to the School of Communications?’ Their gift at that time was \$12 million and so a portion of that gift then was allocated to build the building and the rest of their gift will go to build the Schar Convocation Center.”

An official ribbon cutting featuring Lambert, Anderson, Parsons and representatives of the Schar, Snow, Steers, Citrone, Turner and Williams families occurred following the closing remarks from Parsons. The ribbon was cut into portions by each of the representatives.

“The fabulous faculty along with the students rounds out a full offering for the facilities,” Anderson said. “We are dedicating the facilities to ensure the success of our graduates.”

A reception ensued after the ribbon was cut and those in attendance were treated to food and were free to walk around the School of Communications and receive a tour of the new and established facilities.

Schar and many others believe that the new facilities will help continue to im-



Elon University President Leo Lambert, Board of Trustees chair Kerri Anderson and representatives of the donor families cut the ribbon at the dedication of Schar Hall March 31 in Snow Family Grand Atrium.

prove the School of Communications and further go up in ranks.

“Hopefully, it will continue to improve the quality that the university is already putting out, keeping it current with the modern, changing times,” Schar said about the expansions and renovations.

Students, such as sophomore Alexis Kirkland, have marveled at the new facilities.

“It’s really beautiful,” Kirkland said. “I love the fact that we have a full movie theater now. As a cinema and television arts student having the ability to see movies in the environment for free is beyond great.”

Parsons said he believes that the facilities will ensure that students will continue to succeed and flourish in the new and improved environment.

“I do think that facilities contribute to a quality learning experience,” Parsons said. “Facilities also attract good students and so that combination, I believe, over the next few years will cause us to have even better students with even more student success.”

Freshman Caroline Saviano said she is pleased to have the opportunity to be among the first to enjoy the new facilities.

“I think getting the new communications school came at just the right time,” Saviano said. “Not just because it was here for my first year on campus, but since social media is such an enormous part of this day and age. Being able to have an up-to-date facility with up-to-date technology is going to help us adapt once we make it into the ‘real world.’”

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Sophomore Rachel Blackman and freshman Dena Altshuler tie-dye t-shirts during Spring Pride Week April 4.

PRIDE WEEK

from cover

LGBTQIA students and straight allies.

"I think Pride Week is extremely important in bridging the gap between the LGBTQ community and our straight allies because the queer community really needs a lot more visibility on this campus, which is what Pride Week offers," Spectrum Vice President Bella Salmon said. "But it's also a very open and fun way to get involved without feeling pressured or having to answer any sort of educational questions or know everything about the queer community. It's more like a time for everybody to get together and enjoy themselves and realize that fundamentally we're all the same kind of people."

According to Salmon, members of Spectrum have been working hard to make sure that Pride Week is enjoyable for everyone. Beginning with a Bar-B-Queer and Rainbow Tie Dye event behind Smith Hall on Tuesday, Pride Week will end with a Dragstravaganza on Friday. Featuring professional kings and queens along with student performers, games and contests, Dragstravaganza will be held in Tap House from 10 p.m. – 2 a.m.

Wednesday night, students will have the opportunity to hear about the overlap between sexual identities and religious identities during LGBTQIA Storytelling with Peterson Toscano, founder of the Beyond Ex-Gay organization, at 6 p.m. in McBride Theatre. Thursday's event will feature a Drag Makeup Tutorial from 5:30 to 8 p.m. in the Gender and LGBTQIA Center.

These weeklong events are designed to raise awareness of LGBTQIA students' presence on a campus that can at times be forgetful of recognizing members of the queer community. According to Spectrum President Monique Swirsky, the success of the Elon administration in being ranked No. 1 among colleges and universities in the South by Campus Pride for LGBTQIA inclusivity has not necessarily translated to an increased atmosphere of acceptance on campus and surrounding areas.

"We still have a ways to go as far as making queer people feel accepted here from a student body perspective and then from a larger community perspective as far as how accepted students feel in Burlington and larger Alamance County," Swirsky said.

Citing the threat of groups such as ACTBAC, a neo-confederate group involved in bathroom policing of transsexual people, Swirsky explained that many members of the queer community do not feel safe outside of the Elon bubble. Even on campus, Swirsky said efforts can be made to allow LGBTQIA students to feel more accepted.

UPCOMING EVENTS

LGBTQIA STORYTELLING WITH PETERSON TOSCANO

April 5, 6 p.m. | McBride Theatre

DRAG MAKEUP TUTORIAL

April 6, 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. | Gender and LGBTQIA Center

DRAGSTRAVAGANZA

April 7, 10 p.m. - 2 a.m. | Tap House

"On campus, there's still a lot that needs to improve to shift our culture to be more than just tolerant of LGBTQIA identities to accepting and affirming," Swirsky said.

Senior Darius Moore, a student assistant at the GLC, agrees that the LGBTQIA community at Elon often goes without proper acknowledgement.

"I think Pride Week is important because I think a lot of people within the community feel stifled and they feel like they can't express themselves and that they don't have a lot of reason to be happy," Moore said.

Like Swirsky, Moore recognized that Elon's status as one of the top universities for LGBTQIA inclusion does not mean there is no work left to be done.

"[Though] we are a very LGBTQ-friendly campus, and we've been ranked as the top in the country, it's obviously important to let people know that [LGBTQIA individuals] exist and that [they're] here, because ... it is easy to forget."

Freshman CJ Porterfield, GLC student assistant, went on to explain Pride Week's importance in making students with non-traditional gender and sexual identities feel comfortable on campus.

"I think it's a chance for you to just be able to celebrate yourself and you don't have to worry about judgement and you don't have to worry about feeling unsafe because a lot of times people in this community often feel unsafe, when they try to express themselves," Porterfield said. "So this week really lets them have that outing, and they don't have to have any worries or cares because they get to feel great about themselves and love themselves where they don't normally get that chance."

For Spectrum and the rest of Elon's LGBTQIA community, Pride Week is one of the best ways to bring about awareness and inclusivity on campus.

"It's all about queer visibility," Salmon said. "It's reminding Elon and the students that we're still here, we're still queer and we're a part of this campus, too."



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Senior Becca Nipper colors a t-shirt during a rainbow tie-dye event Spring Pride Week April 4.

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CHEAT SHEET: INTERPRETING TRUMP

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Five months after his election in November — three months into his first term as President of the United States — Donald Trump has had several conflicts with federal judges across the country.

According to Kellyanne Conway, Trump's former campaign manager and now one of his advisors, taking Trump word-for-word is actually what the public should not be doing, but that is exactly what one judge in Kentucky has done.

David Hale, a federal judge, took the words Trump said during a rally in March 2016 in Louisville, Kentucky for face value.

After his speech was interrupted several times by different groups of hecklers, Trump repeatedly said "get'em out off here." Trump's supporters responded violently by shoving and punching the hecklers until they departed the rally.

Three of those protesters filed a lawsuit against Trump's campaign and two of his supporters. Trump's attorneys have tried to have pieces of this lawsuit dismissed, but Hale said the charges are plausible.

"At this early stage of the case, the court finds most of the plaintiffs' claims to be sufficient," Hale said.

Conway has defended the President's words several times and ques-

tioned why everything he says has been taken so literally by members of the press.

In an interview with CNN, "Why is everything taken at face value?" Conway said.

"You can't give him the benefit of the doubt on this? ... He's telling you what was in his heart, you always want to go with what's come out of his mouth rather than look at what's in his heart."

Several members of Trump's administration have had to reinterpret his words for the public multiple times, but Conway and Sean Spicer, White House press secretary, seem to do so most often.

Spicer was questioned in March by reporters regarding Trump's tweets accusing former President Barack Obama of wire-tapping Trump Tower in New York.

"I think there's no question that the Obama administration, that there were actions about surveillance and other activities that occurred in the 2016 election," Spicer said. "The President used the word wiretaps in quotes to mean, broadly, surveillance and other activities."

Spicer also said that Trump was referring to Obama's entire administration when he said "Bad (or sick) guy!" not just the former president.



Kellyanne Conway, President Trump's former campaign manager and current advisor, speaks at the 2017 Conservative Political Action Conference.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Sophomore honored as 2017 Newman Civic Fellow

Sophomore Amy Belfer is a human studies major, Periclean Scholar and founder of a social-justice-focused living learning community, Hall for Change. Campus Compact — a national coalition of presidents of higher education institutes focused on educating students about civic and social responsibilities — has named Belfer a 2017 Newman Civic Fellow in recognition of her community contributions and desire to inspire social change.

Senior receives award for essay

Senior Ben Bridges received the Student Paper Prize at the 2017 Anthropological Society annual conference for his essay regarding the impacts of mythology and globalization on indigenous peoples of the Peruvian Andes entitled "Navigation Globalization through Myth in Quechua Communities of Southern Peru." The award includes a cash prize, a collection of donated books and offer to be reviewed and published in an online peer-reviewed anthropology journal, *Southern Anthropologist*.

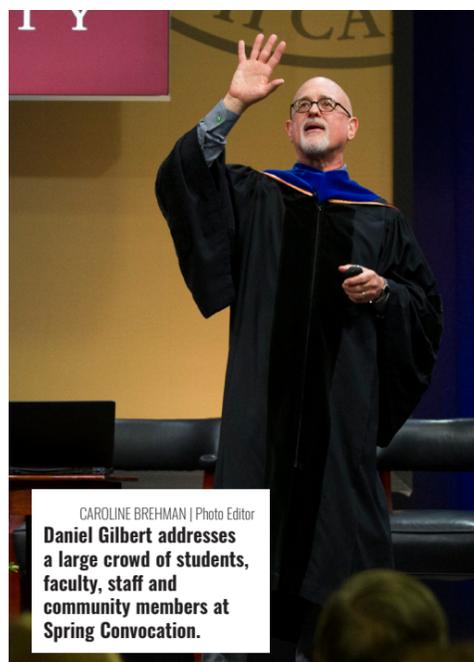
National Science Foundation features professor's research

The National Science Foundation's Science 360 News service featured Elon University Associate Professor of Physics Ben Evan's research regarding the use of magnetic devices to control soft robots. His research was done in collaboration with Joseph Tracy, an associate professor of the Department of Materials Science and Engineering at North Carolina State University. On March 28, their manuscript was published in *ACS Applied Materials and Interfaces*.

Presidential Search Committee adds faculty member

On March 29, Wesley Elingburg, chair of the Presidential Search Committee emailed students, faculty and staff an update regarding the search for replacing Elon University's president, Leo Lambert. According to his email, the Board of Trustees added another nontrustee member — Maureen Vandermaas-Peeler, professor of psychology and director of the Center for Research on Global Engagement to the committee in response to feedback attained during forums about campus representation.

Daniel Gilbert talks happiness at Convocation



CAROLINE BREHMAN | Photo Editor
Daniel Gilbert addresses a large crowd of students, faculty, staff and community members at Spring Convocation.

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TED talk speaker, bestselling author, award-winning psychologist and renowned professor, Daniel Gilbert, delivered Elon University's Spring Convocation lecture March 30 in Alumni Gym.

In his address, Gilbert referred to his studies that were published in his book "Stumbling on Happiness," and spoken about in his TED Talk "The Surprising Science of Happiness." Throughout the entire speech there was one central question that Gilbert's studies were trying to answer.

"Can we use the tools of science to find out what really makes people happy," Gilbert said. "Today, for just a few minutes, I'd like to share with you some of the fruits of our discoveries. Some of the things we know do and don't bring human beings happiness."

One of the ways that Gilbert was able to answer this question was by getting personal and talking about his mother's beliefs on how to be happy.

"Marriage, money and children — my mom told me it was the recipe for happiness," Gilbert said.

Gilbert spoke about how the concept of happiness can be scientifically measured, and what studies show about the pursuit of happiness.

For more than half of the lecture, Gilbert went through those three aspects of human life discussing why those three things have the power to influence humans' happiness.

"I really do believe the more we learn about the true causes of happiness, the more of it we can get for ourselves and for others," Gilbert said.

Freshman Lumiere Rostick said she did not hear what she expected to. "It was a shock for me to see how marriage and money — two things people think bring unhappiness — are actually proven to make people more happy," Rostick said. "And then children, who are nicknamed 'bundles of joy' actually make people more sad."

Gilbert stressed how his study of happiness isn't dependent on random emotions, but is based on actual scientific measurements. He also interjected with humorous moments from his personal life.

"Throughout the talk he made little side comments about his family and other jokes that made the speech more personal but also kept me really engaged," Rostick said.

These were feelings shared by many of the audiences members as they listened quietly, captivated by Gilbert's stories and

"I am really glad to have been given the honor to listen to Dr. Gilbert's speech. He made learning about the science behind happiness really fun," said freshman Mario Chen.

Next year's Spring Convocation speaker has yet to be announced, but the Fall Convocation address will be delivered by former British Prime Minister David Cameron.

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Members of Phi Mu dress as gangsters for recent theme party.

STAFF EDITORIAL

Racist themed parties, costumes should not be tolerated

HOW WE SEE IT

While students may not intend to be racist or offensive in their costumes, they must be aware of the racist implications and effects of their choices.

What may seem like an innocent and fun party theme can turn into an excuse for students to dress up in costumes that are inappropriate, offensive and racist. While the intention may be to have fun, students need to be more cognizant of the greater effects of their choices.

On March 30, the Gamma Nu chapter of Phi Mu sorority and Theta Omega chapter of Sigma Chi fraternity at Elon University held a social event where the theme was “Shock Your Mom.” Some students attended the event dressed as pregnant women or criminals, but many students took the opportunity to dress as harmful racial stereotypes.

To fit the theme, some members of Phi Mu dressed as “cholas” or “gangsters,” wearing cornrows in their hair, bandanas over their mouths and drawing teardrop tattoos under their eyes.

Others dressed as Hispanic drug lords, wearing fake mustaches and carrying fake drugs.

The intention of these students was most likely not to be racist, but it is important to understand the racist implications of dressing as these negative stereotypes. These students most likely do not think they are being offensive. But what some may see as dressing up as a “thug” is really them dressing as the stereotypes of black men that further their oppression in society.

When you search “thug” or “gang member” on Google, the image results are overwhelmingly pictures of black men. By dressing this way, students are wearing a marginalized group’s oppression as a costume — one they can take off the next day.

When white men and women wear these outfits to a party, they’re

seen as funny and entertaining. But when the people in the culture of which these outfits belong to wear them, they are often ridiculed, judged or discriminated against.

This problem isn’t unique to Elon. Across the country, many fraternities and sororities have gained national attention for racist or appropriate themed events.

In 2015, the Cal Omicron chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and the Beta Delta chapter of Alpha Phi sorority at University of California at Los Angeles threw a party with the theme “Kanye Western” where students arrived in blackface. In 2014, Sigma Alpha Epsilon at Clemson University hosted “Clemson Crispmas” where students dressed as gang members. In 2013, Eta Prime chapter of Kappa Sigma at Duke University threw an “Asia Prime” party where students wore sumo wrestling outfits and conical hats.

And the list goes on.

Though we have made a number of strides as a university toward creating a more diverse and inclusive campus, we cannot think that Elon is

immune to racism such as this. This is just one small example of a problem that is affecting our campus and universities across the nation, which only adds to the pre-existing racial tension in our country.

While this instance is one of perpetuating negative stereotypes, it is also important to mention the negative effects of cultural appropriation. There is a difference between appreciating a culture and appropriating it. If you’re interested in learning more about another culture, that’s great and you should do that.

It is, however, appropriate to wear someone’s culture as a costume. It is appropriate to borrow parts of another culture without respecting or even knowing their significance. Elon students should think carefully to ensure their intentions are not misconstrued.

We cannot allow this type of behavior to be tolerated and still call this campus inclusive. The first step toward inclusivity is understanding and respecting other cultures. Until we can do that, our work toward an accepting campus continues.

Millennials need to be less willing to cancel plans



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The world and all of its inhabitants love using Millennials as a punching bag for blame. Other generations tend to pin fault on this young, innovative and self-concerned sector of society for its handful of flaws.

We have been perceived as lazy, stubborn, arrogant and resistant by other generations, and these allegations can be fought and challenged in numerous ways. But one accusation that has caught my eye and proven itself time and time again with this generation is our inability to maintain plans.

We, Millennials, are more often than not flaky, and that might be the most aggravating trait of them all.

Think about it. How many

times have you been asked to grab lunch with a friend and agreed, knowing you would cancel later because you’re either too busy or just not interested?

How many times have you made those plans on the fly with another person, but then brushed them off moments before, claiming you’re not feeling well or just too tired, when you actually have plans to watch Private Practice in your room alone?

How many times have you simply forgotten about an arrangement and not thought much of that, “Sorry — I was so busy and it slipped my mind” text?

We seem prone to brushing things off, and we’re earning us the reputation of being the flakers of the world.

Numerous studies attribute the nature of young people to cancel plans on the increase in technology that has cradled us through our youths. According to Bustle, when plans are made via technology, such as through text message or

email, the plans feel less important or official, and the person doesn’t feel as guilty when they cancel. It’s one thing to receive a paper invitation to a party or reception, in which people feel obligated to attend due to the effort put into the invitation in the first place.

So, how do we solve this issue? Do we start sending carrier pigeons every time we want to grab lunch with our friend to ensure they don’t blow us off?

In a perfect world, yes. But we know more than anything that this isn’t a perfect world.

It comes down to this: If you don’t want to, or know that you can’t, don’t make the plans at all. I can assure you that the person on the other side of that plan will appreciate a rejection in the

first place, rather than the quick, thoughtless cancellation moments before your arranged meet-up.

Mindless flaking is one of the reasons we young people are getting a bad rap. Last-minute cancellations compromise a person’s trust in you, put them out for having arranged their day in the first place to spend time with you, and sharply disappoint them in the wake of it.

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It’s delightful to cancel a plan — it gives the planner momentary relief and frees them up for however long the plan would have taken in the first place. And who doesn’t want a free hour they weren’t expecting?

But, knowing young people, we’re gonna make those plans anyway. So here are some tips we can all follow to make sure we stick to our plans.

First, it’s important to not overbook yourself. If you’re trying to pencil someone in for lunch and you have three tests and a paper due that same day, save them the trouble and try for next week.

Next — and this one is tricky — write things down. If we see a plan in writing, we’re a lot less likely to cancel it than if it just pops up as a reminder in our phone.

After this, we should remember to only make plans we are actually invested in. If there’s someone you just don’t want to meet up with, don’t make that plan.

Finally, if you absolutely have to cancel, do it sooner. Don’t pull the plug the night before or the morning of. That’s just inconsiderate.

Or, you could just do something wild and actually attend the plan you originally scheduled. That really couldn’t hurt.

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Be mindful of who is benefiting from your service



Crosby Melendi
Freshman

Four summers ago, I was on a two-hour bus ride to the Malnutrition Center in San Juan, Guatemala, belting out Christian songs with my church group. After a week of bonding with underprivileged children, we left with our hearts full and our minds eased; we just changed the world.

But did we really?

The answer, quite frankly, is no. I would even go further to say that we, the helpers, changed more than the Guatemalans did. There is something wrong with that.

Mission trips are usually a week long and their projects vary by country, but tasks like such as painting churches, tending to children and digging wells are typical. By contrast, study abroad trips are longer — ranging from one month to an entire year — and are focused on academic and personal growth rather than charitable giving. Elon students often complete one or the other — sometimes both.

But there is an arguable

similarity between these trips: a personal transformation. Each one has a powerful individual effect, but volunteers stress how they changed the lives of those in need when in reality, they were the one who changed the most.

On both study abroad and volunteer trips, there is some kind of cultural experience — a day on the beach, a trip to the market, a zip-line excursion over coffee plantations — in addition to the food, shelter and transportation provided throughout. All of this, plus airfare, requires several thousand dollars.

The construction of an entire house in Honduras costs about \$3,000, which begs the question: Who is this money really benefiting?

People often fail to admit that the money being spent on airfare, hotels and cultural experiences could have made a more profound impact if it had been given to charity; much greater, I might add, than the sub-par work being done by the volunteers.

From an outsider's standpoint, it is clear that investing in mission

trips is inadequate, but since it's justified as our "Christian duty," we go home with fulfilled souls and a guilt-free conscience. The whole purpose of a mission trip perpetuates the notion of the American "savior" coming to rescue the needy.

Instead of empowering them to help themselves, we reinforce the

idea that without us, they would suffer indefinitely. This superiority complex degrades the dignity of the poor, yet is ignored by affluent American missionaries. After all, it's easier to overlook the problem than to admit that we aren't really changing the world.

Just because a community lacks material goods does not mean it is incapable of helping

itself. People spend thousands of dollars traveling to impoverished countries to paint churches and dig wells — things that anyone with two hands could do, including the poor.

When we do things for the poor that they could be doing themselves, we are not empowering them and are instead reinforcing feelings of inferiority. Not only that, but also with all the work being done for them, a dependency develops.

Instead of being accountable for their own success, underprivileged communities begin to expect and rely on foreigners to complete tasks that they could be doing themselves. If you're trying to "save the world," creating a dependent poor population will do the opposite.

So why do we continue to do it? The answer is simple: It makes us feel better about ourselves. The instant gratification after feeding an underweight child or digging a well reinforces the belief that we are making a difference.

What we fail to acknowledge is

that real change requires long-term efforts. We don't see the separation anxiety these children experience after their new "mom" disappears each week. We aren't there to fix the well that broke because we built it wrong. We go back to our privileged lives as new people, feeling satisfied with ourselves and certain that we fulfilled "God's will."

The problem is not the intentions; it's the allocation of these intentions.

What people need to understand is the complexity of poverty cannot be fixed by a weeklong trip. Being able to acknowledge that, at the very least, is better than deluding yourself that you "changed the world."

This very notion can be applied to things such as Relay for Life and Elonthon. With charitable events like these coming up, it is especially important to think about who you are supporting and how they will be affected.

Elon students are some of the most ambitious and globally-aware people I've encountered, but getting caught up in the Elon bubble is an easy trap to fall into. When participating in these philanthropic events, being cognizant of who is truly benefiting is essential to make real change.

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Waddling into the sunset: A eulogy for Club Penguin



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It was the home of so many firsts — first dates, first parties, first independence.

I still remember that pizza parlor like it was yesterday. I still remember those igloos like I remember my childhood bedroom. But now, the place where so many of us grew from kids into adults is waddling off into the sunset.

Club Penguin officially shut its doors on March 29. The iceberg will float off to sea, the lighthouse will shut off its beacon and the Puffles will move on to the great Pet Shop in the sky. There will be no more snowball fights, no more sled races, no more visits from Captain Rockhopper.

We all remember the first time we logged on. It was a place that welcomed all of us, regardless of whether we had that shiny "membership" badge. There was a place for everyone. It was more than just a snow-covered island with a few shops and an inexplicably accessible mine shaft — it was a community. And damn, it was a great community.

We experienced penguin-kind at its peak. The unity that it took to organize so many fruitless attempts to tip the iceberg, the Dance Club parties that rivaled a spring break trip to Ibiza, the honor and prestige upheld by each and every proud member of the Elite Penguin Force. God, I would give my life to suit up in that uniform just one more time.

There were so many momentous highs.



ELENA HERNANDEZ | Designer

Moments when we put aside our differences and celebrated what made us penguins. When we trekked off into the mountains and explored the Dojo for the first time. When we went deep undersea, where no penguin had gone before, in our first aqua grabber adventures.

But just as the highs lifted us to new heights, the lows took us so low. It sure seemed like a utopia, but we can all remember times when Club Penguin took us to some dark places. Each time I messed up an order in Pizzatron 3000, I felt like I was

letting down the entire island. Each time Captain Rockhopper left port, it was like someone ripped out a piece of my very soul.

I think I'll always remember the time I spent in Club Penguin. I can still hear the click-clack of the mancala games I played above the coffee shop, toiling away hours late into the night. I can still feel the rush I got when I was handed the deed to my first igloo — my own igloo.

But like all great civilizations, Club Penguin was bound to fall. The Roman Empire lasted 500 years, and I thought our little

snow-covered corner of the world would last for 500 of its own. Alas, our day came 488 years too soon.

We all grow. We all change. We all move on to bigger and better things. But we may never find a place we can call home quite like Club Penguin. Even once the igloos have melted and the landscape becomes overgrown with pines and feral Puffles, a little piece of that world will live on in the heads and hearts of every penguin who was lucky enough to ever log on.

Waddle on, friends.

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LIFESTYLE

Staying active and happy despite pollen and allergies

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It's been a long, cold, confusing winter, but spring is finally here and it's time to focus on both mental and physical health.

Though spring brings more vitamin D and opportunities to explore outdoors, for those facing seasonal allergies it can be dreaded. Elon University's Medical Director of Student Health and University Physician Dr. Ginette Archinal said it could be too late to combat against seasonal allergies.

"Pollen season started weeks ago," Archinal said. "It's almost too late for prevention, but there are ways to decrease your reaction to the change in seasons."

Her first tip: Know if you have seasonal allergies.

"A lot of people don't realize they have allergies and just think it is a cold that isn't going away," Archinal said. "Elon is a beautiful campus, but it has lots of trees and lots of pollen, so often people who have never had allergies before don't know what to look for."

She says that if someone develops a cold at the beginning of every fall or spring that develops into sinus infections or other illness, the underlying cause is usually seasonal allergies.

Archinal said that conjunctivitis, also known as pink eye, which circulated around Elon's campus earlier this semester, could actually be a manifestation of allergies.

"Conjunctivitis can be viral, bacterial or allergic," Archinal said. "The only time we are absolutely sure that it is bacterial is if someone wakes up in the morning and their eye lids are stuck together, but if someone has redness and crusting, it is probably due to allergies."

The best way to find out if you have seasonal allergies is to test it by personal experience, said Archinal, then go to the doctor to see whether their sickness is allergic or infectious.

Prevention is the key for seasonal allergies according to Archinal, who warns against the worsening of allergy symptoms into illness like sinus

Since pollen season has already started, it is almost too late to prevent allergies but there are ways to limit your reaction to pollen.

infections and other bacterial infections. She suggests checking the local pollen count in the area by visiting www.pollen.com to see the count for the day and the main producers of the pollen in the area before spending time outside.

"Being outside has so many physiological benefits," Archinal said. "But you need to know how you react to seasonal allergies before you start and if you do have allergies, you should take an antihistamine."

Junior Samantha Perry has sea-



Yoga instructor Lydia Willig suggests yoga as a great way to work on both physical and mental health this spring.

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Willig poses in Child's Pose — one of her suggestions for a calming spring workout.

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sonal allergies and suffers from seasonal asthma, but still loves to run outside. Her tip? Wash clothing immediately.

"As soon as I get back from a run, I leave my shoes at the door, throw my clothes in the washer and jump in the shower," Perry said. "I work hard to keep the pollen out of my house and room and I think it has saved me this season."

For junior Lydia Willig, yoga has been her way to stay centered and healthy during the change in season. Willig began practicing yoga two years ago at Elon's campus and is now an instructor for Campus Recreation and says her style of teaching is more of a "suggestion" where people can come and take what they want from the class.

"Even if you don't realize it, when you're in a yoga class, you're cultivating your mind, your imagination, your creativity," Willig said. She says that yoga is a great place for people to turn not just for their physical health, but also their mental health.

Spring not only brings season-

al allergies, but also intense work loads and count downs to summer, leaving students often times feeling drained and burnt out. Willig attributes yoga for keeping her mind healthy during the hectic times.

"I think the most common reason people come to yoga classes are usually because they are stressed and they want to de-stress with yoga. Just being able to stretch the body, releasing tension in your muscles releases tension in your mind," said Willig.

Her advice for those trying to stay motivated and stress-free during the spring is to try and incorporate focus on the breath in everyday activities. "Your breath can actually heal ailments in your body and calm down the mind to help you think more clearly, especially during the hecticness of spring," said Willig.

Willig says with the emergence of springtime, she has taken advantage of the bright mornings to incorporate her exercise before she heads to class.

"Doing yoga when you wake up in the spring is super revitalizing,"

said Willig. "When it is 7 a.m. and sunny outside, it wakes the body up and it's a great time to do Sun Salutations (a sequence of yoga poses)."

For those who want to practice yoga outside but face the challenges surrounding allergies, Willig suggests practicing "Paranáyama," which means alternate inhalations and exhalation through the nose. "It's a really good exercise for clearing out your system and getting things flowing again," Willig said.

And for those hitting the gym preparing for summer, Willig says her main advice is to "focus on how the body is functioning and not how the body looks." For Willig, this means realizing yoga is "more about your insides than your outsides."

Incorporating yoga in your daily routine could be as easy as taking a class that Elon offers at the gym or practicing with a video from YouTube. Willig said it took her quite some time to "hit her stride with yoga," but once she found a good teacher, she was hooked.

TIPS FOR STAYING HEALTHY DURING SPRINGTIME



1. Taking antihistamines or nasal spray (from the beginning of March until May in the spring and in the fall from September until after Halloween) to lessen symptoms (avoiding short acting medications and brands such as Benadryl that tend to make you drowsy).



2. For those who have extremely bad allergies, getting allergy shots or taking sublingual allergy medication, which is a tiny dose of specific allergens, could be the best option.



3. Tying long hair back and washing it before bed can decrease the amount of pollen being exposed to the face and accumulation in clothing and bedding.



4. Eating local honey to potentially act as an allergy shot, providing small amounts of the allergen to strengthen the immune system.



5. Using saline nasal sprays and Neti Pots to help rinse the pollen out of nasal passages.



6. Leaving all windows down to decrease the amount of pollen getting trapped inside.

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The Shirley Tempos
sing "Sit Still, Look
Pretty" by Daya at
Astropalooza in
Whitley Auditorium
March 11.



CARNEGIE HALL

presents:
**THE SHIRLEY
TEMPOS**

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The members of one of Elon University's female a cappella groups, the Shirley Tempos, never imagined

On April 9, Elon University's female a cappella group, the Shirley Tempos, will perform four songs at Carnegie Hall in New York City.

scoring an opportunity to perform at Carnegie Hall in New York City. But their dreams will become a reality April 9, when they will perform in Total Vocal, a contemporary a cappella music concert in Midtown Manhattan, with Deke Sharon, the father of contemporary a cappella and creator of the event.

In this performance, 14 of the 16 Shirley Tempos members will sing four songs: "The Lion Sleeps Tonight," "Put on a Happy Face," "Summertime" and "We Are Home." They will also be able to enjoy arrangements from cast members of the movie Pitch Perfect.

In order to receive this opportunity, junior Sabrina Campelo, president of the Shirley Tempos, had to take initiative. After seeing an advertisement requesting applications to perform at Carnegie Hall, she said she knew this was an opportunity her organization could not overlook.

With confidence that the Shirley Tempos' hard work and practice would earn them the chance to perform in this concert, Campelo sent audition tapes to Distinguished Concerts International New York (DCINY).

"I love watching this group grow and exceed our potential," Campelo said. "I am always ready for us to go bigger and better, and Carnegie Hall was definitely that next step."

After anxiously awaiting a response, Campelo received a call this past summer asking the Shirley Tempos to perform in the concert.

Upon hearing this news, the Shirley Tempos' musical directors, junior Katherine Shannon and sophomore Anna Corsiglia, expressed their disbelief, awe and excitement to receive this privilege.

"This is a once in a lifetime opportunity, so we absolutely had to take it," Shannon said. "Carnegie

Hall is incredibly prestigious, and it's an honor to be invited to sing there."

"It's such an incredible opportunity, and I'm super excited to work with such a large group of talented people," Corsiglia said.

Funding from SGA, donations from friends and family, money made from past performances and a small fee that each member of the Shirley Tempos must pay helped make this trip possible.

To ensure optimal preparation and a successful contribution to the concert, the Shirley Tempos have practiced for countless hours. At Elon, the members have been rehearsing during their usual two-hour practices three times each week. When they arrive in New York, the group will have three practices for three to four hours each session.

At these practices, the musical directors teach the music and conduct voice checks. Each member sings in front of Shannon and Corsiglia to ensure everyone is comfortable with the music.

"All songs at Carnegie will be performed from memory, so we want to make sure everyone is on the same page," Shannon said.

The group's participation in Total

Vocal will not be the first time the Shirley Tempos establish their name.

In fall 2015, these female singers recorded their first single, Imogen Heap's "Hide and Seek," at Liquid 5th Productions in Durham.

"It was an incredible experience for all of us. For me personally, I had never stepped foot into a recording studio before," Campelo said.

"It was incredible. I cried. It was a long process, but it was so fun," Shannon said.

One year later, the Shirley Tempos went back to the same studio and recorded their first EP that features five songs and a bonus track. These recorded songs and the upcoming performance at Carnegie Hall add to the list of the Shirley Tempos' musical performances — both on and off campus.

Though the organization came to Elon in 2013, its first performance did not occur until fall 2014. Since then, the group has been hosting fall and spring concerts each year.

Other universities have also reached out to the Shirley Tempos to perform at events hosted by their own a cappella groups.

"We try to take advantage of as many opportunities as we can to per-

form," Shannon said.

In order to host and participate in these performances, the Shirley Tempos use part of their funding to cover the costs. In addition to the importance of funding the performances, the singers acknowledge that their passion and determination contribute to success.

"Being a part of Shirley Tempos is without a doubt the highlight of my time at Elon," Campelo said. "The girls in the group are my family away from home."

"I love being in an a cappella group," Shannon said. "It is a great community of people, and I love the girls in my group."

As for the future of the Shirley Tempos, the members will be releasing their EP at their spring concert April 29.

With recorded songs, appearances at social events and a performance at Carnegie Hall, the members said they cannot wait for what the future has in store.

"It has been so wonderful to watch our group grow from where we started to where we are now," Corsiglia said. "After just a few short years, we're heading to Carnegie Hall."

Fulbright hopefuls plan to travel and educate

FULBRIGHT FELLOWS SEMIFINALISTS

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The senior scramble to find postgraduate employment can be cumbersome, but four Elon seniors had clear missions — a strong desire to continue their time abroad by teaching. For these students, their separate searches ended in one place: The Fulbright U.S. Student Program.

Kelly Richard, Hannah Wilpon and Jacqueline Spencer all knew they loved to teach, as they devoted their collegiate education to study the craft. The Fulbright U.S. Student Program offers research, study and teaching grants all over the world for recent college graduates and graduate students. Steven Armendariz, a political science and international and global studies major shared the others' experience of clarity when it came to deciding on Fulbright because they all had a vested interest in traveling, too.

"When I was 16, I studied abroad in Spain for a year," Spencer said. "I grew up a military child so I always loved to travel ... I always wanted to go back [to Spain] but never had the opportunity. I knew I wanted to teach English after graduation, so I started looking in to different ways to go back to Spain. The Fulbright program really spoke to me."

For Richard, it was her two Elon abroad programs — London and Hyderabad, India —



Hannah Wilpon



Steven Armendariz



Kelly Richard



Jacqueline Spencer

that ignited her passion for international education. She saw that Elon opened a lot of doors for her and sees Fulbright as a great next step.

"Elon has a culture of collaboration and ambition and I have not once been told 'no' when I asked if I could do something," Richard said. "When I wanted to intern in India, I found support. As long as I put the work in, I have found that any door will be opened for me."

The Fulbright fellowship allows students to pursue multiple interests through their work. Armendariz, given his political and global education studies, saw Fulbright as the perfect chance to explore his multiple passions. If all goes as planned, Armendariz will be packing his bags and heading to Spain.

"I specifically chose to apply for Spain because I wanted to be in a Spanish-speaking

country, but also learn more about the European economy and the affect Brexit will have on Spain first-hand," Armendariz said.

Armendariz says his time at Elon has helped him discover his passions and the routes he can take to pursue them.

"Through my extracurricular and program experiences at Elon, I realized that I want to do more than follow one straight path," Armendariz said. "I want to partake in various work experiences postgraduate to be able to develop myself and my skills."

Sarah Lentz, associate director of national and international fellowships, has worked with the Elon students pursuing Fulbright to ensure they have the best chance of being accepted. Elon has been continually praised for global education, and Lentz sees Fulbright as a great

fit for Elon students.

"It's an experience that students really design themselves, and therefore they're committed to it," Lentz said. "They're passionate about it, and they're getting the funding to go out and do it, which is remarkable ... Fulbright wants their students to demonstrate that they can dive right into their grant period, that they can assimilate and integrate into an unfamiliar culture and adapt accordingly ... so they're looking for students who can handle that type of cross-cultural experience."

For Wilpon, being flexible has proven key to her pursuits. She was selected as an alternate, so is only eligible for Fulbright if someone else chooses not to accept. Like many students, Wilpon is waiting to hear back from the program, so she is keeping her options open.

"If I am not offered the Fulbright, I have been offered a grant to teach ESL [English as a second language] in Israel for the next academic year," Wilpon said, noting that while this wasn't the outcome she was hoping for, she remains excited to work in an international environment before settling down as a classroom teacher in the United States.

"Regardless of which opportunity I participate in ... I plan on teaching in a school that focuses on serving immigrant students with a limited English proficiency, thus using the skills I have obtained abroad, my higher education degree while teaching social studies."

Senior to work for sorority after graduation

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When senior Sara Elgart first walked onto Elon University's campus, she didn't anticipate joining fraternity and sorority life — but now, the former president of the Kappa Zeta chapter of the Sigma Kappa sorority has accepted a job to work at Sigma Kappa National Headquarters. Sigma Kappa, headquartered in Carmel, Indiana, hires a team of women graduating from the numerous chapters around the country to be leadership consultants for the organization.

While attending Sigma Kappa's national conference last summer, Elgart found herself in an info-session for potential leadership consultants.

"I had originally thought, 'I [am] not a huge traveler, why would I be interested in something like [this]?' " Elgart said. "But, I decided to go to the info-session and it kind of took off from there."

There are two types of leadership consultants, one who travels every five to six days to various chapters around the country, and a residential consultant who is assigned to a specific campus and spends most of her time in one place. The program lasts one year and team members must be initiated members of Sigma Kappa to apply.

Elgart won't know which consultant she will be until later in the summer, because each team mem-

ber is placed based on leadership styles and personality.

"You don't give preferences [of where you want to be placed] or anything. It's totally based on leadership style and where they think your personality will match the needs of the chapter," she said.

Elgart said one of the most exciting aspects of the opportunity is the chance to give back to an organization that has given her so much.

"I think I was most interested in the opportunity to give back and to make a difference in other collegiate sisters' lives. Knowing older sisters who have had an impact on my life — I would love to do that for others," she said. "I think the opportunity to get to travel the country while serving the organization and working on leadership development — I am a leadership nerd, I love leadership development — all the bells and whistles align."

Rebecca Pope-Ruark, associate professor of English, has been advising Elon's Sigma Kappa chapter for 10 years and has served as Advisory Board Supervisor for the last five years. She sees Elgart as one of the best chapter presidents she has worked with to date.

"If there is a problem, [She] will think about what the core of the problem really is and brainstorm a few ideas for how to address or approach, then discuss it with a mentor or other student leaders," Pope-Ruark said. "She was easy to mentor because she never wanted me to just tell her what to do — she genuinely wanted to discuss issues or opportunities and come to her own decision to do the best in each and every situation."

Leadership consultants receive a small pay for their work, but all housing and travel expenses are



Senior Sara Elgart participates in The Kappa Zeta Chapter of Sigma Kappa's Walk to End Alzheimer philanthropy event this fall.

covered by the organization.

"For me it's not about the payment — it's about the opportunity that it is going to bring and the opportunity to meet [and network] with other people," Elgart said. "I don't think that any of us that took this position took it for the money. If we did, I think we would have taken a different job because this is not the one you would do for [money] — it's for the experience."

The incoming team consists of 16 women, but the numbers vary year to year. Elgart will be the second Sigma Kappa in two years to graduate from Elon and become a leadership consultant for the national organization following Marlee Jones '16.

After the year is up, Elgart is unsure whether she will apply to stay another year — as some leadership consultants do — or if she'll look for another job.



Elgart, posing with Sigma Kappa graduating seniors, will begin her new role this summer.

Though her passion right now is event management and planning, she is open to discovering other career paths throughout her year with Sigma Kappa.

"I'm not sure where the next year will take me in terms of whether I want to apply to do this again for another year or if I

want to go straight into corporate events — or a different route," Elgart said. "Right now if I were to answer that it would be to go into corporate event planning, but I'm very open to see where the next year takes me and if that opens doors to other opportunities, then I am keeping an open mind."

Freshman student charges into technology industry

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What do Mark Zuckerberg, Bill Gates and Elon University freshman Jack Kane all have in common? They all started technology companies in a college dorm room.

Freshman Jack Kane started a company, iGadget Technology, that sells 10-foot-long iPhone chargers for \$20. Within the first day and a half, the company sold 150 chargers overall.

protect against tears and breaking. The chargers are protected by a one-year warranty and are certified by Apple.

Kane is no stranger to the technology or startup industries.

"I've always had a knack for finding lapses or holes in an industry," Kane said.

He was part of a successful startup company called Tribe Promotions, which specializes in promoting new music artists. In high school, he worked at Verizon, which inspired him to create his second business where he resells lightly used cell phones.

iGadget came out of the gate strong. Within his first day and a half, Kane sold 20 chargers at Elon and 150 overall. Even as his business continues to grow, Kane said his first priority will always be his schoolwork. "If I have a big test the next day, the business goes on the back burner," he said.

He also sees his economics and statistics classes as opportunities to become a better entrepreneur. Kane has used Dr. Han Tadoros, assistant professor of accounting, as a resource to help start his company.

"He is a brilliant young entrepreneur and he takes all the credit for his success," Tadoros said.

Kane primarily sells his chargers on college campuses because they are easily available and there is a new set of customers at the start of each year. Kane has two business partners who sell iGadget chargers at their campuses in Virginia and Massachusetts. He hopes to be selling chargers on at least 10 campuses within the next six months and is also planning to start selling iGadget chargers on Amazon, eBay and Etsy.

"You want to find a pathway to expansion because if you only think short term, that's where you're going to stay," Kane said.

At Elon, Kane has representatives that

sell his chargers. Kane met one of his salesmen, freshman Jeremiah Bridges, in his "Global Experience" class.

"He told me about it one day and I thought 'That sounds cool. I'd love to get into it,'" Bridges said.

Bridges has found selling chargers to be relatively easy — selling 15 within the first three days after spring break. He said the length of the charger and the one-year warranty make it appealing for college students. "Giving people an opportunity they wouldn't have is something I really enjoy and that's certainly a driving factor behind why I love entrepreneurship so much," Kane said.

Kane is not just in it for the money. His ultimate goal is to create a product that people trust. He has been a part of youth development charity called First Tee for 12 years, which is founded on values such as responsibility, respect, honesty and integrity. He seeks to carry these values over to his businesses.

"I want to make a positive impact on the community and people," he said.

For now, iGadget will sell only iPhone chargers, but adapters and mobile charging packs could be on the horizon.

"It's about listening to my customers [and asking] what do they need on a daily basis that they don't have?" Kane said. For now, he would rather create a quality product and gain brand recognition. "I want to get it right the first time," he said. "My goal is that this is the last charger someone has to buy."



ANDREW FEATHER | Senior Reporter
Elon junior guard Shay Burnett drives to the net during the first round of the NCAA Tournament.



PRIDE REMAINS DESPITE NCAA LOSS

Best Division 1 season in school history leaves seniors satisfied, returners hungry

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COLLEGE PARK, Md. — When senior guard Essence Baucom fouled out of the Elon University women's basketball team's first game in the NCAA Tournament in school history, head coach Charlotte Smith stopped her as she went to the bench.

With Baucom tearing up, Smith opened her arms and pulled her point guard and star defender in for a hug, an embrace that concluded Baucom's time in an Elon uniform.

The 11th-seeded Phoenix lost 75-62 to sixth-seeded West Virginia University March 17 in College Park, Maryland, ending its best season in the Division I era in the first round of the Big Dance. In addition to the emotions of the season ending, it was the final game of Elon's five seniors' careers — something that had Smith tearing up a little in the postgame press conference.

"This game is a tough pill for all of us to swallow," Smith said. "When you see a locker room full of tears, you know you have players who are passionate about the game and passionate about what they do. I couldn't be more proud of this team and the way they came out and played."

But in defeat, Elon showed exactly how far it had come throughout the season and showed just how good it was on a national stage. The team stayed with the Big 12 Conference champions, as the Phoenix tied the game with seven and a half minutes left before the Mountaineers pulled away.

"Obviously, if you look at film, there's a lot of things we could've done differently to get a different result," Baucom said. "But overall, I'm proud of my team, proud of the effort they gave and proud to represent Elon."

Smith praised her five seniors — Baucom, guard Lauren Brown, guard Maddie McCallie, forward Jenifer Rhodes and guard Lenaira Ruffin — for taking Elon from the Southern Conference to Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) and becoming champions.

"Initially, it was heartbreaking — I wanted it so much for the seniors and this team



ANDREW FEATHER | Senior Reporter
Senior guard Essence Baucom wipes away tears as the Phoenix lose to West Virginia, ending her Elon career.

because they poured so much into this program the last four years," Smith said. "I felt like this was a team that could definitely make a deep run into the tournament, and unfortunately, we're having to go home. I can't be more proud of this senior class and everything that they've done. This is one of the most selfless classes that I've ever coached."

As Elon says goodbye to those five, there's reason to believe that next season could be a repeat. The Phoenix returns two-time All-CAA First Team guard Shay Burnett and forward Malaya Johnson, who are expected to lead the team as seniors.

Burnett was the team's leader in points (419), rebounds (247), steals (54) and assists (157, fifth-most by an Elon player in a single-season), while Johnson led the team in blocks (54, tied for sixth-most in a single

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CHARLOTTE SMITH
HEAD COACH



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Baucom gets a hug from head coach Charlotte Smith after fouling out of her final game.

season). They both played well against the Mountaineers, too, with Burnett scoring a game-high 19 points and got 10 points and seven rebounds from Johnson, who felt pride over the team's effort and record-breaking year.

"We had a great group of girls this year," Johnson said. "I love every single one of my teammates, and I think it was just the feeling of knowing that we worked so hard for so long and we didn't get as far as we wanted to. Like the coaches have said, we've done some amazing things this season and we have absolutely no reason to hang out our heads.

We played hard, we fought and we all wanted it."

Those amazing things include winning 27 games, the second-most in a single season in school history (only behind 1980-1981's 29 wins). It was the first season in

BY THE NUMBERS

27 WINS

The most wins the Elon Women's basketball team has had in the Division I era and the second most wins in a season in school history.

1,000 POINTS

Three players reached quadruple digits this season, the most to ever accomplish this in a single season in school history.

70.6 PPG

Elon scored an average of 70.6 points-per-game, setting a new school record in the Division I era.

75-62

The final score in the women's last game of the season.

2,399 POINTS

The Phoenix set a new record in the Division I era for points scored in the season with 2,399.

school history to have three players reach the 1,000-point mark, with Brown, Burnett and Rhodes all reaching it in a three-week span.

It was the best offensive season in the Division I era, with Elon setting records in points (2,399), points-per-game (70.6), field goals (885), field goal percentage (.427) and assists (453). Elon also grabbed the most rebounds (1,417), blocked the most shots (146) and had its best scoring margin (+11.6) since joining the top division in the NCAA.

With all of that, there's no doubt that this was the best basketball team Elon has ever had, allowing the seniors to depart with their heads high and leaving an impact that will be felt for years to come.

"This is the way we wanted to go out," Baucom said. "On top, becoming CAA champions and making our first appearance in the NCAA. But it's definitely bittersweet, and I'm definitely going to miss Elon."

Smith added, "A lot of times, when we go around, people are like, 'Where's that?' We wanted to change that, and I feel like we brought Elon athletics out of obscurity and into destiny.

"Hopefully, people will know where Elon is now."

THE PHOENIX FOCUS

WOMEN'S TENNIS

RESULTS & SCHEDULE 14-7

Apr. 1
5-2 

Away Apr. 5
2 p.m. 

Home Apr. 8
10 a.m. 

MEN'S TENNIS

RESULTS & SCHEDULE 8-11

Apr. 1
2-5 

Apr. 2
3-4 

Away Apr. 5
6 p.m. 



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SOFTBALL

RESULTS & SCHEDULE 21-13 (2-4)

Mar. 29
1-0 

Apr. 1-2
Three Games
1-2 

Away Apr. 5
7 p.m. 

Away Apr. 8-9
3w Games 

WOMEN'S GOLF

SCHEDULE

Apr. 2-3
Mimosa Hills
Intercollegiate
4th of 11 

MEN'S GOLF

SCHEDULE

Away Clemson Invitational
Apr. 7-9 



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BASEBALL

RESULTS & SCHEDULE 15-13 (5-1)

Mar. 31-Apr. 2
Three Games
3-0 

Away Apr. 4
6 p.m. 

Home Apr. 5
6 p.m. 

Away Apr. 7-9
3 Games 

Home Apr. 11
6 p.m. 

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

RESULTS & SCHEDULE 8-3

Mar. 29
9-10 

Away Apr. 7
5 p.m. 

Away Apr. 9
12 p.m. 



ASHLEY KING | Photographer

SPORTS BRIEFS

Men's tennis recognizes players on annual senior day

The Elon University men's tennis team celebrated their three senior players before their April 2 match at the Jimmy Powell Tennis Center against Winthrop University.

The team honored Chris Humphreys, Petar Tomic and Neal Port on senior day. All three seniors played doubles on Sunday, and Tomic also played as the No. 2 single player.

The Phoenix lost the matchup against the Eagles Sunday afternoon by a score of

4-3. The team will play again at 6 p.m. on April 5 at University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Women's golf finishes in Fourth place at Mimosa Hills Intercollegiate

The women's golf team played in their final match this weekend at the 2017 Mimosa Hills Intercollegiate.

The Phoenix finished fourth of 11 teams, shooting a score of 609 (308-301) and finishing just one shot out of third place. The team was

led by senior Kelsey Badmaev who finished in third place individually, her second straight.

The team now heads to the Colonial Athletic Association Championship beginning April 14 in Williamsburg, Virginia.

Elon baseball players receive multiple honors

A duo of Elon baseball players led this week's Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) baseball awards.

Senior outfielder Kyle Jackson was selected as the CAA player of the week after going 7-15 at the plate this weekend against James

Madison University, including two doubles, four home runs, six runs scored and 14 RBIs. He now leads the team in home runs and RBIs. Jackson was also recognized as one of Collegiate Baseball's national players of the week.

Freshman pitcher Kyle Brnovich was named Rookie of the Week and Co-Pitcher of the Week. Brnovich led the Phoenix from the mound on Sunday, pitching a complete game, two-hit shutout. Brnovich struck out six and carried a no-hitter through seven innings before giving up a single to JMU's junior outfielder Jack Hamner.

The Phoenix will be back in action this week as they start a home-away series on Tuesday against No. 17 Wake Forest.



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