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BioBus receives new navigation system

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Summer News Editor

A student in Danieley rolls out of bed, goes through the usual morning rituals and walks outside just in time to see the tram roll past. The paper schedule said 10:15 a.m., as does the student's watch. But still, all that is visible is the bus's exhaust pipe. Many students, not just those residing in Danieley, have experienced the aggravation of a tram arriving too early or too late.

"It's hard to articulate exact time with such a small schedule," said Christopher Waters, director of information systems and technology.

Administration is hoping to dispel frustration in the fall with the installation of GPS navigation system. The navigation system initiative was pushed by President Leo Lambert and it has taken almost a year to work out the kinks. The new system will allow potential passengers to find the exact location of the

bus and when it should arrive.

"This project was driven by student demand," Waters said. "They don't want to have to guess. And because we are running trams, it is hard to predict timing."

Students in Old Trolinger waiting for the West line bus can check the Internet and access a map that will show the exact location of the bus minute by minute.

Others waiting at off-campus bus stops can text or call the BioBus service with the bus number, which is printed on each bus stop sign. They will be given the exact length of time until the bus reaches their stop.

Students will also be able to work with the Web site to set up alarms on their phones, telling them when their bus is 10 or five minutes away. Waters warned that the texting feature of the system is still in a test mode but that the navigation is precise and efficient.

"It is very accurate," Waters said. "It has to be since

the bus stops are so close."

Supervisor of Automotive Services Keith Dimont agrees that the navigation system will be advantageous for Elon's campus.

"I think it will benefit students," Dimont said. "It'll be better when they know when the bus is coming."

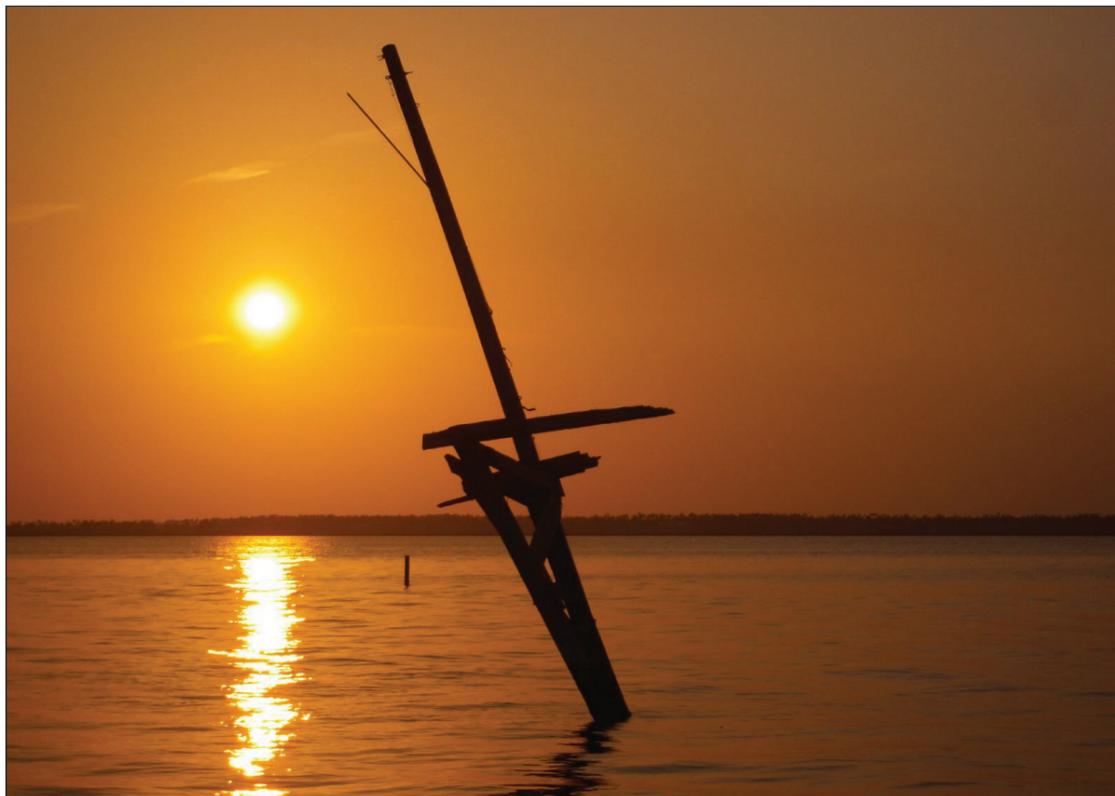
Come next semester, the BioBuses will change little in appearance.

There will be an extra antenna and a control module easily accessed by the driver. When tram drivers first get on the bus, they have to enter which route they will be driving.

"The routes will not change," Dimont said. "The system will just help manage time better."

Elon now has seven BioBuses—six buses that run strictly on biodiesel and the Danieley tram that was converted from gasoline to biodiesel last spring. Elon currently has more than 20 bus locations. The site, which should be operational in the fall, is www.elon.edu/biobus.

ALUMNI SERVICE



MANDIE ROSE DANIELSKI | Photographer

Elon alumni made a service trip to Bay St. Louis, Miss., on Memorial Day weekend to help with Hurricane Katrina recovery. The serenity of the sunset over a still St. Louis Bay May 24 belies the ferocious 30-foot storm surge that rose from the same waters almost three years ago.

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Summer plans will alleviate Octagon's congestion

Ashley Barnas
Summer Editor

You've got 15 minutes between classes and all you want to do is grab a smoothie. You round the corner in Moseley and there's a line winding out the Freshens entranceway. No need to fret - it's wrap week at Pan Geos and you can grab something there. You push your way into Octagon and alas, you can't see past the parfaits and plastic triangle-boxed sandwiches. You give up and head to class hungry and depressed.

The number of students who are turned away by Octagon each day is the primary factor for the changes it is undergoing this summer.

Smoothies and pasta will no longer be a hassle to obtain on the run. Pan Geos, which creates the most congestion in Octagon, is moving out of its old corner and into Freshens, which will be expanded with a separate entrance and exit, along with drink coolers and its own cashiers. Pre-made sandwiches will also be offered in grab-and-go style.

Seemingly the biggest news for fans of Pan Geos will be its increased offerings. A specialty from each of its three options will be available every day: pasta, salad and wraps.

Freshens will move to a location that otherwise may have gone unnoticed by students in the past. Renamed "Freshens Energy Zone," the dining location will move to the Scott Dining Room, tucked away in the Octagon seating area behind the pizza and pasta. The nearly nonexistent dining room used to house an office, storage space and an ice machine. Sheetrock will be torn down, the area will be opened up and a new counter will be built.

Smoothies, frozen yogurts, ice cream blasts, high-energy juices and bars are among the new and old menu items.

Within Octagon, Bene Pizzeria will be expanded and could begin offering lasagna and manicotti to continue the Italian theme.

Grille Works will become larger

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O'Kelly Ave. closed until late August

Pam Richter
Reporter

Major changes are in store for Elon University commuters. Part of O'Kelly Avenue will be closed for most of the summer. The work began on Monday, June 23 and will last until Aug. 21.

The construction will start at University Drive and end at a new roundabout at the intersection of Phoenix Drive and O'Kelly.

According to the university, the two major closures will be:

-- O'Kelly Road will be closed from the Phoenix Drive to University Drive (Vehicles will be able to turn around at the Moseley Center Parking Lot).

-- Phoenix Drive will be closed from the Loy Center to O'Kelly Road (Vehicles will be able to turn around at the Loy Center Circle).

University Drive is used by many Phoenix fans for access to the stadiums for Elon athletic events.

O'Kelly is being converted into a divided two-lane road with a planted median between the lanes. It is currently a

standard two-lane roadway. The road is being closed so that the roadwork can be done as quickly as possible.

Brad Moore, the assistant director of construction for Elon University, said the contractor has scheduled the work to be done by Aug. 23 barring any major delays caused by weather.

Freshmen will arrive on campus for the first day of orientation on Friday, Aug. 29. This is only eight days after the construction is scheduled to end.

"If we encounter delays due to weather, we will have some sort of access - either the existing road still in use or a new functioning road without all of

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WHAT'S HAPPENING TO O'KELLY AVENUE?

• O'Kelly Road will be closed from the Phoenix Drive to University Drive. Motorists may still access the Moseley Center Parking Lot if they come in from Haggard Avenue.

• Phoenix Drive will be closed from the Loy Center to O'Kelly Road. Loy Center Circle will still be open.

Elon in Los Angeles

Photos by Max Cantor



Twenty Elon students are spending a summer in Los Angeles, Calif., earning six hours of credit while onsite in Hollywood, two hours of internship credit and four hours of communications elective credit.

In addition to an internship, students will take a course on the business of Hollywood and interact with professionals as they discover the ins and outs of the conceiving stories, pitching scripts, financing films and recruiting talent. The course is designed to have weekly interactions with entertainment professionals in Hollywood.



You can access the class' blog at <http://eloninla.wordpress.com/>
Check out The Pendulum's July 23 issue for further coverage



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'Meet the Press' host, broadcast journalist Russert dies at 58

Drew Smith
Reporter

Shock and sorrow hit the world of politics and journalism when Tom Brokaw broke into NBC programming on June 13 to announce the death of Tim Russert. The longtime moderator of "Meet the Press" and NBC Washington bureau chief collapsed and died of a heart attack while at work.

"This is a loss for the entire nation," NBC News president Steve Capus said in a statement. "Everyone at NBC News is in shock and absolutely devastated."

Russert went out on top. His Sunday morning program held a commanding lead in the ratings. He was still asking the tough questions and providing some of the most watched election night analysis. He was widely known for being a good-natured person and a great dad.

He started his career working on political campaigns. He then made the transition into television at NBC News.

"We don't have a big tradition in this country of people being in politics then in journalism, or going from journalism back into politics," Tom Brokaw said on a special memorial edition of "Meet the Press". "But Tim really dropped that firewall because he did it with such integrity."

RD Sahl, a veteran TV journalist and current principal anchor at New England Cable News, shared his thoughts on why Russert connected with viewers so well.



Russert

people in journalism, but Russert had something more. His magic was that he connected with viewers at the gut and heart level. It was the combination that made his work so good, and that made him a guest in millions of households each Sunday."

Boston political reporter Alison King had the opportunity to work directly with Russert as a co-moderator during a presidential primary debate in September of 2007.

"I was very excited to work with Tim Russert on that debate since he had, for years, been an all time favorite political reporter of mine," King said. "I was also pretty surprised to find out that despite his obvious celebrity status, there was no star aura surrounding him, which is pretty rare at that level."

King remembers pitching an idea for a question about whom the candidates wanted to win the World Series, the Red Sox or the Yankees.

"In front of a New England

"He was smart and viewers knew it. He asked the questions a good reporter should ask, but he also asked the questions viewers had," Sahl said.

"That said, there are plenty of smart people in journalism, but Russert had something more. His magic was that he connected with viewers at the gut and heart level. It was the combination that made his work so good, and that made him a guest in millions of households each Sunday."

audience, I thought it would get a good laugh and lighten the mood," she said.

Russert's producer told her Tim already had a similar baseball question he planned to ask. King backed off and told Tim to ask his.

"Hours before the debate, Tim came up to me and said, 'I want you to do that baseball question, Alison, we'll save it for the end,'" King recalled. "He knew it would get a laugh and that the clip would get re-played over and over on the cable news shows, and it did. I felt like it was his way of sharing some of the spotlight from that evening with me, a classy move on his part."

Like so many others, King was stunned to hear of his sudden death. "I'll really miss watching him on Sunday mornings," she said. "As my not-very-political younger brother said to me, 'He was the one political guy on TV I could trust.'"

Russert received 48 honorary degrees over the course of his career and was the recipient of several awards including the Edward R. Murrow Award for Overall Excellence in Television Journalism. Time magazine named him one of its 100 most influential people for 2008.

NBC announced former "Nightly News" anchor Tom Brokaw will sit in the moderator chair at "Meet the Press" until the November election. Then they will find a new host, which will likely be a difficult task. The person who will make that decision is Steve Capus. According to him, "Tim was truly irreplaceable."

Supreme Court's opinions expand rights of criminal defendants

Alyse Knorr
Reporter

WASHINGTON - The Supreme Court on Monday issued two opinions protecting the rights of defendants in criminal court cases.

The court ruled 7-2 in *Greenlaw v. United States* that a U.S. court of appeals may not order an increase in a defendant's sentence on its own initiative.

The plaintiff, Michael Greenlaw, of Minneapolis, appealed to the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to shorten a 10-year prison sentence for a drug and firearms conviction. The court responded by correcting an error in his original sentence and lengthening his jail time by 15 years.

Under a longstanding precedent, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg wrote in the majority opinion, an appellate court may not change a judgment to benefit the side that did not appeal.

Ginsburg emphasized the court's reactive role as an impartial arbiter, stating, "Appellate courts may not reach out to correct a sentencing error when the Government has not invited such error correction by appealing or cross-appealing."

"In a criminal prosecution, moreover," Ginsburg added, "the defendant would appeal at his peril, with nothing to alert him that, on his own appeal, his sentence would be increased until the appeals court so decreed. In this very case, Greenlaw might have made different strategic decisions had he known soon after filing his notice of appeal that he risked a 15-year increase in an already lengthy sentence."

Justices Samuel A. Alito and John Paul Stevens dissented, holding that the decision to correct errors and impose harsher punishments should be left to the discretion of the court.

"We have long held that a sentencing court confronted with new circumstances may impose a stiffer sentence on remand than the defendant received prior to a successful appeal," Alito wrote.

In *Rothgery v. Gillespie County, Texas*, the court ruled 8-1 that a defendant's Sixth Amendment right to legal counsel applies at the defendant's first appearance before a judicial officer, when he is told of the charges against him, regardless of whether a prosecutor is aware of the arrest or involved in the case.

"We have recognized that certain pretrial events may so prejudice the outcome of the defendant's prosecution that, as a practical matter, the defendant must be presented at those events in order to enjoy genuinely effective assistance at trial," Alito wrote in a concurring opinion.

Walter Rothgery was arrested on information that turned out to be false. He argued that had he had a lawyer earlier in the process he could have avoided being indicted and spending three weeks in jail before the charges were dismissed.

Justice Clarence Thomas wrote a dissenting opinion, arguing for a stricter definition of "criminal prosecution" as specified in the Sixth Amendment. Under that definition, defendants would not have a right to a lawyer until they face formal charges, such as an indictment.

The court set Wednesday as an additional day to issue opinions. It has seven cases left to decide in this term.

Elon MBA billboard hits RDU

2007 BUSINESSWEEK RANKING - PART-TIME MBA

TOP-RANKED IN NC
#2 IN THE SOUTH #12 IN THE NATION



ELON MBA

FULL-TIME EXPERIENCE
IN A PART-TIME SETTING

PHOTO COURTESY ELON MBA

On June 4, an Elon MBA sign went up in Raleigh-Durham International Airport where it will remain on display for a year. It is the first time Elon has marketed the program in the airport. Its placement targets residents of the triangle and the triad, where most of Elon's MBA students reside, and students and prospective students who travel through RDU.

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but offer the same selections. The bottleneck area of the room where drinks were offered will open into the old Freshens/new Pan Geos.

More cash registers and more grab-and-go options will be added to Octagon. The air-screen where parfaits and sandwiches are held will be larger and have more shelving.

Adding more patio furniture outside Octagon is also a possibility.

With 99.9 percent certainty, Jeff Gazda, resident district manager of ARAMARK, said Octagon will reopen on Aug. 20, in time for the fall semester.

Gazda said the overcrowding of Octagon has been noticed for a while, and the thought to renovate the area

was placed on a list of probable dining service changes to be made in near future. This summer, it was Octagon's turn to get noticed.

ARAMARK's move to the Colonnades and catering's move to Harden helped alleviate some of Moseley's overcrowding in the dining arena, but it wasn't enough to please Octagon customers.

"We all have the feeling that there are some customers that don't get served because it's too busy," Gazda said.

Vickie Somers, director of auxiliary services, said they believe they've come up with a successful plan to change the traffic pattern.

"I think this is going to be a very positive change for the students," Somers said.

Any dining service decisions that are made are a direct result of student feedback, Gazda and Somers said. They always speak with SGA leaders and members, and other student representatives.

Making decisions on when to change what is based on growth and changing demographics. Gazda said they like giving students something new each year. This idea is important to continue because when new students come to Elon, the things that are new to returning students will not appear so to freshmen.

As of now, the fate of The Zone is "to be decided." But Harden will stay as it is - students have shown that they liked the revamping that went on this year, particularly with the bakery, grill and expanded salad bar.

Durr named Elon's first sustainability coordinator

Alexa Milan
Summer News Editor

Elon welcomed a new staff member on May 27 when Elaine Durr became the university's first sustainability coordinator.

Durr's job involves making the goals laid out in the university's sustainability master plan a reality. This year she will create new ideas for sustainability, and work with and promote the programs Elon already has in place, like the Zipcar program.

She will work on generating more information about sustainability issues and increasing awareness on campus. She will also create a new Web site for sustainability at Elon and will represent Elon at sustainability conferences and meetings.

"The ultimate goal is for Elon to be looked at as a leader in sustainability," Durr said.

Durr found out about the position through the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education's weekly newsletter and said she was excited when she landed the job. She wanted this type of position when she finished graduate school but had not been able to find the right one until now.

"I could tell that the commitment to sustainability was strong here," Durr said.

Durr said she was attracted to Elon because of its small, supportive environment. She also went to a small private school, Monmouth College in Illinois, before attending the University of South Carolina School of the Environment for graduate school.

Growing up in the small town of Glasford, Ill.,

contributed to Durr's interest in the environment. She was always outside in rural Glasford and said she has been interested in the environment for as long as she can remember.

As she reached her teens, she began hearing more and more about environmental problems and wondered why people were not doing something to prevent them.

This frustration is one of the reasons why Durr chose to focus her studies on environmental and sustainability issues. She initially studied water conservation and management and later worked with the green building rating system, Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED).

At the University of South Carolina, Durr combined her two interests and wrote a thesis on LEED's water efficiency credits. The purpose of the thesis was to get people to pay more attention to water efficiency credits - something Durr said she feels doesn't get enough focus.

"The idea of green building just made so much sense to me," Durr said.

She also worked as a graduate assistant for the



Elaine Durr

Get to know Elaine Durr:

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- Worked as a graduate assistant for the Sustainable Universities Initiative
- Earned a master's degree in Earth and Environmental Resources Management

Sustainable Universities Initiative. This assistantship is what sparked Durr's interest in campus sustainability.

After earning her master's degree in earth and environmental resources management, Durr wanted to stay in the southeast but couldn't find a campus sustainability job. She worked as a sustainability consultant at Energy Ace Inc., a firm in Decatur, Ga., specializing in creating environmentally sustainable buildings. Durr served as a LEED consultant on various construction projects and managed the LEED certification process.

Now that Durr has secured the campus sustainability position she has always wanted, she said she is looking forward to helping Elon become a more sustainable campus.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Eating at Moe's to Support Blood Cancer Research

Eat at Moe's Southwest Grill in Burlington on Monday, July 7 from 5-8 p.m. and some of the proceeds from your meal will go toward the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Elon senior Larissa Ferretti is working to raise money for blood cancer research and support of those with the disease. Her goal is to raise \$3,300.

Hostage Situation on Campus to Test Alerts

On July 17, there will be police training on campus that will involve a hostage situation and an active shooter. Two SWAT teams, the fire department and an EMS team will be on campus. Mooney lot will be closed. The training will most likely take place in Smith dorm. As a result of the training, sirens and e-alerts will be going off. Check out The Pendulum online for multimedia coverage of the training event.

New \$570 million terminal at RDU

Raleigh-Durham International Airport has begun construction on Terminal 2, set to open in late October. The terminal will be replacing Terminal C and will house American Airlines, American Eagle, Delta, United, Midwest Connect and Air Canada. The first phase of construction will have 19 gates, seven security checkpoint lanes and 26 shops and restaurants. The second phase will open an additional 13 gates, seven security checkpoint lanes and 17 shops and restaurants. Terminal A will be renamed Terminal 1.

Portrait Funds Law School Scholarship

Former U.S. president and hero of the War of 1812, Andrew Jackson will help fund an endowed scholarship at Elon University's School of Law - through the sales commissions of reproductions of his portrait. Greensboro artist, Tony Forrest, is donating proceeds from sales of inkjet prints of the portrait to fund law school scholarships. The awarding of a scholarship in Jackson's name is hoped to begin in the 2009-2010 academic year. The law school will temporarily house the original painting starting in October.

Elon Hits Fundraising Landmark for 2007-2008

This year, \$16.5 million was fundraised for Elon University, breaking the previous record of \$13.6 million during 2005-2006. Another record was made when donors gave \$8.9 million to the endowment, a number that is nearly three times the money raised for the endowment last year.

Piano Gala to Feature Solos, Duets and Eight Hand

Eastern Music Festival's Steinway Piano Gala is coming to Elon on July 2 in honor of Esther C. Kernodle. The concert begins at 8 p.m. in McCrary Theatre. Tickets are now on sale in the Center for the Arts Box Office. Students, faculty and staff receive a free ticket with a Phoenix card.

Interns enjoy summer experience

Alison Hydrick
Reporter

While most college students soak up sunshine during the summer months, more than 200 Elon University students are gaining practical work experience by completing internships in locations across the country.

Tristan Milder, a junior from New Jersey, is interning at Voice of America in Washington, D.C. Milder works with several VOA Web shows including "The Daily Download," "Election USA" and "Going Green." Milder contributed to the recently canceled news magazine "The World Today," which airs in India.

For each of these shows, Milder researches story ideas, writes scripts, finds and edits video and sometimes films and conducts interviews.

"Probably one of the most rewarding experiences was watching pieces that I wrote and edited go out to millions of viewers in India for the last of our shows sent there," Milder said. "Sure, what I write and edit has to be approved, but I play a significant role in how a story is framed - what the narration is and what images people see."

Also in Washington, D.C., Bobby Chamberlain is currently interning with the United States Department of Defense in the Speechwriters Group. He helps edit speeches the Secretary of Defense will use for public and private appearances.

Chamberlain said one of the

biggest challenges of his internship is that the Secretary of Defense reads some of his work.

"The most rewarding thing about my internship is the fact that I have a chance to, in some small way, serve both my country and the brave men and women in the armed forces," Chamberlain said. "Granted, it is a very small part, but I'm honored all the same to be working alongside them."

Several other Elon students are also interning in the governmental arena. Nine students from Elon University and Elon School of Law were selected to complete a ten-week internship through the N.C. Government Internship Program. Only 100 students were selected for the program from a pool of 586 applicants. The students are working on projects in 22 departments and 50 divisions of the North Carolina state government.

"This outstanding group of students will gain hands-on experience in dozens of diverse jobs across state government this summer," said Gov. Mike Easley. "These opportunities help to prepare our students for the challenges of the global marketplace and encourages public service."

For the past two years, 70 percent of graduating seniors completed an internship at some point during their time at Elon. Completing an internship is one of the most popular ways students complete their experiential learning requirement.

Jordan Gym gets makeover



ASHLEY BARNAS | Photographer

By the mid-part of July, a new floor and wall padding by the basketball hoops should be in place in Jordan Gym. It was largely an athletic department decision based on the fact that the flooring was put in around 1970. Jordan Gym is used primarily for recreational purposes and intramural activities, physical education activity classes, wellness classes and infrequently by the athletic department. Construction started on May 27 and is expected to be complete by July 4, just in time for a youth volleyball camp to begin on July 9.

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the aesthetic improvements," Moore said.

Moore also said it should not impact students returning to school or other roadways around the school.

Elon administration is hoping this will be the new main entrance into the school. Visitors would then pass immediately by the newest buildings on campus, the Colonnades and the Koury Business Center, before arriving at Moseley Center. A brand new welcome sign will be placed at the entrance.

The project was proposed by Elon University and is proceeding with cooperation from the Town of Elon.



Future of N.C. drought unpredictable

Kaitlin Ugolik
Reporter

According to climatologists, detecting the future of North Carolina's drought won't be possible until the winter.

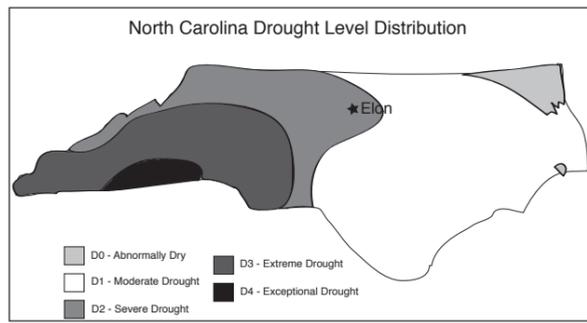
"During the winter season we have some ability to forecast with accuracy whether it's going to be a wet or dry winter....We're experiencing the lingering effects of the drought from last year [because] we didn't see the kind of recovery over winter that we would have needed to really get us out of drought conditions," said Ryan Boyles, an N.C. State University professor and climatologist.

Alamance County is currently considered to be experiencing severe drought, level D2, according to the

N.C. Drought Management Advisory Council, while the majority of the state is split between moderate, D1, and extreme, D3. Drought levels are based on the impact of the dryness on agriculture and water levels.

Jamie Kritzer, spokesman for the N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources, said that he didn't know of any towns currently without water, but several communities are in the process of starting "interconnections" to share water.

The interconnected towns



currently are Mars Hill and Weaverville, Hendersonville, Saluda, Tryon, Columbus and Tryon Mountain, King and Winston Salem and Boone and Blowing Rock.

According to Boyles, the southwest Piedmont and southwest mountain region are experiencing the lowest stream and groundwater levels and the least amount

of rainfall. The Haw River is one of many water bodies across the state experiencing below normal stream flow.

It's not simply a question of how much rain is needed to reverse the effects, Boyles said, but the frequency and

nature of the rain. Twenty inches all at once would have no significant impact, turning mostly to runoff and not soaking into the soil, but the same amount over several weeks would be beneficial. Neither kind of rain, however, is in the forecast.

The dry winter was caused by a La Niña system: cooler-

than-normal temperatures in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean.

The oscillation between a La Niña and an El Niño system, warmer-than-normal temperatures in that area, decides seasonal climates around the world.

Because most summer weather is dictated by the location and intensity of the Bermuda High Pressure System and climatologists don't have the same capacity of forecasting this system as they do with El Niños and La Niñas, the summer forecast is hard to predict more than a few days in advance.

"The science just isn't there yet," Boyles said. "Our guidance for the rest of the summer is that it could be wet, it could be dry, it could be normal. We really don't know."

Water Conservation Tips

According to the N.C. Drought Management Advisory Council, Alamance County is experiencing a drought level of D2, or "severe drought." Gov. Mike Easley recommends that residents take the following steps to conserve water:

Place a water-filled plastic bottle in your toilet tank to reduce the amount of water needed to fill it

Run washing machines and dishwashers only with full loads to maximize efficiency

Put food coloring in your toilet tank — if it shows up in the bowl before flushing, replace the leaking flap

Collect water from the bath/shower while waiting for it to heat up and use it to water plants

Compost food scraps instead of using sink disposals

Catch rainwater from your gutters with a rain barrel and use it to water your flowers and vegetables and to wash your car

Set lawn mower blades one notch higher — longer grass means less evaporation

Turn off the water while brushing your teeth and shaving

Minimize flushes. Remember: "If it's yellow, let it mellow..."

Take baths instead of showers and limit your showers to five minutes

Don't rinse dishes before putting them in the dishwasher, or use a pan of water in the sink and re-use it as long as possible

Compiled from savewaternc.org

Straw-bale houses provide energy efficiency, jobs

Jackie Best
Scripps Howard Foundation Wire

WASHINGTON - When the three little pigs built a house out of straw, the big bad wolf was able to blow it down.

But today, houses built out of straw bales are sturdy and more energy efficient than traditionally constructed buildings, experts say.

Straw bales have been used for buildings in at least 49 states and in more than 40 countries, including Australia, Switzerland and India.

The straw bales are stacked on top of each other and covered in plaster on both sides, which keeps out moisture.

Using straw bales is beneficial because it is a renewable resource, but also because it is a very effective insulator, advocates said at a briefing Friday sponsored by the Environmental and Energy Study Institute.

In Switzerland, some houses built out of straw bales need no additional heating besides sunlight through the windows, said Laura Bartels, president of GreenWeaver Inc., a group that educates people about and supports green buildings.

In Tucson, Ariz., houses built with straw bales use only a minimal amount of air conditioning, Bartels said.

"Investing in energy efficiency is the cheapest, easiest way to get off foreign oil," said Sandy Wiggins, principal at Consilience LLC, a national company focused on green buildings.

Straw bales are a byproduct of food production that is often burned but could instead be used in buildings.

Annually, 125 million to 177 million tons of straw bales are produced. If half were used in buildings, they could create more than 10 million 2,000 square foot houses, Bartels said.

Straw bales are similar to wood in composition but much less expensive and more widely available, Bartels said.

Building homes out of straw bales also creates the opportunity for more jobs because building with straw is labor-intensive, said Bob Gough, secretary for the Intertribal Council on Utility Policy.

"We are looking at straw bale as an economic opportunity for tribal communities," Gough said.

Because American Indians have a growing population, they are looking for new jobs as well as cost- and energy-efficient buildings, Gough said.

He said conventional housing is on "life support" because it is so dependent on non-renewable, expensive energy sources and has a high amount of carbon emissions.

"Tribes are beginning to take a leading role in energy development," he said.

But people looking to use straw-bale construction face some obstacles, such as resistance from building code officials, a lack of knowledge in the design community and a lack of technical skills in the labor force, Wiggins said.

Although some testing on straw-bale buildings has proven them to be safe, more research is necessary, and there is not a lot of funding available for it, said David Eisenberg, director of the Development Center for Appropriate Technology, a non-profit organization involved in straw-bale construction since 1991. Since 1992, approximately \$400,000 of research and testing has been done in the U.S., he said.

Research so far has found straw-bale buildings are safer in earthquakes and tornadoes than traditional buildings because they are strong, yet have some movement that would give people more time to



PHOTO BY DAVID EISENBERG, SCRIPPS HOWARD

Workers build a straw-bale house in Gaudalupe, Ariz. Constructing with straw bale is labor intensive, which could help provide jobs in the future. But experts say these houses are sturdy and more energy efficient than traditionally constructed buildings.

escape, Bartels said.

"Hurricane Katrina really brought home the vulnerability of our buildings," Eisenberg said. "We need to build more buildings that are self supporting."

The buildings have also passed one and two hour fire tests by the American Society for Testing and Materials and are pest resistant.

The oldest known house built of baled hay is the Burke House in Alliance, Neb. The house was built in 1903 and abandoned in 1956, but is still structurally sound, Gough said.

Esther Siegel, 59, owns a house that

contains some straw-bale rooms in Takoma Park, Md., and said she liked the environmental values of the house and the community aspect of having neighbors and others help her build it.

"I feel proud that we made a tiny contribution to energy efficiency," she said.

Her house was completed in 2000 and uses very little air conditioning and no heating in the area built with straw bales other than a small space heater occasionally.

"I hate leaving my house," Siegel said. "I love my home. It's absolutely beautiful."

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

Editorial

New solicitation ordinance unjustly targets working impoverished

Anyone driving in Burlington on a Sunday morning knows two things. Church traffic is going to be brutal and someone on the corner of Huffman Mill and Garden Street will try to get you to buy a Times-News. Many are unaware the newspaper hawker is homeless. Through a program run by the Times-News and Allied Churches of Alamance County, shelter residents sell the Sunday Times and receive a portion of the profits. As of July 1, this practice will

cease and the streets will be free of newspaper and the impoverished.

It is hard to decide what a resident of Burlington and a student at Elon should get more incised about. Should they be more enraged at the City Council making the homeless just a little more homeless or that those council members are ignoring the larger issue of poverty?

The ordinance states that it "shall be unlawful for any person to stand on any street, highway, or right-of-way...

while soliciting or attempting to solicit, any employment, business, or contributions from the driver of occupants of any vehicle."

One of the reasons given for the passing of the ordinance was that drivers feel "uncomfortable and apprehensive when solicitors are standing next to their vehicles."

Let's do away with the politically correct language of legislature and just say it—the homeless are making drivers uncomfortable. So instead of

the City Council finding ways to increase funding to Allied Churches or help establish more employment programs, like the Times-News nobly undertook, to get the homeless off the street and into jobs and beds they had an even better idea.

They decided to take away one productive, money making opportunity these people had been blessed with and turned their backs to poverty in Burlington. According to the 1999 U.S. Census Bureau estimate, 13.7

percent of Alamance County residents are living below the poverty level. The City Council has the power to turn Burlington's legislative focus on the bigger issue of homelessness. Instead they pass a solicitation ordinance. Members of the Burlington City Council need to get up the courage and bring up the big issue, an issue that really will solve "significant hazards to motorists and pedestrians." Get people off the streets by helping them get jobs, not slapping them with a \$50 fine.

Illustrating the Issues



Illustration by Bethany Swanson

Belk Library overrun with abundance of noise, community members during summer months

There are babies crying, toddlers running back and forth to the bathroom and soda machine while music pulsates out of speakers. Kids, action and loud music—it sounds like a hot day at an amusement park but it couldn't be farther from it. This disorderly scene is an afternoon in Belk Library; an institution that prides itself on maintaining an academic atmosphere, advanced student technology and, most of all, silence. It becomes a veritable circus in the summer. The librarian staffing the front desk will politely ask the young girl blaring rock music from her headphones to turn down the volume and will receive either a blank stare or, even better, a defiant attitude. A man can be heard yelling into the payphone every time someone opens the main doors to leave or enter this raucous academic space. Even librarians can be overheard saying that they feel more like babysitters than professionals during the summer.

The noise is not made by students; they are huddled in chairs on the upper floors, away from the commotion of the 1st floor to study. The faculty members are quiet as well, only whispering when asking a question of the library staff. The racket is from community members. Some come in and sit at computers to silently do work but they, unfortunately, are the minority. There are others, mainly children and teenagers, who congregate at computers to surf MySpace and download music. Belk library is a haven for music piracy—it has its own shared Limewire account. Students attempting to use computers next to these community members have to move; "Get Low" is blaring out of the headphones of the teenage girl sitting in the neighboring chair. Even more infuriating is the couple who rolls in a stroller at 9 p.m. The baby invariably starts to whine, cry and then scream while the mother ignores her child to continue surfing the Internet.

Belk has made great strides to decrease this abuse of library sanctity. Computers now have signs that warn that they are for Elon students and faculty/staff first and foremost and community members may be asked to give up their seats. The computers in the tutoring center already have flyers on the monitor that state they can only be accessed by Phoenix Card. The Student Technology Center also explicitly states it is for Phoenix Card holders only. But like North Carolina heat, there is no relief.

There are two public libraries in Burlington that have even more accommodating hours than Belk in the summer. North County Library is 15 minutes away and May Memorial is an even closer 11 minutes. Graham and Mebane also have public libraries. Alamance County taxpayers pay for those institutions and students at Elon pay for the services of Belk library. Elon students are not desecrating the Burlington Public Libraries as Burlington visitors are abusing Belk. Community members are using Elon's library and many are rude, loud and disrespectful in the process. Something needs to be done. Whether it is only allowing Phoenix Card holders to use the facilities after 5pm or making Belk Library a private institution, just like the university, action must be taken by the administration to change policy. Otherwise student tuition is going towards the transformation of Belk Library into a zoo.

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Just because most students leave campus for the summer doesn't mean the news stops. The Pendulum will release twice during the summer on June 25 and July 23 in an effort to continue covering important campus news events. As always, we welcome feedback from the community regarding our content. If you're a student still around Elon and would like to help with the production of these special summer editions, please get in contact with us. We look forward to providing Elon University with the same consistent news coverage we do during the semesters.

Opinions

POLITICS:

Media focused too much on scandals, not enough on substantive issues

Walk through a cluster of street peddlers, carts set up, and endure their exasperated offers, their accolades for their own wares and the haughty condemnation of the competition. Perhaps you'll succumb to one offer, perhaps one particularly shiny item dangling off the display's side draws your attention.



Morgan Little
Columnist

The moment you show interest, the vendor leaps out from behind his products and takes you by the shoulder, forcefully showing you everything else vaguely connected to your brief interest. Congratulations, you've just gone through the presidential race, which has finally begun with Sen. Hillary Clinton's withdrawal.

In a bizarre twist, the two candidates, both of whom have rather strong personalities (one driven by charisma and the other by a mix of self-depreciation and rage) haven't actually been leading their own campaigns. Instead, all momentum and every development has originated from that newfangled Internet thing or shockingly, old-school media.

So far, it's come out that Sen. Barack Obama sends secret terrorist hand signals to his followers, his wife is a "baby mama," if he wins, the White House will have to be aptly renamed and he still hates America (all of this courtesy of FOXNews, the Texas Republican Convention and every Republican respectively).

As for Sen. John McCain, he once called his wife - who at one time was a drug addict who stole painkillers from her own charity - the "C" word in front of reporters and he's backpedaled on nearly every major issue with a grace that brings tears to John Kerry's eyes (and all of this is courtesy of either McCain or his wife).

Scandal has become so typical nowadays that when a candidate actually does something

intelligent or likeable, a double-take is in order, which leaves us desensitized to issues that should be raised higher in the public consciousness.

The noise from the street peddlers has reached the point of white noise, a raucous, belligerent whine that plays over everything significant. They promise us videos of Michelle Obama slandering 'whitey' that don't exist or documentation of McCain's senior moments, which if the Internet is to be believed, are so common that videos of McCain correctly naming world leaders should be shocking news.

The semi-scandal that holds the strongest implication is the issue of McCain's complete lack of understanding of the information revolution. During the Republican primary, McCain freely admitted that he doesn't know how to work a computer, chuckling while he said that Cindy McCain takes care of such things. At first glance, it doesn't seem so bad. Old guy can't use a computer - it's like a tired joke in a family sitcom, nothing major.

But thinking in such a manner undermines the massive changes that have taken place thanks to the computer age.

It's not merely an issue of knowing gigabytes from megabytes, it's a matter of philosophy. The way the American mind works and the way the mind receives information has been altered, and without first-hand experience, McCain can't hope to understand what's going on around him.

Already, his lack of understanding in this field has nearly crippled two important elements of his campaign: his fundraising and the straight-talk express. As Obama proved during his own fundraising, the Internet is full of people willing to toss their money at candidates (remember how much money Ron Paul raised?) and it was because of his massive Internet infrastructure that he was swimming in cash while Hillary, who relied on tried-and-true fundraising methods early in her campaign, was around \$30 million in debt. McCain, despite his Republican ties, is having ridiculous difficulty raising money, in part due to his lack of

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understanding of the importance of Internet donors.

The derailing of the straight-talk express ties back into that maddening street marketplace. For years, McCain has wooed the media through carefully constructed admissions that were safe enough to make reporters happy and fill their notepads, leaving them with no want to dig further into McCain's bone yard and closet.

But with traditional media increasingly in the backseat of election coverage, online sources who aren't won over by McCain's sly public confessions or his readiness to befriend and assist reporters in order to placate them, are relentlessly exposing his dirty dealings. The difference between television coverage of McCain and Internet coverage is dramatic, with the Internet becoming increasingly critical of his every move, while the networks are still swooning over the 'maverick' who was robbed of his chance in 2000.

Call it a changing of the guard, a battle between the baby boomers and those perpetually connected youngsters, what have you. Like it or not, this election will be defined not by press conferences and photo-ops with carefully chosen 'average Americans.' Instead, the hard-nosed and sometimes extremist Internet news junkies will dictate its course. For better or for worse, that crowded and irritating market is what we have to look forward to come November.

POLITICS:

Trust Obama? Recent decision suggests nominee makes empty promise

I was sitting down at the dinner table, talking about politics with my family when my mother told me that I needed to be more "open-minded." Most of the time, my mother's advice is reasonable, but in this case I took offense. As a liberal, I consider myself to be the definition of "open-mindedness."

After excusing myself from the table, I started to think about it.

My ardent, outspoken support of Hillary Clinton may have clouded my judgment and objectivity.

So, I decided it was only fair to take another look at Barack Obama. And here's what I found:

On Thursday, June 19, Obama formally announced that he would not accept public financing for his general campaign in the fall.

That decision was newsworthy, but that's not even the whole story.

Ever since the primary season started, Obama has said that he would accept public financing if the Republican nominee did the same, and repeated that pledge on a number of occasions.

John McCain has accepted public financing, true to his word.

Obama did nothing of the sort.

Instead, his campaign went into spin-mode, and he released an unconvincing video on his Web site where he attempted to rationalize his decision to forgo public financing - a flip-flop of epic proportions.

Obama's reasoning? The "public financing of presidential elections... is broken," or so he says. Now, whether that's true is debatable.

Regardless, the public financing system didn't break over night. If

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Derek Kiszely
Columnist

Obama really believed it to be broken all this time, why pledge to stand by it from the beginning?

Why make promises if you're going to break them?

But this isn't about public financing.

It's about trust.

Now this election is about many things, but I think trust is one of the most important issues.

What worries me is that Obama has made many promises that we - perhaps naively? - trust him to keep. His commitment to withdraw troops from Iraq upon taking office comes to mind.

This hesitation about Obama's ability to keep his promises ought to be a red flag for his supporters. It requires a little bit of blind faith to support Obama, a move that I've come to respect in some of my Democratic friends for their steadfastness, even if I've chided them for their willingness to gamble with our future so nonchalantly.

The American people don't have the kind of familiarity with Obama that they've had with Clinton or McCain. And while McCain benefits from a long-established reputation as a maverick who says what he believes, many voters are still wary of Obama.

By opting out of the public financing system that he supported in the beginning of his campaign, Obama risks permanent damage to a brand he hasn't fully established with the American electorate.

The fact that he displays himself as someone who cannot be trusted to keep his word erodes any benefit of the doubt that I had half-heartedly given him and his campaign after Clinton's concession.

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Rather than being honest and upfront with the American people about his reasoning, Obama came up with the lame excuse that "forgoing more than \$80 million in public funds" somehow makes him a martyr. He came to the conclusion that his was a noble cause with a noble decision that would "declare independence

from a broken system" and bring about a better democracy. What Obama conveniently forgot to mention in his video is that he intends to raise and spend upward of \$200 million!

Do not be deluded. I'm confident that he did it out of greed, not for the high-minded ideals he claimed to cherish as he threw them under the bus.

It says a lot about the man Obama really is. Just like most politicians in America, Obama will say and do anything it takes to get elected, true to the dirty politics of Chicago - where he rose to political power. And Chicago politics makes Washington politics look like a tennis match between old ladies.

There's nothing necessarily wrong with being an old school politician, unless of course you've tried to make yourself out to be a candidate of change. Then it makes you look like a hypocrite.

If the American people are willing to accept, without raising a fuss, a politician who breaks his promise so easily on such a petty issue, then we're opening the door for him to renege on other issues of more importance.

As for me, I haven't made up my mind just yet as to whom I will support in the general election. Maybe I need to be more open-minded. Or maybe it's the people who support Obama who need to be open to the possibility that their candidate might not be the "agent of change" he made himself out to be.

We asked for "hope" and "change"... now let's hope that Obama won't change his position on any more important issues.

REBUILDING THE BAY

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Steve Earley '04 carts debris from a homeowner's backyard. Four students, five alumni, five staff members and one faculty member participated in the Memorial Day weekend service trip.

ELON CONTINUES ITS COMMITMENT TO MISSISSIPPI'S GULF COAST

This package was written and photographed by participants of the Kernodle Center for Service Learning's May 23-27 Katrina relief trip to Bay St. Louis, Miss., one of more than a dozen such trips the center has sponsored since the Aug. 2005 storm. For information about future trips to Bay St. Louis, call the center at ext. 7250.

Steve Earley '04 Elon Graduate

Southern Mississippi's full recovery from Hurricane Katrina will be measured in decades. How many is the only question. Yet, not quite three years after the storm, residents fear the rest of the country has moved on.

"Other people think that it's time that this should be over, that it should be back to normal by now," says Cindy Lederer, who has worked as a volunteer coordinator for the past two years even though she lost her own home in the Aug. 2005 storm. "It's not in the news anymore, it's not a big headline ... so I think that some people just feel it's complete. That's the American way to think, that things get fixed very quick."

What a lift Lederer got, then, when she met people who so clearly haven't forgotten. Lederer, 58, of Waveland, Miss., is one of dozens of Katrina survivors volunteers from Elon have assisted over the course of 13 service trips, the most recent of which was held Memorial Day weekend. "It's been a real commitment by [Elon]," Lederer said. "It's been really touching to see."

Just over a month after Katrina, Elon adopted Bay St. Louis, Miss., an 8,000-person city about an hour northeast of New Orleans which sustained 120-mph winds and a 30-foot storm surge at the height of the hurricane. Elon groups have focused their relief efforts in the city, colloquially known as the Bay, but have worked across Hancock County, of which Bay St. Louis is the seat.

Trip participants, comprising students, faculty, staff, and for the first time on last month's trip, alumni, almost to a person, return energized by the connection they've made with the community and the direct hand they had in progress, organizers say.

"Two years ago, it was this war zone. People had never seen a community that's looked like that," said Brian O'Shea, Assistant to the Vice President for Student Life and past trip participant. "Now people see people moving into houses."

Elon volunteers have delivered supplies, organized donations, cleared debris, painted and built houses, among other tasks. On the inaugural trip in Oct. 2005, participants even helped set up a wedding.

"It's very rewarding," said Josh Tate '10, one of two student leaders on May's trip, his third to Bay St. Louis. "I know I'm going to be back down there."

Tate and others who have taken part in multiple trips can tell you how far the Bay has come. The bridge that carries Highway 90 over St. Louis Bay - a vital link to the city of Gulfport, a major employment center - reopened a year ago. A new visitor's center was scheduled to open this month. New homes are springing up everywhere.

But, repeat volunteers can also tell you how far the area still has left to go. With almost two-thirds of Hancock County's 19,000 homes damaged or destroyed by Katrina, hundreds of residents remain in government trailers. Even some churches and local government agencies are still in temporary structures.

Thankfully, in part because of the richness of attendees' experiences, Elon plans to continue its service trips indefinitely.

"We thought we would do it for two years and now we're at three," O'Shea said. "At this point, we'll continue to send trips as long as there's student interest."

This thrills Bay St. Louis resident Kathy McClellan, 54, who has hosted crawfish boils for several Elon groups despite living in government trailers.

"Without volunteer groups, very few people would have had their homes repaired or rebuilt by now," McClellan said, adding that volunteers' emotional support has been as vital as their labor.

"Too many others don't want to hear our stories. ... Listening to our stories without making judgments about us helps to validate our feeling about what has and is happening here."



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Ashley Kehrre '02 paints the inside of a new home May 25.

Surrounded by bare foundations and temporary structures, a W. Miss. church parish's sign advertises hope.

BAY ST. LOUIS, MISS.



CAROLINE MATTHEWS | Graphics

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ABOVE: The front steps are all that remain of a Waveland home. Dozens of similar lots dot the Gulf of Mexico and St. Louis Bay waterfronts.
FAR LEFT: Sarah Vavreck '10 packs debris into a bucket at one of the first work sites on this year's Memorial Day weekend service trip. She and four other volunteers were clearing the bulldozed remains of a storm-damaged Bay St. Louis area house. The homeowner is building a new home on the same lot.
LEFT: Homemade signs tell of the dozens of organizations whose volunteers Kiln, Miss., Camp Coastal Outpost has hosted. Elon has run 13 trips to the Bay St. Louis area since October 2005. The most recent trip, held May 23-27, was the first to include alumni.



LINDSAY HEGE | Photographer

LIVING NEXT TO A BEAUTIFUL BEAST

Mandie Rose Danielski
'02 Elon Graduate



Our host Royce boils crawfish for us, and his wife Kathy kindly suggests we catch the last minutes of the sunset. The sky is peach and pink and yellow. The sun is hot, orange and alone above a mirror-flat St. Louis Bay. No clouds, no breeze, no noise. There are no birds or ducks scanning the water for fish. Maybe this May dusk is too humid even for them. Only the mosquitoes humming in pockets around us can stand the heat and moisture.

In their own way, the mosquitoes welcome their visitors. It's probably rare they get this much company. Almost three years after the storm, most residents of this waterfront neighborhood have not rebuilt.

The view of the avenue from the water is bleak. So many homes are missing, nothing more than empty, broken frames. Most docks are lone posts. It's hard to imagine what this city was before. We look back at the water, wondering how exactly this serene, muddy, black pond of a bay could have risen 30 feet high to destroy lives here, and miles inland. This natural beauty and power is rare, precious, immense and most of all humbling. Despite the heat and humidity, despite the wreckage still evident all over their community, despite the chance that this water could swell like a monster once again, there is no question why our hosts and their few neighbors do stay and call this place home.

STORM REMINDS US WHAT TRULY MATTERS

Katharine Baas
N.C. Campus Compact VISTA, Americorps
Kernoodle Center for Service Learning



My service on Mississippi's Gulf Coast helped re-instill in me the value of my friends, family and community.

Every survivor I met reinforced the importance of these support networks. Somehow residents are able to have such positive attitudes after going through such destruction and devastation. They are happy to be alive and to have their friends and family by their side.

Witnessing this reminded me what is important in life. The American dream should not be about chasing after big fancy cars, houses and other material items to fill those houses with, but about being with loved ones and neighbors.

I admire all of the survivors that we met for their positive attitude and love for life. They are committed to rebuilding their lives, which is admirable. Whether residents are picking out paint colors for their new home or just beginning the rebuilding process, they have discovered and are now focused on what truly matters.

Material things can be replaced, but people can't.

PROGRESS IS EVIDENT, BUT SO TOO IS ONGOING NEED

Nick Gazda
ARAMARK



When I returned to the Bay St. Louis area this May, I was struck by how far the community had come since my last visit. Just as striking, however, was how far the area still has left to go.

The mountains of debris that scarred the landscape two springs ago are gone. People are moving back into houses. Children are returning to their home schools. Residents are working to bring the community back to its former beauty. Volunteers are making a difference.

Progress is being made, there is no doubt about that, but the amount of damage that has yet to be addressed is amazing. It takes more than one visit to realize that despite the sweat of thousands of volunteers from around the Gulf, around the country and around the world, more help is still desperately needed.

Tasks that need to be done now resemble tasks we did two years ago. One resident, for instance, had built a new house on his property, but his yard was still filled with debris from his old house. His drawn-out recovery reveals the physical challenges as well as the mental challenges so many residents face.

One can learn a lot about Katrina's destruction through stories, pictures and videos, but one cannot appreciate its full scope until he or she walks the landscape and cleans up disaster sites. Such first-hand experiences allow one to begin to imagine himself or herself in the situation that thousands of residents have been dealt by this storm.

LIFTING SPIRITS AMONG VOLUNTEERS' BIGGEST JOBS

Beth Sherron
'07 Elon Graduate



Try to imagine coming home to no home at all. This is a picture that my mind simply cannot create. Throughout our journey in Bay St. Louis, I heard personal accounts of destruction from one resident after another. Although I could listen with loving compassion, it was impossible for me to empathize: Nothing I've experienced comes close to what these people - and thousands of others like them across the Gulf Coast - have had to face.

I feel blessed to live in a spacious home, but feel guilty at the same time. It is heartbreaking to ride along streets lined with remains of hurricane-destroyed homes on overgrown, vacant lots. Seeing families who continue to live in temporary trailers nearly three years after the hurricane makes me wonder why they would remain in the area and live in such constrictive conditions. While the shadows of uncertainty linger, the morale of the residents is surprisingly upbeat and the impact that volunteers make is outstanding.

When talking with members of our group, residents of Bay St. Louis expressed extreme gratitude toward volunteers who serve their community. They all held Elon in highest regard and spoke of how our school's dedication to the area gave them continued hope that people still cared for them. Whether by helping the residents complete jobs that they could not complete themselves or by simply sharing life stories and smiles, volunteers really do have a powerful impact.

The chance to witness Katrina's devastation first hand drove me to Bay St. Louis. It is the incredible impact that volunteers have on the spirit of the community, however, that makes me want to return.

Arts & Entertainment

Summer music scene

Alexa Milan
Summer News Editor

Greensboro:

Comedian Jeff Dunham's "Spark of Insanity" Tour
7 p.m. Thursday June 26
Greensboro Coliseum Complex
Tickets \$41.50
Visit www.greensborocoliseum.com

Burger King presents
SUPERJAM
7:30 p.m. Friday June 27
Greensboro Coliseum Complex
Tickets \$10-\$28.50
Visit www.greensborocoliseum.com

Michael McDonald
8 p.m. Thursday July 17
Greensboro Coliseum Complex
Tickets \$39.50-\$49.50
Visit www.greensborocoliseum.com

Joshua Radin and Vanessa Carlton
8 p.m. Friday July 25
Greene Street Club
Tickets \$15
Visit www.greenestreetclub.com

Raleigh:

All events held at the Time Warner Cable Music Pavilion

Dave Matthews Band with Michael Franti and Spearhead
7 p.m. Wednesday July 2
Tickets \$32.50-\$62.50
Visit www.livenation.com/raleigh

Brad Paisley with Jewel, Chuck Wicks and Julianne Hough
7:30 p.m. Friday July 19
Tickets \$25-\$54.25
Visit www.livenation.com/raleigh

Miller Lite presents 311 and Snoop Dogg
7 p.m. Wednesday July 23
Tickets \$30-\$40
Visit www.livenation.com/raleigh

Miller Lite presents Projekt Revolution Tour starring Linkin Park
2 p.m. Friday July 25
Tickets \$20.75-\$60.75
Visit www.livenation.com/raleigh



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Maroon 5 and Counting Crows
7 p.m. Tuesday July 29
Tickets \$23.50-\$66
Visit www.livenation.com/raleigh

Avril Lavigne and The Jonas Brothers
7 p.m. Wednesday July 30
Tickets \$27.50-\$79.50
Visit www.livenation.com/raleigh

Rascal Flatts with Taylor Swift
8 p.m. Saturday Aug. 2
Tickets \$31-\$75.75
Visit www.livenation.com/raleigh

Journey
7 p.m. Sunday Aug. 10
Tickets \$23.50-\$125
Visit www.livenation.com/raleigh

Jack Johnson
7 p.m. Tuesday Aug. 12
Tickets \$29-\$43.50
Visit www.livenation.com/raleigh

Kenny Chesney and LeAnn Rimes
7:30 p.m. Friday Aug. 22
Tickets \$37.50-\$75.75
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John Mayer with One Republic
7:30 p.m. Wednesday Aug. 27
Tickets \$30-\$50.50
Visit www.livenation.com/raleigh



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Charlotte:

Chris Rock
8 p.m. Thursday June 26
Ovens Auditorium
Tickets \$44.50-\$74.50
Visit www.ovensauditorium.com

Vans Warped Tour
11 a.m. Monday July 14
Verizon Wireless Amphitheatre
Tickets \$23.50
Visit www.livenation.com/venue/getVenue/venueId/115

American Idols Tour
7:30 p.m. Sunday Aug. 17
Time Warner Cable Arena
Tickets \$39.50-\$68.50
Visit www.timewarnercablearena.com



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Cary:

Wilco with Bon Iver
7 p.m. Friday Aug. 8
Koka Booth Amphitheatre
Tickets \$22.50 for lawn, \$37.50 for reserved seating
Visit www.boothamphitheatre.com

Carrboro:

All events held at the Cat's Cradle



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Harry and the Potters
6:30 p.m. Tuesday July 1
Tickets \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door
Visit www.catscradle.com

She & Him featuring Zoëy Deschanel and M. Ward
8:30 p.m. Monday July 28
Tickets \$16 in advance, \$18 at the door
Visit www.catscradle.com

Perpetual Groove
10 p.m. Friday Aug. 22
Tickets \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door
Visit www.catscradle.com

MOVIE REVIEW ★★★★★

New adaptation of 'Hulk' outshines 2003 original

Adam Constantine
Reviewer

Not too many movies get a second chance. After the 2003 edition of "The Hulk" showed us that it's not easy being green, creator Stan Lee decided to give "The Incredible Hulk" a round two.

And what a round it is. Bruce Banner (Edward Norton) is a scientist on the run. One of his disastrous experiments has caused him to shun the life he once knew and seek a life of solitude, including leaving the love of his life, Betty Ross (Liv Tyler). He makes this choice for two reasons. He needs to find a cure, and he will not risk what could be sheer destruction and mayhem if he stays and tries to live a normal life in the city.

The experiment that he lost control of lives inside him, and when unleashed he can only hope the beast within will not kill everything in its path. The second reason could be even more costly. The U.S. Army led by Betty's father, General Thaddeus Ross (William Hurt), wants to capture Bruce, not to help him but to use what he has as a weapon.

He spends the beginning of the film evading and eluding his would-be captors through a run-down town



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Edward Norton stars as the title character in "The Incredible Hulk," a second shot at the comic book franchise after the failure of Ang Lee's 2003 adaptation.

in South America. When it seems that he has nowhere else to run, the circumstances give him no other choice.

Enter the Hulk.

In spectacular fashion the Hulk smashes onto the screen in all of his anger, rage and greenish glory. But there is an element the Hulk carries that takes the movie to a new level. Although he is filled with the urge to destroy, there is a human element of compassion that is there alongside it all. Even while he is in a state in which he seems to be seething the barbaric thirst for carnage and violence, his higher intellect prevails several times throughout this film.

Any remake is a risky one especially for the actors. But this acting crew did a spectacular job in making this work show its full potential.

Being an avid Hulk fan growing up, Norton embraced playing the role of Bruce Banner and showed his tormented and conflicted identity well on the screen. The audience can feel the urgency and sense of frustration at trying to find a cure and applaud him when he realizes his ultimate destiny.

Tyler plays the brilliant scientist Betty Ross, whose strained relationship with her father and love for Bruce provides her with tough decisions that she must live with for the rest of her life. She plays a character that seems to be weak in the beginning (and whose voice takes a little getting used to) to a character that holds her own and makes the tough decisions necessary to survive.

Along with this year's "Iron Man," "Thor" (2010) and "Captain America" (2010), "The Incredible Hulk" is part of a string of movies that will be remembered during this decade as igniting the fire in the land of fantasy. The Hulk alludes to a meeting of several superheroes, including "Iron Man's" very own, Tony Stark (Robert Downey Jr.).

MOVIE REVIEW ★★★

'Happening' marks a promising breakthrough for slumping Shyamalan

Alexa Milan
Summer News Editor

The critical response to M. Night Shyamalan's films seems to have gotten increasingly more negative with each movie he's made. He peaked early with the remarkable "The Sixth Sense" and did well with the lesser-known and under-appreciated "Unbreakable," "Signs" and "The Village" were so-so while "Lady in the Water" was a complete disaster. But with "The Happening," Shyamalan shows promise once again, at least with his directing if not his writing.

"The Happening" opens with a seemingly normal day in Central Park: children running, people walking their dogs, friends chatting on a bench. But soon, people start forgetting things, are unable to speak, walk backwards and are ultimately driven to suicide. Suspecting that terrorists have released a toxin into the city, people are forced to evacuate.

Schoolteacher Elliot (Mark Wahlberg) and his estranged wife Alma (Zoeey Deschanel) board a train and escape to Pennsylvania, but the train shuts down and they are stuck in the middle of nowhere with their friend's young daughter. As people try to figure out where to go, they find out that people are dying in smaller and smaller populations. They also discover that whatever is happening might not be because of terrorists at all,



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Mark Wahlberg and Zoeey Deschanel star in Shyamalan's "The Happening," a film long on directing but short on writing.

but the result of natural causes.

As more people start dying, Elliot and Alma must figure out how to survive and avoid the happening until it passes over.

The plot of "The Happening" is interesting and well-crafted. Through his direction, Shyamalan is able to instill the fear in his audience of trying to survive something infinitely bigger than oneself. It's the film's dialogue that could use a little work.

At times, Wahlberg's and Deschanel's performances feel sub-par, likely due to the stale

writing rather than their abilities as actors. They have been continuously impressive with their previous work, but even they can't communicate the story without the dialogue coming across as forced.

Shyamalan's direction harkens back to his work in "The Sixth Sense." Every shot has a Hitchcockian vibe to it, frightening the viewer without throwing around gratuitous amounts of gore. For the most part, the suicides happen off camera, and it's what viewers don't see that frightens them the most.

Bodies rain down from a rooftop but the camera cuts away before the sound of a sickening splat. A woman's legs are in the frame as she bends down, picks up a gun, pulls the trigger and falls as a trail of blood oozes between the cracks in the sidewalk. It is these wordless moments that continue to frighten the audience numbers and keep them in suspense.

Unfortunately Shyamalan's promising directing and his awkward writing don't mesh, causing "The Happening" to fall short of its potential. It doesn't come close to the brilliance of "The Sixth Sense," but it's also a step above "The Village" and far superior to "Lady in the Water." Though Shyamalan's had a bit of a slump since his incredible thriller debut, "The Happening" shows there is still hope for him as a director.

Sneak peek: Fall 2008 cultural calendar

Every year Elon offers a wealth of interesting guest speakers and entertaining arts events, and the upcoming school year is no exception. Here are a few highlights from the Fall 2008 cultural calendar.

Alexa Milan
Summer News Editor



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Joe Garden, a senior writer for "The Onion," will speak about satire and parody on Oct. 29.

Charles Cook,
"Looking Ahead to the 2008 Elections" (Sept. 8):

Charles Cook is the founder of The Cook Political Report, an online newsletter that analyzes presidential and congressional elections and campaigns. Known for his non-partisan analysis, he has been featured on CBS, NBC, CNN and in the National Journal.

ArcheDream for Humankind (Sept. 11):

ArcheDream is a theater troupe that uses dance, pantomime, hand-painted masks, puppetry and ultraviolet light to tell stories from African mythology and other world cultures. This event is part of the Elon University Lyceum Series, and tickets will be available Sept. 2.

"Invisible Children: Rough Cut"
documentary screening (Sept. 11):

This documentary about child soldiers, displaced citizens and night commuters in Northern Uganda was filmed by Jason Russell, Bobby Bailey and Laren Poole in their early 20s. Their trip to Uganda spawned the non-profit organization Invisible Children. Elon's chapter is sponsoring this event.

Elon Common Reading Lecture,
Jonathan Kozol (Sept. 23):

Jonathan Kozol is an author, national authority on public education and spokesperson for reform in America's public school system. His book, "The Shame of the Nation," which focuses on conditions in inner city public schools, is the Elon Common Reading for 2008-09.

Jonathan Alter,
"Between the Lines: Politics, Media and Society" (Sept. 29):

Jonathan Alter is the senior editor at Newsweek and has written a column for two decades focusing on politics, media and social and global issues. He is also a contributing correspondent at NBC News. The 2008 election is the seventh election Alter has covered for Newsweek.



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Author David McCullough will deliver the Baird Pulitzer Prize Lecture on Oct. 23 at Fall Convocation.

Celtic Crossroads
(Oct. 1):

On their second U.S. tour, this group of seven musicians and two step dancers from Ireland will play traditional Irish music as well as a mix of bluegrass, folk and jazz. This event is part of the Elon University Lyceum Series, and tickets will be available Sept. 10.

Department of Performing Arts presents "Sweeney Todd" (Starts Oct. 30):

Elon's Department of Performing Arts will perform Stephen Sondheim's musical about a barber who was sent to prison for a crime he did not commit by a greedy judge and returns to London seeking murderous revenge. The original Broadway production won eight Tony Awards, and last year it was made into a film starring Johnny Depp and Helena Bonham-Carter. Tickets will be available Oct. 9.

Fall Convocation, David McCullough
(Oct. 23):

David McCullough is a historic author and has won two National Book Awards and two Pulitzer Prizes. In 2006 he was also awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian award in the United States. This event is Elon's Baird Pulitzer Prize Lecture, and tickets will be available Oct. 2.

Will Read for Food
(Nov. 19):

In this annual event, students, faculty and staff will read selections from their favorite writers in support of the Alamance County Food Bank. The event is sponsored by the Arts and Letters Learning Community, Elon Volunteers! and the Kernodle Center for Service Learning, with support from the English Department.

Joe Garden,
"Inside 'The Onion'"
(Oct. 29):

Joe Garden is a senior writer at "The Onion," the popular weekly print and online newspaper that provides a satirical take on current events. Garden will discuss satire and parody in news coverage and the 2008 presidential election.

Holiday Celebration with Luminaries
(Dec. 4):

Elon's annual "Festival of Holiday Lights" will feature hundreds of luminaries, carol singing, hot chocolate and a visit from Santa Claus as the campus is lit up for the holidays. The event is sponsored by the Truitt Center for Religious and Spiritual Life.

Features



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Sophomore Dani Schenk is biking 3,300 miles across the United States this summer to raise money and build houses for low-income families. She said she couldn't think of a better way to see the country than by helping others along the journey.

Learn more and help out:

For more information about Dani's ride and sponsorship, go to: <http://fullercenterbiketrip.com/>

To sponsor Dani and help reach her goal of \$4,000, please do so "In Dani's honor or memory."

Biking

One Elon student's journey across America to build houses, strength, faith

Ashley Barnas
Summer Editor

Biking an average of 80 miles a day for two full months, Elon University sophomore Dani Schenk will travel across the southern United States this summer to raise money for a national nonprofit agency that builds homes for low-income families.

Schenk is one of the youngest riders biking 3,300 miles with a group of volunteers for the Georgia-based Fuller Center for Housing. Though she started pedaling June 16, her journey began when Millard Fuller, founder of Habitat for Humanity and The Fuller Center, visited Elon in February.

"Mr. Fuller just described the bike ride and what it was for," Schenk said, "and I just had one of those moments where I said, 'I should do that.'"

The riders' goal is to raise \$100,000 and Schenk's personal goal is to reach \$4,000. She is sending 90 percent of what she collects to areas that need it most, probably overseas, and 10 percent to one of the towns they'll be visiting during the trip.

Through The Fuller Center, homes are repaired or built and sold to the owners in an affordable way based on no-profit, no interest loans. Homeowners join volunteers in building their own homes. Fuller founded the center as an ecumenical Christian ministry and a way to help eliminate substandard housing in the United States and abroad.

Schenk found inspiration in what Fuller said during his visit: "Sometimes you just know when you're meant to do something."

The idea of the trip caught her immediate interest, so she called her parents and asked if it was crazy to bike for two months across the country. They said no - she could do it.

Prior to the trip, she had biked only for recreation, so she bought a road bike and began training while at Elon. "What you have to do to train is just put time on a saddle," she said. That's the only way to get used to the soreness.

Schenk reminds herself that after a week or two, she'll be OK. Her aunt, who also rides, persuaded her to go the whole way. She told Schenk the first three weeks are the hardest, so once she gets over those, it will be smooth riding.

Schenk's faith and the ride's message of strength and helping others will sustain her.

"I know that I'm riding for something that's bigger than me," she said. "And I can suck it up and take the pain."

The ride has persuaded her to become more involved in Habitat for Humanity at Elon next year, and to also join the cycling club.

Schenk will be doing her own laundry and cooking, and will stay mostly in churches and YMCAs. She only has her riding gear, laptop, camera and iPod.

Beyond riding, the volunteers will focus on their faith for an hour each day and stop to build homes in Albuquerque, N.M.; Terrell, Texas; Shreveport, La.; Lanett, Ala.; and Americus, Ga.

"I'm really excited for New Mexico and Arizona," she said. "I just feel like they're so different from the East Coast."

Colorado will be most difficult because of the Rockies, Schenk said. She's excited for whichever state is mostly downhill.

OVERHEARD AT ELON U

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

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

Instructor: How do you think they made the Hoover Dam?

Girl: Uh, probably the same way they made the Grand Canyon.
-overheard by Kirsten Rhodes

This girl kept pronouncing Israeli: "Israel-eye."

In the same class:
This guy said that someone "survived an assassination."
-overheard by Alice Turner

During a game of Kings:
"I mean, the category was camera brands... Kodak, Fuji, Mitsubishi"
-overheard by Jacquelyn Drew Mckinney

Midnight Meals...tipsy girl: "There's a difference between having a drink... and having a drinking."
-overheard by Cameron Craig Jackson

"I mean, I'm not really worried about it... I only need like, a B+ to get a D in the class."
-overheard by Elyse Granger

A girl saying goodbye to a friend: "I'll see you later! Facebook stalk me!"
-overheard by Erin Bradley

"You're so self-absorbent."
-overheard by Hollis Theard

Girl 1: "No, seriously, it was a picture of a dog in Alaska, but a REGULAR one, not an Alaska dog."
Girl 2: "No way..."
-overheard by Katie Kuekes

Girl in campus shop: "I feel like a baby teething, like it hurts. But I'm not getting new teeth and I'm not a baby."
-overheard by Carolyn Baumgarten

Girl 1: I have like no common sense.
Girl 2: It's OK. I didn't know China was a continent.
-overheard by Brooke Toffolon

Ugly duckling myth busted

Ashley Barnas
Summer Editor



ASHLEY BARNAS | Photographer

Six baby swans, or cygnets, have become part of the Elon family. The mother swan, who made her nest cozied up to the window near the ticket booth at the main entrance of the Center for the Arts, hatched her eggs at the end of May. A seventh egg did not hatch. The family has made its new home in Lake Mary Nell. The mother and babies gather around a feeding box in the middle of the water and never stray too far from one another.

pendulum q&a:

Interning, serving, learning abroad

Ashley Barnas
Summer Editor

Heidelberg: Abrupt learning, enlightening conversations



PHOTO SUBMITTED
Stephanie Natusch, center, traveled to Berlin for a one-credit seminar class as part of her larger study abroad trip to Heidelberg, Germany. She visited historic landmarks and learned about their importance.

Quick Facts:

- Stephanie Natusch is a junior corporate communications major with art and German minors
- There are 20 students on the trip: two from Elon, including Natusch
- Natusch is studying in Heidelberg for about six to seven weeks

Stephanie Natusch

What are you doing while in Heidelberg?

Natusch: I'm taking eight credits: six credit class for the language itself, one credit for a Berlin seminar - we traveled to Berlin and learned the importance behind certain historic landmarks - and one credit for a culture class... attend operas and music-related, German culture-oriented events.

What do you think about Heidelberg?

Natusch: I enjoy the town and studying at the university. More specifically speaking, I love the language constantly around me, the abruptness - in the most literal way - about the German citizens and the intelligence being brought to the table during class.

Are you traveling to other countries or other places in Germany while you're there?

Natusch: Thus far I've traveled to Munich, Wiesbaden and Kirschain. I have family living in Wiesbaden and Kirschain, so it was great to see them. I plan on also traveling to Salzburg, Austria, and Strasbourg and Paris, France.

What are some of the things you are doing as a group?

Natusch: With the group I am with, which

consists of students from all over the United States, I am experiencing a lot of the German culture (eating, drinking, nightlife, etc.) as well as traveling on the weekends to places like Munich for short excursions. We try to economically travel as much as we can to different cities within roughly 500 kilometers to get a feel for what the rest of Europe, more specifically Germany, is like.

How is studying in Heidelberg over the summer helping you with your major, your future, etc.?

Natusch: Studying abroad during the summer is helping to nearly complete my German minor in addition to making it more likely that I will graduate after four years. It also allows me to study abroad, something I've wanted to do, and not miss out on a semester at school. Being away for an entire semester would be 18 credits toward communications I can't afford to lose.

Have there been any difficulties with a language barrier?

Natusch: I'm living with a host family that speaks no English. I'd consider this a positive language barrier, forcing me to quickly pick up parts of the basic language. I can't say that I speak fluent German, but I'd like to think I can understand and carry out some sort of a conversation with a German citizen.

More from Natusch:

Two things make the Heidelberg program successful in teaching the German language: staying with a host family and having all lessons taught in German. Yes, it is extremely difficult to understand certain verb forms and past tense/present tense/perfect/modal verbs/etc. while they're being taught in a foreign language. But the quickest and most efficient way to learn is being surrounded by and being forced to speak and hear the language itself.

London: Pinpointing, testing career choices

Quick Facts:

- Jenna Raffio is a junior psychology major and business minor
- There are 16 students in London with Raffio
- The program in London ends July 19, but Raffio is traveling through Europe until Aug. 1
- Students take day trips, attend classes together and hang out at night time after their internships

Jenna Raffio

What are you doing while in London?

Raffio: I am working for London Refugee Voice, which is a non-profit organization that aids Refugee Community Organizations throughout London. I assist my supervisor with small projects. For example, [I have gotten to contact] refugee leaders around London to see if they are interested in becoming members of our organization. I also go out into the London community, speak to refugee leaders and promote London Refugee Voice. On Monday, Elon students attend a British culture class and an internship class.

What do you think about London?

Raffio: I love London! There is always something to do - whether it be going to a rugby game, theater production, music festival or to the pub. So much culture, and the people are very friendly.

How has your experience studying abroad with Elon been like?

Raffio: Once again, Elon has provided an incredible study abroad experience for its students. I studied abroad on a Sea-Mester program in the fall of 2007 and studied abroad Winter Term 2007 in Greece.

What are the perks of having an internship abroad?

Raffio: After graduation, I am interested in joining the Peace Corps. International experience will make me more prepared for my travels after college. Also, I am interested in international law. This internship has allowed me to examine British immigration policies first hand. It has been very interesting adapting to a British workplace. There are many subtle differences compared to the U.S. workplace: tea time, work beginning at 10 a.m., smaller work environment, etc.



PHOTO SUBMITTED
Jenna Raffio, second from the left, will visit the Roman Baths and Oxford while studying in London this summer. Many students also find time to take brief trips to Paris, Scotland, Amsterdam and Ireland.

Dominican Republic: Building homes, teaching communities, sharing languages

Chris Jarrett

What does your service internship consist of?

Jarrett: We are each working with a non-profit called Cambiando Vidas (Changing Lives in English) in a nearby rural community called Las Charcas de Garabito. The organization builds houses (each house is built in one week) with teams of international volunteers and works on education, community development and health initiatives. We have four main projects in Las Charcas: teaching English to teenagers with no prior knowledge of the language, implementing a pre-school project in the community that was designed by last summer's intern (a student from Connecticut College), assisting and participating in the building of two houses, and creating information packets for international volunteers that include useful tips and vocabulary.

What do you think about the Dominican Republic so far?

Jarrett: The Dominican Republic is an amazing place with a vibrant culture and exceptionally friendly people. During the [first three] days that we spent here, we were fortunate enough to meet lots of interesting and passionate individuals who

Quick Facts:

- Chris Jarrett is a sophomore Spanish and international studies double major
- He is with Elon students Whitney Hood '09 and Lauren Tilly '09
- Each of the students lives with a different family in San Juan de la Maguana in the southwest of Dominican Republic
- They take Spanish classes a few times a week with a teacher from San Juan
- They are in the Dominican Republic for about 10 weeks, until Aug. 10
- Jarrett was able to go to the Dominican Republic with the Bruns scholarship, an endowment for international service learning

have graciously accepted us into their families, their homes and their hearts. I certainly experienced a great deal of culture shock when we sat in the dark for an hour after the electricity went out, clung tightly to our seats while flying through busy traffic in the capital city of Santo Domingo and struggled to learn the proper way to play dominos, but I know we are all anxious to learn and experience more of the Dominican Republic in the coming months.

How is having an internship in the Dominican Republic beneficial to you?

Jarrett: I am learning about what it means to be Dominican, expanding my ability to understand

different accents (the Dominican accent is very distinct - they speak really fast and cut off syllables). I am sure that my Spanish will be better and my ability to relate to people from the Dominican Republic and from other developing countries will improve. I am sure that I will gain a better understanding of the process, difficulties and benefits of working for non-profit organizations.

Have there been any difficulties with having an internship abroad?

Jarrett: Obviously, there was culture shock. The heat is overwhelming, and we have had to adjust to the extremely different accents. We have also struggled a bit with understanding exactly what our role as foreigners should be (especially with regards to going out). It is clear that we are some of the first light-skinned foreigners they have seen because we are constantly being approached by people who want to speak English to us and occasionally sell us things. There seems to be an implicit assumption that because we are from the United States, we are rich and willing to buy just about anything.

Former Tar Heel joins Phoenix basketball staff



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Wes Miller, former Tar Heel guard, joins the Elon basketball staff this upcoming season.

Michelle Longo
Sports Editor

After enjoying a successful career wearing Carolina blue, former Tar Heel guard Wes Miller is ready to see how he looks in maroon and gold.

Ernie Nestor, Elon's men's head basketball coach, announced the hiring of Miller as the third assistant coach late last week, filling a void recently left by Joel Justus.

"We are very pleased and excited to have [Miller] join our staff," Nestor said in a press release. "I have always been impressed with his work ethic and his intensity as a player. I know that energy will transfer into his coaching and recruiting efforts here at Elon."

Miller comes to Elon after playing professional basketball overseas in the British Basketball League. As a member of the 2007-2008 London Capitals squad, Miller posted 19.6 points per game, good for eighth in the league.

Prior to his stint overseas, Miller enjoyed a successful collegiate career at the University of North Carolina, helping lead his team to two Atlantic Coast Conference regular season championships, one ACC tournament crown and the 2005 NCAA title, UNC's fourth national title.

Playing his senior year for the 2006-2007 Tar Heels, Miller was named captain of a team that finished ranked third nationally and was the overall No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament.

Miller proved he was just as valuable off the court as he was on, authoring a book after he graduated titled "The Road to Blue Heaven." Published as a diary, the book shares Miller's experiences playing for arguably the most storied

franchise in collegiate basketball history.

Elon's Cinderella-run through the Southern Conference tournament last year is missing a few key elements this year, namely senior guards and captains Montell Watson and Brian Waters. They took with them the starting backcourt and the team's best defensive man in Waters, leaving both a void and some large steps to fill.

Enter Wes Miller and his plethora of basketball knowledge.

In rebuilding a powerful guard presence, Nestor's squad already has all the tools. Rising sophomore point guard Chris Long showed talent throughout last season, playing in every game for the Phoenix. He averaged 7.2 points and 2.5 assists per game.

Rising senior guard Brett James had an explosive season being selected to the Second Team All State, First Team All SoCon and First Team All Tournament. Averaging team-best 12.4 points per game, 5.4 rebounds per game and one steal per game, James quickly made his impact known throughout the league. Following the season, James stands among Elon's career top-10 in 3-pointers attempted (308), 3-pointers made (88) and blocks (65).

For the 2007-2008 season, Long connected on 28 of 81 3-point attempts, while James nailed 31 threes on 113 attempts.

Miller, a 3-point wiz at UNC, drained 64 threes his junior year to rank eighth in the ACC and own seventh-best in UNC's program history. He was also named Defensive Player of the Year by his team that year.

Miller's area of expertise seems to mirror that which the Phoenix has lost and is eager to rebuild.

Blank appointed to NCAA cabinet

Michelle Longo
Sports Editor

Elon's own Dave Blank, director of athletics, has been appointed to serve on the NCAA Division I's newly formed Championships/Sports Management Cabinet.

The cabinet formation comes as a major part of the new NCAA D-1 governance structure. In 1997, the NCAA restructured its entire governance process. Since then, few changes have been made as NCAA officials have expressed their contentment with the program's success.

In a 10-year reevaluation, minor changes were recommended and accepted by the NCAA. Among the changes approved was the formation of the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet.

The former Academics/Eligibility/Compliance Cabinet and the Championships/Competition Cabinet were eliminated and replaced by a series of six smaller, issue specific cabinets, including Championships/Sports Management. Each smaller cabinet, with more limited jurisdiction, may be better



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Dave Blank, Elon's director of athletics, has been appointed to serve on the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet, a new board within the NCAA.

able to provide expertise in this area when needed.

The primary goals of the new cabinet are to spark and encourage national discussion within the NCAA's membership on significant issues facing the D-1 ranks, and use representative bodies to develop legislation and policies that will shape the future of D-1 athletics.

Several committees will report to the Championships/

Sports Management Cabinet, including Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports, Olympic Sports Liaison Committee, all sport committees, sport issues committees and part of the Playing Rules Oversight Panel.

Blank, along with 30 other cabinet members, will see his new position become effective Sept. 1, 2008, as will all other changes made under the new governance structure.

ESPN The Magazine honors Elon's Garren

Michelle Longo
Sports Editor

For the second year in a row, Eric Garren, cross country star and graduated senior, was named to the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America Men's Track and Field/Cross Country Third Team on Monday afternoon.

Athletes were nominated by their sports information directors, leading to more than 80 candidates on the national ballot. Garren emerged as the lone Southern Conference star on the finalized 45-member 2007-2008 Academic All-America squad.

Garren graduated Summa Cum Laude in May with a bachelor of science degree. He also maintained a 3.96 cumulative grade-point average as a business administration/management major with an accounting minor.

At the annual Elon Athletics Awards Banquet, Garren, for a second consecutive time, was recognized as the male A.L. Hook Scholar-Athlete. The award honors the student-athlete who possesses the highest cumulative GPA.

The Phoenix star was an Elon Leadership Fellow and was inducted into four National Honor Societies during his time at Elon. Garren also served on the Student-Athlete Advisory Council.

Athletically, Garren was named his team's MVP in 2006 and captain in 2007. The sprinter was Elon's top finisher at the 2006 NCAA Southeast Regional. Last fall, he placed 31st out of 84 runners at the Southern Conference Championship.

In Elon's nine years as an official NCAA Division I member, Phoenix student-athletes have earned Academic All-America accolades 13 times.

Elon alum named first woman president of AD group

Staff Report

Deborah Yow, a graduate of the class of 1974, will be the first woman to head the Division I-A Athletic Directors' Association when she takes office in September. As president of the organization, she will oversee the athletics directors of all Division I-A institutions as designated by the NCAA. This fall marks the beginning of her 15th year as director of athletics at the University of Maryland.



Ex-Blue Devil tabbed as assistant football coach

Michelle Longo
Sports Editor

Pete Lembo, Elon's head football coach, announced the hiring of John Strollo last week as an assistant football coach. Strollo replaces Ricky Perez, who left Elon last month after two years in pursuit of personal goals.

Although Perez mainly coached wide receivers, Strollo will take the Phoenix tight ends under his wing and Lembo will oversee the wide receivers come this fall.

Strollo comes to Elon after spending the past three years as an assistant football coach at Duke University, where he worked with tight ends and guided the offensive line. Duke had an overall record of 1-11, 0-8 in conference.

A career that has spanned 15 years, Strollo had his beginnings at Washburn University in Kansas, where he took over the defensive line. From there, Strollo

made the switch to the offensive line at Northeastern University, where he served as offensive coordinator for seven seasons, his longest career stint.

After Northeastern, Strollo went on to coach at the University of Massachusetts, Lafayette College, Cornell University and the University of Maine.

"[Strollo] has a strong reputation as a detailed teacher and as a knowledgeable offensive coach," Lembo said in a press release. "His background makes him very well-suited to work with and recruit the kind of student-athletes that we have here at Elon."

This is the second coaching change for the Phoenix after the 2007 season concluded. On Feb. 25, Mike McCarty from Arkansas State University was named the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach after Warren Ruggiero resigned that position at Elon for a similar one at Kansas State University.



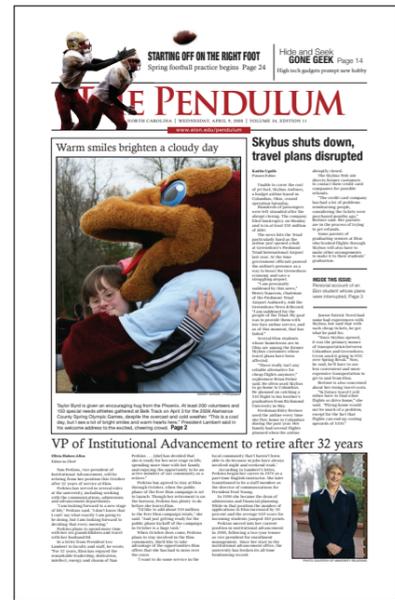
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John Strollo, former assistant football coach at Duke, will join Elon's coaching staff.

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ELON MYTHBUSTERS

Submitted by students through questioning and a Facebook group, these are some myths that have been spread around campus for years. After asking authority figures about these issues, we were able to uncover the truth, once and for all.

- Elon means "oak"** [UNSOLVED]
- The hills in front of Mosley were put there to block out the road that runs through campus** [BUSTED]
- Elon's Bird Flu plan calls for a [CONFIRMED]**
- Students must wait 15 minutes before leaving class if a professor does not show up** [BUSTED]
- Elon puts blue dye in the ponds on campus** [CONFIRMED]
- If something happens to your roommate, you get straight A's** [BUSTED]
- It is a \$75 fine per pint if you enter a fountain on Elon's campus** [BUSTED]
- Elon West art building used to be a supermarket** [CONFIRMED]
- If you get hit by a car on the crosswalks, you automatically get free tuition** [BUSTED]
- If a brick is taken from a walkway, it will be replaced within the hour** [CONFIRMED]
- Elon sprays paints the grass** [BUSTED]
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- Everyone has a squirrel story** [UNSOLVED]

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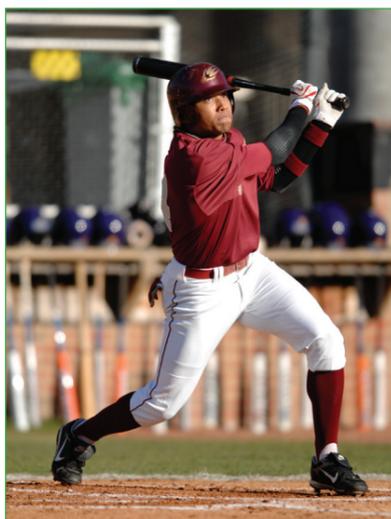
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Sports

Major league drafts for Phoenix baseball

Even though the season may have ended, the career's of three of Elon's top players did not. Right-handed ace Steven Hensley was drafted by the Seattle Mariners in the fourth round, 132nd overall pick in the Major League Baseball First-Year Player's Draft. Centerfielder and local boy Chris Dove was next to go as he was selected by the Texas Rangers in the 26th round, 783rd overall pick. Senior second baseman Donny Jobe joined teammate Hensley on the Seattle Mariners as the 1,332nd overall pick in the 44th round.

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Donny Jobe

Hailing all the way from Vero Beach, Fla., Phoenix second baseman Donny Jobe was a 44th-round pick in the 2008 Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft.

It was the first time in Elon history that three players had been drafted in the same season.

He will accompany pitcher Steven Hensley to the Seattle Mariners ballclub.

"This was a dream for me that I was able to fulfill," Jobe said. "Ever since I was a little kid I dreamt about being drafted."

After playing only one game in 2007 because of an injury, he was predicted to be the best defensive second baseman in the Southern Conference.

The leisure and sports management major batted .318 with 11 doubles, five triples and two home runs. He drove in 40 runs and stole 25 bases, making for a career 45 stolen bases and 126 runs scored.

Steven Hensley

Steven Hensley's right arm no longer belongs solely to the Elon Phoenix but also to the Seattle Mariners. The Asheville, N.C., native was the first Southern Conference player drafted in the 2008 Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft and the 132nd overall pick. He was the highest Elon player selected since the program moved to NCAA Division I. It's the third time a nElon player has been selected in the fourth round or earlier.

Hensley holds the record for strikeouts and earned the fourth most victories (24) at Elon. He threw 92²/₃ innings and allowed only 38 walks, while striking out 99. In 2008, he was selected as the SoCon Pitcher of the Year and made First Team All SoCon.

"It's definitely a privilege to play professional baseball," Hensley said. "I look forward to going out and making the most of my opportunities. Being at Elon has taught me some valuable life lessons."

Chris Dove

Phoenix centerfielder Chris Dove was chosen in the 26th round by the Texas Rangers, becoming the second Phoenix player selected in the 2008 Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft.

After transferring to Elon from Pfeiffer University, Dove registered 39 steals in 2008—tying the record for the third-most career steals by an Elon player.

"It means a lot to me to have this opportunity," Dove said. "I don't think I'd have this shot without coming to Elon."

A total of 69 swiped bases, 36 RBIs and 14 career triples have made this 6-foot tall outfielder an invaluable Elon player. He was named Newcomer of the Year in 2007.

Dove was the 783rd overall pick and joined pitcher Steven Hensley and second baseman Danny Jobe in making this the first time in four years that Elon has had multiple players selected in the same draft.

Top Major League Baseball Draft Picks in School History (Top 10 Rounds)

1971 - Gary Brown
(Round 1, 21st overall by the Chicago Cubs)

1981 - Joey Hackett
(Round 4, 71st overall by the Texas Rangers)

2008 - Steven Hensley
(Round 4, 132nd overall by the Seattle Mariners)

2001 - Brad Pinkerton
(Round 5, 149th overall by the Anaheim Angels)

2001 - Scott Light
(Round 6, 186th overall by the Cincinnati Reds)

1966 - Dick Such
(Round 8, 100th overall by the Washington Senators)

1992 - Aaron Cannaday
(Round 8, 231st overall by the Pittsburgh Pirates)

1990 - Mike Kennedy
(Round 9, 255th overall by the Oakland Athletics)

Phoenix endures highlights, lowlight in '08 season

Michelle Longo
Sports Editor

The Elon Phoenix finished the regular season at 39-16, including a 2-0 shut-out win over then No. 4 University of North Carolina. Lefty pitcher Cory Harrilchak was credited with the much deserved victory. Elon won its last five games and claimed the No. 1 seed in the Southern Conference Tournament.

1

In the first round of action, Elon set a new SoCon Tournament record scoring 15 runs in one inning en route a 21-12 victory over ninth-seeded Wofford College. The Phoenix sent 19 hitters to the plate in its 15-run inning. Every batter except one had at least one hit in the game. Elon ace Steven Hensley earned the win.

2

A 16-5 victory over Georgia Southern University carried Elon past the second round of the tournament. Elon broke a school record of runs scored with more than 491, as well as RBIs in a season with more than 250. Bennett Davis also claimed the top spot on the all-time single season RBI list with more than 71.

3

More SoCon Tournament records and school records were broken in a 12-4 victory against the UNC-G Spartans to advance to the title game. The tournament record for RBI's was shattered as was the school record for strikeouts in a season. Ken Ferrer pitched for the win giving up only three runs on seven hits in six innings of work.

4

Cory Harrilchak went 5-for-5 to help his team earn the victory and the SoCon crown in a 17-8 win over the College of Charleston. Harrilchak was named the 2008 SoCon Tournament's Most Outstanding Player. He is only the second player in tournament history to go perfect from the plate in five appearances. With the win, Elon secured the league's automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament.

5

The Phoenix fell short in the NCAA opener, losing 5-2 to the UNC-W Seahawks in the first round of the Cary Regional 2008 NCAA Baseball Tournament. Elon's nine-game winning streak, the then third longest active streak in the nation, was snapped. Hensley went 6.1 innings with two strikeouts and five runs allowed on 12 hits.

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Elon bounced back in the elimination game, recording its second-ever NCAA tournament win, with a 6-3 victory over Mount St. Mary's. Ken Ferrer pitched a career best 7.2 innings, allowing only three runs and fanning five. Thomas Girdwood recorded his 10th save, tying his record for second place on the single-season chart and fourth on the career list.

7

UNC-W was once again a hurdle the Phoenix simply could not jump. The Seahawks eliminated Elon for good in a 15-11 win. UNC-W erupted for 11 runs in the ninth inning to rally back from a 11-4 deficit to win the game. Harrilchak finished the season with a batting average of .410. This marks the first time a player has finished over .400 since 1988, 20 years ago.

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