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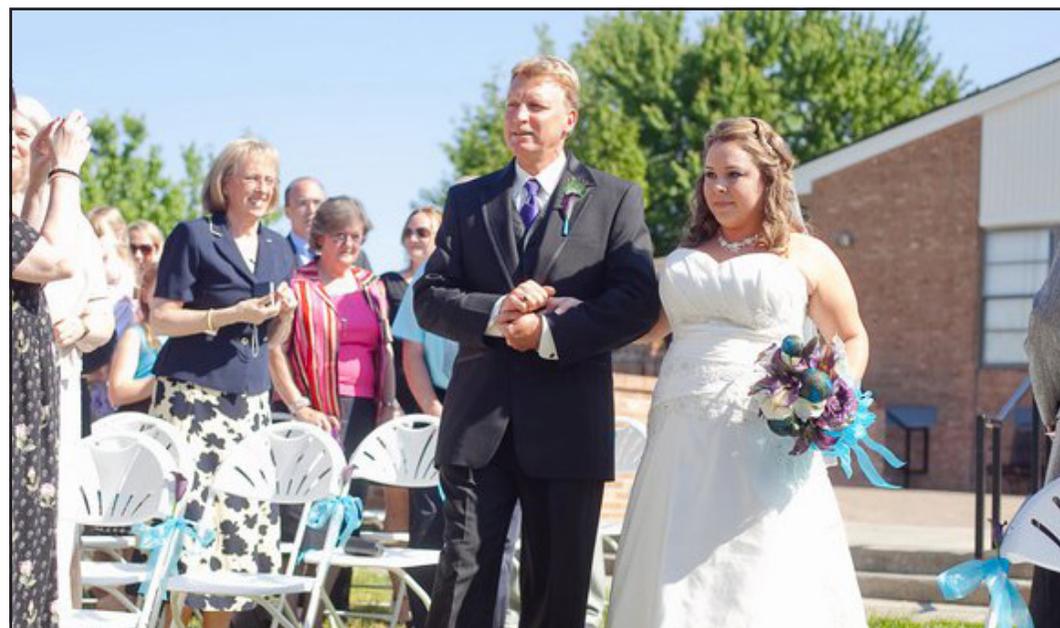


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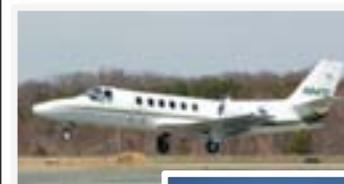
Members of the Elon Dance Company perform in the Academic Pavilion.

  
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# Elon Events

## Sept. 19 - Oct. 2

<p><b>Wed., Sept. 19</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Religion, Revelation, Politics: Listening to God's Voice in the Public Square</i>: 7:30 p.m. in LaRose Digital Theater</li> </ul>	<p><b>Thurs., Sept. 20</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>College Chapel</i>: 9:40 a.m. in Whitley Auditorium</li> <li>• <i>"Zeitoun" themed dinner</i>: 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Colonnades</li> </ul>
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## Elon expands Village Project, Kernodle Center to downtown Burlington

Katherine Blunt  
News Editor

Elon University extended its reach into downtown Burlington with the purchase of a building at 217 E. Davis St. The building will undergo slight renovations to create office space for the Village Project and the Kernodle Center for Service Learning and Community Engagement's community outreach efforts.

The Village Project, an initiative headed by Jean Rattigan-Rohr, associate professor of education, began in 2007 to help children in the Burlington area improve their reading skills. The program pairs education majors with local students in kindergarten to fifth grade. For six weeks during the second half of each semester, about 50 Elon students meet with local children and their parents in the May Memorial Library each Wednesday night. But the library is small, and the program is growing to include tutoring in science, as well, so additional space was needed.

When Rohr expressed the need for additional space, the university assessed the available real estate in downtown Burlington and contacted local churches with the capacity to host the students. This year, tutoring for reading will remain in the May Memorial Library and science tutoring will be offered in the First Presbyterian Church at 508 W. Davis St. What used to be the offices

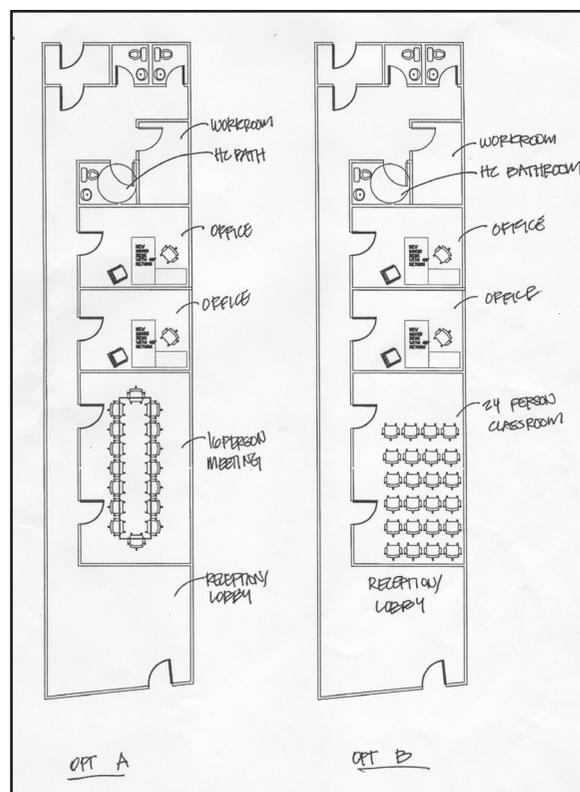
of Alamance and Alamance Woman magazines will provide additional office space for both the Village Project and the Kernodle Center for Service Learning and Community Engagement. The university finalized the sale last week.

Two of the building's four office spaces will most likely be combined to create a 16-person meeting room, but the university is also considering a 24-person classroom, Francis said. Rohr will occupy one of the remaining offices, and the Kernodle Center volunteers will occupy the other.

Mary Morrison, director of the Kernodle Center, said she is excited about the opening of the community outreach office.

"We're hoping that having a

downtown center will encourage faculty and staff to come down to the downtown area, utilize that space and familiarize themselves with the center of the city," she said. "We're going to focus on accommodating the needs of faculty, staff and students as they do more for the community."



GRAPHIC COURTESY OF ELON UNIVERSITY  
The downtown building will most likely be renovated to resemble option A, although option B remains under consideration.



PHOTO COURTESY OF UNIVERSITY RELATIONS  
Elon finalized the purchase of 217 E. David St. last week to expand the Kernodle Center and the Village Project into the downtown Burlington area.

## Loy Farm property will become Environmental Education Center

Ethan Smith  
Senior Reporter

The Loy Farm property by the Magnolia Cemetery of Elon will be converted into a restored meadow this fall and will be renamed the Elon Environmental Education Center. A restored meadow means the property will be restored to its natural state.

The idea emerged after a number of feasibility studies were conducted regarding the use of the property, according to Tom Flood, assistant director of Physical Plant operations at Elon University.

"A few things gelled together at the right time, and the idea of

a restored meadow and educational center came about," Flood said.

President Leo Lambert suggested the meadow be used for education and research, according to Flood.

"The purpose of the center is to expand the environmental resources of the university for education and research," Flood said.

While the land will complement intellectual development, Steve Moore, a lecturer in the department of environmental studies who was instrumental in the decision regarding the land's use, said he envisions a significant future for the education center.

"The big dream is that we

evolve it into a synergy of studies on environmental issues, offering a wide variety of studies to students," Moore said. "We could create a sustainable living community with a net-zero carbon footprint building that produces more energy than it takes in and provides a place for students to live what they study."

Elon's academic expansion—the addition of multiple new buildings and properties — and the hiring of Moore directed the selection of the land's use. Agroecology is the science of ecology applied to the design, development and management of agriculture, a practice already implemented in Moore's classes.

Moore's classes are building a solar powered greenhouse on the property. Moore also conducts classes in the botanical garden to provide an engaged learning experience for his classes, he said.

Other parts of the property are being, or will be, used for garden areas, field plots, a compost facility, woodland areas and a native plants collection. The university will also make part of the field restored piedmont prairie grasses, reverting the field to its wild and natural state.

Only limited construction will begin this fall as a two-lane gravel road and parking lot will be located on the property to allow access.

The next step will be fencing in the property and restricting access so that more construction can take place, according to Flood.

Additionally, part of the center may become a photovoltaic farm to allow the generation of solar power, according to Flood. A photovoltaic farm uses solar panels to convert solar power into electricity.

The future plan for the Loy Farm represents the mission of the university, according to Flood. Considering Elon is a botanical garden and, as a result, committed to research, education and display, the transformation of the property advances these three missions of a botanical garden, Flood said.

# Intern program introduces students to careers in higher education

Kristen Olsen  
Senior Reporter

Eight Elon University students were accepted into the Executive Intern Program this year after undergoing an application process headed by SGA Executive President Darien Flowers and President Leo Lambert. The program was created by Flowers and Lambert last year.

According to Flowers, to be chosen as an intern for the program, a student needs an excellent application, transcript and resume.

“We created a criteria for students who excelled academically and in campus involvement,” Flowers said. “It’s for those who achieve in the classroom and outside the classroom.”

The program is designed to give Elon students with aspirations of working in higher education experience working with members

of senior staff, according to Flowers. Internship placements depend on each student’s goals and range from jobs in communications, admissions, athletics, finance and advancement.

“This program is extremely competitive,” Flowers said. “We want to hone the skills across every discipline on this campus and give an opportunity for those who have thought of higher education.”

This year, 20 students applied for the program, and members of last year’s program chose eight to participate. During its first year, the Executive Intern Program had only three members because Flowers and Lambert wanted to test certain projects and strengthen the program, Flowers said.

But the pilot program inspired more students to apply. Junior Gregory Honan, an intern in the Office of the President, said he chose to apply for the position to

learn more about working at a university.

“To come into the office and work with people who are smarter and with more experience than you is a great way to learn,” Honan said.

During Winter Term, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day, the interns develop projects in their respective departments. Their experience will culminate with a presentation in the spring.

Senior Shelby McKay, an intern for the athletic department, is working with Dave Blank, director of athletics, on “Night of the Phoenix,” a fundraiser for the Phoenix Club set for February.

“This is a side of Elon you never get to see,” McKay said.

Senior David Goltz, an intern for the Office of Business, Finance and Technology, is working to develop marketing programs for Lakeside Dining Hall. Goltz said he hopes to make a significant im-



PHOTO COURTESY OF UNIVERSITY RELATIONS  
Of the 20 students who applied for the Executive Internship Program, eight were selected. The interns will work on campus in their respective departments during Winter term, gaining experience in careers related to higher education.

act in University Advancement.

Senior Kathryn Knaus, who is interning in the Office of Admissions, said she aims to develop a program that will last beyond her time as a student. Like Knaus, se-

nior Tyrice Johnson said he views this program as a way to give back to Elon.

“It’s an opportunity to learn, an opportunity to contribute,” Johnson said.

## Elon welcomes higher number of transfer students

Kristen Olsen  
Senior Reporter

The community atmosphere at Elon University prompted sophomore Laurel Weibe to uproot from Chicago and relocate to a smaller town in North Carolina.

While Weibe said she loved the big city, she felt Loyola Chicago University lacked a sense of community and personal relationships with the professors.

“Classes were not engaging,” she said. “It was like I was being talked at.”

Weibe is one of 86 transfer students enrolled for the 2012-2013 school year, slightly more students than average.

Elon typically receives about 400 transfer applications annually. This year, 50 percent of transfer applicants were accepted, and 21 percent of those were enrolled in the university.

To apply for a transfer to Elon, a student must have 12 transferable credits, a minimum GPA of 2.7 and provide both high school and college

transcripts.

Sophomore Kevin Amaya transferred to Elon after spending a year at Mitchville Community College.

“It’s all a new experience for me, but I know where my goals are,” Amaya said.

Amaya visited Elon before graduating high school, and although he wanted to apply, he chose to stay home for a year to save money.

“I came to the open house and really liked the environment of the school,” Amaya said. “I was so excited for Elon before I came, but being here is 10 times better.”

Unlike Amaya, Weibe did not originally look at Elon because she did not plan to attend a Southern school.

“I looked for what I wanted and Elon kept coming up,” Weibe said. “It’s amazing going to a school that everyone loves.”

The transfer students for the 2012-2013 school year range from freshmen to juniors, and three are international students.

“We want the students to be suc-

cessful,” said Kaitlyn Schultz, associate director of admissions. “We set them up for success.”

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**200** applicants were accepted

**20** percent of those accepted were enrolled

**12** credits are needed to transfer to Elon

**2.7** is the minimum GPA required

2012 TRANSFER STUDENTS

## Reality TV program follows Burlington officers in search for local woman

Adriana Miano  
Senior Reporter

A missing person report concerning a Burlington resident attracted the attention of a reality television series this season.

This fall, interested viewers can watch as the Burlington Police Department investigates the disappearance of a local woman on an episode of “Find Our Missing” on TV One, a cable channel based in Silver Spring.

The show will follow Staff Sgt. Mark Yancey and his partner as they search for 43-year-old Debra Sellars, who was reported missing April 24, 2012.

“I don’t know at this point in time if (the show) will have an influence on the case,” Yancey said. “We are hoping it will bring in more information about the possibility of her whereabouts.”

Producers for “Find Our Missing,” which focuses on locating missing people of color, contacted the Burlington Police Department requesting to film the episode after finding information about Sellars on the internet, according to Yancey.

With the main portion of filming complete, TV crews have now moved

on to the editing process. Because he has never watched the show, Yancey said he isn’t sure how the search will be portrayed by the final product, he said.

“At this point, we know what we’ve told them is true and accurate information about the case,” he said.

Elon senior Alexandra Bard, a criminal justice minor, has watched several different reality TV programs centering on police investigations and typically views the shows without skepticism.

“I assume it all to be relatively true,” she said. “Sometimes what I’m watching seems like it has been scripted or fictionalized, but it all seems to be true for the most part.”

Although Bard initially felt concerned to learn that a woman had gone missing near Elon and that the case was still open, her experience as a criminal justice minor has helped reduce her uneasiness, she said. Bard’s studies revealed such instances are not as prevalent as expected, she said.

“I guess watching these shows makes it seem like serious crimes happen all the time,” she said. “But by studying the statistics for my classes, I’ve learned that this isn’t always the case.”

# Reality check:

*Elon students' health habits defy common perceptions*

Melissa Kansky  
News Editor

The popular image of a sleep-deprived college student devouring Ramen noodles and guzzling caffeinated drinks does not accurately describe the typical Elon University student.

In a recent poll conducted by The Pendulum, the majority of the nearly 100 Elon students who responded indicated they sleep, on average, between seven and eight hours each night and eat three meals each day. Three respondents said they drink more than three caffeinated drinks on a daily basis.

Nevertheless, Leigh-Anne Royster, director of health promotions, said college students' health habits are a bit erratic.

"College students, for the first time, are developing habits that are not necessarily structured by parents or administration," she said. "They are thinking for the first time about eating enough meals and going to bed at a time that makes sense."

Students who developed a routine prior to entering college are

more likely to maintain a pattern throughout their four years at the university, she said. But changing schedules each semester disrupt established activity in college, according to Royster.

New experiences in college also interfere with the routine of those students who developed a standard bed time and eating habits prior to coming to Elon.

"I get a little less sleep here than at home because of work, going out later and socializing with the girls on my hall," said freshman Mary Robins.

New dining options also cause a discrepancy between Robins' diets at home and at school. While she acknowledged there were healthy options on campus, she said the amount of fat on a piece of meat served in Colonnades deterred her from eating red meat on campus, limiting her protein consumption.

"I was probably more healthy at home," she said.

Sophomore Amber Gaither expressed a similar change in eating habits. Gaither used to participate in athletics in high school, but has since stopped and recognized a decline in her health choices.

For Gaither, a typical diet consists of pasta, chicken and French fries, she said.

"In high school, I did sports, so I ate more vegetables and more healthy foods, and now that I don't do athletics I eat very badly," she said.

But, Gaither's choices are not consistent with the majority of students at Elon, according to The Pendulum's survey. A little more than 51 percent of Elon student survey respondents reported they eat a balanced meal always or most of the time, and 67 percent said they eat at least three meals each day.

"I definitely eat three meals every day, no matter what," said junior Scott Balerno.

While junior Caroline Olney said she typically eats a balanced diet, she also said she believes she ate healthier at home.

"I think I've altered my eating habits because I don't have someone making my meals for me, so they're not as good," Olney said.

Royster does not attribute a perceived decline in healthy habits to the dining options, but rather said she believes other lifestyle habits, such as social and academic engagement, limit students' choices.

Sophomore Lauren Klobutcher said her commitment to her sorority and Elon Volunteers! causes her to start her homework later and, as a result, get less sleep than she would like.

Two extremes concerning student involvement threaten the development of healthy habits, according to Royster. Students who do not exhibit any involvement in organizational activity tend not to exercise enough or eat well, she said. But, students overly involved do not prepare nutritious meals and typically consume more caffeine.

"Elon is doing a good job of helping students make healthy choices by posting caloric intake and ingredients at different dining locations, but students are working with so many habits that combat healthy eating," Royster said.

She cited body image and high engagement as two factors that hinder healthy eating habits. Royster recommended students exercise 30 to 60 minutes per day, a time she indicated as an appropriate amount, and limiting student involvement so they have time to prepare nutritious food and become informed about the products they buy.

"There are a lot of options, and they're accessible for students, but students need to take the time and be knowledgeable," she said.

She also encourages students to assess their sleeping needs. While people commonly think eight hours is the necessary amount, it depends on each individual, according to Royster.

"Awareness of one's personal bodies and personal needs is really important," she said.

Balerno specifically designed his schedule so he could sleep later more often, allowing him to sleep more this semester than during the previous two years. While Balerno said he usually slept six hours nightly, this semester he has been able to get between eight and nine hours each night.

"I definitely don't like early classes as much, so I chose my schedule carefully this year," he said.

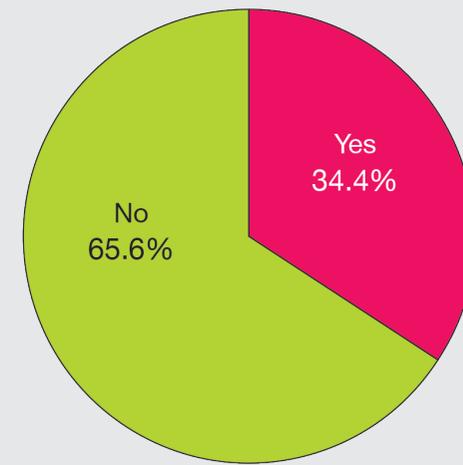
Although the change in schedule modified Balerno's sleep patterns, sophomore Steven Cockerham identified the social atmosphere has a large influence on his sleep habits.

"If other people aren't going to sleep, it's social time," Cockerham said.

Royster

## CAFFEINE

Do you know how much caffeine is an appropriate daily amount?



encouraged students to discuss their personal needs with roommates so that each individual can best prepare for the proper amount of sleep.

"You're your best advocate about needing sleep and having a routine," she said.

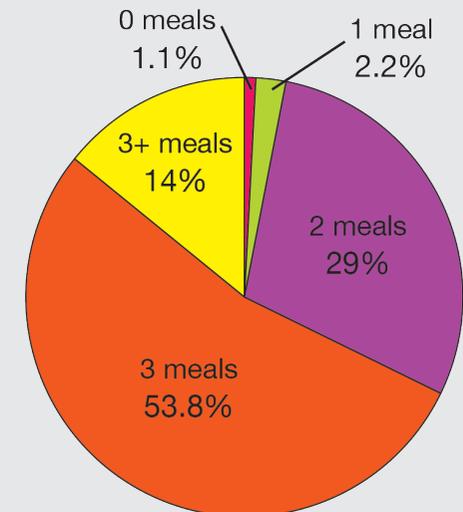
According to Royster, not getting enough sleep produced a perceived need for caffeine.

"I get less sleep, so I'm tired more often, so there's more coffee," Olney said.

Olney said her caffeine con

## EATING

How many meals do you eat per day, on average?



HEALTH SURVEY RESULTS

**97** respondents

**93** students at Elon  
(results based on those who are currently students at Elon)

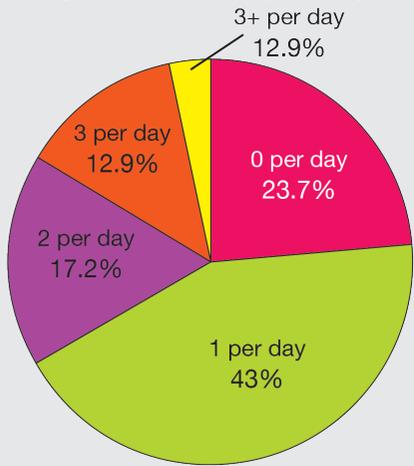
**15** male respondents  
(16.1 percent)

**76** female respondents  
(81.7 percent)

**2** respondents identified as other (2.2 percent)

# CONSUMPTION

How many caffeinated drinks do you consume per day?



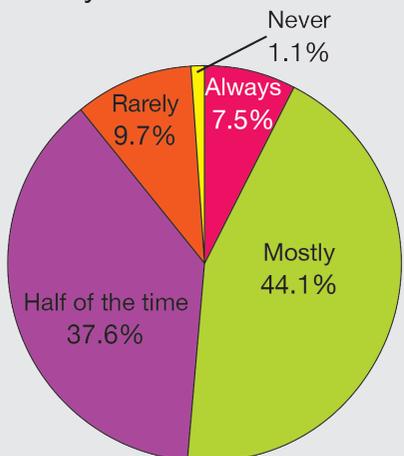
sumption has increased since she began college, and she typically has two or three caffeinated drinks each day.

In contrast, Cockerham said he only drinks soda containing caffeine once in a while. Additionally, he said when he drinks soda, he does not drink it for its caffeine content, but rather for the taste.

While a plurality, 43 percent, of survey respondents said they consume only one caffeinated drink each day, about two-thirds of the respondents indicated they were

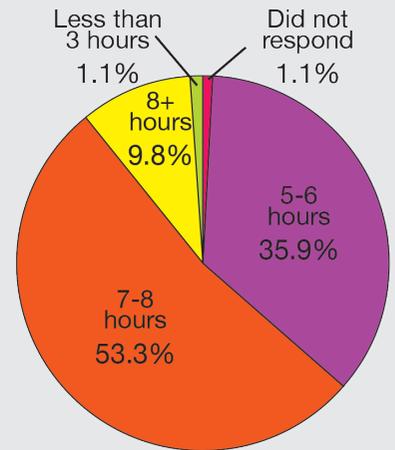
# HABITS

To what extent would you say each of your meals is balanced?

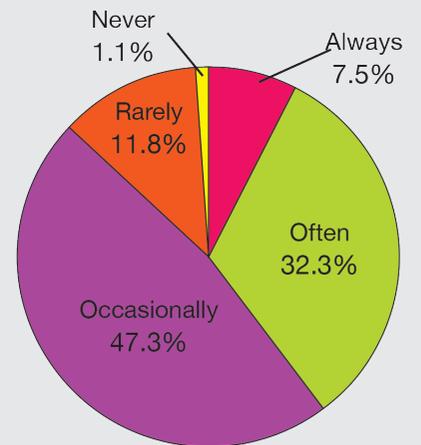


# SLEEPING

How many hours of sleep do you get a night?



How often do you feel sleep deprived?



ALL GRAPHICS BY KRISTEN CASE, DESIGN EDITOR

# Average routine of Elon students

unsure of the appropriate daily amount of caffeine.

One to two caffeinated drinks are shown to be healthy, and individuals should not cut out caffeine completely, according to Royster. But in contrast to the 43 percent that consumes one drink, 15 respondents answered they consume three or more drinks on a daily basis.

When consuming caffeine, she recommended “good caffeine,” which she characterized as products that are grown, such as tea or coffee. She also suggested activities such as running, yoga and spinning that produce the same energizing effects as caffeinated beverages.

Nevertheless, one’s habits are usually constructed in response to study routine and level of engagement. The wellness office has been focused on alcohol and violence prevention in the past, but has developed programs concerning stress and peer education.

“We as administrators have to do a better job of helping students have that balance and encourage students to invest deeper instead of broader,” Royster said.

Students should also recognize how their commitment to schoolwork influences other aspects of their daily routines, she said.

“If students are procrastinating, they are going to fall into the habit of staying up late, thinking they have to drink that Red Bull and not taking the time to prepare a meal,” Royster said.

Cockerham sometimes skips lunch if he feels he is too busy, which is not consistent with his eating habits prior to college, he said.

“The most important thing for students is they are educated about their health needs,” Royster said. “It’s the first time it’s the students’ responsibility solely.”

She advised students to devise a plan including expected times to complete a task to better organize their schedules. If more time is needed than anticipated, students should evaluate their level of focus or seek alternative resources to enhance comprehension of the material, she said.

Assessing the answer assists students with time management and the best way to complete an assignment, Royster said.

“Is it factors you can control in your life or do you need additional support from faculty members?” Royster asked.

Analyzing the various components of student lives contributes to the development of a healthy lifestyle during college, she said. §

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# Spectrum proposes resolution to remove Chick-fil-A from campus

## Students oppose franchise's donations to Family Research Council, Exodus International

Katherine Blunt  
News Editor

On SGA Executive Vice President Connor O'Donnell's desk, there sits a resolution. Drafted and submitted by Spectrum, Elon University's gay-straight alliance, it opposes Chick-fil-A's presence on campus and asserts the need for its removal. The resolution will remain on O'Donnell's desk for two weeks to allow students to read and review it.

Chick-fil-A has been in the national spotlight since mid-July, when President and Chief Operating Officer Dan Cathy publicly voiced his sup-

port for "the biblical definition of a family unit," or in other words, his opposition to gay marriage and civil unions. His comment incited protests and rallies and generated discussion about First Amendment rights. It also drew attention to Chick-fil-A's support of many prominent Christian organizations through the WinShape Foundation, the franchise's charitable branch. Several of these groups publicly denounce homosexuality, including the Research Family Council and Exodus International.

Ringelberg said Spectrum's resolution to remove Chick-fil-A from campus is a response to Chick-fil-A's support of anti-gay organizations, not Cathy's statement.

"A lot of us have known about Chick-fil-A's donations for a long time, but because there wasn't national attention, it was hard to get other students involved and interested," said Kirstin Ringelberg, LGBTQ office coordinator and associate professor of art history. "I am not particularly concerned with Dan Cathy's statements. A lot of people think he has a right to his opinions. That's his business, not mine."

Spectrum argues Elon's support of Chick-fil-A does not align with the university's commitment to fostering an inclusive campus environment.

"There is a conversation to be had with ARAMARK directly," Ringelberg said. "Elon has not just a right, but a responsibility not to do business with companies that are not meeting our



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Spectrum wants to remove Chick-fil-A from campus, arguing its values are not in line with those of Elon University.

discrimination policies on campus."

Members of Spectrum are exploring other retail outlets to take the place of Chick-fil-A.

"There is an extensive list of companies that ARAMARK partners with," said senior Emily Kane, an education and advocacy chair for Spectrum. "We're definitely going to propose an alternative."

But some students don't want an alternative.

"I support equal rights for everyone across the board, but that doesn't affect whether I want a chicken sandwich for lunch," said freshman Alex Francis. "If you don't support the corporation, you don't have to support it, but I think people are very quick to boycott things now, and I feel that it gets taken a little too far sometimes."

Sophomore George Smith said he isn't sure if Elon's relationship with Chick-fil-A goes against the university's discrimination policy.

"Some people are going to support that argument, and some people are going to disagree with that," Smith said. "There's too much of a weird gap there. It's not black and white by any means."

Although the university is considering implementing a full service Chick-fil-A in the new Lakeside Dining Hall, scheduled to open this January, the decision won't be made until the student body further discusses the issue, said Smith Jackson, vice president and dean of Student Life.

"This is not something we wanted to make a unilateral decision on," he said. "There are a lot of good opportunities for discussion. There are so many issues around this. Freedom of speech. Religious issues. Political issues. Financial issues. It's important to allow

these things to bubble up."

Jackson said he and Chaplain Jan Fuller discussed hosting a panel to examine the underlying religious issues surrounding the Chick-fil-A controversy, but the idea is not final.

"This is the first major stimulus to the discussion," Jackson said. "We have to see how this will unfold."

The debate over Chick-fil-A is unfolding on other college campuses, too. Some schools, such as St. Mary's College of Maryland and Duke University, ended the discussion by severing ties with the franchise. But other universities, like Appalachian State and Southern Mississippi, have yet to reach a conclusion.

If Elon resolved to give Chick-fil-A the boot, its removal would be contractually feasible, Jackson said.

"This is something very important to a lot of people," he said. "We ultimately will have to decide."

Elon students will have the opportunity to weigh in on the issue Sept. 27 during an open forum held by SGA to discuss the proposed legislation. The senate will vote for or against the resolution after the forum.

"It will be interesting to see how many people come," Jackson said. "We want to hear peoples' views on this."

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**2. Lifeshape, Inc.**  
\$895,052

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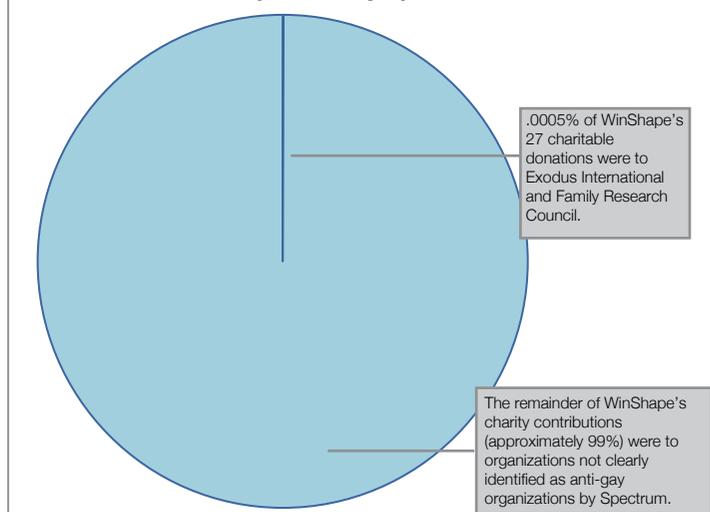
**5. Lar WinShape**  
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**22. Exodus International\***  
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**23. Family Research Council\***  
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\*Emily Kane expressed concern over Chick-fil-A's donations to these organizations through WinShape. \$1,000 is the smallest donation amount on file in WinShape's 2010 Form 990.

### 2010 Chick-fil-A (WinShape) charitable donations



## Campus political groups revise agendas in time for election season

Melissa Kansky  
News Editor

The College Democrats and College Republicans advocate for opposing candidates, but the Elon University chapters still share one common goal.

“We want discussion,” said junior Patrick Brown, president of the College Republicans. “Our goal is not to lock people into one side or another, but our age group is known for not voting, so we just want to get people engaged.”

Junior Jordan Thomas, president of the College Democrats, named voter registration as the primary mission for the student organization.

“I think our organization’s activi-

ty this semester is important because it’s focused around bringing people aware of the upcoming campaign,” Thomas said.

Although both organizations have been fairly inactive the past two years, the 2012 national election has inspired them to increase their presence on campus.

“The biggest thing that affects voting is education,” Brown said. “Those with more education are more likely to vote.”

Thomas expressed a similar opinion and said he expects the student body to be politically active in this election.

“A college campus is a nice place for change in general and a lot of ideas continue to grow on a college

campus,” he said. “I think the majority of students will vote in this election if they are able to.”

In order to cultivate an atmosphere of political awareness, the organizations are working together to conduct a debate involving students on campus.

“The main goal is to inform Elon students of the issues on campus and presidential issues,” Thomas said.

Although Thomas said he believes the more people hear about the economy, the more inclined individuals will be to vote for Republican candidate Mitt Romney. Nevertheless, other crucial issues will attract the young voter populations to the Democratic Party, Thomas said. He named social rights, health care and

international relations as other significant issues during this election.

Nevertheless, Brown said the perception of college students’ political views are misleading, believing more college students support the Republican Party than typically expressed.

“I think a lot of college students rally support and sympathize with the Republican ideals of hope and success through hard work,” Brown said. “I think that speaks to college students everyday. We’re doing a lot of things to advance our life.”

To further raise support for their respective party, College Republicans are also working with TurboVote to increase voter registration among Elon students and have extended their activity into the surrounding

community. Students involved in the organization are working with the Alamance Republican Party and the Victory Office in Burlington to help promote the Republican candidate and generate networking opportunities, according to Brown.

Similarly, the College Democrats plan to participate in College Coffee weekly, organize a watch party during the presidential debates and collaborate with other student groups.

But the politically-focused organizations are planning programs in addition to those dedicated to the 2012 election, such as social activities.

“We’re trying to do things so that it will not only be a political organization,” Brown said.

## National Convention internships experience major political events

Rachel Southmayd  
Senior Reporter

While many Elon University students were

getting settled into the routine of a new school year, others were hundreds of miles away, adjusting to the rhythm of the national conventions. Through Elon’s partnership with the

Washington Center, juniors Jack Minor and Gabrielle McCarthy secured internship positions at the Republican National Convention and the Democratic National Convention, respectively.

Minor, a broadcast journalism and political science double major, was paired with the New York Post. During the week leading up to the convention, Minor participated in a seminar. Then, from Aug. 27-30, he received his assignment and began field work.

“I was very excited,” Minor said. “I knew it was going to be a great opportunity.”

While the convention activities were going on, Minor said the Post assigned him to cover different events, such as speakers, concerts and delegate parties. One of his stories earned him a byline in the Post, and Reuters also picked it up.

But Minor said one of his best experiences was working as a runner for United Press International on the night of Republican candidate Mitt Romney’s presidential nomination acceptance speech.

“Basically, what I was doing for them was running memory cards,” he said. “But the coolest thing about that is I was literally right at the bottom of the stage for Mitt Romney’s speech and Sen. Marco Rubio’s speech.”

McCarthy also had a few celebrity encounters during her time as an intern for Fox News at the Democratic National Convention in Charlotte. She worked as a production assistant and runner, working for Shepard Smith, Juan Williams and Mike Emmanuel.

Initially, McCarthy said she was concerned about working for Fox News because of the overtly conservative stigma attached to it, but

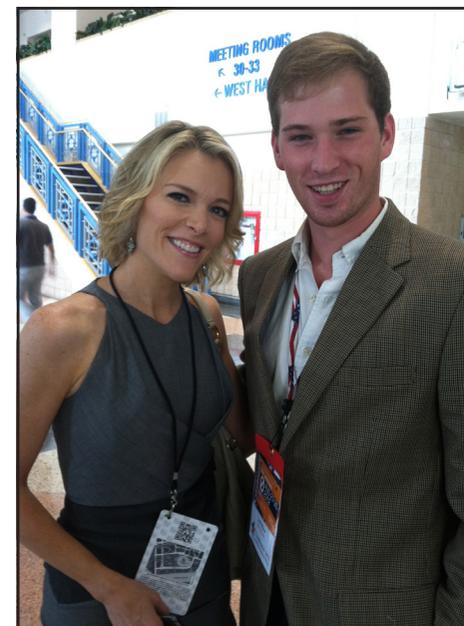


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Junior Jack Minor poses with Megyn Kelly of Fox News. interns set aside political feelings when they were working to prevent biased reporting.

Minor said he liked how being in the convention let him meet all kinds of people and hear their stories and opinions.

“It’s important to keep an open mind and network with everyone there,” he said.

For McCarthy, the convention trip meant getting to see one of her idols: former President Bill Clinton.

“He’s someone that I have admired for most of my life and to seem him speak live and in person was something I’ll never forget,” she said.



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# Elon Community Garden receives certification as wildlife habitat

Kyra Gemberling  
Design Editor

Elon University students are harvesting success.

When Bree Detwiler's senior thesis initiated the development of the Elon Community Garden more than two years ago, few expected much from the proposed idea. Now, the garden is not only a fully productive vegetable terrace behind Powell House, but has also received recognition from the National Wildlife Federation as a certified wildlife habitat.

"The garden has literally grown so much and it's become more than just a silly little senior project," said senior Sudie Brown, student manager of the Elon Community Garden. "Now it's an official thing where students are growing their own food."

The garden came to fruition with the help of students in the recently launched Garden Studio classes, led by Michael Strickland, lecturer in English and environmental studies, as well as volunteer efforts from students in other ENS classes with a focus in agriculture.

"I couldn't be more pleased with the progress," Strickland said. "I was just talking with a staff member who said she never imagined the garden would end up looking like this. We've come light-years, not only aesthetically, but in terms of productivity, and it's all because of the dedication of the students."

In fact, it was a group of students who



MOLLY CAREY | Staff Photographer  
Senior Anna Hartman works in the community garden, a recently certified wildlife habitat.

contacted NWF more than a year ago about getting the garden certified. The four main factors in designating a site as a wildlife habitat are whether the site provides water, food, shelter and a place to raise young for all living creatures, so the students worked with NWF to get the garden up to standard.

"We're operating under organic techniques so (the garden) is a haven for birds, insects and other animals," Strickland said. "We provide places that aren't fenced off, and we've had families of blue birds hatching and also turtles in our pond. We even have a separate section of plants specifically for rabbits and woodchucks so they won't come into the garden and eat the main plants."

To show these living creatures were being supported, the students had to send documentation of the garden's varied wildlife. The NWF got back to them late last spring, and after asking Strickland a few questions, the garden received its certification.

Strickland said the certification means a lot for the environmental studies department, especially because it satisfies one of the basic concepts in environmental studies: ecology.

"Ecology is the relationship within ecosystems as different groups of life function together in a harmonious fashion," he said. "By doing this, we're establishing an image of ourselves as a department that wants to provide for wildlife, and we're producing food on top of that."

These environmentally friendly qualities also contribute to sustainability, and Elaine



MOLLY CAREY | Staff Photographer  
Senior Kevin Beach works in Elon's Community Garden, which serves as a home for birds and other animals.

Durr, Elon's director of sustainability, said she thinks the garden is a great example of engaged learning and sustainability on campus.

"Receiving recognition from the NWF as a certified wildlife habitat helps to elevate the sustainability program and the dedicated work of many students, faculty and staff," Durr said.

And for the students, like Brown, who worked on the project, the garden will forever serve as a reminder of their determination and success in literally building something from the ground up.

"We've made a unique place on campus that's not just another manicured Elon lawn," Brown said. "The garden is our own creation."



MOLLY CAREY | Staff Photographer  
Michael Strickland, lecturer in English and environmental studies, teaches the garden studio class.



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The new outdoor pool in the Station at Mill Point exemplifies the ongoing trend by American universities to increase spending on student amenities and services in place of academic resources in order to attract students.

## *Elon expenses should reflect university values, not promote luxury*

Universities and colleges across the country are increasingly building on-campus housing with the amenities and feel of high-class hotels. These frills come with a price tag, one that is anything but cheap.

There is a growing trend toward increased spending on nonacademic areas that has swept across the higher education spectrum, with public and private, Ivy League and community colleges increasing expenses for student services over academic instruction.

This expensive pattern is ushering in a new era of college life, what we believe to be the country-clubification of the American college system.

Suites, outdoor pools and amazing food courts are only part of what some schools are now offering to students as incentives to promote on-campus living.

Elon University has now joined this amenities arms race, as one national reporter described it, with new dining halls and residence buildings springing up all over campus, including the luxurious Station at Mill Point. The Station boasts a clubhouse and private outdoor swimming pool, which is reserved for Mill Point resi-

dents and a limited number of guests. And while some Mill Point residents couldn't be happier about having access to their own pool, for the rest of us, Elon's choice to invest in a private swimming pool is an example of this country club spending mentality. Outdoor pools are "nice to have" items, but are they "need to have" items? We say no.

Jeffrey Pugh, professor of religious studies, said he thinks academia should always be the university's first priority.

"The only problem I have is that Elon should be known and respected for our academic program, not for the amenities we provide," he wrote in an email to The Pendulum. "If the latter ever becomes more important than the former, we should probably do some soul searching."

Exclusivity and material indulgence are not ideals upheld by this university. Therefore, what the university spends its money on should be a reflection of its principles.

Elon's choice of constructing a pool and clubhouse that is not accessible to all students is not only expensive and impractical, but is not an accurate representation of its mission

to educate.

From a technical standpoint, it is somewhat futile to maintain a secondary swimming pool that students will only be able use for five months out of the year. Most pools need to close down by October and don't usually reopen until at least late April.

According to permits obtained by the Alamance County Inspections department, the projected cost of construction for this "nice to have" item was initially totaled at \$98,300, while the club house was estimated to cost a whopping \$536,818 (excluding annual maintenance fees, permit costs and major utilities).

Elon declined to comment on the final construction costs, but needless to say, that is a substantial amount of money that could have served a greater purpose elsewhere.

A pool is a luxury item, plain and simple. There is nothing wrong with having nice things, but as an institution, Elon's first priority should be to provide for the advancement of the majority of its students. Buying nice things just for the sake of having them is a waste of money.

Elon's last concern should be the further beautification of its campus:

We've been doing quite well in that department. With the prettiest campus award already under our belt, we should be focusing less on aesthetics and more on academic quality.

How many professors could have been hired or been given well-earned pay raises? Any professor will tell you that they did not choose teaching in order to get rich. The success of Elon's students is dependent on the quality and professionalism of its faculty, and they deserve their due diligence.

How many scholarships could have been awarded to prospective students who couldn't afford to come to Elon? Students whose grades and extracurriculars were all exemplary, who could have propelled our university to a new level of academic prominence. Students who could have contributed hours of community service or spearheaded new leadership programs: all their plans rendered useless by not having enough money to come to Elon.

How many new computers or software programs could have been purchased for students to use for personal and professional work? What else could that money have been used for?

When a university uses its financial resources to promote style over substance, it says something about their priorities and how seriously they take their role as educators.

Elon's priorities have always been geared toward the best interests of its students, both academically and socially, but whose interests are they serving in this case?

The Station at Mill Point and all its lavish amenities are all well and good, but students who live in Mill Point should not always expect such extravagance to be handed to them on a silver platter. The world does not dole out opportunity and reward as freely as Elon does.

We are fortunate enough to belong to such an affluent community, and we as students must recognize that all the perks of being an Elon student are a privilege, not an entitlement.

We must recognize that the greatest benefits of being an Elon student can't be measured in square feet or how many bedrooms your apartment has. No, the greatest benefit to being an Elon student is that our best memories of our college years will be defined by what we did, not where we lived.

# Presidential campaigns should be dictated by fact-checkers

Politicians have a reputation for either manipulating the truth or leaving out important details in order to better their image to American voters. We've seen these glaring exaggerations or falsities in political ads, speeches or campaign representatives throughout history, well into modern day, and neither side appears to be exempt from this rule.

When it comes to campaigning, it would make sense that facts, statistics and statements would have to be as accurate as possible, to earn the trust of American voters. And to make sure politicians are telling the truth as much as possible, fact-checking organizations, such as PolitiFact and FactCheck.org, track the statistics and comments made by politicians running for office with hard numbers to ensure accuracy.

Recently, Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney has been caught telling lies in his speeches. One example is Romney's claim that President Barack Obama's welfare reform plan, released on July 12, would require no work or job training, just a welfare check in the mail. Romney has used this criticism of Obama in his political ads and speeches, claiming Obama "did not understand the power of work."

But FactCheck.org, sponsored by the nonpartisan Annenberg Policy Center, found Romney's statements to be false – that the Obama plan would not drop work requirements as Romney had said.

Additionally, Romney claimed Obama's plan would "gut" former President Bill Clinton's 1996 welfare reform legislation, which transformed welfare programs into state-run programs with federal guidelines, rather than keeping them as federal entitlements.

Clinton found ads with his name and image attached to this false statement as "especially disappointing," according to a recent Huffington Post article.

These factual flaws should be addressed immediately. But according to Neil Newhouse, chief pollster for Romney, he and fellow candidate aides were "not going to let (their) campaign be dictated by fact checkers."

Obama has also been caught exaggerating the truth, claiming Romney said it was "tragic" to end the war in Iraq. FactCheck.org found that Romney was actually speaking in regards to how quickly Obama pulled troops out of Iraq, not the war itself.

If a presidential campaign isn't going to be "dictated by fact checkers," then what will dictate the campaign? How can we trust presidential candidates if they aren't going to consider fact checking and accuracy as vital components to the political process?

The answer is, we can't. As American voters, we have the responsibility to ensure that what our candidates are presenting as fact is actually true. We must hold them accountable for lies, whether they are as large as welfare reform policies or as small as an exaggerated



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The Romney campaign has been criticized recently for its inaccurate campaign ads.

athletic feat (see Republican vice presidential candidate Paul Ryan's claim that he ran a marathon in less than three hours, when he was found to have run it in four hours).

Fact-checking organizations may seem nit-picky, and perhaps some-

times they are. But in the end, picking out multiple inaccuracies stated by candidates from either party is an essential step to holding our candidates accountable for their actions, and informing American voters when politicians lie.

## First ladies captivate audiences with humanizing convention addresses

As millions of people watched the Democratic and Republican National Conventions on their televisions and computers, arguably the most buzzed-about speeches were not from the candidates themselves, but from their wives.

Now, party members believe in their presidential nominee, but they have also come to believe in his other half. Despite the highly divisive nature of this campaign, both

Michelle Obama and Ann Romney had the same goals when talking about their husbands. While the candidates are expected to focus on their

party's platform and to attack their opponents, the spouses can focus on less partisan topics, like morality and patriotism. They serve as glorified cheerleaders in political pep rallies.

Both Michelle Obama and Ann Romney emphasized their husbands' trustworthiness and compassion for everyday Americans.

"I see the concern in his eyes and hear the determination in his voice," Michelle Obama said of the presidential incumbent.

If each first lady (Ann Romney is the former first lady of Massachusetts) is to be believed, her husband is the only one who will preserve the American Dream, and both women offer a message along the lines of "Think of the children!"

A clear narrative emerged from each speech, one of a man who came from a good upbringing and ran for office to make his country a better place.

Each wife described humble beginnings early on as a young married couple.

According to them, Barack and Mitt are still the same men they were before getting into politics, and are still committed to their families.

Having significant others give speeches at conventions is a relatively new concept, so the level of rhetoric expected is not clearly established.

Even with similar messages, Ann Romney's speech was stylistically less formal than Michelle Obama's, which was praised in the ratings.

Since there is not much of a precedent to follow, neither first lady was doing it incorrectly. To be fair, Michelle Obama had the benefit of previous experience, having spoken at the DNC in 2008.

Both Michelle's and Ann's speeches fired up audience members in their respective

convention centers. Of course, these women wanted to give a shout-out to the female constituents.

"I love you women!" Ann Romney said with singsong enthusiasm. In an unexpected move, Michelle Obama made allusions to gay rights and marriage equality in her speech. Both ladies ended with the standard, "God bless you, and God bless America."

Many people found these speeches to be fascinating, because the candidates' spouses can emerge from the background and remind us that, at the end of the day, these politicians are real people with real families. Married couples are usually ideologically compatible, so chances are, if you like what one says, you will probably like what the other says.

Plus, if his own life partner doesn't support the campaign, who will?

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I recently came across a well-written article in the sports section authored by Zachary Homer. In this particular article, Mr. Homer interviewed two of my teammates in regards to their efforts to spread their religion with those on the Cross Country team. The article gave an in-depth view of the religious views that these two particular athletes have, both of whom I have the utmost respect for. In the wake of the article, I am uncomfortable with the new view that has been shed on the team. Our team, like any team, is made up of various races, religions and political ideologies. Truly great teams, not unlike our truly great nation, are made up of a wide variety of people. If we all were of the same race, religious background and economic status our team would have no spirit, no soul. Thus the point of my letter, I would like it known that our team is not homogeneous. Although some may pursue religion openly, it does not mean that they represent the rest of the team's views.

Nicholas Foley, Class of 2015



Ashley Fahey  
Columnist



Samantha Siberini  
Columnist

# Students take a spin with the tango

Claire Mauro  
International Reporter

**BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA** — One of the first things students studying abroad in Argentina encounter is the prominence of a sensual and sultry dance: the Argentine tango.

The tango, which is as much of a mixture of cultures as Buenos Aires itself, made its first appearance in the capital city around 1900. It was about the same time as immigrants arrived from all over Europe and gauchos, or cowboys, came from the provinces.

Each group brought its own developed form of dance. They lived together in conventillos, or apartments similar to tenement houses, and these styles of dance began to mesh together to form the tango.

The tango was first danced in brothels. Men danced together in order to practice their moves before asking a woman to join them. Today, the tango is taught and performed in night clubs called tango milongas.

Allison Yates, Carly Goodkin and Helen Wright, all college students studying in Buenos Aires with the Council of International Educational Exchange, knew that learning the tango was a must when they arrived in

Argentina.

Yates, a junior at Indiana University, said the main thing she knew about the tango before arriving in Argentina was it was a slower and more “sensual” dance.

Wright, a junior at Elon University, said she has taken a few salsa lessons in the past.

“How could I come to Argentina and not try dancing the tango?” she said.

Their first experience with the Argentine tango was at a tango milonga called La Viruta.

“When I first got to La Viruta, I was shocked at the size of it,” Yates said. “It’s an enormous building and there were so many people there. I liked the way they kept the dim lighting, it felt like the perfect atmosphere.”

Wright described her first impression as being a bit overwhelming, but she jumped right in.

“I quickly got involved and once I felt more comfortable with the steps, it was really fun,” she said.

While a lot of people that night ended up dancing with friends from their own program, Yates, Goodkin and Wright all stepped out of their comfort zone and were pleasantly surprised.

“More than anything, I asked other people to dance,” Goodkin said. “I am not socially inhibited, and I would much rather be rejected than waste my time waiting for someone to approach me.”

With that attitude in mind, Goodkin found a partner who was just as willing. When the instructors asked for volunteers to demonstrate, they were the first to step into the circle.

“I had only danced with my partner for one song, and I had never met him before that,” Goodkin said. “I was pleasantly surprised that he was ready to dive in and dance in front of everyone with me.”

Yates’s experience taught her that the tango, like swing dancing in the United States, is a dance that was popular when current grandparents were teens. Now the tango is making its comeback in popularity in Argentina.

“I remember one of the men I danced with who was 85 years old,” Yates said. “He said he has been dancing tango since he was a teenager, and for the past three years he has come to La Viruta every Thursday, Friday and Saturday night.”

As they were dancing together, he told Yates about his life.

“I got emotional when he started

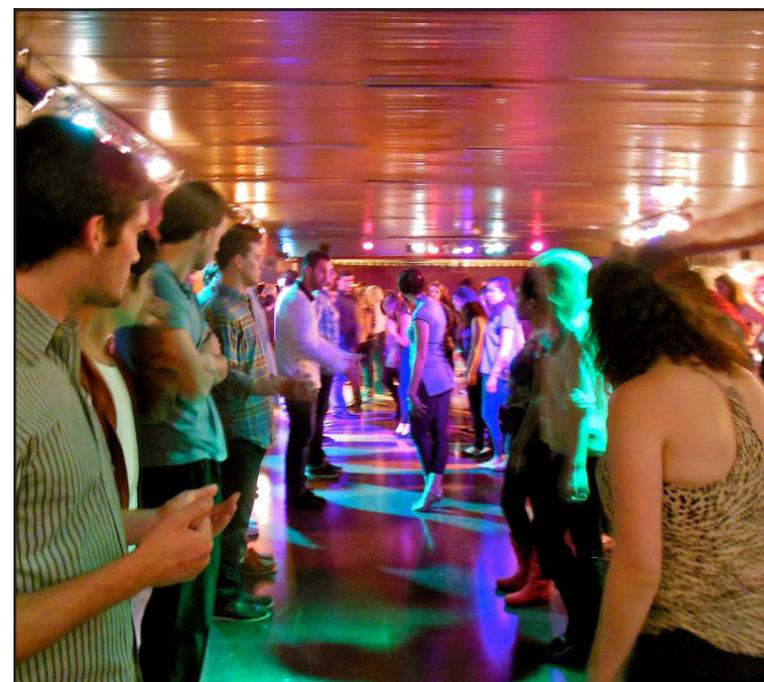


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The tango is performed at tango milongas, or night clubs, such as La Viruta.

to speak about his wife that just passed on,” she said. “He said ‘Era la mujer mas bella, era el amor de mi vida,’ which means ‘she was the most beautiful woman; she was the love of my life.’ It was very touching. He was very patient with me and tried to even teach me some new moves.

After their first experience in a tango milonga, Yates, Goodkin and Wright could not get enough of the tango. All three students made goals for the steps that they plan to learn.

“I definitely want to learn some of the fun leg embellishments that women can do,” Goodkin said.

# Study abroad trips to Egypt permitted post-revolution

Michael Papich  
Reporter

Students will be able to return to Egypt to study after the height of Egypt’s 2011 revolution closed Elon University’s study abroad program at American University in Cairo.

Students who attended a recent interest meeting with a representative from AUC could be the first from Elon to study in Egypt since the program was suspended. Applications for students to go to AUC were reopened last spring when the study abroad office determined that the situation had stabilized.

“The state department travel warning that was initially issued was lifted,” said Paul Geis, associate director of study abroad and manager of programs in the Middle East.

No Elon students are currently studying abroad at AUC, but two students attended the program’s informa-

tion session Sept. 10.

“I really wanted to see the museums in Cairo and meet the people and learn the culture and study a little bit of Egyptology,” said junior Immanuel Bryant, one of the students who attended the interest meeting. “They were the first writers and inventors.”

Students who had applied for the spring 2012 semester later switched to study abroad in Amman, Jordan after the study abroad office warned that the Egyptian election might cause disturbances that would force them to leave the university.

“We spoke to the students very frankly and said, ‘You can go, we have not canceled the program, but if you leave the program too late, there would not be other viable options to switch into,’” Geis said.

Egypt is currently being monitored by Elon’s study abroad department to see if a similar warning will be made for

the spring 2013 semester, but there are no current applicants for the program.

AUC has incorporated the events of the 2011 revolution into its classes, having students go to Tahrir Square, where most protestors gathered, to collect data about the revolution. The university also held civil society classes open to the public with debates about the country’s elections and talks about how to get engaged in politics.

According to AUC admissions counselor Dominique Miles, who led the information session, these campus events fit in with the tradition of the school.

“As the revolution in Tahrir Square began, students at AUC helped workers at the university organize to strike for better compensation. But the political and social activity does not hinder the academic experience, according to Miles.

“Everything happens in an orga-

nized fashion,” Miles said. “Nothing disrupts class time.”

AUC has contingency plans to get students who are studying abroad back to their home countries if needed, a plan which was implemented when the travel warning for Egypt was issued

in January 2011. According to Miles, many abroad students did not want to leave the country.

“Students knew that Egypt is not Tahrir Square, Cairo is not this little square,” Miles said. “It’s a city, so other things are going on.”

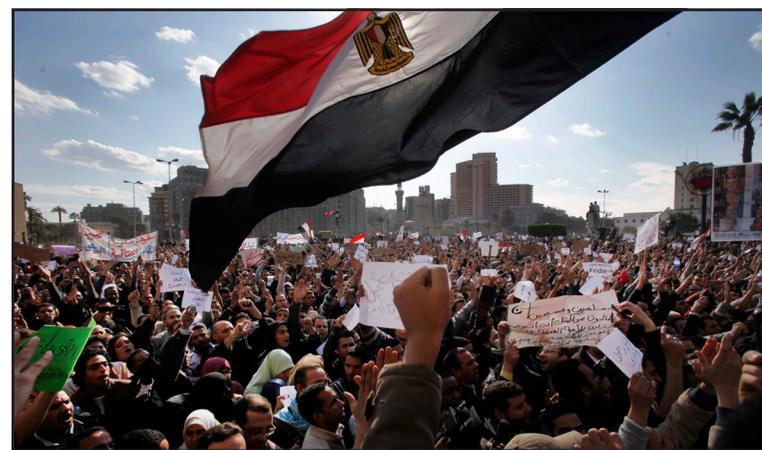


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Protests in Cairo in 2011 prevented Elon students from studying abroad in Egypt.

# Taste of the world

## Les petits gouts: Mini pastry pleasures

Claire Mayo  
International Reporter

MONTPELLIER, FRANCE — France's culture, passion and identity revolves around its food. The country fiercely defends its local vendors of cheese, bread, beef, vegetables and dessert. In particular, the patisseries are the nation's pride, filled with confections that delight the eye as well as the tongue. For one euro, a visitor can pur-



chase a petite creation at a local patisserie. A Chantilly dessert, a puff pastry filled with citrus curd and whipped cream, resembles an elegant swan. A tarte des framboises, or raspberry tart, shrinks to a two-bite chew. A monde de chocolat, chocolate mousse and cake covered in a ganache, mounds into a perfect ball. All French meals, even a plate of crafted perfection, must be a shared event, which makes for a lovely afternoon with a friend.



## Triple the course, cut the expense

Sarah Farland  
International Reporter

BARCELONA, SPAIN — Dine in Barcelona for lunch and prepare to receive a three course experience. La comida, or the Spanish midday meal, commonly includes a menu del dia, a menu of the day. For the first course of three, typical dishes include pasta, salad, gaz-

pacho and vegetables. The second course tends to be a heavier dish consisting of meat or fish, such as paella, while the third course is a choice between coffee or dessert. Despite the number of courses, ordering from the menu del dia in Barcelona is the most economical option for la comida and usually costs around ten euros. An added bonus? Wine is usually included with the meal as well.

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## Japan in London

Allie Andrews  
International Reporter

LONDON — Japanese culture is synonymous with bright and exciting tastes, and Japanese food is no exception. In the London area, Japanese restaurants can be found at almost every stop on the tube, the London subway system, adding yet another type of flavor to the city's wide range of cuisines. Of course, one of the most popular dishes to order is sushi, and London is rumored to serve some of the best in the world. One of the most popular Japanese hotspots that attract the stars is Nobu, opened in 1997, known as the epitome of new style Japanese food. But many small cafes sell sushi at a much lower price.

## Gelato: Italy's frozen yogurt craze

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International Reporter

FLORENCE, ITALY — In the United States, frozen yogurt is taking over. There are countless options with millions of combinations of yogurt and toppings, all while you tell yourself "It's yogurt, so it's healthy". In Italy, instead of yogurt,

people eat gelato. It is impossible to walk down a street in Florence without seeing at least one gelateria. Italians typically eat gelato daily. Gelato is less dense and caloric because it is made with milk instead of cream. Gelateria dei Neri, one of the many gelato shops in Florence, serves endless flavors, including torta di limone, lemon cake, bacio, hazelnut and chocolate, and pistacchio.



## Similar breakfasts, different puddings

Meghan White  
International Reporter

FIFE, SCOTLAND — The dining halls in St. Andrews try to serve traditional Scottish meals, such as haggis. Haggis is a pudding-like food served in a sheep's stomach. The stomach is filled with a sheep's heart, liver, and lungs, mixed with spices and herbs to add to the flavor, which is nutty. Once people get over the contents of the food, it is surprisingly flavorful and quite good. Breakfast is rather similar to American breakfast, with a plethora of cereal, oatmeal and museli, as well as fruits and yogurt with honey. Juice, tea and coffee are always in abundance at every meal. Those craving a sandwich may be hard pressed to find one that is not slathered with butter. The eating atmosphere is very relaxed and mostly conversational.



## Burlington Carousel Festival celebrates quarter of a century

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From towering inflatable slides to a clown making colorful balloon animals, the landscape of Burlington's City Park was vibrant for this year's 25th annual Burlington Carousel Festival.

"The City Park is our largest park and serves as the location of our yearly festival," said Mary Faucette, special events supervisor for the Burlington Recreation and Parks Department. "It allows the community to stay local for an event, and since most of our rides are free, it provides a fun outing that's affordable for families."

The festival celebrates the legacy of the 100-year-old Dentzel Menagerie Carousel, which features 46 hand-carved animals and greets guests as they enter the park. The carousel is especially significant because it builds memories for children who come to the festival every year with their families to ride the carousel, according to Faucette.

"The carousel is always a lot of fun for children as they come back and have

a new experience each time," Faucette said. "Eventually, they can come back as adults and bring their own children, so it's a timeless piece that creates memories all throughout their lives."

This year's festival featured an array of children's activities, food vendors, live music performances and more than 50 local artists selling their work, including artisan Randy Everett from Colfax. Everett started a full-time carving business when he lost his job in communications in 2001. He started selling his hand-carved signs and large chainsaw carvings at the festival eight years ago.

"There are a lot of good people here at the festival and a lot of regulars," Everett said. "A lot of the same people come here and watch me carve every year, and they always like to see me doing different stuff."

The festival also presented an opportunity for local organizations to promote their work.

Teen to Teen Theatre will be presenting "Alice in Wonderland Jr." Sept. 27-30, so the show's teen actors came to the festival dressed in costume to hand

out fliers advertising a preview of their performance. Madeline Wilvers, who plays the Queen of Hearts in the show and is also a student in Elon Academy, said she was excited to enjoy the festival while promoting her play.

"I've really liked walking around and seeing all of the different booths because you can do everything from getting hand-drawn horse pictures to getting your face painted," Wilvers said. "There are also other shows advertising here, so it's cool to see all the variety."

Festival attendees were pleased with the diverse variety of activities, according to Stephanie Meadows and Troy Horan, who recently moved to the Burlington area after Horan accepted a position at LabCorp.

"We're impressed by a lot of the art stuff that we specifically came out to enjoy," Meadows said. "We actually hadn't been to the carousel itself, so it was pretty interesting to come out and see the carousel, as well as experience how big of an impact the festival has on this community."

The positive effect on the commu-



MERISSA BLITZ | Staff Photographer

Local children's entertainer Clown Willie creates balloon animals for festival goers.

nity is what Faucette said she loves most about the festival, and she's glad to see all of the hard work of the Recreation and Parks Department come together year after year.

"It's a team effort across the department for planning and executing the event," Faucette said. "We love seeing the community participate and embrace everything about the festival."

## Revamped SUB box office program reels in success

Rebecca Wickel  
Features Editor

Outings to the movie theater don't always fit into the average college student's budget. But with its Movie Run program, Elon University's Student Union Board has been helping to offset the cost of a night at Carousel Cinemas in Alamance Crossing since 2005.

Previously, students could purchase \$5 tickets from 5-6 p.m. at the Moseley Center front desk once a month. But Friday, Sept. 14., SUB debuted a new model, allowing students to purchase discounted tickets all day in its office. Junior Brandon Lundie, SUB's special events co-chair, said he was impressed by student interest.

"We've had a huge turnout," Lundie said. "Usually it only goes on for an hour on Friday nights, but we've changed it to be all day to try and get more people, people who can't make it during that time frame."

According to SUB, offering tickets all day in the office gave more students the opportunity to come and more time to get the word out. They hoped a higher number of students would hear about the offer.

"Usually there would be a line of people who get there really early," Lundie said. "But once the mad rush stopped, that was it."

For some students, the monthly trip to the Moseley front desk is a ritual. Others had no idea SUB offered the discount.

"There have been quite a few people who came through that hadn't heard about it," said junior Rebecca Stanley, special events co-chair for SUB. "I just saw a junior who said 'Oh, I've never heard of it before,' but there are also people who come every month."

The time change this semester is not the only adjustment the Movie Run program has seen throughout the years. When the program started, it provided transportation to the theater for students, which is no longer offered.

"It started because the movie theater used to be right here in town, on Church Street right near the Sonic," Lundie said. "So what we would do is not only buy and sell the tickets, but we would run students to the movie. Then that place shut down, so we just kind of kept the tradition, kept the name, but stopped driving people."

This month, Stanley said students came in waves all day while passing through the Moseley Center.

"They finally started to hear about it, and they'll just say 'Oh yeah, let's grab that too,' while doing something else in Moseley," Lundie said.



MOLLY CAREY | Staff Photographer

SUB has a movie run every month, offering discounted movie tickets to Carousel Cinemas.

Movie Run is a great deal for both students and SUB, according to Janis Baughman, director of student activities. The university spends \$1,350 on the tickets and usually earns \$1,000 back. While the organization loses about \$350, SUB's overall budget does not suffer.

Students can now take the BioBus to Alamance Crossing to use their Movie Run tickets. With free transportation and discounted admission, an evening off campus costs as little as \$5.

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# Music professor inspires success through commitment, passion

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When Virginia Novine-Whittaker began studying music, her reason for choosing the saxophone was a bit unorthodox.

“When I first had to choose an instrument, I thought, ‘What can I play that’s involved in the most groups so I could be in everything?’” Whittaker said. “What would be kind of cool? And (the saxophone) is it.”

Now, Whittaker — an adjunct instructor of music at Elon University — is passing on her love for the saxophone through private instruction for students with all levels of experience. Outside of lessons for music majors, Whittaker said she is happy to take on students who have never played an instrument before.

industry. A number of Elon graduates are now working as band directors and studio musicians. One alumnus is teaching saxophone students in the military.

For Whittaker, though, the study of music has never been about career success. It is about passion and expression.

“Musicians have a means of expression that goes beyond words, and people who don’t have that wish for it,” she said. “That’s what grabs me. And I love all the different emotions you can play and all the colors and all the different roles you can take on.”

Whittaker said many students are not accustomed to wearing their hearts on their sleeves, which is practically required of musicians. But with some instruction, she said she believes anyone can learn the art of expression.

to let them do it.”

Whittaker said the importance of arts education is what drives her to keep teaching.

“It is important on so many levels for someone

to study this,” she said. “It’s one of the few things that we do that has delayed gratification. It teaches the concept of how wonderful it is to achieve something after you’ve worked so hard and long for it.”



Professor Virginia Novine-Whittaker prepares to teach a private saxophone lesson. Whittaker's office has a number of instruments she has played and taught throughout her time at Elon. This is Whittaker's 20th year teaching music.

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**You have to live a life that has meaning. You have to live life large, and then you just play it large.**

- Virginia Novine-Whittaker, adjunct instructor of music

“There’s a lot of opportunities for students on campus to get involved in the music department if they’re not majors,” Whittaker said. “I had a student last semester (who) just always thought saxophone was cool and she wanted to take something that was different. I taught her how to read music. In one semester, we went from her not ever blowing a note on an instrument or reading music, to being able to play some intermediate jazz lines that sounded really good.”

Of course, Whittaker also offers private instruction to advanced majors, and many students have to procure jobs in the profes-

“You have to live a life that has meaning,” Whittaker said. “You have to live life large, and then you just play it large. I want to be able to share that and teach students how they can get in touch with that part of themselves.”

Whittaker’s most sincere example of student transformation comes from several years ago, when a struggling high school student, who had run away from home, was still attending her saxophone lessons despite living on the streets.

“I just hung in there with her, I kept teaching her,” Whittaker said. “It was the one thread that held her from falling off. For some (students), this is what they do. We’ve got



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# A map with students

*Faculty members reveal how cultural events calendar*

Casey Brown  
Senior Reporter

The cultural calendar. It's never a surprise when it shows up in students' campus boxes, a tangible reminder of a new semester in bloom. It is a map that guides students through four months' worth of speakers, musical artists and theatrical performances. Many quickly glance to find the big things — the commencement speaker, the fall musical — before discarding it in a desk drawer. It is only found again at the last minute, when students are scrambling to fulfill a cultural events requirement for class.

This pattern is familiar to many Elon University students, happening twice a year when a new calendar arrives with a slew of events in which to partake. But within those excerpts on various performers is a chance to expand one's horizons and experience something in a way that cannot be recreated. At least, that is the hope of the depart-

ments involved in the calendar-making process.

For the



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faculty who work to create the calendar each year, it is already May 2013. They are constantly looking ahead toward the next calendar year, and they will have every show, speaker and performer lined up for the 2013–2014 academic year by the upcoming Winter Term at the latest.

Within the Lyceum committee, which plans the cultural events calendar, each department has one spokesperson to maintain a balance. For the Department of Performing Arts, that person is department chair Fred Rubeck, who describes his position as one of scheduling, budget requests and production planning. For Rubeck, a schedule for the performing arts works on a four-year plan, rather than one year at a time.

“We work in four-year cycles,” he said. “Students should have different kinds of performances from different time periods. For example, students should experience Shakespeare twice.”

Rubeck said he keeps an eye on his students, making sure they have the most diverse and fulfilling performing arts careers during their time at Elon. But he isn't the only faculty member on the committee with students' experiences on his mind.

Jeff Clark, executive director of cultural and special programs, said he also thinks of the students as he plans speaker series and



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Members of the Elon Dance Company perform “Revealed in Flight Between Earth and Sky” during Fused Moves in May 2012.

events and looks for fresh entertainment to bring to campus. During the summer, he attends performing arts conventions, developing a list of 60 events that he presents before members of the Lyceum committee, who cut the number down to approximately 10 acts.

“We try to get artists who would be willing to do master classes or workshops for students,” Clark said. “Also, we take advantage of block booking. We work with other schools in the state to get high-quality acts for a reduced price.”

But student input also means a lot to the planning process. This year's fall commencement speaker, Maya Angelou, was the most popular name with students when it came to who should speak on campus, according to Clark. And for him, it's not about having a theme for the year. It's about variety and high quality.

Matt Buckmaster, chair of the Department of Music, said he does believe in bringing in artists who

can work one-on-one with arts students, but he also encourages students from outside the artistic community to take advantage of what Elon brings to campus.

“A big consideration for me is how beneficial the artist will be for students,” Buckmaster said. “These artists are internationally renowned and students can see them for free.”

Buckmaster said the Department of Music brings in about 80 acts in a given year, and he likes how he can use these events as a means of extending beyond the campus. Because music events are free to the entire community, Buckmaster reaches out to retirees and Burlington residents to come see the shows, forming a bond between Elon's campus and surrounding community.

Rubeck, Clark, Buckmaster and their respective committees work in tandem to create the calendar, which is ultimately a balance between the three departments. The major obstacle they face is how to share the busy facilities — Yea-

ger Recital Hall, McCrary Theatre, McKinnon Hall and Whitley Auditorium, among others. Coordinating an event in one of these spaces goes beyond just hosting it. There needs to be time and space for production and rehearsal as well. For Rubeck, production is a heavily weighted consideration.

“It takes months of planning for a production,” Rubeck said. “We have only one staff of designers doing all the shows. We have to have enough shop time. It's a very elaborate process.”

Buckmaster said while the performing arts do require significant amounts of time to prepare for their shows, the Department of Music “fills in the gaps,” bringing in guest artists almost every week. The departments bounce off each other, with some departments stepping in on the weeks that others need time off.

“It's like a house of cards,” Rubeck said. “If something is off, we need to rebuild.”

# in mind

## comes to fruition

Patti Gibbons, associate director of cultural and special programs, said she couldn't agree more.

"The way our schedule is set up makes sense in a balance between programming," she said. "It is meant to support the departments."

From out-of-town groups to faculty performances, Gibbons said she thinks Elon offers a plethora of entertainment for students to experience. She also wants to remind students that each artist is at the top of his or her respective field.

"Even if you come in or leave at intermission, seeing these artists is a tremendous opportunity," Gibbons said. "The opportunity to be present has great benefit. Pause and enjoy these programs now. Now they're free and you can wear comfortable clothes. In the future, there will be different expectations in going to these events."

For Gibbons, the greatest moments during the events are the interactions between students and performers.

"I love bringing people who are willing to have other interactions," Gibbons said. "It's terrific and meaningful. In the Q&A at a lecture, it thrills these guests when students are prepared. It is satisfying to see successful interaction."

As the major events start heading toward campus, committee members have a number of events students may find interesting. Ruback highlights "Dancing on the Landscape," which will take place during Family Weekend, "Crazy for You," the fall musical and "Story of Home," a play written and produced by senior BFA acting major and Lumen scholar Logan Sutton.

Buckmaster said he hopes students will attend a performance by guitarist Matt Anderson and said everyone should attend an organ recital in Whitley before graduating. In December, there will be "Technica in Concert," a new Elon ensemble Buckmaster described as an entirely digital instrumental group that does live mashups.

Gibbons said she is particularly excited for The Spencers, a pair of illusionists who will visit campus Sept. 25. She also suggests Robert Rigell and Charles Hogan, a piano and organ duo that specializes in arrangements of contemporary artists.

According to Gibbons, no matter what students see, attending these events contributes to the community atmosphere that Elon provides. But Clark said events on campus go beyond the Departments of Performing Arts and Cultural and Special Programs. Specific departments also sponsor other speakers who visit campus. The Liberal Arts Forum and the Voices of Discovery are run by their own respective committees, but still provide opportunities for students to learn and enjoy



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Sophomore Nasia Thomas sings in "Hair."



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Junior Taylor Aucott (left) and sophomore Alyssa McAnany perform in Jan. 2012.



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Students in the Department of Performing Arts pose during "Collage," a musical revue held in Sept. 2011. The department puts on two musical revues each school year.

# Elon staff member rebuilds life

Katherine Blunt  
News Editor

The congregation is small in size but big in presence, and he stands in the back. As the chords of “Amazing Grace” swell, his arms rise above his head and his closed eyes turn upward. On any given Sunday, Tommy Purcell, 51, can be found swaying with the music, charged by its power.

The hands he holds high are a carpenter’s hands, calloused and weathered, rough like the sandpaper in the toolbox he totes between houses on the Elon University campus as a maintenance director. But they are also hands that once tilted beer after beer and raised joint after joint to his lips. They are hands that have been wrapped around liquor bottles then steering wheels then jail bars. They are hands that later lay limp by his side in a hospital bed, yellowed and bleeding at the tips.

As the hymn lyrics fade into the recesses of the Greater Love World Outreach Center, he sits and buries his face in his hands, clearly lost in retrospection.

## A rough beginning

Purcell was 8 years old the first time he got drunk. He snuck a liquor bottle under the porch of his home in Tampa, Fla., while his parents were hosting a party. He emerged tipsy and confused, and his parents laughed. His knee still bears a scar from that day.

But Purcell didn’t always live with his parents. His biological father and mother separated when he was a year old, and



PHOTO SUBMITTED  
**Purcell and his daughters Kristyne and Lenzie were reunited after he stopped abusing alcohol.**



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**Tommy Purcell was reunited with his older daughter, Kristyne, just before her wedding. Purcell said his ability to walk her down the aisle was a work of God.**

his grandmother became his guardian. When his grandfather got sick, he was sent to a foster home until his mother remarried and regained custody.

By 13, Purcell was making regular trips from the inner city to the Tampa countryside to drink beer with his friends. He was uprooted, though, right before entering high school. His stepfather got into some legal trouble and moved his family to North Carolina. After a few months, they settled in Burlington.

At Southern Alamance High School, Purcell ran with an older crowd. He continued drinking, started smoking marijuana on a regular basis and began experimenting with hallucinogens and amphetamines. But the most dangerous habit he developed was driving while drunk, and he soon found himself in court. The judge told him to enlist in the Air Force, and he did. He was 19.

While stationed at Seymour John-

son Air Force Base in Goldsboro, he met a woman from New York.

“There were a lot of drugs around there,” Purcell said. “She went hard like I did.”

Not long after she became pregnant, Purcell was honorably discharged for positive urinary analysis, but it “should’ve been dishonorable (discharge),” he said.

He married the woman and remained in the Goldsboro area. His first daughter, Kristyne, was born in September 1982, when he was 21.

His marriage didn’t last, though. After the divorce, his ex-wife scooped the 2-year-old toddler into her arms and headed to New York, leaving Purcell with an empty house.

But as two left his life, one came in. His brother, who had also struggled with drugs and alcohol, came to stay with him in Goldsboro. After about a year, he, too, enlisted in the Air Force and left Purcell by himself.

“My brother filled the void of my little girl,” Purcell said. “After he left, I started drinking more and using drugs again.”

## Against all odds

Purcell soon moved back to Burlington, and his drinking habits intensified. His legal record grew longer and more dismal with each DUI and drug charge, and he grew exceedingly familiar with the Alamance County Jail.

On a fateful night in October 1986, Purcell became the object of a high-speed car chase. Reckless and intoxicated, he fled the police and the 13 substance-related charges against him. His truck flipped, engulfing Purcell in a rain of glass and a haze of smoke. The police screeched to a halt and pulled Purcell out of his overturned vehicle through the shattered windshield. As they dragged him away from the wreckage,

the truck exploded, generating a wave of heat and debris that bowled Purcell and the officers to the ground. They regained their bearings, and Purcell anticipated his arrest.

“I had 13 charges against me. Drinking and driving, running from the law, possession, all kinds of things,” he said. “But they told me, ‘You’re lucky to be alive. Just go home.’”

What would have amounted in a felony resulted only in the revocation of his driver’s license. At 25 years old, he had about 15 DUI charges and four DUI convictions to his name.

Another woman soon caught his eye. She was only 18, but she, too, liked to drink and get high. The two dated for several years, and Purcell became a father for the second time in 1992.

“God put those little girls into my life at times just enough to slow me down,” he said. “(Becoming a father) didn’t stop my drinking, but it would

# in wake of conquered alcoholism

make me a homebody drunk instead of running to the bars.”

But when his second daughter, Lenzie, turned 3 years old, his drinking habits worsened. Nearly every venture behind the steering wheel lengthened his legal record. He stumbled in and out of court, and in and out of jail. His girlfriend left him, toting their daughter behind her. In his anguish, he turned to cocaine.

## A decade in the dark

By 1998, his legal record was far too long for the county judicial system to handle. A felony DUI that year landed him in prison for the first time, marking the start of a decade-long dance with the federal authorities that would eventually cost him his desire to live.

“Back in high school, I was known as crazy, and I thought that if I was going to be in Alamance County, I’d have to live up to that reputation,” Purcell said. “Every time I got out of prison, I’d go to (rehabilitation) and I’d be serious about staying sober. But then it would come time to go home and I’d mess up.”

The smell of alcohol began to waft from his pores, and he was fired because of it. The loss of his contracting job meant a loss of income and a loss of self-respect. His older daughter, who had been working as a registered nurse in

Arizona, moved back to North Carolina to help him out. He pushed her away, moved into a powerless trailer home and then into a shed in the woods. For years, he hid from the world and from himself.

“I hated the mirror, I hated that rascal,” Purcell said. “I didn’t bathe for weeks at a time, I didn’t brush my teeth. It was dark, real dark.”

He was released from prison for the last time March 31, 2008. He kept largely to himself, drinking heavily to blunt the pain of his failures.

“A drunk knows how to drink even without a job,” Purcell said. “He just does.”

A noise ordinance violation on Dec. 26, 2008 landed Purcell in the county jail for the last time. He got drunk within hours of his release, beginning the descent into a stupor that would last for days. Beer was the first thing he picked up in the morning and the last thing he set down at night. An open can stood vigilantly on his bedside table, strategically positioned to battle sleep’s sobering effects.

“I felt worthless,” he said. “I just felt worthless, like I was a drunk, and as soon as I started to feel that, I’d cover it up with alcohol. (Then) I had no feelings.”

As reality slipped from his grasp, so did his health. His older daughter, aghast at his condition, sped him to the hospital.

“I had blood coming out both ends,” Purcell said. “I was yellow, my fingernails were falling off and I was dying. I was literally dying. The doctor said I might not last six months.”

“I met him and his mom in front of the courthouse in Graham, and he was about as nervous as I’ve ever see him,” Bowers said. “He said to me, ‘I’ve never been in front of the judge sober before.’”

**I set that beer down and I got on my knees. I said, ‘God, please help me. If you’ll take the desire away, I’ll do the rest’**

*-Tommy Purcell, maintenance director*

But Purcell didn’t care. Unfazed by death’s shadow, he ripped the IV from his arm and retreated back into seclusion.

“I didn’t want to die in the hospital,” Purcell said. “I wanted to go home and get drunk and die alone.”

His bedroom was just the place to do it. Warm beers covered every surface and wine bottles sat on the floor. He grabbed a Busch Ice, popped the top and stared into its gaping mouth.

“It was 35 years looking back at me, 35 years of drinking and drugging and DUIs and lost families and military,” Purcell said. “I never knew God, I never knew him, but I wanted to kill that pain. I set that beer down and got down on my knees. I said, ‘God, please help me. If you’ll take the desire away, I’ll do the rest.’”

And that was the last time Purcell held a beer.

## Starting from scratch

He was sober for one day, and then two. He reached out to his mother and his older daughter and began rebuilding the relationships from scratch.

In late January 2009, Purcell filed to provide financial support for his younger daughter. He wanted to be a part of her life, too. A woman at the courthouse put in him touch with Phil Bowers, a man who could help him get his life back.

Bowers is the director of Sustainable Alamance, a then-new program established to aid ex-convicts in their search for employment. He stood beside Purcell during the child support hearing, and he has stood beside him ever since.

But the hearing was a success, and Purcell emerged in ecstatic disbelief.

“He was surprised that something in his life could actually work out,” Bowers said. “From then on, every time we were together, you could tell he was 100 percent in. He was nervous, he was doubtful, but he was ready for change.”

The quest for employment began. With Bowers’ help, it wasn’t long before Purcell was back in his element, remodeling a house.

“It’s not just about giving a guy a job,” Bowers said. “It’s about pushing him into the economy so he can learn sustainability. There are only two guys who have been around since the very first day I opened the door (to Sustainable Alamance), and Tommy is one of them.”

The contractor of the house was Ron Harris, the pastor at Greater Love World Outreach Center in downtown Burlington. He began driving Purcell home after work.

“One day, I asked him where he (and some other workers) went on Monday nights,” Purcell said. “He never preached to me, but just told me that they went to the Piedmont Men of Steel meetings and said there might be something there that I’ve been looking for.”

When Purcell first appeared at a meeting, he unknowingly tied himself to a support group dedicated to helping lost men find faith in God, and with that, faith in themselves.

“Tommy responded to the first Men of Steel meeting with a lot of doubt,” Harris said. “He wanted to believe what he was hearing, but he didn’t believe anyone could do what we were doing.”

For weeks, Purcell was skeptical. He was skeptical of religion, skeptical of the men around him and most of all, skeptical of himself. But his skepticism was soon dissolved by the love and support of his fellow men, and true belief grew in its place.

“I wanted the peace that Pastor Ron had,” Purcell said. “When I surrendered to the Lord, I got so much peace that I never had before.”

Once he made peace with himself, he made peace with his daughters. Neither Kristyne nor Lenzie wished to discuss their relationships with their father, but since becoming sober, Purcell has walked Kristyne down the aisle at her wedding and often visited Lenzie at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she is a student on a full scholarship.

“God had me sober when my girls needed me the most,” he said. “Lenzie was able to concentrate (during) her last year of high school so she could get that scholarship and I was able to be around the drinking (at Kristyne’s wedding).”

Purcell now works as maintenance director of several houses around the Elon University campus, including the Kappa Alpha Order fraternity house. A place that could very well be the Achilles’ heel of an ex-alcoholic is instead a source of pride and strength for Purcell. With his hands, strong and steady, he makes repairs and renovations.

“God knew when I was ready to work in that house, so I’m not tempted by what I find,” Purcell said. “I like the taste of beer. I would like to be able to grill a steak and have a mug of beer and enjoy it. But I’ve lost that privilege. I know that I can’t do that.”

But the loss of a privilege resulted in the restoration of another. After a tedious trial and application process, Purcell regained his driver’s license at the beginning of April. He must keep an ignition interlock device installed in his truck for seven months, but he is allowed to drive at any time on any day of the week.

“The judge said to me, ‘You know, I turn a lot of people down at their (license) hearings, but you deserve it,’” Purcell said. “I asked him what kind of restrictions I was going to have, and he said none, because I’m already doing right. I’m not perfect, don’t get me wrong, but I strive to do right.” §



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Purcell and his daughters Kristyne and Lenzie were reunited after he stopped abusing alcohol.

## Women's soccer team hosts game in support of Go4theGoal

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It all started on the morning of May 15, 2006. Richard Stefanacci was diagnosed with a form of pediatric cancer called Ewing's Sarcoma. What followed the diagnosis was the Go4theGoal Foundation.

Go4TheGoal, which started as a small organization in New Jersey and has now become a nationally recognized organization, was founded by Richard and Beth Stefanacci in 2006. The Stefanaccis discovered very quickly after their son's diagnosis that many parents did not have the financial stability needed to worry about treatment for pediatric cancer on top of their daily lives. With the creation of the foundation, their goal was to help make sure parents didn't have to worry about their child getting the necessary treatment he or she needed, but rather when their child was going to get better because of the foundation's help.

With the month of September being national pediatric cancer awareness month, Go4theGoal kicked off its campaign for raising pediatric cancer awareness with the gold shoelace program for athletes across the

country. This is the second season in which teams will be wearing the gold laces, according to Randy Pickus, Go4theGoal public relations director.

"One of our team members decided she wanted her daughter's soccer team to somehow raise awareness for pediatric cancer," Pickus said. "She started her daughter and her soccer team wearing bright yellow shoelaces and it basically just took off from there."

Go4theGoal then set their sites on collegiate programs, specifically soccer teams. They sent representatives to the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics conference, which is the national conference for athletic directors across the United States. More than 30 programs nationally participate in the gold laces campaign, according to Erica Bickhart, the director of school initiatives for Go4theGoal. The Elon University women's soccer team is one of them.

"It's a great cause and it's something as simple as wearing gold laces," said Elon head coach Chris Neal.

Echoing her coach's excitement about participating in the program was junior forward Simi Dhaliwal, who netted her third

goal of the season and the game winner in a 1-0 defeat of Francis Marion University in the Go4theGoal game on Sept. 16.

"We played for them, and for pediatric cancer. It's a great cause," Dhaliwal said. "It's another way for our team to give back to the community."

According to Neal, over the course of the next couple of weeks the team will be "adopting" a young child from the area who suffers from a form of pediatric cancer. The child will be coming to the team's games over the course of the season and the team will participate in events around town in support of him or her. The team also raises money through fan donations at games, with all funds staying in state to help patients in North Carolina.

"Wilmington had it, too, and we saw it last weekend when we were down there," Dhaliwal said. "We thought it'd be really cool."

Soccer is not the only sport Go4theGoal has attracted. With other collegiate programs throughout the country, the organization sponsors races across the United States as well as football and basketball programs at both the high school and college levels.

"You see pink all over the place," Bickhart said. "In the NFL, everywhere, and you think, 'OK, pink is breast cancer.' I want to get gold to have the same recognition. So we're starting with high school and college teams and hoping that getting these teams to wear the laces creates any sort of buzz and hopefully we'll continue to grow and raise awareness."

Bickhart said in the future, hopefully Go4theGoal will expand its reach into other

sports, but for now, soccer is the main choice.

"We picked soccer because that was a main fall sport that we felt would be easier to get into because football can be a little tricky," Bickhart said. "Last year we really only did soccer. This year, we're expanding to football, field hockey, baseball and we have some basketball games already scheduled. I'm hoping that we can get it going year-round and make it an annual thing where teams will have their Go4theGoal game and make it a habit year in and year out."



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Junior Olivia Mackey (13) and the team wore gold laces representing Go4theGoal on Sept. 16.



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Elon women's soccer defeated Francis Marion University on Sunday, Sept. 16 in the Go4theGoal game.

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# Cross country continues building on program's historic start

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The Elon University cross country team just keeps getting better as it strives for a record breaking season.

It started in mid-August with the women's program being selected by Southern Conference coaches as the league favorite. Then, just a couple days later, the ladies found themselves in the USTFCCA preseason rankings for the first time in program history.

Looking to keep their hot streak alive as the season started, the women's team won their first meet of the season Aug. 31 at the Demon Deacon Quad at Wake Forest University.

In polls released last week prior to the Elon Invitational, the ladies jumped two spots to No. 11 in the Southeast Region.

"Being ranked certainly raises the expectations of our team for themselves," said Elon head coach Christine Engel after the meet Saturday.

"It's certainly a little bit more exposure when talking

to recruits and things like that, but it's definitely great for our program."

This past weekend at the Elon Invitational, the only event hosted by Elon this season, the women's team decisively took the top spot for the second consecutive year, finishing with a total of 20 points.

This is only the third time in program history that the women's team has earned back-to-back wins. The ladies won the College of Charleston Invitational last year, then went on to take the Elon Invitational the following week.

The top three finishers for the Phoenix on the women's side included sophomore Haylee Dawe in third, sophomore Tereza Novotna, who transferred to Elon this season, in fourth, and freshman Elyse Bierut in fifth.

"They're really strong. Every year we keep getting more and more recruits," said junior runner Ally Oram. "Coach is doing an awesome job and it's helping our team get stronger and stronger."

On the men's side, Elon held on to beat the

University of North Carolina at Greensboro by just three points to take the top spot with 23 points. It was the first team win for the men since they won the Elon Invitational in 2009.

"I feel good about how today went," Engel said. "We did a good job but there's definitely a lot of work to still be done. I don't think this was our best overall effort. There's a lot of things that we're going to need to do better as the season progresses but I think this is a good start."

Men's junior runner Jimmy Stevenson echoed a similar message to what his coach said.

"Our goal was to win the race and that's what we did," Stevenson said. "I think it was a good day for Elon men's and women's cross country. We're happy with it, but we're certainly not content with how we performed and we want to continue to push on from here and reach more of our goals that we set for ourselves."

Next up for both teams, a trip to Charlotte for the Charlotte Invitational, which



Elon men's cross country runners run in the fourth annual Elon Invitational on Saturday Sept. 15. Both the men's and women's teams took home the top spot in the event.

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will be held Sept. 28.

"We'll take that momentum and continue that over

the training throughout the next two weeks and see how we can perform in Charlotte

and then in Louisville down the road about a month from now," Stevenson said.

## Thomas helps men's soccer get back to full strength following knee injury

Kyle Maher  
Senior Reporter

Chris Thomas, a senior forward on the Elon University men's soccer team, had 10 goals last season. His junior year was an exercise in patience, with injuries marring an otherwise fantastic campaign. Thomas played in all 22 games, although he only started in 10 of them, and was named Southern Conference Player of the Week twice. Had he stayed healthy, he could've ranked among the top goal scorers in the country.

Now a senior, Thomas has scored six goals in just five games, a torrid pace that ranks him among the leading goal scorers thus far in Div. I soccer. It's an honor that Thomas said wouldn't be possible without

staying healthy.

"I came off a knee injury last year and never really tried to work hard and get back to full strength," Thomas said. "This summer I just focused on strengthening my muscles so I wouldn't have any injury problems."

Fitness had been his focus. "That's what my coaches told me I needed to work on. All offseason (I) worked on fitness and finishing," Thomas said.

His hard work has clearly paid off. Thomas has scored at least one goal in all five of Elon's games, including two goals apiece in last weekend's Lipscomb Tournament in Nashville, Tenn., where the Phoenix played host Lipscomb University and Belmont University. His performance was good enough to earn

him the SoCon Player of the Week award, his first such award this year.

Thomas is proud of his accomplishment, but insists it's nothing more than a promising start to an important season.

"(Winning the award) means a lot," Thomas said. "It means people recognize what I'm doing, but that's just a small accomplishment. Individually, I want to achieve more than that. Team wise, I want to accomplish a lot more than that. So that's just a small mark on the resume."

Thomas' hot start has given him newfound confidence, a confidence he carries with him onto the field.

"I always try to go into the game to want to score a goal," Thomas said. "If I don't score a goal, I feel like I let the team down, especially

if we lose."

According to assistant coach Chris Little, Thomas' success isn't surprising, especially to his coaches.

"Certainly (I saw this coming), Chris is a very, very talented player," Little said. "He was freshman of the year, he's been player of the year in the SoCon. You don't win those awards unless you're a talented player."

Little insists Thomas' struggles were the product of a frustratingly inconsistent junior year.

"He's had talent. He had a rough year last year, coming off a knee injury, it was a difficult year for him," Little said. "I think what's great about Chris is he's showing his character. To get fit, to work hard at his game and he's reaping the benefits of that right now and we're

delighted for him."

Little doesn't see any reason to suggest Thomas' production will tank as the season progresses.

"I think he can continue his production. Chris is a talented player," Little said. "He's working very hard at his game. He has aspirations to be a professional player, so we're working with him every day. He's very coachable, he's working extremely hard at it and we think it'll continue. Hopefully, he catches those breaks. Right now, he's leading the nation in goals and there's nothing we'd like more than for him to be leading the nation at the end of the year."

Chris Thomas is, for now, one of the nation's elite goal scorers. He may not be player of the year yet, but Thomas certainly has his eyes set on the prize.

## Confidence growing for football as conference play approaches

Kyle Maher  
Senior Reporter

After dominating all four quarters of Saturday's game at Rhodes Stadium, the Elon University football team grabbed a 48-14 win on Saturday against the West Virginia State University Yellow Jackets. The win was the second in a row for the Phoenix, who beat North Carolina Central University 34-14 last weekend. Elon's current two game winning streak couldn't have come at a better time.

The Phoenix is faced with a daunting three-game stretch that includes trips to Georgia Southern University and Appalachian State University with a home game against Wofford College sandwiched in between. All three of those teams are ranked in the top 20 in the FCS standings.

According to senior receiver Aaron Mellette, the team is brimming with confidence and is ready to face the brutal stretch that lies ahead.

"We have a great amount of confidence," Mellette said. "After any win, you get the same amount of confidence,

but we got to let the guys know that we got accomplishments. You have to stay grounded because each week you can get beat by whoever you play in the conference."

It's a sentiment echoed by starting quarterback Thomas Wilson, who passed for 261 yards and four touchdowns against West Virginia State on Saturday en route to surpassing 4,000 yards through the air for his career in the maroon and gold.

"Our confidence is definitely high right now," Wilson said. "Beating North Carolina Central last week and then having a big game today against West Virginia State, winning big today will definitely boost our confidence for the next few conference games."

Wilson isn't resting on his laurels after his team's impressive performance. He knows how important preparation will be in handling the Georgia Southern Eagles, a nationally ranked powerhouse that's strong on both sides of the ball.

"(We) go down to Georgia Southern this week, we'll start watching film on them tomorrow," Wilson

said. "Kind of get going with them and see how they've been doing early in the year. (We're) looking forward to it."

Defensive Coordinator Ed Pinkham, who filled in as acting head coach while head coach Jason Swepton was hospitalized for chest pains the day before the team's matchup with West Virginia State, said the team must remain resilient in the face of Georgia Southern's passionate fan base, which will undoubtedly attempt to rattle Elon's less experienced players.

"I know the crowd down at Georgia Southern is a pretty loud group," Pinkham said. "Playing in Division I football, that's part of the deal. You're going to play around large crowds, people are going to try to get after you and distract you a little bit. We just got to learn how to be mentally tough and focused."

After next Saturday's matchup with the Eagles, the Phoenix will host Wofford College, another highly ranked conference rival, and then hit the road again for the highly anticipated showdown



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Sophomore running back Karl Bostick (10) takes the ball 43 yards for Elon's second touchdown of the game.

with Appalachian State.

Both the Georgia Southern and Appalachian State games carry significant weight for Mellette, partly because of the way both beat the Phoenix at Rhodes Stadium last year.

"I can't wait," Mellette said. "Those are two places I like to play just because of the atmosphere and I like to show up their fans. So I can't wait for them to come, espe-

cially next week. It's going to be a big game. We owe them from last year when they came in here. So we're going to come in there and try and upset them at home."

To do so, Pinkham said he believes defense is the key to the team's success moving forward.

"Our goal when we set out is to hold a team, first and foremost, under 100 yards rushing," Pinkham said. "If

you hold a team under 100 yards rushing, regardless of how many passing yards they have, how many points you've scored, how many anything. If you hold a team to under 100 yards rushing, you'll win over 92 percent of your games."

If the Phoenix can continue to play stout defensively, it can only hope Pinkham's analysis proves true come conference play.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

FOOTBALL	MEN'S SOCCER	WOMEN'S SOCCER	VOLLEYBALL	CROSS COUNTRY
Georgia Southern University Sept. 22, 6 p.m. Statesboro, GA	William & Mary Sept. 19, 7 p.m. Williamsburg, VA	Western Carolina University Sept. 21, 7 p.m. Cullowhee, N.C.	UNC-Greensboro Sept. 20, 7 p.m. Elon, N.C.	Charlotte Invitational Sept. 28, TBA Charlotte, N.C.
Wofford University Sept. 29, 1:30 p.m. Elon, N.C.	UNC-Charlotte Sept. 22, 7 p.m. Elon, N.C.	Appalachian State University Sept. 23, 2 p.m. Elon, N.C.	College of Charleston Sept. 23, 7 p.m. Elon, N.C.	Royal XC Challenge: Oct. 12, TBA Charlotte, N.C.



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# Young trio anchors Elon ground game

## *Three new running backs propel football team into uncharted territory*

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Take a look at the Elon University football roster from just a season ago. There are six names listed at the running back position for the Phoenix.

In the 2012 edition, you will notice five names listed at running back. Of those five names, you'll find only one of them on the roster from last year.

When looking at those five names for 2012, you'll notice that none of them match up to the six from the 2011 roster. Look again, but this time, look at the tight end position from 2011. There's a name you should find familiar.

Junior Matt Eastman is the only running back on the team who was on the roster last year, and he wasn't even a running back. Eastman came into the program in 2009 as a fullback. Now a redshirt junior, he's playing his third different position in three years after being a backup tight end last season behind departed senior Andre Labinowicz.

As a redshirt junior, Eastman is considered the veteran in Elon's stable of running backs. But he's also considered a situation back, according to Elon offensive coordinator and running backs coach Chris Pincince.

"He's the bigger back for us," Pincince said. "He's a pass protection guy and the guy down at the goal line that can carry the ball."

There's just one problem. He's been hurt. Eastman has been out since pre-season with a leg injury.

With the veteran who's not really a veteran at the position out of action, that leaves four remaining running backs on the roster. Check that number again, though. You can take freshman BJ Bennett's name off the list. Bennett has a shoulder injury that has knocked him out of consideration for carries this season for the Phoenix.

Now the Phoenix are down to three—a sophomore and two freshmen. Fortunately, those three are healthy, which is good because they now own the Elon backfield.

These three active running backs have one thing in common: they are all in their first season with the pro-



Freshman running back Tracey Coppedge (22) is one of the three running backs anchoring the Elon backfield. He has carried the ball 35 times for 100 yards and a touchdown.

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gram. Sophomore Karl Bostick is a transfer from the University of Akron. Freshman Thuc Phan has a year of prep school experience, having played a season at Deerfield Academy in western Massachusetts, while fellow freshman Tracey Coppedge is the youngest of the group. He comes to Elon

from Southern Nash High School in Nashville.

It's been three different paths for these three running backs on their journey to Elon, but they all have a similar goal in mind: to help the team win. They just have three different ways to get there.

Bostick comes to Elon with the most experience of the three. After graduating from Bergen Catholic High School in Englewood, N.J., Bostick enrolled at the University of Akron to play football. During the course of his freshman year, he totaled 27 carries for 94 yards and a touchdown. After the

season, Akron decided it was time to make a change at the head coaching position. It was a decision that didn't sit very well with Bostick.

"We got a new coaching staff and I realized that I wasn't going to fit in in that system," Bostick said. "So I knew I had to find somewhere else to go."



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Sophomore running back Karl Bostick (10) takes a carry in Elon's 48-14 victory over West Virginia State on Saturday, Sept. 15 at Rhodes Stadium.

Bostick made a late decision to transfer from Akron, which put him in a tough situation because teams had already completed their recruiting pitches to players.

"I was really stuck because at the time, teams are finalizing their rosters and I wanted to find somewhere where I would actually have an opportunity to play and contribute," Bostick said.

A driving factor in Bostick's decision to come to Elon was the NCAA's new transfer rules, he said. If a player is looking to transfer to another program, the player can transfer from an FBS program to an FCS program without having to sit out a season, which is a very appealing option for transfers.

"There were other offers from FBS and FCS, but none of them offered what Elon could offer me," Bostick said.

Now considered Elon's lead running back, the team relies on Bostick to run the ball, and run it with consistency.

"We needed an older guy," Pincince said. "Knowing the lack of experience we had at the running back position, we needed a guy that could come in and play right away. We thought Karl, being an older guy, was big and something that other kids couldn't give us."

As for learning the playbook, besides being thrown into the fire week one against the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Pincince said

Bostick's transition to Elon has been smooth.

"He's a smart kid so he's been good," Pincince said. "We knew him coming out of high school and we were lucky to get him in the offseason because we needed a running back. He had limited carries as a freshman at Akron, so this is really his first year playing full time, but he's a very smart kid. He came out of a great high school program at Bergen Catholic, and then the experience over at Akron. He's had no problem grasping our system at all."

When the season comes to an end in the middle of November, Bostick said his goal is to be on top in all aspects of the phrase.

Over the course of his season at Deerfield Academy, Phan ran for 700 yards while scoring 14 touchdowns in the Big Green's seven game season.

"Prep school definitely helped me out a lot," Phan said. "I've come here overall better prepared academically and athletically, and it really helped my work ethic as an individual."

After his season at Deerfield, it was time to move on, and Phan said he felt like Elon was the perfect place to call home for the next four years.

"I had a couple other preferred walk-on offers from other SoCon schools, but I'm from Greensboro, and I just thought here was a beautiful place where I could get a great education being closer to my family," Phan said. "Plus, I knew Swepton prior to coming to Elon and he seemed like a great coach and this seemed like a great program."

Phan stands at five feet six inches and weighs 170 pounds. Both are generous numbers, but Pincince said that doesn't affect his ability to carry the ball.

"From a physical standpoint, he's a quick little guy and he's dynamic with the ball in his hands," Pincince said. "In our offense, we need someone that can make people miss and run in space and that's what he's able to do."

Finally, move to the young one of the bunch in Coppedge. For Coppedge, playing college football is a whole new game compared to high school.

"This is college ball now," he said. "It's not high school ball anymore. This is much faster."

Coming into a system with next to nothing pre-existing from the year before, Coppedge says it's "very different," but something he has embraced as a challenge.

"When I first got here, it was a whole new situation," Coppedge said. "It was different, but this is a learning experience because you get to kind of jump straight into it and you have to get used to it right away."

In high school, Pincince said Coppedge was always one of the top players on the field, but now that he's arrived at Elon, he's been asked to do some different things from what he was used to in high school.

"It's a different world for him," Pincince said. "He was always the best player on the field over at Southern Nash. He was always the fastest, always the best. Now, coming over here, we asked him to do some things that maybe he hadn't done in the past. We

"It may sound cliché, but I'm serious. I want to win," he said. "We're trying to win the SoCon. Coach says it. It's no secret, and every game is taking a step forward in that process."

For Phan, this year has a simple goal: to help the team win in any way he can.

"For me, I want to be acclimated with the team and make sure I know the offense and try to learn and find ways to contribute any way I can," Phan said.

After playing his high school football just down the road at Greensboro Page High School, Phan spent a year at Deerfield Academy prior to coming to Elon.

asked him to pass protect, we asked him to catch the football a little more. He can run it, that comes natural to him, and everything else is kind of coming along.”

Deciding to stay in-state and come to Elon to play his college football was an easy decision for Coppedge, citing the feeling of being part of a family and getting a chance to play in his first year.

“I had a whole bunch of offers but I decided to come here because it seemed more like family here,” Coppedge said. “This is the place I have to be for four years, basically my new home, so I just wanted to be here with a bunch of people that have become my new family.”

According to Pincince, something the Phoenix has been lacking in the last couple of years in the backfield is someone who can break big plays on the ground and gain 60 and 70 yards at a time. He said Coppedge brings that big play ability to the Elon backfield.

“He’s dynamic with the ball in his hands,” Pincince said. “He makes people miss with his big play ability. We’ve been missing that for a couple years, but Tracey now, and certainly in the future, can bring that to us.”

As for his adjustment to the Elon family, Pincince said it’s been a learning

experience for Coppedge, but said that he will be in great shape by the end of the season.

“It’s a big adjustment from high school to college,” Pincince said. “He’s learning every day and certainly by week 11, he’ll certainly be in great shape.”

Coppedge’s goal for the season is lofty, but it’s a testament to the drive he possesses to succeed on the field.

“The goal I had when I first came here was to play my first year,” Coppedge said. “Now, when this year is over, I want to be able to have done something that no other freshman has done before on the field.”

With Eastman expected back in action in the very near future, Pincince expects him to fit right in with the three younger backs, saying Eastman will fill another key role for the Phoenix.

“He’s our pass protection guy and the guy down at the goal line that can carry the ball,” Pincince said. “He’s going to allow us to rest the younger guys and that’ll be big.”

Seeing how Elon’s offense is primarily a passing offense, the importance of being able to run the ball becomes even more important just to keep opposing defenses from keying in on Phoenix receivers and completely

ignoring the run. You wouldn’t know it was a passing offense though just by looking at the statistics from last weekend’s game against West Virginia State University.

Elon ball carriers rushed for a combined 301 yards on the afternoon, which is the most rushing yards the Phoenix has had in a single game since a Nov. 2002 matchup against Charleston Southern when the Phoenix posted 307 yards on the ground. Of the trio of young backs, Phan led the way with 110 yards. Bostick totaled 77 while Coppedge ran for 64 yards.

As for the way the three have carried the Phoenix ground game to this point of the season, Pincince said it has been a good mix between the three of them and the future of the Elon backfield is bright because of it.

“Karl (Bostick) is the best of the package from a standpoint of I think he can do a little bit of everything for us,” Pincince said. “The other guys are slowly coming along from a pass protection standpoint, but we saw Tracey take the next step in being able to pass protect and Thuc has been able to carry the football in the fourth quarter, so all of that will be very good for us in the future.” §



Karl Bostick celebrates with his teammates after his first career touchdown. AL DRAGO | Staff Photographer



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Tracey Coppedge (22) takes a handoff from senior quarterback Thomas Wilson in a game at Rhodes Stadium.

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# RUNNING BACKS SEASON STATS AS OF SEPT. 17



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**Games: 3**

**Carries: 35**

**Yards: 141**

**Touchdowns: 2**

**Yards per carry: 4.0**

**Games: 3**

**Carries: 35**

**Yards: 100**

**Touchdowns: 1**

**Yards per carry: 2.8**

**Games: 3**

**Carries: 35**

**Yards: 133**

**Touchdowns: 0**

**Yards per carry: 3.8**

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(Below) Women's soccer player Shannon Foley on the field at a game.

(Right) Community members wait in line for some Southern cuisine at the 25th annual Burlington Carousel Festival. The Cruzin Diner was one of several dozen food vendors parked throughout the festival, offering a variety of local flavors and favorites.



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## Top Tweets

**@DanielaNavaa**

"@onlyatelon would I be late to class because some Burly stopped me and asked if I could teach her how to send a text"

**@elonsga**

"If you haven't made your case yet, reply to this Tweet. Does Chick-Fil-A still have a place at Elon? Tell your senators what you want."

**@naneenya**

"It's amazing to see the Call to Honor ceremony still happening at #Elon -crazy to think it started with a class project of mine. @ElonNews"

**@headphoenix**

"Elon Fire of the Carolinas sounded fabulous at Rhodes Stadium today."

**@xogossipsquirrel**

"Ryan Reynolds & Blake Lively are married. Don't worry, girls, this relationship is just like a fling with a frat boy. #giveitamonth"



# TOP photos



President Leo Lambert sits aside senior class president Darien Flowers at the Call to Honor ceremony. GLORIA SO | Staff Photographer



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Phoenix fans cheer on the football team during the Elon University vs. North Carolina Central University game Sept. 8. Women's volleyball fought hard but fell to High Point University Sept. 11 in four sets.



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The 2012 Democratic National Convention took place in Charlotte Sept. 3-6. People from all across North Carolina and the rest of the United States came together in support of the Obama-Biden campaign.



Left: Senior receivers Aaron Mellette (3) and Chris Harris (83) celebrate after a touchdown. Both players scored in a 48-14 win against West Virginia State University Sept. 15.

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Top right: UNC-Greensboro runner Chelsea Sumney (82) and unaffiliated runner Shaina Sumney (74) took the top two spots, respectively, in the fourth annual Elon Invitational Sept. 15.

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Bottom right: Sophomore middle hitter Kris Harris (4) celebrates after a point against High Point University Sept. 11. Harris won Offensive Player of the Week during the week of Sept. 4.

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