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## WELCOME, CLASS OF 2019



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# A welcome and a challenge



Chairs lined up for Elon University's annual Convocation, in which President Leo Lambert traditionally charges students to make the most of college. FILE PHOTO BY KATY CANADA



**Michael Bodley**  
Editor-in-Chief

Welcome to Elon University. Now get out of your comfort zone. And check your stereotypes at the door.

Like many other places elsewhere throughout the United States, Elon has in recent years struggled with issues of racial bias — exacerbated

no doubt by Elon's status as a predominantly white campus. It's created an environment in which minority students have been subjected to racial slurs shouted from passing cars, and much more subtle insults that float around Mill Point, Alamance and the Danieley Neighborhood.

The university is working hard to condemn racist behavior and make Elon a more welcoming place for students of all kinds. Just last spring semester, a student was found responsible for shouting a racial slur, and he was suspended from the uni-

versity. There has been progress.

But the real change must start with you. Take a look at the cultural calendar and pick the event that makes you the most uncomfortable. Then go.

In discussing difficult topics, you're going to mess up. I certainly have. But these conversations — about race and identity and what it means to be an Elon student — are worth having. Don't let fear of failure keep you from trying.

You'll find, I hope, a lot of good at Elon. But with your help, we can make it better.

## Subjective realities and one accord



**Randy Williams**  
Dean of Multicultural Affairs

How exciting it is to commence another year on our beloved campus at Elon University! With all the diverse identities and ways of thinking that have converged on this shared space, the "marketplace of ideas" is indeed represented here. Each of us adds a unique richness to the community, and the start of the year is an ideal time to make that thought well-known to our newest members of the community — first-year and transfer students.

We don't take lightly your decision to continue your education here. It is quite the honor to be chosen among the many options you had during your selection process. For that, we are determined to provide you with a superior education that yields an appreciation of differences in the form of age, race, color, creed, religion, sex, national or ethnic origin, disability, sexual orientation and gender identity. I urge you to make a habit of seeking new interactions that create healthy opportunities for you to expand your perspectives. The outcomes will enable you to engage better with a wider range of humans you're destined to encounter over the course of your life. Likewise, you will enhance others' lives by sharing your perspectives as clearly, yet also as civilly, as possible.

Even with our subjective realities, I hope that we will be of one accord, living the Elon values of honesty, integrity, respect and responsibility in all walks of university life and beyond. In this manner, we are bound to make our time together a richer experience, and the greater society, too, will benefit from this way of life.

Be well, my fellow Phoenix, and best wishes for a strong year!

# Letter from Black Student Union president

During the summer of 2012, I was a new high school graduate preparing to embark on what would become one of the most challenging yet rewarding journeys of my entire life. I was filled with excitement because I was going to college, and not just any college — I was going to Elon University.

What mainly attracted me to this institution was that from the time I set foot on campus as a prospective student I felt that this was where I was meant to be. I felt that this was where I belonged. But as they say, all that glitters is not (maroon and) gold.

On the outside looking in, you would think that my transition into campus life was seamless. Shortly after arriving to campus, I made a successful run for class president and, like most students, thought that I had found my place at Elon. However, I

was slowly struggling. I began to feel that sense of belonging wither away like an autumn leaf as I discovered that I was more alone here at Elon than I initially thought.

As a student who identifies as Black, it has been extremely difficult at times to attend an institution where, if I did not know where to look, there could be days where I would see no more than 10 Black people. Or to attend an institution where in most instances, I have been the only person in my classroom that looks like me, causing me to be called upon to answer questions that usually come in colorful variations in language.

Ultimately, the questions asked are rooted in the assumption that as the only Black person in the classroom I must represent all Black people. Or even more recently, to be surrounded by

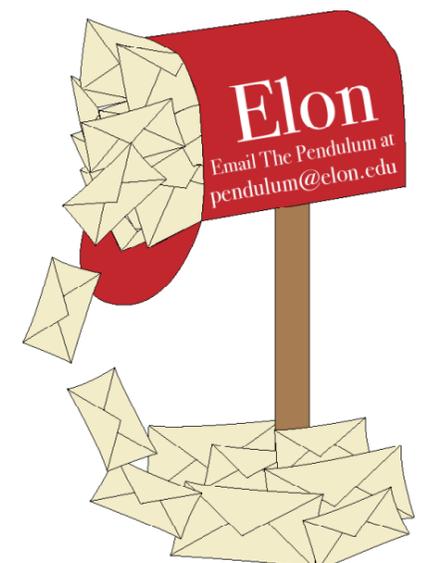
people that seem to care more about the life of a lion than the countless Black lives that have been lost due to the perpetuation of institutionalized racism and bias in this nation.

My experiences in and outside of the classroom encourage me to work hard to change the overall climate on Elon's campus. I have made it a priority to get out of my comfort zone by attending cultural events, conferences and workshops, which allow me to engage in conversations with those who have different views and backgrounds than my own. I continue to develop relationships with as many people across all spectrums of the university as I can, especially in the organizations and groups I am a part of. All of this has contributed to my growth on this campus, and has allowed me to share with others the real me.

Yes, my time as a Black student on Elon's campus has been a very challenging one, but also very rewarding, which should be the quintessential college experience. Each challenge, no matter how difficult, presents us with a unique opportunity to grow and develop as students, as professionals and as human beings.

As my senior year begins and my undergraduate career comes to an end, I reflect on my time here at Elon. Although it has been difficult on many occasions, I fervently believe that Elon has provided me with the opportunity to experience a tremendous amount of growth and I ultimately am stronger because of it.

Alex Bohannon '16  
President  
Black Student Union



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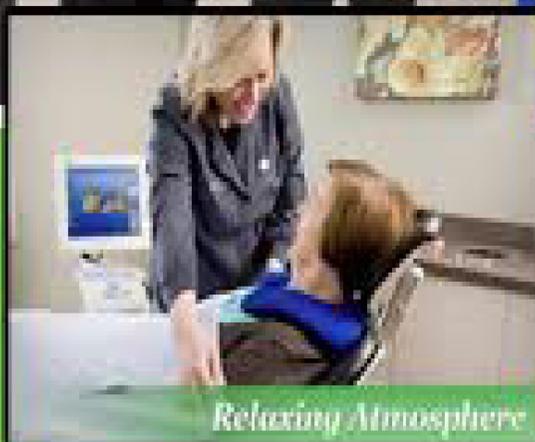
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# Construction reroutes move-in traffic

## *School of Communications work factors into campus operations for school year*

Max Garland  
Assistant News Editor

Dean of Student Development Rex Waters and his orientation staff have changed their approach for Friday's move-in day because of the ongoing construction for the new School of Communications facilities.

For past move-in days, campus police directed incoming families through Lebanon Avenue to get to a staging area for move-ins. But with construction taking place on Lebanon, Elon decided to take a different route to quickly get students and parents to residence halls.

"What we've done in the past isn't going to work with the construction happening, so we developed a new strategy," Waters said. "We have been in a collaboration with everyone from construction to campus police on how to best approach this and get families moving efficiently."

For Friday's move-in day, incoming families will be staged in a queue directed by Elon Campus Police at the Arts West building. They can unload belongings at both Haggard Avenue and N. O'Kelly Avenue. Traffic from the 1,500 families entering campus will flow from there to five different residential areas on campus.

The new School of Communications construction will factor into campus operations beyond move-in day, as work will continue until its expected August 2016 completion.

The most notable change spurred by the construction is changes to student, faculty

and staff parking for the fall semester.

Whitley parking lot, which supplied roughly 100 parking spaces off Lebanon Avenue, will no longer be available for the faculty and staff who previously parked in it. Faculty and staff will instead park in the former women's softball lot at E. College Avenue and Kerr Avenue. The Historic Neighborhood residents who parked at that lot will move to the East Gym lot.

According to Director of Campus Safety and Police Dennis Franks, moving faculty and staff to the East Gym lot and keeping Historic Neighborhood residents in place would raise safety concerns.

"Faculty and staff who had parked in East Gym arrive around the same time Elon Elementary students are dropped off," Franks said. "We anticipate with the loss of Whitley lot that more employees will park in East Gym, and this could create safety hazards for all involved with the number of cars coming and going during pickup and dropoff."

Lighting and security camera enhancements have been added to the East Gym lot in anticipation for the students parking there. Technology Services Coordinator Scott Jean said in an email sent to all students in July.

Those with Francis Center and Graduate permits won't be able to park on Lebanon Avenue next to the railroad tracks because of the construction, Jean said. They will still be able to park in the other designated Francis Center and Graduate permit lots. The same applies for those

with commuter permits.

The construction will also affect anyone who regularly drives on Lebanon Avenue. Three road closures are scheduled in September 4-7 a.m., according to Jody Booth, project manager for Planning, Design and Construction Management.

"When you have those big concrete trucks, it's hard to steer them around and help traffic flow normally, so it's best to just close it off during that time," he said.

Traffic will increase during construction because of the number of trucks going in and out of the site with deliveries. Workdays for construction start around 7

a.m. and end at 7 p.m.

"For the most part, the construction will just create a bit more traffic," Booth said. "Noise shouldn't be an issue because they won't be working really late or really early. And when exams come, we'll take a look at adjusting the work times."

Construction for the new School of Communications facilities is expected to be complete by August 2016. It will expand the current School of Communications from 40,000 square feet to more than 100,000 square feet and add a two-story building, an atrium and a pavilion to the school.



HALI TAUXE-STEWART | Photo Editor

Construction of the new School of Communications will continue throughout the school year.

## Campus stays busy with construction projects during summer

Caroline Fernandez  
News Editor

While students were away, Elon University was anything but idle.

Crews of construction workers and builders spent the summer months working toward the completion of new construction and remodeling projects across campus.

"We really made a lot of progress in construction projects throughout campus this summer," said University Architect Brad Moore.

Some of the biggest projects took place in the Danieley Neighborhood.

University planning and construction teams worked in Danieley to see through

the addition of two major structures: the addition to Daniel Commons and the completion of a multipurpose recreation center positioned behind the Danieley Flats H, I and J.

An estimated 4,500 square feet was added to Daniel Commons, a space which is now completed and ready for the start of school, according to Moore.

The new space includes offices for Residence Life and a large gathering space that can be divided in half for classes.

The existing space in Daniel Commons that held residence life offices was renovated this summer and converted to a space for an Einstein Bros. Bagels.

The bigger project in the Danieley

Neighborhood was the construction of a 15,000-square-foot recreation building, which has yet to be named.

The building, according to Moore, will be finished in early September and includes a large space that has capabilities to hold two basketball courts, as well as a 1,500-square-foot fitness area, catering kitchen and offices for Campus Recreation. The project was originally scheduled to be completed by the start of the school year, but issues with laying the gym flooring delayed the construction.

The two projects in the Danieley Neighborhood were kickstarted by the Board of Trustees last year during the board's meeting October 23-25.

Elon faculty and senior staff stood behind the building proposal.

"These new additions will greatly enhance Danieley Center and the entire campus, providing new dining, gathering and fitness opportunities for the 700 students who live in that neighborhood, as well as a large student activities/recreation space for the student body," said Smith Jackson, vice president for student life, in a previous statement. "While Elon builds and plans for new housing on campus, it is important that we continue to invest in our existing residential neighborhoods and student spaces, providing additional opportunities for students to interact with one another

and integrate academics with their residential and out-of-class experiences."

Another large and ongoing project, the 40,000-square-foot addition to the School of Communications, is on track to be completed by the start of the 2016-2017 school year.

The Whitley parking lot was torn up, making way for a large base for the new building and mounds of dirt.

Other parts of campus received upgrades and additions, as well.

Arts West added 4,000 square feet of space, where classrooms, studio recording spaces and faculty offices were added to the structure. An additional 7,000 square feet of the existing building was renovated and upgraded with up-to-date technology and sound equipment.

Remodels also took place in parts of Powell building, the former home of admissions before they moved to the Inman Admissions Welcome Center in February.

The first floor of Carlton building was upgraded to become a student gathering and study space, as well as hold small film showings.

The university has no intention of slowing down construction, either. Looking ahead, Moore said future projects include the initial planning phases for the expansion of both the science and business buildings, as well as a convocation center.



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Additions to Danieley Neighborhood will bring more dining options and fitness facilities to the area.



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# Undocumented student sets sights on Elon

*From Mexico to US to gofundme.com, Paloma Figueroa refuses to give up dream*

Leena Dahal  
Assistant News Editor

Those who know Paloma Figueroa well describe her as hardworking, focused and kind.

But on scholarship forms, applications and government records, one aspect of her identity speaks louder than others: her status as an undocumented student.

Determined to join the 1,500 students moving into her dream school, Elon University, in fall 2015, Figueroa shared her story online to pave an unconventional path to campus.

## Defying all odds

Ever since Figueroa can remember, her parents have consistently sacrificed to ensure that the education of their children was at the forefront of their lives.

Their dedication stemmed from the lack of educational opportunity they received when they were younger. Her father never finished elementary school, and her mother's academic career ended at her high school graduation because her family did not have the financial means to support her.

With limited opportunities to pursue higher education in Morelos, Mexico, Figueroa's birthplace, her parents made the decision to risk their lives crossing the U.S.-Mexico border when she was only two years old — chasing the American dream that promised Paloma and her two younger sisters a brighter future all the way to Charlotte.

Growing up, Figueroa was never idle. She relentlessly strived for success, persisted as a stand-out student and friend and was admired by many of her peers and teachers. Her motivation? The two people who risked it all to make give her a chance at greater opportunities.

"Making my parents proud of me and repaying them for all the risks they have taken to give me

a better future is what makes me want to succeed as bad as I want to breathe," she said. "They are what makes me want to succeed more and more every day."

Time and time again, Figueroa leapt over any obstacles thrown in her path to success. At the end of her junior year, she was hospitalized due to an H. pylori infection, a condition caused by a type of bacteria that lives in the digestive tract, resulting in excruciatingly painful sores.

Though she was hospitalized often and took daily medication to control her symptoms, she maintained a 4.2 GPA and maintained her class rank of 24 out of 340, even while being enrolled in The International Baccalaureate Organization, an academically challenging high school program.

"Paloma's greatest strength is easily resilience," said Danielle Leach, Figueroa's high school Algebra teacher. "No matter the circumstances, she holds responsibility for the outcome and works relentlessly until she gets what she wants."

Still, she always strove to ensure that her legal status remained a well-kept secret.

"Every time a friend would ask if I was 'legal,' I would say yes, or that I was born in Mexico but had a green card, so no one would discriminate or say rude things about being undocumented," she said. "I was embarrassed of not being a citizen in the country that I live in."

Figueroa was determined to not allow her status to dictate her identity. When her peers received their drivers' permits, a process she could not complete, she made up an excuse and brushed it aside. As more and more of her friends received and applied to jobs, a process that requires a social security number, she more excuses for not having one as well.

But she could not always keep her status a secret.

## A separation

Row by row, seat by seat, the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers, moved systematically through the bus to check and review the various papers of documentation being handed to them.

Figueroa, then in the seventh grade, was aboard the bus with her younger sisters and mother that day to make a one-week visit to her aunt in San Diego.

The journey was going well until the group made what they hoped would be a quick and routine restroom stop in Texas.

Watching the officers draw closer and closer, Figueroa was overcome by fear.

And then they reached her seat. Attempting to remain calm, she explained to the officer that she and her family did not travel with any papers that allowed them to demonstrate their status.

Immediately, her family was told to take their belongings and get off the bus.

Standing outside, Figueroa and her family looked to the only source of comfort they had at that moment: each other.

"I was so embarrassed and scared," she said. "Everyone was staring."

In the next few minutes, the bus would continue its journey to San Diego — without Figueroa and her family on board. Instead, they were taken to a detention center where they were kept for several hours.

With their fingerprints scanned, they were informed of their retention for not having proof of a legal status.

Then, their worst fears were realized: they were driven to the border and were back in Mexico, leaving members of their family, their home and dreams of a future in the United States behind.

"I was taken out of the country that I had always called my home," she said. "I had never experienced such humiliation before."

Upon arrival, they sought refuge in a local shelter. While there, Figueroa recalls her mother saying "everything was going to be okay" — a statement her mother had repeated many times throughout the day to comfort her children.

"In my heart, I knew my mom was very scared of what happened," Figueroa said.

After a week in Mexico, her mother attempted to instill some sense of normalcy in the lives of her children. A deep believer in the importance of education, she enrolled Figueroa into the seventh grade and her sister into third. For five months, they attempted to adapt to the new environment.

But the separation between half of her family, who were still in the United States and only periodically heard from them, became unbearable.

Figueroa's mother, who relentlessly sought to give her children access to as many educational resources as possible for them to cast their dreams far and wide, also began fearing for the quality



Figueroa (left) aims to join Elon's Class of 2020 after a year of fundraising.

and lack of educational opportunities provided in Mexico — one of the main reasons why the family left many years ago.

Realizing their futures were at stake, Figueroa's mother asked her daughter if she wanted to return to the United States.

"I immediately said, 'Yes,' but I saw in my mother's eyes that she was very worried," Figueroa admitted. "I started to regret saying yes so quickly."

In 2014, the U.S. government recorded 307 deaths of people attempting to cross the U.S.-Mexico border. From traffickers, drug cartels and other criminals to remaining without food and water for uncertain amounts of time, the journey is filled with danger and insecurity.

Even so, for the educational opportunity and the possibility of seeing their family members and home again, the Figueiros decided to take the risk. From traveling on a small inflatable boat across the Rio Grande to hiding in storage compartments under cars, the process was filled with fear, uncertainty and danger.

"At that moment, I realized the great risk that my parents took when I was younger to give me a better and brighter future," Figueroa said. "Never in my life had I experienced something so terrifying."

Thankfully, the Figueroa and her family made their way back to Charlotte and were able to pick up their lives from where they left off. But when it came time to apply for college, Figueroa had an extra consideration to keep in mind.

## Fundraising campaign begins

As a senior in high school, Figueroa visited Elon University. The welcoming environment, global and inclusive programs and friendly atmosphere immediately made it her top choice.

"It was the first school that felt like home," she said. "The one thing that stood out the most while I was there was the incredible people that I met, they were so active and outgoing."

With a highly polished transcript and exceptional recommendations from teachers, Figueroa was an easy candidate to accept. But with no legal documents to prove her citizenship, she was unable to qualify for stu-

dent loans and navigate through limited scholarship options.

Afraid that her financial situation would mean not being able to go to her school of choice, Figueroa consulted her high school algebra teacher.

"When Paloma shared with me that she was undocumented, it was a defining moment in my relationship with her as a student and as a person," she said. "I knew the immense trust to share this detail of her life with me, and it truly transformed my own perspective."

Leach suggested to Figueroa that if she could not find existing scholarship options, she could forge one on her own. Together, the two created an online fundraising campaign on GoFundMe that shared her story and collected personal donations in hope of raising \$42,500 in time for classes at Elon in fall 2015.

The response was immediate. Friends, teachers and strangers united in support and donated, pushing her closer and closer toward an education at Elon.

Over the course of two months, Figueroa raised \$3,305 — not nearly enough to guarantee an education at Elon.

Still, she is determined to attend the school of her choice. She plans to take a gap year to continue fundraising and applying to scholarships for the next fiscal year.

## An untarnished spirit

Though she will not be joining the Class of 2019 as she had planned, Figueroa said people should never give up on their dreams of achieving a higher education.

"Yes, it is a very difficult situation to be in, and at moments it seems like there is no hope for us. But keep your heads up and fight the battle," she said. "Fight for what you believe in and to reach out to all the resources [you] can get to [your] hands on — and that there is always your solution."

Leach has nothing but confidence in Figueroa's spirit.

"For one of her applications, Paloma had to write a speech for the White House — which she did, addressing the issue of undocumented students," Leach said. "I have no doubt that Paloma will one day deliver that speech at the White House."

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# New Fraternity and Sorority Life director ready to tackle hazing

## *Dan Faill brings nearly 8 years of experience from Loyola Marymount*

Tommy Hamzik  
Managing Editor

Dan Faill has first-hand knowledge of the nationwide hazing trend from his time at Loyola Marymount University, where three fraternities were suspended by their national chapter last February.

That's helped him set his plan in confronting the problem that's encountered Elon University in the last 10 months. Three fraternities — Sigma Pi, Pi Kappa Phi and Kappa Sigma — were investigated for hazing last school year, and Sigma Pi and Pi Kappa Phi were suspended by their national chapter. The university suspended Kappa Sigma's new-member activities.

Faill, Elon's new director of fraternity and sorority life, is ready to face the issue.

"I'm of the opinion if we set the expectations, students will rise to meet them," Faill said. "I think we need to set an expectation that (hazing) is not OK and that it does not have a place. A lot of them were started to combat hazing that was happening on campus. Some groups have lost that. I want to be able to have an honest conversation with men and women on what it means to be a lifelong member. I want to help them figure that out."

Faill said a big part of that begins when students arrive on campus, including speaking with current members of fraternities and sororities, along with prospective ones.

"The main goal is to help us understand, articulate and live the qualities men and women took an oath to," Faill said.

Part of that coincides with the perception of Greek Life on Elon's campus, which Faill said is skewed. He said he wants to address that many students think the number of students in fraternities and sororities is much higher than it is.

According to the Fraternity and Sorority Chapter Report, 39.8 percent of the undergraduate population is affiliated with Greek Life. It's more prominent for females (51.5 percent) than males (22.6 percent).

"Perception kind of shapes people's reality," Faill said. "Let's pull back the curtain

and show people what we do. There is a lot of good that happens. We need to acknowledge both and move forward."



Dan Faill

Faill, who started his new post in late June, comes to Elon after serving for nearly eight years as the assistant director of the Office of Student Leadership & Development at Loyola Marymount University in California. He takes

over for Shana Plasters, who resigned at the end last school year.

Prior to his time at Loyola Marymount, he worked in alumni relations at University of the Pacific, where he obtained his M.A. in Educational Administration and Leadership.

While at Loyola Marymount, Faill grew a Greek Life staff from 15 groups and 1,200 students to 21 groups and about 1,825 students. He said one of his main initiatives in doing that focused on com-

munity-oriented values and multiculturalism.

He brought more culturally-based groups to campus for that, and also had national leaders come for a two-year-long initiative to train people on those values.

"You lose the joiners who are joining for the wrong reasons," Faill said. "We're not social just in and of itself. It fits a component, but it's not the only component. We saw fraternity numbers triple, but we saw sorority numbers get smaller because some women are saying they don't have to join a sorority to fit in. You can still join, but there are many more expectations."

Faill's had a number of tasks on his desk during the summer, but he knows the real work starts as students return to campus.

"I want to make sure I'm not just meeting with executive boards or leadership," he said. "I want to be engaging with those who just joined and those who have different levels of involvement. That gives me the best idea of what's out there. Meeting students is how to do it."

Faill's office has rebranded from Office

of Greek Life to Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life, which he thinks is a step in the right direction.

"It does talk to more of what we do," he said. "We're not just Greek. This is a more inclusive term. It's part of a national trend to represent the work that we do."

Faill, who's originally from Wilmington, spent his summer working on projects to present to leadership on the current state of fraternity and sorority life at Elon. He's looked at reshaping some of the structure within, as well as being a representative on several committees around campus.

Most of all, he wants to work on building relationships, which he said wasn't capitalized on enough in the past.

"What I've looked at most is the potential that exists," Faill said. "I try not to let preconceived notions affect what I believe the potential is. I look at it with a fresh lens of what we could or should be doing, and bring enthusiasm to that. ... I'm really excited. I hope that all of our students open up our eyes to the possibilities within our community, and not write off one thing."



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A view of the Greek Court where new Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life Dan Faill, will work with current and prospective members.

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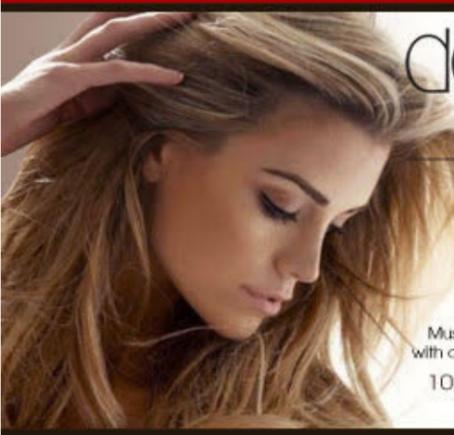
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# Goldstein to share and learn in new role with Jewish Life

Courtney Campbell  
Style Editor

Rabbi Meir Goldstein spent his college years studying Judaism, though he wasn't involved in many organizations on campus. It wasn't until after he graduated that he began leading Jewish communities by teaching Hebrew, becoming a camp counselor and studying to be a pulpit rabbi.



Rabbi Meir Goldstein

Goldstein will continue to share his passion and to learn from students as associate chaplain for Jewish Life in Elon University's Truitt Center for Religious and Spiritual Life.

"Living a faith-based life has challenged me to be a better person than I otherwise would be," Goldstein said. "I want to share it with Hillel and Truitt. I want to share it because I love it and I learn when we share with other people."

As an associate chaplain, Goldstein will fill two main roles: working with the Jewish students — which involves meeting with Hillel, Zeta Beta Tau and other groups to see what help they need — and working with the other associate chaplains for interfaith and multi-faith programs.

According to university Chaplain Jan Fuller the associate chaplains for Catholic Life, Protestant Life and Jewish Life will work together to encourage students to think about multiple religious communities on campus and the issues that concern students, faculty and staff.

"We are thrilled that Goldstein has joined us," Fuller said. "His passion, depth and humor are a few of the ways he is a great addition to our staff. He is committed to multi-faith work and has already started putting some collaborative pro-

grams and relationships in place."

For example, Goldstein has recently worked with the associate chaplains to plan an interfaith approach to social justice by hosting speakers from different traditions explain their approaches to this issue during Winter Term.

"We're always looking to create programs that drive from student need and student desire," Goldstein said.

To do this, Hillel and Jewish Life encourage and empower student leaders and student empowerment by working with them to see what they need to address and allowing students lead these projects.

Goldstein believes his whole life has prepared him for this role. He attended the Ziegler Rabbinic School of the American Jewish University, the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College and the University of Arizona where he majored in anthropology with a dual focus on the Religions of India and Social Theory.

Since then, he has worked with other clergy to bring together the aspects of different religions to stand up against domestic violence as well as to support Jewish students in high school, undergraduate school and graduate school. He previously worked at the Pardes Jewish Day School in Phoenix as the director of Jewish Life and Learning.

His favorite aspect of working with stu-

dents is how they continue to help him learn through the questions they bring and the ideas they present.

"I have a favorite quote that speaks to my passion of working with students," Goldstein said. "There's much I learned from my rabbis and more I learned from my friends and the most I've learned from my students. I find this to be true and I love how [students] teach me new things."

The need for an associate chaplain of Jewish Life comes from Elon's increasing Jewish population. In the past decade the Jewish population has grown from 100 to 600 — about 10 percent of the student body — and the number of Jewish applicants has quadrupled.

These statistics — along with Hillel and Jewish religious services, the availability of kosher food and a minor in Jewish studies — landed Elon the 40th place on the list of the "Top 60 Private Universities by Jewish Population" by the Hillel College Guide.

Goldstein believes Elon draws in Jewish students because its mission matches closely with Jewish values. Elon strives to make its students global citizens similarly to how Judaism promotes community and social action for the greater good of the world.

To accommodate for Elon's ever-increasing Jewish student population, Goldstein's primary responsibility is to examine

the needs of the Jewish students and figure out how to address that.

Through Hillel and Jewish Life, Goldstein hopes to build and connect the community further as well as to help students incorporate Judaism into their lives.

Although following a path of Jewish faith has benefitted Goldstein, he still recognizes there are other faiths and philosophies that benefit others. By working on the interfaith aspect of Elon, he hopes students of all faiths can learn from each other.

"Judaism is one way to challenge ourselves to live a more meaningful life," Goldstein said. "If it works for you, you should allow for it to challenge you. But there are other great philosophies that allows us to be challenged, and we need to find the one that allows us to connect and find values."

## Jewish life at Elon

- The class of '18 has nearly **40%** more Jewish students that the class of '17
- From 2003-2013, the number of Jewish applicants nearly **quadrupled**
- From 2003-2013, the number of Jewish students enrolling each year nearly **quadrupled**.
- From 2008-2013, the number of Jewish students enrolling each year increased **two-and-a-half times**
- In 10 years, the number of Jewish applicants has risen from **100 to 600**

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# THE EDGE



## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Surprise, Pendulum readers! Bet you weren't expecting to see us here. Michael and I thought it would be best to combine forces for the Move-In Edition so you can find all the information you need in one place. And don't worry, the newspaper format is only temporary. You can still expect to find The Edge online in its classic magazine style several times throughout the fall semester.

This insert is brief, but we tried to pack it with useful information. We know how tempting late-night snacking can be, so Health & Wellness Editor Xernay Aniwari shared some tips on how to stay happy and healthy this semester — without asking you to sacrifice your beloved Cookout runs. Style Editor J.C. Craig assembled an *awesome* restaurant guide to help you find new places to explore this semester (and remind you of some old favorites, as well). Several of our staff members got together to show you how their style has evolved over the years and give you some ideas on what to wear during your first day of class. Plus, you can go to our website ([www.elonpendulum.com/section/edge](http://www.elonpendulum.com/section/edge) — it's brand new) to find *even more* content: a run-down of the best concert venues around Elon, an overview of the Elon Student Television shows to check out this fall and, as always, daily fashion and pop culture news stories.

Oh, and I hope you enjoyed my Editor's Letter photo. I couldn't think of a better way to celebrate move-in day than to share an excellent photo of me from freshman year.

*Lindsey Lanquist, Editor-in-Chief of The Edge*

## DOs and DON'Ts of dorm decor



**DO: STICK TO ONE COLOR PALETTE**

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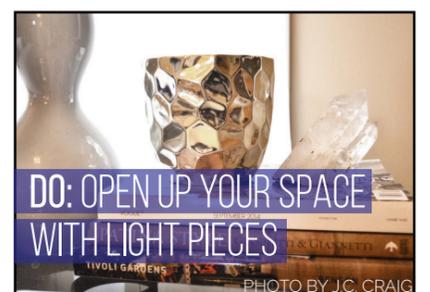
**DO: KEEP WALL DECOR SIMPLE**  
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**DO: FOCUS ON ONE STATEMENT PIECE**

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**DO: OPEN UP YOUR SPACE WITH LIGHT PIECES**

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**DO: BARGAIN SHOP**

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# freshman fifteen?

Staying in shape at the start of the semester can be quite the challenge. With late nights full of snacks and studying and unlimited access to dining hall food, making healthy choices is just plain hard. But instead of worrying about a number on a scale, focus on maintaining a healthy, happy lifestyle. These five tips will help get you started.

## LOAD HALF YOUR PLATE WITH VEGGIES

If that means mixing a handful of veggies in with your spaghetti or soup, so be it. For every yellow/beige colored food you eat, try to eat an equal amount of something colorful and plant-based. If you're not a fan of vegetables, eat them first so you don't get full before you touch them.

## PREGAME YOUR MEAL WITH WATER

Not only does water lubricate your stomach, preparing it for digestion, but a glass of water will help fill you up before you start chowing down on that classic McEwen fried chicken and macaroni and cheese. Plus, staying hydrated is important, but we're sure you know that already.

## HARA HACHI BU

In the United States, we eat until the food is gone, which often leads to overeating. Take a cue from the Japanese saying "Hara Hachi Bu," which means, "Eat until you're 80 percent full." A good way to keep yourself from overeating is to stop halfway through your plate and take a 10-minute break before further indulging yourself.

## MAKE FRUIT YOUR FAVORITE DESSERT

Lakeside and Colonnades are notorious for their endless trays of cookies and desserts. But try to head to the fruit bowls to grab an apple or banana to satisfy your sweet tooth instead. Oh, and start a collection of fruit in your room. Reaching for a banana is better than grabbing a sleeve of Oreos.

## SPLIT FOOD WITH FRIENDS

Want to try the Black Forest Cake but don't want all the fat and calories? Split a slice with someone else at your table. Going on a late night run to Cookout? Ask for two spoons and split a milkshake. They're huge, anyway, and your stomach will thank you later.

## \*TAKE NOTE\*

If you or anyone you know is suffering from an eating disorder, know there are services on campus for you. Reach out to a friend, RA or faculty member, or contact the counseling center to schedule an appointment (336-278-7280).

# RESTAURANT GUIDE

Between Instagram, Snapchat and word-of-mouth, Elon University students are often flooded with restaurant recommendations. We know the plethora of choices can be overwhelming, so we've made a guide you can use as a starting point for your semester of culinary investigation.

## WEST END TERRACE

We're still not over losing karaoke nights, but West End is making it up to us by providing awesome food at a reasonable price. Head over on Tuesdays for \$1 tacos or Fridays for fishbowls.



## WOLFGANG PUCK PIZZA BAR

Located in the Greensboro Friendly Center, Wolfgang Puck is a great place for a group looking for something more mature than Dominos that still packs a punch.

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## COOKOUT

It would be a sin to leave Elon favorite Cookout off our list. Delicious burgers and shakes at affordable prices, and they're open late. Enough said.



## CRAFTED - THE ART OF THE TACO

If you're looking for Mexican food that's a little nicer and more adventurous than La Fiesta, give this place a try. Have you ever had mac and cheese on a taco?



## TANGENT EAT + BAR

The empty space that formerly housed LoYo has been filled. We're excited to check out this new tapas restaurant and try some of the tacos they're advertising. Yum.



## HOPS BURGER BAR

With a huge list of craft beers and burgers filled with unique ingredients, it's the perfect spot to grab a weekend meal. Just be prepared to wait for a table.



## FAT FROGG BAR & GRILL

Fat Frogg never disappoints. It may not be gourmet, but the atmosphere and low cost make up for that. Order a mind eraser and some crab dip and prepare for a great night.



## ANOTHER BROKEN EGG

If you're ambitious enough to set an alarm on a Saturday morning and head to Durham, this spot is a must. From eggs benedict to shrimp 'n grits, you're sure to find your favorite hangover cure. After all, breakfast is the most important meal of the day.



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# WHAT WE WORE: FIRST DAY OF CLASS



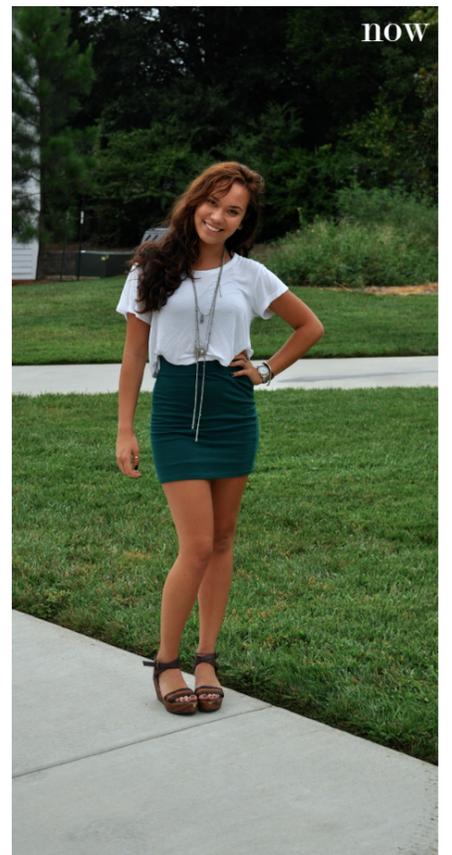
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**"I USED TO DRESS PRETTY CONSERVATIVELY (THINK BANANA REPUBLIC AND TALBOTS), BUT NOW I TRY TO EXPERIMENT WITH HOW I DRESS."**  
-JULIA GUILFOYLE, JUNIOR AND PHOTOGRAPHER



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-CHRISTINA CASILLO, JUNIOR AND CONTRIBUTING WRITER



**"MY FRESHMAN YEAR, I WAS SO OVERWHELMED BY THE PASTEL SURROUNDING ME THAT I WORE BLACK ALL THE TIME. NOW I TRY TO EMBRACE THE 'PREP' A LITTLE MORE."**  
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# Editorial

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

## Persistent, progressive momentum

### Ongoing efforts to maintain inclusivity must continue

The past year was not an easy one for Elon University. After repeated bias-caused incidents challenged Elon's goal of creating an open and safe environment, the community made considerable progress toward finding solutions that would benefit all.

It would be a shame to let that progress stagnate.

Instead, the Elon community must continue to have difficult conversations and face uncomfortable situations to further the steps already taken toward creating a truly inclusive community.

Repeated incidents of racial bias resulted in protests both in December and the spring. A student's suicide led to campus-wide discussions of mental health. When The Oak House was threatened by university plans for development, faculty, staff and students led a grassroots protest. And repeated hazing incidents led to the suspension of two Inter-Fraternity Council chapters by their respective national organizations.

These events threatened students — marginalized or otherwise — and by extension the inclusive environment Elon has been working so hard to build.

These issues aren't uncommon. They're not even new to Elon. But the 2014-2015 school year was different because, when serious and recurring problems — including, but certainly not limited to, racial bias — reappeared,

they weren't responded to and then forgotten.

The Elon community refused to allow repeated problems to fade away until the next incident brought them forward again. To prevent the spread of harmful biases into this new year and beyond, it must continue to do so, as people involved in the continuous efforts to fight racial bias on campus have demonstrated.

SGA, the Truitt Center and the Center for Race, Ethnicity and Diversity Education, along with other organizations, worked together to orchestrate a Rally and March for Respect and Racial Equality that took place in mid-May. The Rally allowed students to urge their peers to take responsibility for preventing bias and to call them to action.

In the most recent incident of racial bias, which took place last April, a black female student was verbally assaulted with a racial slur from a passing car. Two days later, a powerfully worded message from President Leo Lambert expressed his disappointment and urged students to "foster a more welcoming and caring environment in which everyone can flourish, not simply endure."

Understandably, many students shared Lambert's frustration, considering the April incident was nearly identical to a late-January incident, and these both mirrored a series of expressions of

bias that have been a persistent problem for years, since at least 2011, when another verbal altercation involving racial bias took place. But the Rally served as a clarion call that recognized the persistence of this issue and announced the community's determination to end it.

The key to defeating the biases

behind these social issues is persistence, something the Elon community truly put into practice last year, and something they must continue to push for in the years ahead.

The ball has already begun to roll. Now, the task is to maintain its momentum.



Students protest racial bias at the May 12 Rally and March for Respect and Racial Equality.

## A message from University Chaplain Jan Fuller

*'Elon University cares about your spiritual self, and your whole self'*

Dear New Students,

On behalf of the Chaplains — Father Gerry Waterman, Rabbi Meir Goldstein,



Jan Fuller  
University Chaplain

Pastor Joel Harter, Muslim Life Coordinator Anna Torres-Zeb and myself, Chaplain Jan Fuller — I want to welcome you! It is a joy to have the campus teeming again with happy students.

Our presence on campus means

that Elon University cares about your spiritual self, and your whole self. Our mission in the Truitt Center is to provide you with resources to explore, consider and deepen your religious or spiritual commitment. We also offer you opportunities to understand and interact with those who follow different paths. And we provide events and moments to support religious and non-religious students to think together and learn from each other. We can offer personal support when life gets tough and for all your celebrations, too.

First-year students have a chance to make history and to make Elon a better place. Elon is a select campus chosen to administer the IDEALS survey, which takes stock of college students' attitudes about religions. We hope every student from every worldview, religion and perspective will take this survey for an easy \$5 and a great way to help make Elon a

welcoming community!

Opening events are planned to help you connect with spiritual communities and to make friends. A few of these are on move-in day:

- Jummah Prayer at 1:30 p.m. in the upstairs prayer room, Numen Lumen Pavilion

**FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS HAVE A CHANCE TO MAKE HISTORY AND TO MAKE ELON A BETTER PLACE.**  
JAN FULLER  
UNIVERSITY CHAPLAIN

- Christian multi-denominational (Protestant) ministries reception from 2:30-3:45 p.m. in the Numen Lumen Pavilion
- Catholic Campus Ministry reception from 2:30-3:45 p.m. in the Newman Center
- Kabbalat Shabbat Dinner and Open House from 5-7 p.m. in the Sklut

Hillel House

As you begin to settle in, here are several more options in the first few days of classes and throughout the semester:

- Christian Prayers from 8:15-8:45 a.m. Sunday in the Numen Lumen Pavilion, just to get you started on your day
- Praise Worship and Ice Cream Social at 8 p.m. Wednesday evening in the Numen Lumen Pavilion
- Numen Lumen: A Thursday Inspiration, 9:50-10:20 a.m. Thursdays, consists of music and a speaker sharing personal stories and reflections on this year's theme, The Company We Keep: Welcoming and Hospitality in our Community. We meet in the Sacred Space of the Numen Lumen Pavilion, with refreshments and coffee.
- Sacred Sounds Coffee House, with offerings from many religious communities, 7 p.m. Thursday in the McBride Gathering Space
- Interest meeting for the Multi-Faith SAGES Monday, 5:30 p.m. Aug. 31 in the McBride Gathering Space

Perhaps you can see that there are many ways to be connected, to think about religion's place in your life and in the life of our community and cultures and to make lifelong friends.

Let us know how we can befriend and help you.

Chaplain Jan Fuller  
jfuller3@elon.edu  
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## LOCATIONS

### Numen Lumen Pavilion

- In the Academic Pavilion at 301 E. Haggard Ave.

### Newman Center

- In the Holland House at 699 Holt Chapel Ln.

### Sklut Hillel House

- 401 E. College Ave.

### McBride

### Gathering Space

- In the Numen Lumen Pavilion

# Elon Dining looks to boost value in new year

## *When evaluating meal plans, Elon Dining tries to win over upperclassmen, buy local*

Michael Bodley  
Editor-in-Chief

Elon Dining is taking a hard look at its existing meal plan options in an effort to win over more off-campus-dwelling upperclassmen who often don't buy in.

The evaluation of the meal plan program — led by planned focus groups of students — is part of a larger refinement of the university's dining options, led for the last year by Pulkit Vigg, resident district manager of Elon Dining, formerly branded as Aramark.

Since Vigg came to Elon from Mississippi State University about a year ago, he's launched an ambitious plan to improve the available options and quality of the food on campus.

There's the "Big Brunch," a re-designed brunch option at Lakeside featuring virgin bloody marys and mojitos to wash down a menu of steaks and fish. There's the new touchscreen mobile kiosk outside Boar's Head, meant to cut down on lines. And there's a plan in place to buy more local food.

With increased options and amenities comes a conversation on how to provide value to students in exchange for their swipe, Vigg said. The 300 block meal plan costs students \$3,554 for the full year, while the 200 block plan costs \$2,830 for the full year. Often, it's cheaper for students to pay for meals with cash or meal dollars than to use a block swipe.

"Our goal now to focus on meal plan reevaluation is to focus on how to provide value," Vigg said.

He added, "For us, true commuters are where we're not providing value. And that's where we're scratching our heads and thinking, 'How do we make it convenient for them to get food, and how do we provide value?'"

Dining halls — such as Colonnades and McEwen in particular — can be a difficult draw for older students, Vigg said, adding that Colonnades saw declined counts of students last spring. The dining hall's hours are being limited on weekends this year as a result.

Outside of meal plans, there are other op-

tions for students, faculty and visitors to take in breakfast, lunch or dinner at one of Elon's dining halls. But for students, it's on the pricey side, with door rates of \$11.35 for lunch or dinner without a meal plan.

"We're not really trying to target students who are not on meal plans for that," said Mike Bellefeuil, director of operations for Elon Dining. "It's for visitors. What we're really trying to do is offer something for people who stop off the street."

Though long-term plans for Elon Dining are many, Vigg and his crew have some changes in place for this fall semester, too. The majority of the hype has been focused on the opening of Einstein Bros. Bagels in Daniel Commons, which, starting Aug. 24, will be open all day, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Qdoba's hours will also expand to 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sundays. On the other side of campus, Lakeside is getting an ice cream bar. And Biscuitville is adding lunch options, such as a catfish sandwich, which the North Carolina-based chain rolled out at other locations earlier this year.

The bulk of the changes has been a reflection of Elon Dining data studies of usage of different locations, plus gathering student input, Vigg said.

"Right now, the only thing we can do is support our programming," he said. "It's going to take a lot of effort on every part. We're trying to go grassroots here."

Over the summer, Elon Dining employees — including Vigg — toured every residence option on-campus, from Danieley to Mill Point in an effort to understand which options are available in each location for students, including refrigerators and stoves.

Elon Dining has solicited student input in the past, but it hasn't always turned out well for the university's plans. Last spring, an announcement that Starbucks was coming to campus generated fierce opposition, with students, faculty and staff, plus community members, decrying the move as bad for local businesses, especially The Oak House.



Elon Dining is trying to provide as much value as possible for money spent on meal plans.

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"The students didn't support [Starbucks]," Vigg said.

In keeping with a grassroots focus, Elon Dining has been working with the Office of Sustainability to identify ways to cut back on food waste and to increase local food sourcing. Previously, catered events charged an additional fee for compostable materials, but now compostable is the default — plastic now takes an additional charge.

The percentage of Elon Dining's food purchased locally, though, is still a small portion of its overall intake. Only 6.7 percent is sourced locally — that is, produced within

250 miles of campus.

Bellefeuil said the goal is to increase local food production to 10 percent through recent measures such as agreeing to buy lettuce grown at the Loy Farm, largely by students.

Buying more food locally can be challenging, Vigg said, especially when local farms and mom-and-pop shops aren't always the best-connected with distributors that get the produce from farm to table.

"The whole problem right now is that the farmers are not connected to the distributors," Vigg said. "It can be hard to line up enough food on a large scale."



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# New ← Student → Guide



**Pandora's Pies**

The longtime campus pizza place is the ideal location for downtown Elon dining. The menu uses local ingredients for its food, which includes calzones, salads and sandwiches. After pizza, stay inside for dessert at Smitty's Ice Cream.



**The Root**

A favorite among students for years, the Root is an excellent spot for a close getaway from dining halls. Always check the delicious daily specials, but notable mainstays include the Foodie Grilled Cheese, Mozz Burger, truffle fries and Brussels sprouts.



**5 Tangent Eat & Bar**

The owners of The Root opened a new restaurant earlier this month, quickly gaining a high profile among the summer crowd at Elon. The taco bar offers unique options, like chicken & waffle, catfish and fried corn on the cob. Students older than 21 will love the mojitos and margaritas available here.



**West End Terrace**

After a recent renovation of the name, building and menus, West End has only gotten better as time has gone on. The patio space in front is great for outdoor eating, but there's plenty of space inside. Go whenever for the food, and head over Wednesdays-Saturdays to get a nightclub experience.



**The Company Shops Market**

The Company Shops Market, more informally known as the Co-op, is located in Downtown Burlington. This cooperatively owned grocery store specializes in local food, and the friendly staff serves sandwiches every day until 2 p.m. With a hot bar open during lunch and dinner hours, the Co-op is a great place to shop, eat or just hang out.



**Oak House**

Founded by former Elon University employee Phil Smith, the Oak House seamlessly blended into the Elon scene in its first year. Between the large meeting space (which hosts live music on occasions), the gourmet coffee bar and artisanal fare, and the beer and wine bar area, Oak House feels like three venues blended into one.



**Cook Out**

Once the clock ticks past 1 a.m., the only place open late in Burlington is this fast-food drive-thru that closes at 3 a.m. everyday and at 4 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays. With 44 different milkshakes and endless combinations and trays, you can get an entree, two sides and a drink for less than \$5.



**Alamance Crossing**

With its large variety of stores — including Yankee Candle and Bath & Body Works — and quality food options — Red Bowl Bistro, Buffalo Wild Wings and Cold Stone Creamery — the massive shopping center continues to be the main shopping area for Elon students. It's also home to the closest movie theater complex, with Carousel Cinemas right in the center of the mall.



**8 La Fiesta**

The "authentic Mexican food hot-spot" is the go-to for quality Mexican cuisine. The main restaurant is on S. Church Street in Burlington, but pros know of the Express location on University Drive (which is closed on Sundays). The tasty chips and salsa are free, which makes it worth the visit alone.



**9 Tony's Pub-N-Subs**

Tony's wasn't even open during the Fall 2014 semester. But in the months it was open, the students quickly populated the new bar. While it is a farther walk from campus than West End, Tony's offers Elon students a different nightclub-type atmosphere.

# Urban Dictionary: Elon Edition

**Nades**, *n.* abbreviation for Colonnades; might refer to the residence hall, the dining hall, or the neighborhood, so good luck getting to your meeting on time

**Moodle**, *n.* the website that, if you're lucky, your professors will actually post your homework on and, if you're not lucky, your professors will actually expect you to check

**College Coffee**, *n.* free breakfast and coffee every Tuesday morning with faculty, staff and students; commonly associated with avoiding professors whose classes you're planning on ditching later that day

**Bio Bus**, *n.* Elon's free bus system around campus and Burlington that definitely takes you anywhere you want to go

**KOBC**, *n.* abbreviation for Koury Business Center, where business majors go to take classes and dress better than you

**The Boobs** *n.* totally appropriate nickname for Young Commons, the totally not provocative pair of grassy hills in front of Moseley Center

**OnTrack**, *n.* the home of your transcript, schedule, financial aid information and probably other stuff, too, but no one's ever checked

**@headphoenix**, *n.* the Elon-related Twitter account with the second-most followers, managed by the figure on campus with the first-most followers, President Leo Lambert

**Late Night**, *n.* your home base for tater tots and definitely sober college kids every Thursday, Friday and Saturday night in Varsity Sports Grill

**Smitty J**, *n.* VP for Student Life and Dean of Students Smith Jackson, voted by his senior class most likely to send a highly anticipated snow-day email; not to be confused with Smitty's Ice Cream shop

**The Elon Bubble** *n.* the semipermeable membrane enveloping the university that keeps students/money in and the real world out

**The Great Hall**, *n.* the most extravagant room in the Global Neighborhood, and probably all of Elon; not to be confused with the Great Hall at Hogwarts

**SURF Day**, *n.* Spring Undergraduate Research Forum Day; Students get Unofficial Recess For a Day

Compiled by Hannah Silvers, Copy Chief



## Twitter accounts to follow



**Elon Athletics - @elonphoenix**  
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2 - ESTV  
2-1 - CBS HD  
3 - WBWG  
4 - UNC-TV  
5 - ESTV  
7 - HBO  
8 - FOX  
8-1 - FOX HD  
9 - CBS  
10 - ABC  
11 - ABC  
12 - NBC  
14 - NEWS14CAROLINA  
15 - WMYV  
16 - ESPN2  
17 - ESPN  
18 - SPIKE TV  
19 - QVC  
20 - ABC FAM  
20-1 - WCWG HD  
21 - TNT  
22 - BET

23 - TBS  
24 - AMC  
25 - DSC  
26 - TWC  
27 - MTV  
28 - A&E  
29 - NGC  
30 - CNBC  
31 - HLN  
32 - NICK  
33 - LIFETIME  
34 - CNN  
36 - VH1  
37 - COMEDY CENTRAL  
38 - NBC SPORTS NETWORK  
40 - FNC  
42 - TVGUIDE  
43 - BRAVO  
44 - TLC  
45 - SYFY  
46 - E!  
47 - HSN

48 - TOON  
49 - HALLMARK  
50 - USA  
51 - FSC  
53 - HISTORY  
54 - NICK JR  
55 - HGTV  
56 - UNIVISION  
57 - TCM  
58 - SCOLA  
59 - MSNBC  
60 - FX  
62 - TVLAND  
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65 - FOOD  
66 - EWTN  
67 - SPSO  
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336-278-6500

**ADMISSIONS**  
336-278-3566

**BELK LIBRARY**  
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**BURSAR'S OFFICE**  
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**CAMPUS RECREATION**  
336-278-7529

**CAMPUS SHOP**  
336-278-5400

**CAMPUS SECURITY**  
336-278-5555 (24 HRS.)

**CENTER FOR RACE, ETHNICITY AND DIVERSITY EDUCATION**  
336-278-7243

**COUNSELING SERVICES**  
336-278-7280

**FINANCIAL PLANNING**  
336-278-7640

**FRATERNITY AND SORORITY LIFE**  
336-278-7326

**HEALTH SERVICES**  
336-278-7230

**ISABELLA CANNON CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES**  
336-278-6700

**MAIL SERVICES**  
336-278-5433

**MEDIA SERVICES**  
336-278-6598

**MOSELEY FRONT DESK**  
336-278-7215

**PHOENIX CARD OFFICE**  
336-278-5436

**PHYSICAL PLANT**  
336-278-5500

**PRINT SERVICES**  
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**REGISTRAR'S OFFICE**  
336-278-6677

**RELIGIOUS LIFE**  
336-278-7729

**RESIDENCE LIFE**  
336-278-7300

**THE ROOT**  
336-792-1081

**SERVICE LEARNING**  
336-278-7250

**SAFERIDES**  
336-278-7433

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT OFFICE**  
336-278-7254

**STUDENT LIFE**  
336-278-7200

**STUDENT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER**  
336-278-6538

**TECHNOLOGY HELP DESK**  
336-278-5200

**VARSITY SPORTS GRILL**  
336-278-5302

### DINING HALL HOURS OF OPERATION - MOVE IN WEEKEND

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

**Acorn Coffee Shop:**  
7 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
**Colonnades:**  
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
**Lakeside:**  
8 - 9 a.m., 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
**Winter Garden Cafe, Topio's, Freshii, Biscuitville:**  
11 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
**Fountain Market, Boar's Head:**  
11 a.m. - 9 p.m.

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

**Acorn Coffee Shop:**  
7 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
**Colonnades:**  
7 a.m. - 8:30 a.m., 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
**Lakeside:**  
7 a.m. - 8:30 a.m., 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
**Winter Garden Cafe, Topio's, Freshii, Biscuitville:**  
11 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
**Fountain Market, Boar's Head:**  
11 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
**Varsity Sports Grill**  
11 a.m. - 8 p.m.

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

**Acorn Coffee Shop:**  
7 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
**Colonnades:**  
8 a.m. - 9 a.m., 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
**Lakeside:**  
7 a.m. - 9 a.m., 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
**Winter Garden Cafe, Topio's, Freshii, Biscuitville:**  
11 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
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## Residence Life makes construction-free changes

Lauren Phillips  
Senior Reporter

The pile of dirt outside McEwen Building, affectionately referred to as Mount McEwen, is only one of the latest in a long series of changes Elon University has made in the past few years. Many of these changes have called for extensive construction projects, but the latest adjustments from Residence Life are more low-profile.

The Residential Campus Initiative, started in 2009, is a part of the Elon Commitment that seeks to encourage more students to live on campus all four years and to further engage students with university values.

So far, efforts as part of the initiative have included adding more buildings, rearranging student distribution on cam-

pus and linking residential life with academic life. But this year, Residence Life is rebranding its initiative as Living and Learning at Elon.

Living and Learning at Elon seeks to seamlessly integrate academic life and residential life. Elaine Turner, director of Residence Life, said the new name is intended to remind the Elon community that these integration efforts aren't limited to on-campus residents.

"In a nutshell, it's a goal of seamlessly integrating the residential component with academic life on campus," Turner said. "We want faculty, staff, students to know that we are all in this together, and it is a campus-wide initiative."

Part of that integration calls for bringing more students into the on-campus residential community.

"We want to increase and expand so we

can create a vibrant residential campus," Turner said. "We're definitely looking at how we can increase and expand that pool of students living-in."

As of the 2011 release of Elon's strategic plan for development, the Elon Commitment, Elon was able to house 58 percent of the undergraduate population, or approximately 3,030 students. In the years since, as the student population has increased, the university has also managed to increase its on-campus population to 63 percent of undergraduates for the 2015-2016 academic year. Turner said the goal is to have at least 70 percent of students on campus by 2020.

"There's definitely some talk of how we're going to get there in the next five years," Turner said. "For us to get there, there may be more construction."

For the moment, there are no immediate plans for new projects.

According to MarQuita Barker, associate director of Residence Life for Operations and Information Management, one of the biggest changes in the on-campus population has been in the growing number of upperclassmen — juniors and seniors — who choose to live on campus. In the last few years, that number has risen from approximately 500 to 750 juniors and seniors living on campus.

Part of the drive to attract more juniors and seniors to on-campus housing is this year's new program for RAs. In areas with apartment-style rather than dorm or suite-style housing, the traditional RA has been replaced with apartment managers.

"We've found that apartment needs are different," Barker said. "[Apartment managers'] responsibilities are different to better meet the needs of apartment students."

Apartment-style housing, such as that at The Station at Mill Point and The Oaks, and the new apartment manager program is designed to provide freedom to older students while keeping them engaged on campus. Turner added that apartment-style housing is also meant to be a transition for older students as they prepare to move from living in residence halls to living in real world settings.

"We want to give them some amount of laxity, of freedom, to develop their own ideas, perspectives and forms of interaction," Turner said.

The next step in this plan is Park Place, set to open fall 2016. The 129-bed facility, located on West Haggard Avenue, will provide another option for apartment-style housing for juniors and seniors.

"I think we've seen an increase in the number of students who want to live on-campus as juniors and seniors over the last few years," Barker said. "We hope to be able to house all juniors and seniors on campus who want to live on campus. We definitely want to be able to give you the option."

Another major shift in the distribution of on-campus residents has been the centralization of students by year. In previous years, the majority of freshmen were housed in the Danieley Neighborhood. For the Class of '19, only 227 freshmen are in Danieley, Barker said. The rest of the neighborhood, which the Residence Life website says can house up to 812 students, is primarily populated by sophomores.

"That style of housing is more conducive to sophomores than first-years," Barker said. "The goal has always been to put sophomores in Danieley and first-years in the center of campus."

Barker also said that there are fewer freshmen in Danieley now than in previous years, though limited spaces mean that a few freshmen are still housed there. The rest of the freshman class is housed in the Colonnades, Global and Historic neighborhoods — 172, 410 and 650 students in each area, respectively — all of which are much closer to academic buildings and dining facilities than Danieley.

With freshmen housed in various neighborhoods across campus, they will often have older students as neighbors. This, Barker said, is intentional.

"We've always mixed students in the neighborhoods by class," she said. "We believe in mentoring, so we believe that first-year students can get positive influences from older students."

Areas such as Colonnades, Danieley and Global, in particular, will provide plenty of opportunities for mentorship. And Residence Life is looking to add more.

"We're looking at coming up with some more layered mentoring positions we can have in the residential areas," Turner said. "We see the need for students to mentor each other."



FILE PHOTO BY HALI TAUKE-STEWART

Residence Life's latest adjustments haven't called for extensive construction projects.

## Remodeling among improvements planned for Tony's Pub-N-Subs

Max Garland  
Assistant News Editor

As Elon University students return to campus, Tony's Pub-N-Subs looks to get out of the summer doldrums typical of college bars and build on the success it generated during the spring semester.

"I'm just really looking forward to the college kids coming back," owner Tony Caruso said. "Since we started in January, it didn't give me a lot of time to build local support, so the summer has been slow."

Caruso said he was worried about college students driving away other customers when he opened the part-bar part-restaurant at 415 W. Haggard Ave. He was quickly proven wrong.

"You have a few kids every now and then that are an issue, but that's just the way it is," he said. "I've loved how cool everyone is around here. Some of the students brought their parents in over the summer and introduced me to them, so the personal side of the business I've really liked."

According to Caruso, a lifelong Burlington resident, local townspeople have become more of a worry since the opening than Elon students.

"I understand the town is trying to protect its own," Caruso said. "They know I used to own a nightclub, and I guess they

were afraid that I was going to bring that here. Hopefully over time they'll know I'm not here for that."

Caruso is aware of the difference and is therefore bringing a different approach to Tony's than he did to his nightclub. Alcoholic Law Enforcement (ALE) has gone undercover to Tony's several times checking for violations of beverage control laws, a step up from the one ALE encounter he had in three years of running his nightclub, according to Caruso.

"They've had a lot of undercover people in here but they've never found any alcohol violations," Caruso said. "The town has kept a close eye on this place, and they're trying to find something wrong, but hopefully over time we'll build a better relationship."

Alamance County Fire Marshal David Leonard did issue a citation to Tony's for overcrowding May 1. According to an Elon Local News report, Tony's was 270 people above its occupancy limit of 99, bringing the citation fine to \$40,500.

Caruso said they are waiting for the mediation to take place, so both parties and their lawyers can talk and fill in details. In the mean time, Tony's has submitted a new plan to have the occupancy raised above 200.

"It did get a little out of hand there with

the overcrowding, but we are now more diligent in keeping the numbers where they need to be," Caruso said.

With summer break ending and students coming back en masse, Caruso is looking to improve upon Tony's current space by remodeling the restaurant area.

Originally scheduled for the summer, the remodel will remove the current booth seating and replace it with tables.

"It'll make for a more different setting," Caruso said. "There will be more mingling with everybody instead of being stuck in a booth. More interaction is a good thing."



FILE PHOTO BY JANE SEIDEL

Tony's Pub-N-Subs serves as both a late-night hotspot and a casual sandwich shop.