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## Elon purchases Smithfield Ham building

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News Editor

In a move that aims to expand the Department of Physical Therapy master's program at Elon University, the school recently bought the former Smithfield Ham building located on Haggard Avenue, near University Drive.

Assistant Vice President for Business and Finance Ken Mullen confirmed the property had been bought during the summer. The building itself is planned to be renovated and opened by summer 2011, according to Associate Dean of Physical Therapy Elizabeth Rogers, and it will be renamed Danieleley East.

The property would likely be used to house the Department of Physical Therapy, according to Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Steven House. He said it would give that program a larger facility as well as opening up space on the ground floor of McMichael science building, where the DPT is now.

"We want to give them a bigger space," House said. "It's going to give me some additional space for undergraduate sciences."

For Rogers, the expansion process started well before she approached senior staff members at Elon in the spring to lay out the department's plans, which included a move to the Smithfield building.

She said she and other staff in the department have been talking about how to expand since November of last year. Now, since the move has been approved, she said the program could see a new facility as soon as next summer.

The plans for the enhancement of the department come in nine parts, Rogers said. The developments will be taken on separately during the next few years, and though they were developed before the school's newest strategic plan, The Elon Commitment, they are meant to meet many of the plan's university-wide goals.

The nine aspects of enhancing the department include developing scholarship money for the program's students, hiring a full-time faculty member, researching equipment funds to replace older equipment, finding support for global and domestic study experiences, developing a post-professional doctoral degree program, refurbishing the Danieleley East space, meeting a goal to be recognized in the next accreditation cycle, planning DPT homecoming events and continuing education courses and creating a model for clinical education.

The department is also looking into developing a Physician's Assistant program, as well, Rogers said. A proposal for that will be submitted this fall to the Board of Trustees.

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## Creating a place to worship: New multi-faith center seeks to raise awareness and acceptance for students

Three Elon University students from different religious backgrounds stand in the potential location of the university's proposed multi-faith center, which will seek to raise awareness and provide a place for all religions to practice on campus. From left, Reem Hindieh is a junior and Muslim, Raj Rawal is a junior and Hindu and Eden Avraham-Katz is a junior and Jewish.

Rawal is one of two students on the committee developing plans for the center, along with professors and senior staff members. All three of the students said they wanted to see more non-Christian religious awareness on campus.

With a higher number of students with different faiths on campus this year — including an increase

that more than doubled Muslim students on campus — more students are seeking awareness for religious differences. Hindieh, for example, can't eat until after dining halls close because she's fasting for Ramadan.

The students said more than anything, the benefits of the center will be raising awareness about their faiths on campus. With the help of the professors and staff on the committee, students are seeking to find a place for their own religions on campus. With 15 members of the committee working to bring the plans for the center to life, the project has yet to move forward and get an official plan for developing architectural renderings or set construction dates.

See the full article about the multi-faith center on page 3.

## Indecent exposure cases continue despite recent arrest

Anna Johnson  
Managing Editor

On Thursday, Sept. 2, a man — described as a young, light-skinned black male — indecently exposed himself to two Elon University sophomores. The incident took place less than two weeks after an Elon man was arrested for indecent exposure and secret peeping.

At about 3:30 p.m. the two students were headed to their home at Evellien Apartments when a man in a gold or tan four-door Honda Civic approached the women at the corner of East Haggard Avenue and Lawrence Avenue. According

to the police incident report, the man was masturbating and smiling at the women while reclining in his seat.

The victims described the man as having short or balding hair, in his late 20's or early 30's, heavy set and wearing a gray short-sleeved shirt. The suspect's car has a tan or gray interior, a spoiler on the back and a North Carolina license plate with the letters "YZK."

This is the fifth indecent exposure case in 2010 and the second case of the academic year. On Aug. 23 Phillip Brent Wagner, 2224 Phibbs Road, was arrested and charged with secret peeping and two counts of indecent exposure. The arrest

stemmed from an Aug. 18 incident at the Old Trollinger Apartments.

According to a police incident report, an Elon University senior saw a man outside of her apartment window masturbating. When she stepped outside, the man walked away toward the back of the apartments.

Witnesses chased the man toward Summerbell Avenue, where he left in a silver minivan. All the witnesses and the victim gave the same description: six feet, about 250 pounds, mid- to late-30s, no glasses, "scruffy looking" and wearing a red T-shirt and blue shorts.

Wagner was held on \$1,500 secured

bond and was released later the same day. His trial date is Oct. 4.

Wagner has been identified as the suspect in other indecent exposure cases, but there was never enough evidence to charge him, Town of Elon Police Chief LaVelle Lovette said. It was thanks to the multiple witnesses in the recent case that the arrest was made, she said.

Besides Wagner, there are several suspects in the indecent exposure cases, Lovette said. Students should be aware that despite an arrest, indecent exposure cases could keep occurring.

There were two indecent exposure incidents in 2009 and four cases in 2008.

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# Looking into how internships have developed at Elon, their future

Becca Tynes  
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The number of Elon University students serving as interns at various companies around the country and the world increased 13 percent during the past year. From June 2009 through May 2010, 1,095 students completed internships, co-ops or student teaching, compared to the 949 students who served in these roles over the course of the previous year.

Pam Brumbaugh, the director of experiential learning at Elon, said the reason is pretty straightforward — a changing workplace environment.

“Employers are now hiring from their internship pools,” Brumbaugh said. “If you plan to get a job, you need to have internship experience.”

Many students agree that internships are a necessity in order to succeed in jobs after college.

“So far, I’ve had two internships, and I’m about to have my third one,” said senior Whitney Engelke, student assistant to Nagatha Tonkins, who is the director of external relations for Communications. “It’s the best way to get a job, and there’s only so much you can learn in the classroom.”

Tonkins said not only do internships help students learn outside of the classroom through real-world experience, but they also enhance students’ resumes, and give them a first-hand look at the professional world.

Elon’s Experiential Learning Requirement (ELR) is designed to ensure active student involvement and direct experience in what is being studied in the classroom. Students complete the ELR through outside activities such as internships, co-ops, student teaching practicums, study abroad programs, undergraduate research or academic service learning.

According to the May 2010 Cap & Gown survey of graduating seniors, 88 percent of the class of 2010 reported they had completed an internship while at Elon. Seventy percent of graduating seniors reported to studying abroad, 18 percent completed undergraduate research and less than one percent participated in academic service learning.

“Clearly, the number of students completing internships to fulfill the Experiential Learning Requirement is higher,” Brumbaugh said.

According to Tonkins, though, obtaining an internship may be difficult for students who are not involved in related activities and organizations outside of the classroom.

“I’d encourage our students to get involved in campus media and other organizations in order to be



Elon University students senior Julia Smith (back row, second from left) and junior Brian Serow (front row, third from right) interned in the office of N. C. Gov. Bev Perdue (pictured center).

well rounded,” Tonkins said. “If they’re involved, that shows us that they’re truly committed to their work and career choice.”

Tonkins said those students who study abroad and participate in campus media would have an advantage when applying for internships.

“Today, more internships require that students have experience outside of the classroom,” Tonkins said.

Because so many Elon students are involved in organizations on campus, Engelke said many companies might have developed a preference for Elon interns.

“A lot of companies say that Elon interns are the best interns they’ve ever had,” Engelke said.

Tonkins said she agrees with Engelke and said Elon’s faculty and staff should be commended for helping prepare their students for work in the professional world.

“I’m getting more and more companies that are seeking Elon interns,” Tonkins said. “I have more companies seeking interns than there are students seeking internships.”

According to Tonkins, Elon alumni should also be commended. She said alumni have been

influential in getting Elon students to work for their organizations.

“The alumni are serving as mentors to our students in their organizations,” Tonkins said.

According to both Tonkins and Brumbaugh, Elon’s internship programs are growing and will continue to grow in the future.

“This year, we did something new,” Tonkins said. “We had a debriefing session the day before classes began that gave the communications interns the opportunity to present their work to the faculty and staff.”

The day of presentations allowed faculty and staff members to see the work their students completed while outside of the classroom.

“The students talked about their accomplishments, their challenges, their goals for the coming academic year and their longer-term career goals,” Tonkins said.

Tonkins said that she hopes this day will become a part of the Elon culture.

“We’re always looking for ways to enhance our programs,” Tonkins said. “Our current student interns are really paving the way for some exciting future internships.”

## Students learn through summer research projects

Rachel Southmayd  
Senior Reporter

While many students have summer jobs that are internships, there are a select few Elon University students who choose to spend the warmer months on campus, working on undergraduate research programs through the Summer Undergraduate Research Experience.

Paul Miller, the undergraduate research coordinator at Elon, said SURE is just one way that students can participate in a research experience during their time at Elon.

“Basically what we hope to do is provide an opportunity for students and faculty to work together on scholarly activities,” he said.

Miller said about 10 percent of undergraduates at Elon participate in a formally structured research project, but that number does not include senior seminars, capstone projects or research-focused internships. He said exit surveys taken by Elon graduates indicate that about 60 percent of students said they participated in undergraduate research.

Miller said he hopes the undergraduate program will grow.

“I’d love to see us expand our participation numbers,” he said.

He said he hopes eventually Elon can offer more financial support, make connections with alumni who did or are still doing research and internationalize the program.

“I even think there’s possibility for some community outreach initiatives through undergraduate research,” he said.

An outreach initiative was underway this summer as a partnership with the Elon Academy, a program geared to help local high school students achieve academic and life success. One Elon student’s SURE project was based on the program.

Junior Daniel Koehler created a

documentary about the Elon Academy, focusing on the academy’s first class, which graduated this past year. He said his experience with the project was valuable.

“The challenge of finding and isolating a structural spine within days of footage, and then assembling a story around that spine, has stretched my creativity and intellect,” he said.

Koehler also said the project was the most structural freedom he’s ever had in a project, and said he appreciated its greater theme of socioeconomic inequality, since it is an area of personal interest.

“I have studied issues of class and race, both stateside and abroad,” he said.

Koehler said he is planning on completing his project this semester.

Senior Emily Wise said her research experience was invaluable. Her project was about the impact of a creative writing group on young people living with HIV.

“It made me feel like I was capable of doing something of actual significance,” she said.

Senior Christopher Gay’s project studied the effects of avatar use in an online gaming environment.

“I started my project last year, participated in SURE this summer and I’m planning to finish the research and publish the results by the end of the year,” he said.

Junior Drew Gardner said he enjoyed the research experience because of the one-on-one experience with his faculty mentor, Eric Hall, who was doing research on athletes and concussions.

“It’s a totally different learning process,” Gardner said.

He said he is continuing work with Hall on this topic throughout the year, and hopes it will be published. Gardner may take on a new research topic next summer and into next year.

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# All student religions to be represented by services, materials

**Liv Dubendorf**  
Senior Reporter

Reem Hindieh, a junior Elon University student, ate her first meal of the day after the sun set. Hindieh is a Muslim, and for the past three weeks, she's been observing Ramadan, fasting during the daylight hours.

But Hindieh said she has experienced some difficulties at Elon because of her fasting. Though she's allowed to eat at 7:50 p.m., dining halls close at 8 p.m., and many times, she said she's been turned away.

Although other places on campus are open after 8 p.m., Hindieh said she wants to be able to eat at the dining halls since they're more convenient.

"Dining halls have everything from appetizers to main dishes, including a variety of things," Hindieh said. "They're more convenient because you need multiple courses when you're done fasting all on one meal plan."

In the last year, Elon University's Muslim population has more than doubled.

"We have to organize ourselves in a way that we have to go grocery shopping, have the right food, have enough food and organize it ahead of time," Hindieh said. "Without the dining halls, we don't have the right food to break our fast."

Elon plans to build a multi-faith center on campus through The Elon Commitment 10-year strategic plan as a way to provide facilities and programming for all religions on campus. But currently, some students feel that Elon could do more to promote religious education on campus.

"If we're going to grow in diversity as a university, we're going to need to find a way for Muslim students breaking fast to eat," said Phil Smith, associate chaplain and director of religious life.

Smith said he had been unaware some students were unable to eat at dining halls because of their religion.

Raj Rawal, a junior who is Hindu, said he also saw a need for religious awareness on campus, though he hasn't run into any trouble because of his faith.

"I'm not persecuted or offended in any way, shape or form, but I wish that people understood the differences between major religions," Rawal said.

With the building of the multi-faith center, Rawal said he hopes his aspiration for more religious understanding will be fulfilled. Smith said the center, likely to be located in the academic pavilions near Haggard Avenue, will be designed to offer more services on campus for students that aren't Christian.

"The main goal would be to create space, programming and staffing to support a wider diversity of faith programs," Smith said.

As one of three buildings included in the Ever Elon campaign, an alumni fundraising initiative, the multi-faith center would house the various offices of religious and spiritual life, replacing the Truitt Center.

According to Vice President of Student Life and Co-Chair of the Multi-faith Committee Smith Jackson, when the school would build the center is contingent upon fundraising efforts, but it's high priority.

Starting last fall, students and faculty on the multi-faith committee visited various religious life centers at universities across the northeast to be inspired and to plan Elon's own multi-faith center.

"The one thing we (didn't) want to do is build a palace," said Anthony Hatcher, an associate professor in the School of Communications and member of the multi-faith council. "The building would be a neutral space where we could put together a panel to discuss various controversial religious issues."

The center, costing \$2-3 million, would be a 14,000-square-foot building complete with facilities for all represented religions on campus.

Within the multi-faith center, there will be a large worship space that will hold 150 people with movable chairs, according to Hatcher.

"We referred to it for a long time as the black box, a room that could be anything," Hatcher said.

There will also be storage spaces with necessary icons and material for each religion on campus. Hatcher said the building could be used for a worship service, a meeting or a conference.

"We also see smaller rooms, smaller gathering spaces for meditation and prayer," he said.

He said that although Elon is funded by the United Church of Christ, Elon takes priority in providing a place for all religions on campus.

"(Elon is) an independent university that encourages openness and diversity — the concept of acceptance," Hatcher said. "We don't care if you're straight or gay, if you believe in God or not. What we care about is are you growing? Are you tolerant of others? Are you willing to listen to a point of view other than your own?"

Hatcher said the multi-faith center is about something bigger than Elon being a Christian school.

"It's not just about diversity of culture or religion," he said. "It's about



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# Physical Therapy department seeks to offer students scholarships, develop physician's assistant program

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"The need (for PA) is there, there's student interest there — the application pool supports another program," she said.

Rogers said that program could either be at Danieley East with the Department of Physical Therapy or it could be located somewhere else, though it's a project that might be looking farther into the future than the refurbishment of the Smithfield building.

"(The PA program) would look very much like our current model for DPT," she said.

Rogers said part of the plan is also to increase enrollment in the department, drawing eight more students than they do now. The increase in students would bring extra revenue, she said, which would fund these expansion ideas.

The planned jump would take the department from 36 students to 44, and the first class to see that change would be the class of 2015 that starts in January 2012. House said while the increase may only be eight students, it's a large difference.

"That's a pretty big jump," House said. "But it still maintains the close relationship between the student and the faculty."

Part of the reason Rogers said the department wants to expand and increase enrollment is because there's a need for physical therapists in the country.

"There aren't enough physical therapists to meet all the needs of people who need therapy," Rogers said.

Outlined in the plan for expansion, there are

numerous aspects to how the Department of Physical Therapy hopes to increase its size and ability. The program hopes to increase scholarship money available for the students since none is currently available to them, for example.

"Our program has not had the pleasure of having scholarship money for our students," she said.

The department is also hoping to add one full-time faculty member to the staff, bringing the number of professors to 14 full-time. Also outlined in the plan is the hope for some research equipment funds, as well as a national or international component to the education.

In a more long-term goal, Rogers said the department is looking into developing a small post-professional program that would allow professionals to come and continue learning. It would be geared toward people who already have a masters degree, she said, and while it would provide another degree it wouldn't provide a Ph.D.

"We want this to be a practical degree to prepare this person to teach at a place like Elon," Rogers said.

For Rogers, though, much of the plan is about being able to support the program in order to not take money away from undergraduate programs.

"Graduate programs have to have legs to support themselves," Rogers said, "they have to be cost-effective programs that don't take away from undergraduate education."

## Aspects of the Department of Physical Therapy plans:

- Developing scholarship money for DPT students
- Hiring a full-time faculty member
- Researching equipment funds to replace older equipment
- Finding support for global and domestic study experiences
- Developing a post-professional doctoral degree program
- Refurbishing the Danieley East space
- Meeting a goal to be recognized in the next accreditation cycle
- Planning DPT homecoming events and continuing education courses
- Creating a model for clinical education

# U.S. News and World Report releases new rankings, Elon No. 2 school in South

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The U.S. News and World Report's 2011 college rankings came out during the summer, listing Elon University as a top school in many categories, including the No. 2 college in the South.

On the report's list, Elon is referred to as a regional university, and it is second in the South behind Rollins College in Winter Park, Fla. Elon received an overall score of 96 out of 100.

Vice President and Director of University Relations Dan Anderson said Elon was placed on the regional university list because it isn't part of the report's research-based category.

Anderson said schools that are heavy in research are considered to be national universities by the report, while schools like Elon are put on the regional list. Some schools included on the national list are Wake Forest University, University of North Carolina and Duke University.

"A lot of people like to see Elon as just a liberal arts school, but it's not," Anderson said.

In the report's lead section, "A Strong Focus

on Student Success," Elon is listed as having an "outstanding program" in seven of eight categories: first-year experience, internships, learning communities, senior capstone, service learning, study abroad and undergraduate research. Elon was not mentioned in the eighth category, writing in the disciplines.

Elon was also named the No. 1 school in the South on the report's "Focused on Their Undergrads" list. Other lists Elon was named on include being first in the "2011 Up-and-Comers" southern category, coming in seventh for the southern "Great Schools, Great Prices" list, and is listed as being an "A-Plus School for B Students."

Categories that Elon is not mentioned on include "Seeking Diversity," "Valuing Economic Differences, Too," "The Foreign Student Factor" and the best business schools list.

Anderson said lists aren't necessarily the best way to judge a school, though. He said it's unfortunate that people just look to broad-brush lists to find where they want to go to college, rather than trying to get a feel for the place they're trying to go.

## Summit plans to make Greek life model for other campuses

Caitlin O'Donnell  
News Editor

Elon University plans to host a Greek Life summit in spring 2011 for the Greek-affiliated organizations on campus in an effort to make the Greek community a model for other university campuses, according to Rex Waters, associate dean of students.

"It challenges and supports the organizations to look at their core values and where and why they exist," Waters said. "It challenges them to live congruently with that and 'walk the talk.'"

A similar summit was held in 1995, but according to Waters, it's difficult to hold regular meetings for Greek Life because of its size at Elon.

"In the past summits, we started at the organizational level and collected information to be taken to councils," he said. "It was then brought to the summit and the (culmination) is cross-representation."

Waters said at summit conclusions, information is also taken back to chapters where members can respond to it.

Shana Plasters, the director of Greek Life at Elon, said the process for the upcoming summit will begin with assessment from an external group which partners with the universal governing bodies of Greek Life, such as the National Panhellenic Council.

"(The group) will use unbiased information to shape our agenda at the summit, including touch points for the shape of the organization," she said. "This is the Elon process."

The team of Greek Life experts will spend a day and a half taking a close look at the Greek community at Elon. Through interviews with students, faculty, staff and alumni, as well as through observation, the group will determine how the community is functioning.

Six to seven weeks after the visit, the group will explain areas where Elon is strong and what can be done to make Greek Life function better.

According to Plasters, the goal is an objective assessment. Waters said it will be a good opportunity for Plasters to expand on the current model for Greek Life.

"The independent group empowers Shana and Zach (Thomas, assistant director of Greek Life), and lets them take the information and formulate it into goal," Waters said.

Plasters said she strives for passionate students who are not satisfied with mediocrity and are an integral part of the mission of the institution.

"It's always good to get benchmarks

and make sure we're living up to our goals," Waters said. "We get a good read on where we are and work to continuously improve."

He said these goals include seeing Greek Life integrated into the academic and social networks of Elon's campus and focusing on what Greek Life wants to be by the year 2020.

"We don't want to look the same as other Greek Life communities," Plasters said.

According to Waters, the event will most likely involve meetings on campus one Friday with an open invite to all members of Greek Life. The next day, Greek leaders, alumni and national representatives will meet for the actual summit. Follow-up between

all groups will also be necessary, he said.

"The challenge is to identify leadership that is willing to lift up strong things and leave bad things behind," Waters said. "We want to move with Elon."

Keeping with the growth of the university, this fall Elon will welcome

Delta Upsilon, the newest fraternity on campus.

"They will not come in and have a typical structure," Plasters said. "The founding class has different interests, like helping to share the organization and talking to students, faculty and staff."

Elon will also add a new sorority to campus, ideally by mid-November and in time for formal recruitment.

After receiving nine applications from eligible sororities, a committee of students is looking to narrow the list to three.

"We want them to be successful with distinct programs and leadership and to just be a good fit," Plasters said.

After the three finalists are announced prior to Fall Break, open forums and meetings will held before a final recommendation is submitted.

Waters said although there is a large community within Greek Life at Elon, it's important that each segment is both identified and successful.

"We want our organizations to excel individually, intellectually, socially and ethically," he said. "But we also want (them) to excel within the broader community."



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This spring, Elon University will host a Greek Life summit to challenge and support the Greek community at Elon. Campus leaders, alumni and national representatives will be present.



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# University officials dedicate train underpass

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News Editor

More than a year after construction began on the railroad underpass on Trollinger and Lebanon avenues near Elon University, school officials gathered with representatives from the North Carolina Railroad Company, the construction companies and local governments to cut the red tape on the project Sept. 1.

President Leo Lambert began the dedication ceremony by ringing a bell that had formerly been at Elon and returned with the help of former state archivist and Elon alumnus Ray Beck.

Lambert said the railroad, which travels past universities across the state, is an important part of the Elon community and has been for a long time.

"We owe our lifeblood and our livelihood to this railroad," Lambert said.

While he addressed the crowd, Lambert introduced guests from outside Elon who were at the event in support of the project. Dan Ingle, R-N.C., members of the Alamance County Board of Commissioners, aldermen from the Town of Elon and representatives of the North Carolina Railroad Company all attended the event.

"We're very pleased about the aesthetics of the project as well," Lambert said. "It just looks like a part of Elon."

For the project engineer and designer, Enrico Roque, who is from the Raleigh office of engineering company HNBT, making the underpass look like Elon was an everyday job. He said the bricks had to match the ones across the road and the fence had to fit the look of the school, among other things.

"(The underpass) looks blended in," he said. "It looks

like it's part of the university, like it's been there for years."

He said one of the other important aspects of the project was the safety element of students using the tunnel rather than walking across the train tracks.

Troy Faulkner, who works for North Carolina-based Crouter Construction and was the superintendent for the project, said the aspect of safety was on his mind throughout the project. Early in the process, he said he was sitting near the railroad tracks eating lunch when he saw an Elon student nearly get hit by a train because she was talking on her cell phone.

"She stepped back from the track and her hair flew right out," Faulkner said. "She didn't even hear it coming."

He said he was on site throughout the construction except for two months in the beginning of the year because he was on another assignment. The project finished up after delays from weather problems, he said, adding at least three to four weeks to the completion.

"It seemed like it rained every day," he said.

Heavy Civil Division Manager Lynn Hansen of Crowder Construction, the company that built the underpass, said the safety of the construction workers was important as well. With 15,000 hours put in by workers, there were no safety issues, she said.

President of the NCRS Scott Saylor said the conclusion of the project brought the opportunity to invest in other safety projects around the state. He said the NCRS is in talks with the UNC Greensboro to develop similar projects to the one at Elon.

"Safety is so important to this line, and we're going to continue investing in it," he said.



Elon University President Leo Lambert addresses the crowd at the dedication of the new train underpass. Lambert said he was pleased with both the aesthetics and safety of the construction.



Elon University staff, students and members of the community join railway executives, politicians and construction workers who worked on the project at the dedication of the underpass on Trollinger and Lebanon Avenues.

## Car break-ins, police chase plague students' first weeks

Anna Johnson  
Managing Editor

Car break-ins, stolen street signs and a high-speed chase surrounded the Elon community in the first weeks of students' arrival.

Elon alumnus Robert Knelson reported someone smashed his black Honda Accord's window and stole a \$200 GPS and several CDs on Sept. 2. Knelson was visiting friends at University Pointe Apartments and noticed the car was broken into early in the morning.

The Town of Elon police incident report states several CDs were slung out of the car and police officers attempted to lift fingerprints off the car.

Elon University senior Lauren Flood also found her car broken into on Sept. 2 at Provence Townhouses and Apartments. Her radio, radio faceplate and GPS were stolen.

The larceny caught Flood off guard, but she said, "It's a good wake-up call for everyone to be on the lookout."

David Gauthier, managing member of Provence Properties, sent an e-mail to all the residents of the apartments. In the upcoming weeks, security cameras will be installed in the parking lots, he said.

In the e-mail sent out to the residents, he said, "Remember you live in a nice complex with a nice community, please support each other by keeping an eye out for each other."

Other news:

- On Aug. 29, Town of Elon Police

were led on a car chase at University Drive and N.C. Hwy 87 by a 22-year-old Reidsville resident. According to a police incident report, Master Police Officer Mark Sweat clocked a 1996 Lumina Chevrolet at 101 mph in a 55 mph zone. When Sweat attempted to catch up to the vehicle, driven by Jonathan Auburn Hutchens of 611 Maple Ave., Hutchens switched directions on University Drive and ran a red light.

While rounding a curve, the Chevrolet wrecked and landed in the front yard of 630 N. N.C. Hwy 87, where Hutchens left his vehicle and ran into the woods.

Sweat called for backup and requested the K-9 unit to track the man. Ten minutes after the arrival of the K-9 unit, the suspect was in custody. Hutchens was taken to the Alamance Regional Medical Center for a sprained ankle.

He was transported to Alamance County Jail and placed with a \$7,500 secured bond. He was charged with felony speed to elude, speeding 101 mph in a 55 mph zone, careless and reckless driving, improper passing, resisting, delaying and obstructing an officer and driving with a revoked license.

On Aug. 30, street signs were missing from the College and Holt avenue intersection, College and Lee avenue intersection, Lee and Lebanon avenue intersection, College and Williamson avenue intersection, Oak and Haggard avenue intersection, Gilliam and Haggard avenue intersection and Holt and Summerbell avenue intersection.



Two car break-ins occurred Sept. 2 to an Elon University student and alumnus. More than \$600 worth of goods were stolen including GPS systems and radio systems.

# The Phoenix can rumble, but Elon will rise: Bell in Alamance shows history and progression of Elon University

Melissa Kansky  
Multimedia Editor

A 400-pound bell from Elon's old main campus, before the fire that destroyed much of the college in 1923, was placed in the Alamance building rotunda this summer.

George Troxler, the university historian, said it symbolizes a past that is honored in the present and promises growth in the future.

"It's a reminder of what our predecessors have accomplished," Troxler said.

Aside from West dormitory, the Old Main Bell is one of the few items at Elon that survived the fire of 1923. The Old Main Bell hung in an octagonal tower in the administration building, located where Alamance currently stands.

"That building was the library, it was the auditorium, it was the classrooms and all the faculty offices," Troxler said. "Students referred to it as the college. When that building burned, they said the college burned."

When the building caught fire, the bell plummeted to the ground, he said. As the fire consumed the building individuals threw cold water on the bell in order to save it.

"When you see the bell, you can see where the water hit it, and it dents in on one side and you can tell that's where it almost split it half," said Katie Nash, archivist and special collections librarian.

The March 30, 1923 edition of the Maroon and Gold, the student newspaper at that time, reported on the incident.

"The old bell, which was called to work and play for so many generations of students, was dug from the ruins last Thursday, and its voice was heard again," the article read. "The familiar sound filled the hearts of the students and old memories and it is hoped that the bell will be preserved."

A metal urges from North

Carolina State University looked at the ripple and dent to determine the authenticity of the bell that is now displayed in Alamance, close to its original location.

The display includes the history of the bell, a description of the administration building, the story of the rescue of the bell and the reconstruction of the university.

Nash and Troxler wrote the plaques and coordinated with Brad Moore, associate director of planning, design and construction management.

Moore served as a liaison between Nash and Troxler, and the design firm in order to effectively display the history of the bell.

"In a sense, the bell tells the story of the school," he said. "Unquestionably, the fire was the most significant event in the history of the school. That's how we come to have the Phoenix mascot."

The oldest academic buildings on campus currently signify the college's reconstruction. Alamance, Carlton, Duke, Mooney and Whitley replaced the administration building, which was once the heart of the college.

"Instead of building one building back, they built five," Troxler said. "So from that stance they built bigger and better."

The inclusion of the construction of the five buildings highlights the college's resilience, so as not to leave viewers with the story of the fire and negative sentiment, Nash said.

Troxler praised the mere existence of the university today.

"There was a student body and faculty who looked at the ruins of that building and saw the library gone, the classrooms gone, the offices were gone," he said. "And the school continued. It was a tremendous leap of faith for a student to see that fire burn and stay on campus."

For Nash, the bell is symbolic of Elon's mascot



This summer, the bell that once hung in the Main Building of Elon College, located in Alamance's current location, was placed on displayed on the main floor of Alamance. The bell survived with some damage the fire in 1923 that destroyed Elon's first building.

COREY GROOM | Staff Photographer

and ideals.

"It incorporates our whole Phoenix identity and mascot of rising from the ashes," Nash said. "It symbolizes our whole administrative building burned down, but look where we are today."

Although the physical appearance of the school has altered, Troxler said he believes the values are still embedded in the institution.

"A concept of service, the importance of leadership in our community and moral and ethical values were important reasons for the foundation of the school," he said. "And they continue to be part of the school's mission."

Those on campus are witnesses to the progression and growth of the university.

Even after the fire, Elon preserves its history. At the school's centennial in 1989 the students created a time

## Another historic bell on Elon's campus:

The Graham College bell is located on the second floor of Belk Library. It was cast in 1853 and is representative of state and national history.

It was one of the North Carolina railroad bells, so it is one of the few or only surviving bells that is known about. Graham College was the forerunner of Elon University and opened in 1872. Daniel A. Long and William S. Long acquired this bell to use at Graham College.

When William S. Long became the first president at Elon, the bell accompanied him. There is no evidence that the bell was ever used on campus.

Katie Nash, the Elon archivist and special collections librarian, commented on the rarity of the bell.

"If it was cast in 1853, then it survived the Civil War," she said. "Normally the metal bell would have been melted down."

capsule, located behind the seal in Moseley.

This new time capsule replaced the old corner stone box, which is now included in the bell display.

Alongside the old main bell, Alamance houses the corner stone box, which served as a time capsule

from 1889 until 1989, and original bricks, both of which were also rescued from the fire.

"I think it's a wonderful reminder of our past. It was in the original building in 1889," Troxler said. "It survived the fire and shows the effects of the fire."

## Elon School of Law welcomes largest class to date

Caitlin O'Donnell  
News Editor

On Monday, Aug. 23, the Elon University School of Law welcomed 132 new students representing the class of 2013 to its campus in Greensboro — the largest class the school has had to date.

According to Sharon Gaskin, associate dean of admissions at the School of Law, this increase in students was because of higher quality in applications. And while the number of applications nationwide increased by two percent, the School of Law saw an increase of 16 percent over last year's numbers.

"We have always received quality applications," Gaskin said. "This year, Elon Law did exceptionally well with receiving more applications."

This could be because more people are becoming aware that Elon has a law school, Gaskin said. Others see that the job market is tight and are looking to continue with school.

"I think that in challenging economic times, people who have been out of work and who thought they would have been reemployed already are looking for changes in their career," she said.

Gaskin said Elon's campus is also a great place to study law.

"I cannot say that people aren't just drawn to this really exciting approach that we've taken to studying the law," she said.

According to the mission statement, posted on the school's website, Elon's law school strives to complement and strengthen the university's existing

programs while also functioning as a distinctive program, of legal education.

"(It) will develop exceptionally-educated, well-motivated, technologically-savvy, internationally aware and effective lawyer leaders from there will be a continuing need," the website said.

Gaskin said the admissions department is looking for applicants with a solid academic background and other components such as cumulative GPAs and LSAT scores.

"We do a holistic approach to reviewing the application," she said. "We find candidates who we feel would also support the Law School's mission — two of our hallmarks are leadership and engaged learning."

Gaskin said leadership roles could include anything from applicants' undergraduate campuses to their communities, churches or other organizations.

"Similarly to the main campus, they also have to be engaged," she said. "We look for who will be a good Elon law student. This is a three-year commitment, so we need to be able to get along."

All of the classes that the school has enrolled thus far have exhibited certain indicators of success, Gaskin said. The incoming class is similar in the sense that it has strong service and leadership, in a larger quantity.

"All of the classes that we have enrolled have been filled with people with a variety of talents and diversity," Gaskin said. "What I think is that we'll continue to attract applicants who will support Elon's mission and that it will be even more difficult to have to choose. But this is a great problem to have."

### BY THE NUMBERS

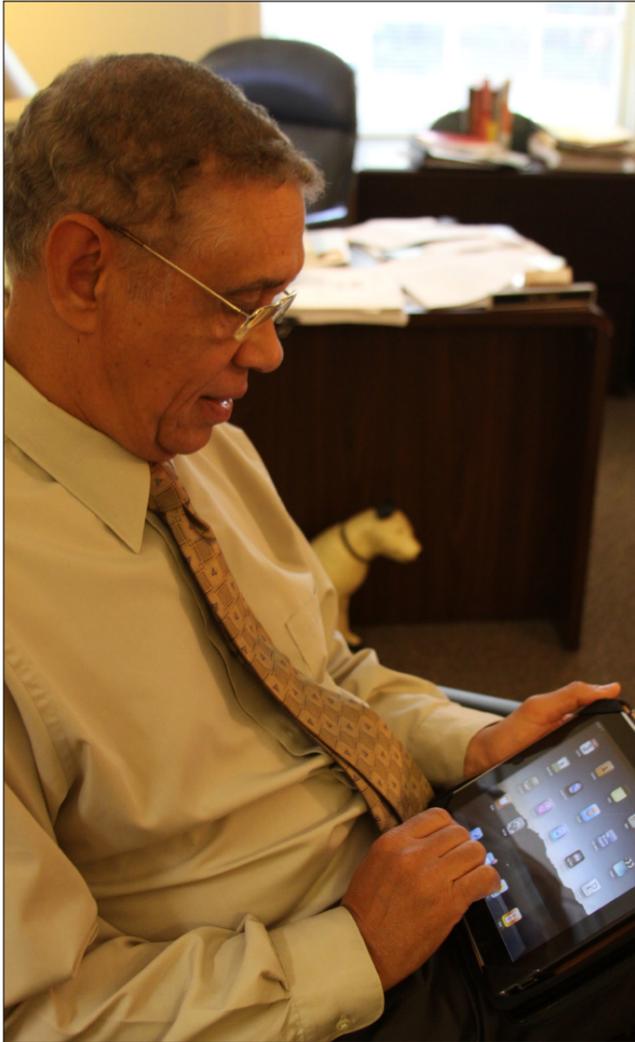
**132** number of students in the class of 2013

**121** number of students in the class of 2012

**16** percent increase in the number of applications to the Elon School of Law

**2** percent increase in the number of applications to Law Schools nationwide

ELON LAW CLASS OF 2013



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Associate Dean of the School of Communications Don Grady uses his new iPad, which was bought by the school for faculty and staff.

## School of Communications faculty, staff receive iPads

Ashley Jobe  
Opinions Editor

In a recent move to develop new innovative teaching methods and classroom engagement, all Elon University School of Communications faculty and staff were provided an Apple iPad on Sept. 1.

Fifty-seven faculty and staff members were eligible, though only 50 iPads were purchased as seven faculty members deferred receipt until the second generation comes out in 2011.

Dean of the School of Communications Paul Parsons said the idea for the iPads came from Associate Dean of the school, Don Grady.

"He said that we ought to get an iPad for everyone because it's a transforming technology," Parsons said. "This is a device that is going to revolutionize communications. Experts are saying that this may be the death of the laptop — it's the world of apps."

Parsons said part of the reason for getting the faculty and staff iPads was in order to help them understand the future of media.

"Increasingly, broadcast stations, newspapers and magazines are getting into these apps on your desktop," he said. "This is the successful forerunner of a new way to take notes, communicate and store information. We're the communications school. We need to be on top of this."

The funding was provided by stipends from the Hearst Journalism Award program, Parsons said, as well as private donations. Parsons said there were no stipulations attached to the donations, but if there were criteria associated with the money, all requests were honored.

"Some gifts are \$50, some are a thousand," he said. "This year, we thought the iPad initiative was

the best thing to do."

The base model for the iPad was \$499, and 50 were purchased. About \$25,000 dollars were spent on the investment. Private money was also used to renovate the editing suites in the bottom floor of the School of Communications.

The school offered faculty and staff the base model, the 16 GB with Wi-Fi capability, for free. Each recipient can make the choice to personally pay for any desired upgrade. Thirteen faculty and staff chose the base model, seven upgraded to 32 GB or 64 GB. Thirty added 3G capability for continuous Internet roaming, and seven are waiting until 2011 to purchase the second generation iPad, which will have various new upgrades, such as a camera.

Elon does not service the iPad if there are technical issues with the device. A maintenance contract is available through Apple that can be purchased by each individual faculty member.

All Elon faculty and staff are allowed to keep the device, whether employed by Elon or not. Parsons said a rental program wasn't used because of the personal nature of the device.

"In the world of apps, you buy apps. You have to have a private account," Parsons said. "If you have 3G capability for Internet roaming, you have a monthly fee. We didn't want to be in the business of buying applications or being tied to monthly fees."

Parsons said using the funds for iPads was a good way to educate the faculty and staff about new media.

"We are careful stewards of gifts that come in to us," he said. "And we had saved up over recent years. This is a self-study year for accreditation. We look at ourselves and determine what we're strong at and what we need to improve."

## Alumni Relations events aim to engage young alumni

Sam Parker  
Senior Reporter

Elon University's Alumni Association is gearing up for Commencement in May because nearly 1,300 graduating young adults will experience the transition from Elon students to alumni.

An average of 533 of those graduates is expected to join the young alumni pool that provides donations for the school.

Elon's young alumni base has increased over the past few years, growing to 54 percent under the age of 40 and 41 percent under the age of 30.

"We are talking about a huge population of our overall alumni community," said John Barnhill, assistant vice president of university advancement.

Because of this increase, specifically in the area of young alums, Barnhill said the Alumni Association made the decision to increase their efforts and create the Young Alumni Council.

The Young Alumni Council is a program focused on the foundations of bettering the Elon community through the participation of past university students. The Council offers assistance to recent graduates who are now entering the career world through event programming, transitional support and fundraising. The primary goal is to gain active, diverse alumni who are looking to give back to the Elon community through ideas and suggestions.

"If we do not engage the alumni now, we will not have their voices later," Barnhill said.

The Council is divided into chapters, which are

determined by geographic locations that house large numbers of Elon alumni. Barnhill said the Council relies heavily on the networking and participation abilities of these alumni in order to make events successful.

"We cannot sustain a network alone," Barnhill said. "We really rely heavily on the leadership of those chapters."

In order to draw in participants and contributors, the Council hosts events such as "Welcome to the City" across the country. At these programs, young alumni are able to advance their networking webs or gain an understanding of what careers are available within the area through communication with other Elon graduates, according to Barnhill.

"Sometimes we ask if you have a job already, and if not, we will try to help you network with other alumni in the area," Barnhill said. "At other times, we ask if you need a place to live, if you need help finding resources in the area or where you got your car. It can be as simple as the little things, or it can be something big like finding a job."

Kyle Banks, a 2010 graduate, said Elon placed a great emphasis on networking while he was a student. He said it's beneficial for recent graduates to take advantage of the networking and career opportunities Elon is offering through the "Welcome to the City" programs, especially for those who are lost about where to begin life outside the Elon community.

Beth Cohen, who also graduated this past year, said Elon has the right idea by trying to recruit students quickly after graduation.

"Someone might be more likely to get involved

right after graduation when all the fun times are still fresh on the mind," Cohen said. "If you wait awhile, you might lose some of the dedication to the school."

Cohen said the downfall to this strategy is that most recent graduates have just entered the corporate world and are low on funds to offer, causing alumni to feel their small donations are ineffective.

Barnhill said the Alumni Association often hears graduates say they have just started on their career paths and do not have many resources to offer.

"It is most important that people participate," Barnhill said. "There is a responsibility to give back. It is in the blood of maroon and gold to give back to this institution because it has given us all so much."

Barnhill said all gifts matter. Each contribution makes a difference and because Elon's recent graduates serve as the university's biggest population of alumni, their contributions are needed most.

"It is that annual support of the institution that is going to continue to transform this place," Barnhill said.

The Young Alumni Council is encouraging recent graduates to remain involved in the Elon community, regardless of how far their new homes are from campus. The Council is looking to build relationships with individuals to serve a greater purpose for younger generations.

"We are going to be a part of your life forever," Barnhill said.

## BioBus tweaks loops, continues program to downtown Burlington

Pam Richter  
Editor-in-Chief

Changes to BioBus routes will be taking place this semester for Elon University students and those who use the transportation system to get to downtown Burlington. This year the East Inner Loop and the East Outer Loop that went down East Haggard Avenue were combined, and two new stops were added to the Burlington loop.

"There's not a whole lot of changes," said Keith Dimont, supervisor of automotive services. "We combined two routes and made one big route. The buses would be 10 minutes behind each other."

Dimont said no stops were eliminated, but some rearranging in the times of stops took place. Now there will be two buses running every 10 minutes. Stops off campus on this loop include Oak Hill,

Providence, University Pointe, Campus Trace, Partners Place, Phoenix Arms, the Crest and Park Place.

Changes to the downtown Burlington loop were built to expand the "get on the bus" program, initiated last year to provide transportation for students who want to do community service in the downtown area. With this program, BioBuses ran to downtown Burlington and had several stops. This year, two additional stops were added to the downtown loop — Cummings High School and Wal-mart on South Graham Hopedale Road.

Senior Kara Costanzo said she used this program at least twice a week last year to volunteer at the Boys and Girls' Club.

"It is helpful to students who want to volunteer, but not good for those who want to go to dinner in downtown Burlington," Costanzo said. "The hours of the bus just

aren't good for that."

The bus for downtown Burlington leaves Moseley Center every hour starting at 2:30 p.m. with the last pick-up from campus at 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday every week, according to Elon's transit website.

The BioBuses are also open for non-Elon students and those in the community to use as well. Costanzo said the buses aren't typically full, though.

"There weren't many students on the bus, and there were not a whole lot of people from the community on the bus," Costanzo said.

Dimont said that ever since the BioBus program started, it has been open to the public.

"It has been used, especially our University Drive line," he said. "Some folks in Elon take the bus over to the movies. There's not a whole lot of use, but it has been used by the public."



JULIA MURPHY | Staff Photographer  
Students can still ride the BioBus to downtown Burlington Mondays through Thursdays.

# Justice department's probe into Alamance County Sheriff's Office causes county strife

Anna Johnson  
Managing Editor

The U.S. Department of Justice investigators recently visited Alamance County Sheriff's Office employees and Alamance County residents, continuing the department's inquiry into the sheriff's office for "discriminatory policing and unconstitutional searches and seizures."

Alejandro Miyar, spokesperson for the U.S. Department of Justice, said the department could not comment on an open investigation, but the sheriff's office was cooperating.

The allegations of discriminatory policing were against Latinos, he said.

The investigation has caused heated discussion among county leaders and advocacy groups.

Fairness Alamance, a group that disagrees with Sheriff Terry Johnson's enforcement of the immigration law, 287(g), has openly supported the justice department's investigation.

Fairness Alamance issued press releases asking Alamance County residents to participate in the investigation and "providing relevant information will lead to a more open, honest and accountable implementation of 287(g) program."

The press release asks residents who "feel targeted" by the sheriff's office to come forward and speak to justice department officials.

Individuals in the group have worked to make their voices heard on the immigration issue. Three unnamed members of the organization visited Alamance Community College, uninvited and without permission from the proper school administration, to speak at English as a second language classes.

The full group did not endorse these meetings, said David Blair, communications chair for Alamance Fairness.

Blair spoke as a private citizen during the Aug. 16 Alamance County Commissioners meeting and called the county commissioners' response to the

investigation "downright disgraceful." After the meeting, Blair said Alamance County Commissioner Bill Lashley threatened him.

"The commissioners were not happy to hear from me," Blair said. "Bill Lashley lost his temper and accused me of being a radical trying to overthrow the U.S. government."

The commissioner allegedly issued a string of obscenities toward Blair and threatened him physically. Lashley denied the altercation and said he had five witnesses, including Alamance County Commissioner Tim Sutton, with him after the meeting.

Blair approached Lashley after the meeting, complained and "started causing a fuss," said Lashley.

During the commissioners' meeting Blair has a right to voice his opinion during the meeting, Lashley said, but afterward he didn't want to hear Blair's opinion.

"He is a disgrace to the American system in my opinion," Lashley said.

Previous groups have also expressed concern with the sheriff's enforcement of 287(g).

## The ACLU

In 2009, the American Civil Liberties Union of North Carolina requested thousands of public records regarding 287(g).

In Sheriff Spokesperson Randy Jones' press release he wrote the ACLU reviewed the documents and "did not reveal any wrongdoing on the part of the Alamance County Sheriff's Office."

Katherine Parker, legal director for the state branch of the ACLU, said that is not true.

"I don't know why they are spreading this falsehood," Parker said. "We never told the sheriff we were not concerned. I don't know where their rationale is for this."

The ACLU, Parker said, has expressed concerns of racial profiling and

checkpoints in predominantly Latino areas.

"We do have these concerns, and we have heard complaints," she said. "The records we have been reviewing suggest (the arrests) are disproportionately Latino."

The majority of the arrests are for no operator's license or driving while license revoked, she said.

"It begs the question, 'Why are they being stopped in the first place?'" Parker said. "We have not drawn any final conclusions, and we did not file the complaint, but we support this investigation."

But Jones and Alamance County Commissioner Linda Massey said when Parker came to the Sheriff's office in April 2009, she said the sheriff's office was not at fault.

"After explaining our traffic stop reporting system, she remarked our system could be an example for everyone in the state to follow" Jones wrote in an e-mail.

Massey recalls Parker telling the sheriff it was other agencies, including the Highway State Patrol, who "were arresting most of the Hispanics."

Parker said she was told to come alone to the sheriff's office on April 22 to "review samples and examples of the documents in order to narrow (the) document request."

In an e-mail from Albright to Parker, he wrote that she needed to come alone in order "to meet the requirements of protecting personal and private information."

In the meeting, Parker said, she did mention other agencies but "reiterated that (the ACLU) had received complaints from Alamance."

"They required me to come to that meeting alone and now I know why," Parker said. "It was so they could clearly misrepresent me. And it doesn't matter if the ACLU has concerns, which we do, but the Department of Justice clearly has concerns."

## Sheriff's Supporters

But Johnson is not without his own supporters. He was first elected in 2002 and is currently running for reelection.

Johnson spoke at the third Alamance County TEA Party held June 19, and he was introduced by Rep. Howard Coble, R-NC, as "the best sheriff in the country," to which crowd erupted in applause.

"If the federal government doesn't want me to enforce the laws," Johnson said during his speech, "then get them off the books."

The county commissioners, except Commissioner Ann Vaughan, voted in support of Johnson and "the full implementation of 287(g)."

Sutton said the justice department's investigation is "pure harassment."

"They are so pro-Latino, so pro-immigrant," Sutton said. "They refuse to admit we have an illegal immigration crisis. We are not breaking the law. We have a good sheriff."

The people who support the investigation are narrow-minded, he said.

When an individual feels compassion for a particular group but can't "stand to hear a negative word against them," he said it was then time to get out of the debate.

Laura Roselle, an Elon University professor of political science, conducted her own study of traffic data in 2009 using state data. When Sheriff Johnson announced in February 2009 that the sheriff's office had made traffic stops on 494 Hispanic drivers from 2004 to 2008, Roselle investigated the claim.

She discovered there were actually 1,344 during the same time period, 850 more than Johnson originally reported.

The sheriff's office claimed the difference was the result of software complications.

"It is Roselle and cohorts," Sutton continued, "who think we have to turn a blind eye if the person is illegal."

Miyar said there is no speculation as to when the investigation will conclude.

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# Periclean Scholars address SGA about relief for Pakistan flood

## Meeting also discusses efforts to combat hazing on campus

Melissa Kansky  
Reporter

In the first meeting of the year Thursday Sept. 2, Elon University's Student Government Association discussed upcoming campus events. The 2012 class of Periclean Scholars, though, used the time to talk to the board about starting a Pakistan flood relief program.

Three students from the 2012 class came to speak during the open forum portion of the meeting. Chris Carmichael, a junior and member of the Periclean Scholars, said flooding in Pakistan has caused water to blanket one-fifth of the country

and left four million people homeless.

Media coverage of the Haiti earthquake was 10 times greater than the amount of coverage on the flooding in Pakistan, he said.

"SGA has the power and responsibility to begin the initiative and light the flame to inspire the community to reach Pakistan during these troubled times," said Jamie Milliski, a Periclean Scholar.

The representatives from the class said using Phoenix Cash and meal swipes to collect money would be a good idea, as well as dedicating a College Coffee to raise

awareness. Carmichael said the response from Elon to help in Haiti during the earthquake earlier this year was broad and well-organized.

"Periclean Scholars wants to see a similar response to the tragedy in Pakistan," Carmichael said.

Keeping with campus safety, she said a program is emerging on campus in regards to hazing.

"We are beginning an initiative to talk about hazing and its lack of place in the Elon community," Patterson said.

She said university President Leo Lambert will meet with various student group leaders to talk about

hazing.

"Hazing is not just a Greek issue," Patterson said.

In addition to conducting business and announcing reports, the SGA board welcomed freshmen candidates to attend the meeting. Twenty-one freshmen are currently running for office, five of whom are running for president.

Aside from welcoming freshmen, the SGA board swore in a new board member. Junior Stephen Rusterholz took oath and assumed his responsibilities as the new student coordinator for new student orientation for SGA.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Hillel to collect items on campus for North Carolina food bank

Hillel, Elon University's Jewish organization, is sponsoring a food drive from Monday, Sept. 13 through Friday, Sept. 17 to support the Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina.

Items to be collected include non-perishable food items, hygiene items and cash. Students interested in donating can visit the table in Moseley from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Other donations can be made by contacting Rachel Stanley at rstanley@elon.edu or the Truitt Center.

### Annual organization fair this Friday

Elon's annual organization fair will be held on Friday, Sept. 10 from 4 - 6 p.m. in Young Commons. More than 140 student organizations will be available to answer questions, provide information and recruit new members.

### Events seek to assist students with hiring process

All majors are encouraged to attend career kick-off events on Tuesday, Sept. 14 to assist students looking for internships and jobs.

From 1 - 4 p.m., students will have the chance to meet with corporate, nonprofit and government employers offering opportunities for all students. Professional attire and resumes are encouraged.

From 5 - 6 p.m., a group of experienced recruiters will discuss resumes, interviews and social networking with students looking for internships and jobs.

### Corrections

In the Sept. 1 issue, Lucie Miller was incorrectly identified as a senior at Elon University. She is a sophomore. Also, the date for New Student Convocation was incorrectly listed on the front page. New Student Convocation was Sunday, August 28.

## SGA EVENTS

UPCOMING

### Regular meetings

Every Thursday night, 7:30 p.m., Moseley 215

These meetings include open forum for non-SGA members.

### Senate meeting

7:30 p.m., Sept. 9, Moseley 215

### Homecoming Information Meeting

6:30 p.m., Sept. 22, Moseley 215

### President Leo Lambert addresses the senate

7:30 p.m., Sept. 23, Moseley 215



McEwen Dining Hall will now offer late-night dining hours on Thursdays and Fridays.

JACK DODSON | Photographer

## McEwen introduces late-night dining hours

Jack Dodson  
News Editor

Since Brown & Co. was closed last fall, students at Elon University haven't had as many late-night options for food on campus.

But Ryan Moore, assistant food service director for ARAMARK, said that will change as McEwen Dining Hall will open from 11 p.m. to 3 a.m. on Thursdays and Fridays, starting Sept. 11.

Moore said the new late-night hours will begin at upstairs McEwen after the first home football game, and, depending on popularity, could expand to other nights during the week.

"If it's something that gets really popular," he said, "we'll probably add days to it."

The late hours are part of a list of changes at the dining hall as breakfast will no longer be served at McEwen, gluten-free options will be available, take-out will be served if a student has an ARAMARK to-go container and Varsity Sports Grille's service style will change.

Moore said breakfast at the dining hall in McEwen was never really

popular to begin with, so breakfast will continue at other locations, including downstairs McEwen.

The gluten-free option came from a desire to offer food for a growing number of students with Celiac disease, he said.

"In order to accommodate (students who need gluten-free options), we really took the time out this summer to figure out how best to serve them," Moore said.

The to-go containers, which are necessary in order to get take-out from McEwen, will be handed out during Phoenix Phest Oct. 22. A student can use a meal plan to fill up the container to go.

Moore said if the container gets lost, students can buy new ones for a price around \$3 or \$4.

"We were hoping to do a take-out option in the dining halls because we hoped it will be attractive to the students," Moore said.

As for the change in service at Varsity Sports Grille, the restaurant will no longer be full service. With the addition of a register, customers will order at the counter and get a number, which Moore said he hopes will speed up service.

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# Editorial

## Fighting the familiar: Language reform

On Aug. 30, an e-mail was sent to all faculty and staff, detailing an initiative to embrace both non-traditional and female students by “using the term ‘first-year student’ or ‘first year’ rather than ‘freshman/freshmen.’” The e-mail went on to explain that the term ‘freshman’ comes from a long history of equal formal education being denied to females, as well as those who might not define either their sex or their gender in these terms. “We know you share the Elon value of non-discrimination on the basis of identity, so we hope you will join us in changing our language to reflect that,” the e-mail said.

The e-mail was signed by Kirstin Ringleberg, coordinator of women’s and gender studies, Crystal Anderson, the faculty fellow in the Multicultural Center and senior Aly Poggi, the vice president of SPECTRUM.

The e-mail raises some important questions. Why wasn’t it sent to students? Where are the statistics that show our campus has a significant need to change the verbiage they exchange on a daily basis and whether they even feel discriminated against because of its existence? Could we be encouraging awareness about an issue that may not be a widespread concern?

While the e-mail may have shocked faculty and staff members with no knowledge of the insinuated offense, the issue is pressing for Ringleberg, who said her desire to educate her peers about gendered language originated in 1983, when she was approaching her first year in college.

“I think the word ‘freshman’ is different because it is a term that is accepted broadly without question,” she said. “I think that everyone would be aware that the N-word was problematic on campus, where as freshman seems pretty benign. It makes the assumption that all first-year students are male or that you could use the terms ‘freshman’ or ‘freshwoman,’ and you’ve never heard the (latter) used.” Ringleberg said not every freshman is just coming out of high school, and that all the things associated with the word ‘fresh’ aren’t true for every first-year. She said the word enforces the notions that all freshmen are the same, and they’re not.

A supporter of the transition to the

phrase “first-year student,” Anderson said she was made aware of this issue when Ringleberg brought it to her attention. And though she supports the initiative, she hasn’t had any experience with students who said they feel aversion to the term.

“It doesn’t mean there aren’t students who have an issue. I just don’t know them,” Anderson said. “The overarching idea is the power of language. Almost unconsciously, the language we use shapes the ideas we have. If we want to have an environment that doesn’t contribute to inequitable power relations, then we need to use language that reflects power neutrality.”

When asked about her experience gauging the awareness of females and males on the importance of taking gendered indicators out of speech, Ringleberg said, “Students in Aly’s generation are even more aware of different ways that language can be used to repeat normative social hegemonic pressures. I think students are even more aware of it (than I was).” But Ringleberg also said she would respect anyone’s position on what he or she would like to be called — she said she is aware that not everyone agrees with her stance on the subject.

If one is interested in provoking institutional change, one must start with individual action. Thoughts breed words, and words plant seeds of action. In the case of the use of the word “freshman” on Elon’s campus, three women suggest the cycle of degradation of women (and those non-traditional, older students who oppose being labeled “fresh”) may begin to reverse itself with the cessation of the habitual use of the word. The premise of the argument lies in this statement: with the continued use of a word entrenched in masculine origin, we as a culture are allowing conscious (or subconscious) references to the inadequacy or exclusion of women and older first-year students to continue unabated.

But let us focus on the effects of the label “freshman” in the present day. Are women being deterred from college because this label makes them feel unwanted or excluded? Absolutely not. On Elon’s campus alone, women are enrolling and matriculating at a higher

level than men. The same is the case for women all throughout the country. Their opposition to gendered language (if any) seems to bear little weight in their commitment to education.

Interestingly enough, women at Meredith College (an all-women institution) are referred to as “freshmen” on their website.

On another note, volunteers welcoming students to Elon this year were urged to differentiate between freshmen and first-year students—primarily because of the double meaning of the term. Transfer juniors are also first-year attendees. In what ways will we differentiate between those who have earned labels that indicate higher academic standing?

This plea for language modification on an institutional level is an infringement on an individual’s right to speak freely—especially to potentially unconcerned individuals. Fortunately, as passionate as Ringleberg, Anderson and Poggi are, their rally for unbiased language is neither a demand nor something to be made into law on this campus.

“I was thinking this could be more of a general reminder,” Ringleberg said. “Especially since over half of our students are not men. More of a reminder than a manifesto.”

But what of the thought that all terms that single out historically disadvantaged demographics in the United States need to be re-evaluated and phased out of commonplace use? Be it our sexual orientation, age, ability status, race, class or gender, we may all find just cause in our country’s history to justify a desire for respect.

Thus, what stems from good intentions could promote a culture of over-sensitive students, treading on eggshells with every word uttered, walking a loose tightrope between awareness and habit. Breaking the habit is the ultimate goal. Starting small, too, will help. But perhaps we are losing sight of the difference between individual freedoms and institutional conduct. Our right to be called whatever we’d like should never be compromised, regardless of if we are labeled a part of an institutionally crafted demographic.

## Concerns remain after tunnel’s completion

Even after underpass dedication, questions linger about practicality; safety

After a year’s worth of construction and more than \$2.2 million spent, the underground pedestrian tunnel on Elon’s campus was officially dedicated Sept. 1.

And with the ribbon cut, now is the time to examine and inspect the newest addition to campus.

There is no doubt that increased precaution and safety surrounding the railroad tracks was necessary. The Town of Elon’s Bicycle, Pedestrian and Lighting Plan states five accidents, including one death, occurred at the intersection of streets and railroads from 2001 to 2006. Two weeks ago, a truck was struck by a train in Gibsonville, and the 51-year-old driver was airlifted to the hospital, and imagine if that was a pedestrian. And in 2007, an Elon University student was killed standing on the tracks, which was later ruled as a suicide.

Elon University’s proximity to the railroad tracks and the trains that use them pose a real threat to the Elon community. New high-speed intercity passenger rail programs are springing up across the country, including the tracks next to Elon. The underpass may prevent future accidents, but the execution of this underground tunnel appears flawed.

The physical location of the tunnel has always been a point of contention. The underpass may connect South Campus — University and Alumni Relations, Holt Chapel and the Phoenix Club Sport fields — to the main part of campus, but the location ignores where students are most likely to cross.

A number of students cross the railroad tracks to return home or visit off-campus apartments and housing. Seemingly little to no thought was given to these students in the creation of the tunnel.

And with the erection of the black fence blocking off all other areas of crossing, students are bottle-necked to two areas: the tunnel or the busy intersection of Williamson and Lebanon avenues.

For the sake of convenience, most students will not travel out of their way to the underpass. Instead students will find themselves crossing the railroad tracks, at the intersection and

risk being struck by a car — or worse, the train.

There are also disadvantages of funneling students toward the tunnel: crime. There are six security cameras and an emergency phone, but the preventive measures do not go far enough.

Security cameras are shown to drastically improve the chances of catching criminals after they’ve committed a crime, but they do little to prevent a crime from taking place. Catching the criminal after the fact provides little relief to victims.

We have faith in our campus and town police officers, but with no stationed guards near the tunnel, the possibility of crime seems almost inevitable. A security hub, similar to the one near the Danieley Center, could easily be located on the south part of campus to guarantee peace of mind for students. Mirrors should also be placed in the corners of the tunnel to allow visibility of the upcoming turns. This would serve a deterrent to criminals attempting to sneak up on unsuspecting students.

There is little to be done about the impracticality of the tunnel’s location. But university officials should strive to make the underpass safer by adding stronger security measures to help erase all doubt from students’ minds.

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## Bearing witness to truth

Images of war reveal unexplored wounds trapped in American psyche, raises questions about taste and censorship



**Camille Demere**  
Guest Columnist

Operation Iraqi Freedom is over — or at least, the first official steps have been taken to bring our troops home and withdraw from the country for good. As American citizens analyze our nation's almost decade-long presence in the Middle East, we're going to see some things we don't like. But we can't turn away.

War isn't as clear-cut as we would like it to be. It's dangerous, messy and heartbreaking. Bystanders lose everything, including their lives, and sometimes it's impossible to know exactly who the "bad guys" are until it's too late. Last week, The New York Times attempted to recap what President Obama called "the war to disarm a state (that) became a fight against insurgency" overseas through an online photo essay called "Drawing Down and Moving Ahead."

Black and white images transitioned into ones filled with the crimson blood of a tiny crying girl in northwestern Iraq, the bullet-ridden body of a young Iraqi man and the destruction and chaos of war.

These are images we need to see as college-

age global citizens. And these are the images our media should not shy away from, as long as they act responsibly — as the Times did — and warn viewers of what they are about to see.

The photos are not gratuitous. And some students might not even think they are that jarring. The blood pooling around a soldier in Falluja may seem less real than the violence seen in 2009's Oscar winner, "The Hurt Locker."

Most of the images that were shockin showed a different kind of injury — the social and economic implications of our time in Iraq. One photo shows babies napping on the outskirts of Baghdad in their temporary home: a tent with no floor. Others are of buildings destroyed by insurgents' bombs and 20 Iraqi men laying face down in the dirt with their hands tied behind their backs.

Most Elon students probably count themselves among the billions of young people Obama referenced in his Aug. 31 address to the nation. He urges our demographic to "move beyond the shackles of poverty and conflict." That doesn't mean we should turn a blind eye to those terrible things that have already occurred overseas.

As we ready ourselves to be one of the next generations to take over positions of power in this country, we need to see things like this for ourselves. That way, we cannot hide behind our ignorance when tough decisions need to be made. We should make a promise to our global community that we will work to learn from our nation's trials, and bear in mind the consequences of our actions.

## Where is our Elon?



**Liv Dubendorf**  
Columnist

Our perfectly lined, brick pathways have been rerouted with yellow construction tape and heaping mounds of dirt. Random bulldozers scatter the grounds — you can hear their engines chugging from Alumni Gym to the fenced-off construction site near the Colonnades.

Look around. Any student, visitor, faculty or staff member can see that Elon university is changing — fast. But what does that mean for us?

Besides the obvious inconveniences of the noise that starts at sunrise and ends at dusk, we are around for just the beginning of the renovations.

We have to suffer through the improvements so that the next generation of Elon students can enjoy the new facilities being built. If not us, then who?

I'm a junior this year, which means I'll barely be able to enjoy the new Colonnades buildings. I won't see the buildings to replace Story Center, and I will have to live through the construction of various other buildings on campus. It seems that, for the rest of my Elon career, I will be listening to the sound of drilling and the beeping of large trucks in reverse.

I sat in on a meeting with President Leo Lambert and Provost Steven House last week. Most memorably, the two discussed what the massive plans for construction meant for us as current Elon students.

Lambert talked of improving the value of our diplomas, which is something I can appreciate. But as Elon's reputation increases, so too will the tuition bill. I'm happy that is something I won't have to pay for. Presumably, with the Ever Elon campaign, student scholarships will increase, making the school more affordable, and scholarships are never a bad thing.

And when I'm looking for a job far in the future, I'm going to be glad for these expanding buildings, for the famed reputation. With Elon on the rise, we will be among the first to reap the benefits. The money spent improving our campus and improving our academic programs will eventually help us out.

While sitting in on this meeting, I got excited. I thought about how wonderful it will be when I tell someone that I went to Elon and have him or her actually know where it is.

But then I took a minute to think what all this construction means, besides the fact that we have to put up with loud noises and closing buildings.

After all the improvements are complete, when the campus has expanded, we'll probably need to continue renovations on some other building. When will Elon decide that enough is enough? How big is too big?

Our university is on the rise, which is hard to wrap our heads around at times. In the coming years, we will gain new facilities for the Department of Physical Therapy program along with the possibilities of adding a Physician Assistant program.

What will happen to our small, liberal arts school in the middle of North Carolina? The school that I chose to attend not because it was a Harvard University or a Yale University, but because I felt it was my perfect fit?

What will happen to our home? I hope the massive institution that is currently being constructed around us won't devour our Elon, the Elon I know and love.

And what about increasing class sizes? I specifically didn't go to a state institution because of their massive student populations. I like the idea of knowing professors within my school, even if I haven't had them in class. I like our 30-some person classes.

As these buildings are constructed around us, I experience a mixture of emotions. I'm happy that Elon is growing in popularity, but worried that it will lose its personality as it continues to extend its borders. As students, we are left at the crossroads, not knowing which way the university will turn. We can only hope that, with whatever improvements that are made to the university, it will retain the identity that we know and love.

## Plastic bag ban melts under heat

Attempts to reverse human impact on environment thwarted by boundaries created by California Senate



**Christina Edwards**  
Columnist

With landfills packed and overflowing with trash, plus an additional oil rig explosion last week that contributed to the environmental turmoil in the gulf, environmental issues have become priority legislation for many jurisdictions, despite economic hard times. In October 2009, North Carolina joined several other states in passing legislation to require the recycling of plastic

bottles.

California has been at the forefront of the growing trend of legislation and governmental encouragement and incentives for recycling efforts. The California Bottle Bill, which makes use of the state's existing private and public recycling resources, places a monetary value on recyclables, which has resulted in high rates of recycling. Local jurisdictions have varying levels of additional environmental laws: San Francisco has enacted a mandatory recycling and composting ordinance. And up until last week, California was very close to being the first state to pass a ban on single-use plastic bags. California Senate struck down the bill on Tuesday, Aug. 31.

The bill was passed by the California Assembly in June and drew praise from Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger. The state has a history of enacting similar laws at a local level: San Francisco was the first city in the country to pass a ban on plastic bags in 2007. And the idea is starting to take off and gather support in other areas: North Carolina banned single-use plastic bags in the Outer Banks, and Washington, D.C. began requiring grocery stores to charge for plastic bag use. Similar legislation to the

proposed bill in California is under review in United States unincorporated territory American Samoa. Other countries, including Ireland, South Africa and Bangladesh, have similar laws.

The problem with the proposed legislation, and similar legislation in higher level jurisdictions, may not really have anything to do with plastic bags. Reactions and commentary over California's situation suggest the law has implications that go beyond the environment and reach into concern over what can and should be regulated by the government.

Fox News Channel contributor and conservative columnist Michelle Malkin wrote on her blog after the ban failed to pass Senate: "Finally, California shows some sense. Lawmakers trashed an onerous, ill-timed, empty-gesture plastic bag ban pushed by radical greens this week."

Readers commenting on a Huffington Post article about the ban who disagreed with the legislation expressed concern over the proposition of environmental laws over other governmental concerns. One commenter dismissed the bill as "just another special interest mandate."

Similarly, supporters of the ban have expressed concern for legislators being swayed by the monetary effects on plastic bag manufacturers.

Much of the contention over this issue isn't about plastic bags. I'm sure not everyone — or really, most people — opposing the ban are completely dismissive of all environmental issues. And perhaps not everyone in support of the ban remembers to place every plastic soda bottle in the recycling bin.

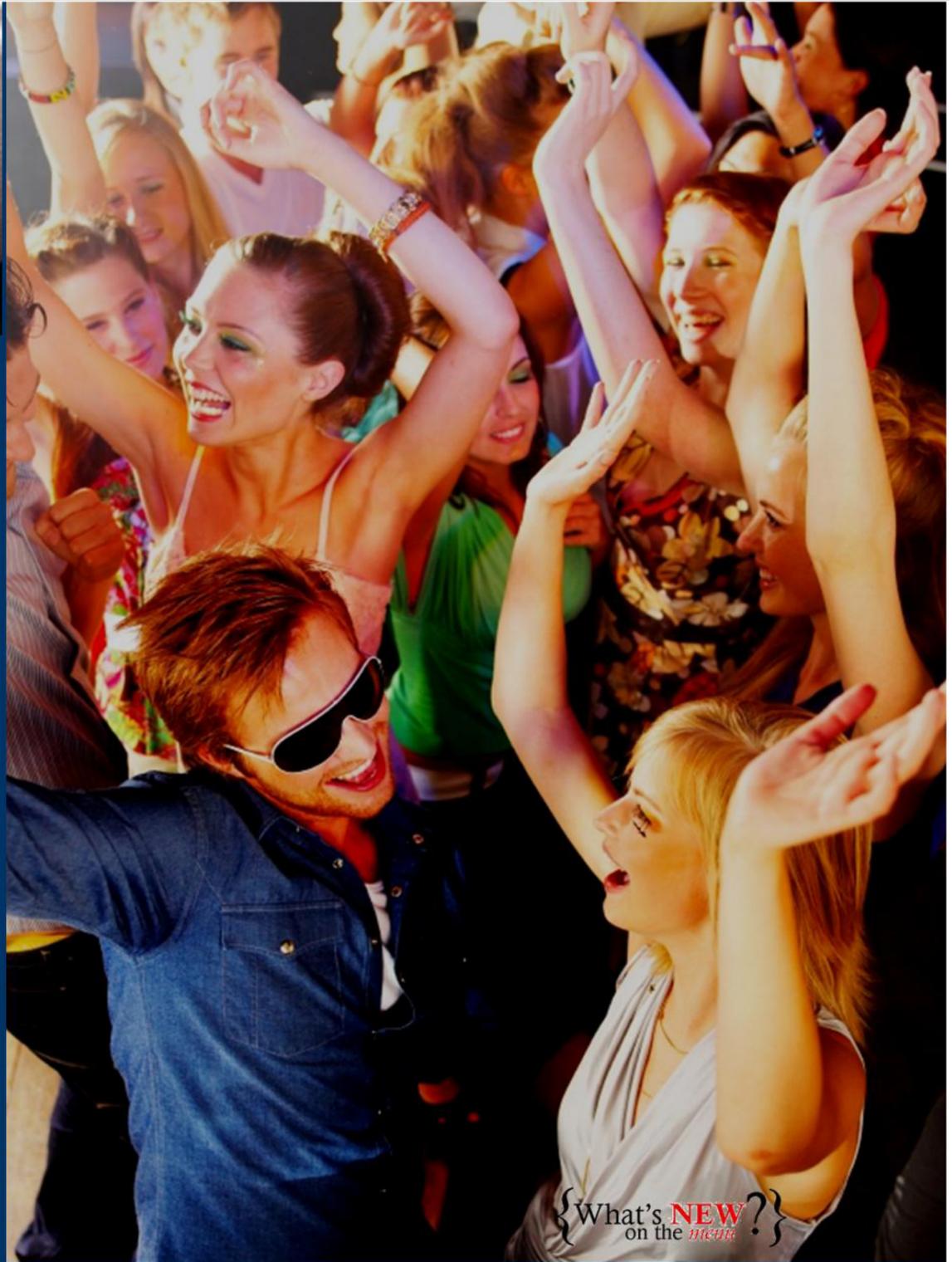
The controversy surrounding this legislation highlights a major problem in U.S. politics right now: there is a heavy us-versus-them divide, a need to align ourselves and distinguish what we aren't. Sometimes, this overshadows the actual issues.

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# Style



## PEDALING to California:

Students design 'green' tricycle to raise awareness, help schools in Sri Lanka

Marlena Chertock  
Design Editor

The mountains of Virginia stretched out in front of them, and behind them lay thousands of miles already ridden. The two riders dreamed of California, but they wouldn't make it on this trip.

Last year, Elon University senior Jesse Lee, two other Elon students, a student from Appalachian State University and another from Virginia Tech created an environmentally friendly, solar-powered tandem tricycle (trike). Their plan was to ride from North Carolina to California to show that alternative energy does work, and to raise money for schools in Sri Lanka.

The project is called "Trivelo," "tri" for tricycle and the thread of three throughout the project (three wheels, approximately three-week ride), "protelo" meaning "to lead" and "novus" meaning "new." Although the Trivelo Project also counts as Lee's Leadership Fellow and Periclean Scholars capstone project, he said it wasn't designed that way.

"I didn't want it to be hindered," he said. "I wanted to let it evolve into what it would, and if it retrofit within those guidelines, which it does, fantastic. But I don't think it would've been right to do it any other way. You don't want it to become another thing to cross off the list."

Lee and his team didn't make it to California because of mechanical problems. The trike didn't break down because of problems with the solar power; the motor they chose couldn't handle the mountains. But they did put some impressive mileage behind them.

"All together, we rode from Kitty Hawk, N.C. to the mouth of Wilson, Va., where we had to stop," Lee said. "Our motor had overheated and broken. Our pedaling shaft was also broken."

Lee and fellow rider Tommy Ausherman, a senior at Appalachian State, pulled over to the side of the road in Virginia to decide what to do.

"It was late, and it got dark," Lee said. "And we were taking wires apart and trying to find out what was wrong."

Lee said a man from the town walked by and offered them a place to stay for the night. The next day they tried to fix the trike.

"We looked at ourselves and said, 'Okay, do we want to keep going, push forward even though we know our equipment is really struggling with the conditions we're putting it through, or turn back to Charlotte, N.C. and have to look at everybody and say we didn't quite make it,'" Lee said.

To help make the decision, Lee said he tore out a page in his journal, and he and Ausherman wrote what they wanted to do on separate pieces.

"We both wrote down that we wanted to keep going, to see this through. We wanted to see California," he said. "I still have those papers because they're really special to me."

They then tried to go down the driveway and the trike's motor wouldn't start.

"We realized our decision was made for us," Lee said. "When we

were just sitting on that farm and having to decide to keep going or not — it was the hardest decision I ever made, I would say."

### The trike's creation

Six students planned the project during a nine-month period, where six months were spent on building the trike, Lee said. Ausherman, a student at Appalachian State; Daniel Rhyne, a graduate from Appalachian State; Christian Probst, a senior from Virginia Tech and Lee constructed the trike at Belmont Textile Machinery Inc. in Charlotte.

Lee met several of the trike's builders through a renewable energy course he shadowed at Alamance County Community College in the fall of 2009.

"I was sort of throwing out ideas to (the professor), just crazy designs," Lee said.

Professor Jack Martin, who teaches at Alamance Community College and Appalachian State, put Lee in touch with Ausherman, who was friends with Rhyne and Probst. Elon junior David Munoz also shadowed the course with Lee.

Ausherman, Rhyne and Probst brought technical knowledge and the history of making electric trikes, according to Lee. Lee said he filled the creative role of bringing ideas to the table, bringing different lights to the design aspect and handling the marketing and fundraising. Elon senior Molly Schreiber and Munoz were influential in getting the idea of the trike off the ground and into something that could actually be made, according to Lee.

"It was a perfect combination of people that were able to come together," Lee said. "We all had a little bit of knowledge in different areas."

Lee said solar power was used because it doesn't have to be maintained a lot.

"It's just up there, and it does it," he said. "You don't have to worry about a lot of moving parts. It's convenient."

### Biking for social change

The ride was important for Lee because it reaffirmed that renewable energy was what he wanted to study, he said. He came into Elon undecided and chose to study the environment.

The decision to make a "green" trike and ride across the country was twofold, Lee said. He wanted to raise the awareness of alternative energy transportation and raise money for a school in Sri Lanka. The Sri Lankan connection is through Elon's Periclean Scholars project for the Class of 2011, which Lee and Schreiber are a part of.

"We want to buy them new roofing, laboratory supplies and recycling bins," Lee said. "This will all sort of fall into our environmental summit which is happening this January. Several of us in Periclean Scholars will be flying there to hand out equipment."

Lee said he is hoping to go with the scholars, funds permitting.

### Connecting to people and self along the ride



PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY JESSE LEE

Above: From left to right, Appalachian State alumnus Daniel Rhyne, Elon senior Jesse Lee, Appalachian State senior Tommy Ausherman and Virginia Tech senior Christian Probst sit on the solar-powered trike.

Right & Bottom: The solar-powered trike pictured at night and in the Belmont Textile Machinery Company where it was built.

Lee and Ausherman manned the trip solo.

"We had no support car," Lee said. "We had all the materials and our gear with us in the trike."

He said that became a hindrance because it added extra weight and probably contributed to the mechanical breakdowns. But it also was for the best because they had to depend more on people, he said.

"We did a lot of picking a town on the map and said we want to get there by tonight and find a place to camp out," Lee said.

Time and time again people would let them stay in their houses, community centers or churches.

"The people that we met along the way were by far the best part of the trip," Lee said. "Fantastically giving and generous people."

Lee said that everyone they met was interested in why they were doing the ride and what the trike was.

"We pulled into one town and it looked like it was getting really dark, going to storm," he said. "We didn't have a place to stay that night and the trike couldn't get wet. We saw a guy standing outside his house and asked (if we could put the trike under his car port)."

Lee and Ausherman then tried to find a bite to eat, but everything was closed, Lee said. As they were walking back to the man's house, the man was walking up the main street, saw them and lit up.

"He said, 'Hey guys, you better come back to your trike. You got a whole welcome party,'" Lee said. "There were 10 or 12 people standing around. They made us dinner and let us stay in the firehouse for the night. It really just lifted our spirits up. We couldn't have asked them to do any more."

Lee said that he was also able to disprove a misconception.

"People sort of think you can't hitchhike anymore," he said. "Especially with cars whizzing by you, not knowing where you're going to sleep that night,



on a vehicle that you built (that doesn't come with airbags. But you can, sort of, if you come at it with the right attitude. But it was real special to me and to have those people be a part of our lives and a part of our memory of that and the reverse of it as well for us to be a blip in their memory."

### Finishing the ride

The reason the motor and pedaling shaft broke was from overworking when Lee and Ausherman rode over mountains, Lee said. The mountains were too much for the motor they had chosen, Lee said.

He said they are making improvements on the trike, including a new motor and pedaling shaft "and a lot of other design changes to make it more powerful, more efficient and more fun."

The motor they are putting in is one that is consistently used on single-person trikes and is bulletproof, Lee said.

"We're going to do some

serious testing this winter. We're going to take it out to the Blue Ridge Mountains," Lee said. "Once we're sure of that we're going to design another ride, we're not exactly sure what that means. It will definitely happen and it will definitely be challenging."

There are also other ideas on the backburner, Lee said. He wants to make changes to solo trikes and redesign a bike from the ground up, he said. He will continue working with solar power, he said.

Lee said it's always a learning process.

"I could think that I know everything about building a trike like this but there's always something new," he said. "And I don't think it would be exciting if there wasn't; that's what grabs me about it. You can be creative, take it in a new direction."

It's all about "finding the limits, if there are any," he said.

To follow Lee and the other members of the project, visit <http://www.triveloject.com>.



Wes Kiser was one of 13 Highland Game competitors selected for the amateur championship.

## RAISING THE BARBELL

Alamance County resident ranks fifth overall at the Amateur World Highland Games

Anna Johnson  
Managing Editor

For Burlington native Wes Kiser, placing fifth overall in the Amateur World Highland Champion Games just wasn't good enough.

"Things fall as they fall," Kiser said. "It varies from game to game, and I was tied for first up to the last event."

The local high school math teacher is the only Alamance County resident to compete in the Highland Games. He was one of 13 in the world invited to the amateur championship games in Minneapolis, Minn.

He tied for first in the caber throw and broke a personal record. A caber toss involves throwing a large wooden pole, similar to a telephone pole.

The key to success at the games, he said, is consistency. If a competitor is placing first in every category, then they belong in the professional league. If a person places in the top-4 in every category, then nine times out of 10 they will win, he said.

"I do hope I get invited next time," he said. "There is still a lot of work to do in all of the events to be prepared for the competition."

The idea of competing in the

Highland Games was first introduced to Kiser while he was in college. He was on Appalachian State University's track and field team where he threw shot put, and his coach mentioned the games.

That was four years ago, and Kiser has been hooked ever since.

"It is fun to compete," he said. "It's one of the few games you can show up and even if someone is not as good as you, everyone is helping each other out."

The games don't take away from his teaching duties or his commitment as a football coach at Bartlett Yancey High School in Caswell County. The Highland Games, he said, is one of the few sports where an athlete can still have a normal life.

"People always ask, 'You throw the telephone pole?'" he said. "My students always want to see the kilt."

Some of his students were able to watch him compete at the Grandfather Mountain games. His parents and his trainer, Matt Ledbetter, also often attend the games.

"I'll tell you this," Ledbetter said. "It was exciting to know that I work with the No. 1 competitor. He just blows people away."



Kiser lifts a special weight-training 325 pound chain to prepare for Highland Game competitions.

The crowds have their favorites, Ledbetter said, but Kiser tends to capture their attention when he competes.

"Wes gets up there and throws 30 feet farther than the No. 1 guy," he said. "The crowd's like, 'Whoa,' and they go crazy."

Regardless if Kiser is in the on- or off-season, his training schedule is intense. Kiser trains four days each week for several hours. Ledbetter mixes up the routine by using traditional weight exercises and strong man activities. Some of these activities include tire flips, heavy medicine ball throwing and lifting a

325 pound metal chain.

"There are only four bars that can handle that (much) weight," Ledbetter said.

As a trainer, he said, it was his job to help Kiser reach his full potential and help flip the switch that makes him a stronger competitor.

Regardless of the outcome, Ledbetter said he's proud of Kiser.

"His character is probably the best thing about him," he said. "To be 6 (feet) 2 (inches) and 290 (pounds), he's one of the nicest guys. And as far as work ethic, he's the kind of guy football coaches say they wish they had 10 or 11 just like him."

## Top-6 tips to manage your money in college

David Campbell  
Reporter

*Whether you're a freshman learning to live on your own or a senior thinking about selling your car to pay off loans, these are six tips that could help any college student get by without breaking the bank.*

*Remember, college is practice for real life. If you can't hack the financial world in school, you won't make it in the real world, so spend wisely and think before you buy.*

### 1. Budget your money

You must budget your expenses and set spending limits. Track monthly expenses by keeping receipts and entering them in an Excel spreadsheet – or try new conventional methods such as an online service. Mint.com, a website run by Intuit, the makers of Quicken, allows you to upload financial statements straight from your bank's website and categorize each transaction so you can see where your money is going.

### 2. Carry cash

Using a credit or debit card inspires careless spending. Paying with cash allows you to see your money disappearing with each purchase. You can stash away the change in a jar to save for future purchases. Carrying large bills could also help with reckless spending because you're less prone to break a \$50 dollar bill than a \$10 dollar bill.

### 3. Take advantage of your tuition money

Meal plans are a great way for on- and off-campus students to save drastic amounts of money on food. With all-you-can-eat dining halls and a plethora of options, they are definitely worth it. And instead of spending several hundred dollars on Adobe Design Suite, you can now access programs such as Photoshop or Dreamweaver anywhere in the world using VirtualApps through the Elon website. Rather than spending \$6.50 to see the new blockbuster movie, head to the SUB Cinema "Movie on the Lawn" 8 p.m. on Saturday nights and go to Midnight Meals at 11 p.m. every Thursday night for free food and to play bingo or to listen to your favorite a capella group.

### 4. Shop smart

In this technological age, information is at our fingertips in every possible medium. So before spending any significant amount of money on a television or new outfit, try looking online at sites like amazon.com or pricegrabber.com. You can find great discounts and sometimes free shipping. It's also important to create lists and stick to them, whether you're going grocery shopping or have a bad habit of picking up an extra outfit or two at the mall. This way, you can differentiate between your needs and your wants.

### 5. Start a savings account

Start a savings account at your current bank and then set up an automatic deposit from your checking account to your savings in order to stockpile cash quickly and effortlessly. Saved money earns money. The website Bankaholic.com has a list of banks with the highest yielding savings accounts or CDs.

### 6. Resist temptations

From the '10 second rule' to '30 day rule', there is countless advice on how to keep your money in your bank account. Essentially, they all entail waiting and analyzing. Do you really need that picture frame because it matches the color scheme in your room? Do you really need to buy that executive office chair for your dorm room? Stop and think about your purchases: if you could get by without them then just say no. And as a last resort, literally freeze your credit or debit card in a block of ice. It's a lot harder to get to and you just might think twice before you reach for it.

# Squirrels still safe in Elon, not Gibsonville

Nick Zanetti  
Reporter

In an effort to tame the squirrel populations in Gibsonville, the town's animal control officer William Gilchrist has issued permits to some residents to use pellet guns in an attempt to lower squirrel populations.

The strategy has given rise to skepticism for some Gibsonville residents.

Bill Blackwell is a 12-year resident of Gibsonville who is skeptical about the town's new plan to allow locals to hunt squirrels.

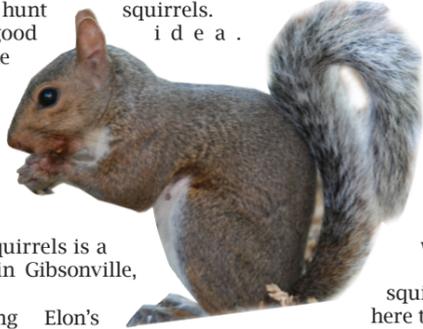
"I don't think it's a good idea. I don't trust anyone shooting one of those things," Blackwell said.

Residents constantly deal with squirrels eating away plants and trees and destroying property.

Overabundance of squirrels is a phenomenon not only in Gibsonville, but in Elon as well.

When first visiting Elon's campus, many people notice the beautiful brick walkways, majestic buildings and fountains, lush flowers and trees and the large number of squirrels constantly skittering about.

Some squirrels can be seen roaming the pathways and grass, climbing up trees, popping out of garbage cans and chasing each other around during mating season.



Joshua Kapfer, an environmental studies professor at Elon offered insight on why squirrels live in such abundance and comfort on campus.

"The grounds on campus provide squirrels with an unlimited habitat," said Kapfer. "The squirrels have few natural predators here. Although foxes and coyotes can survive in suburbia, they are almost nonexistent here on campus."

Elon's campus also provides squirrels with a nearly unlimited food source in the form of acorns and nuts from trees and, of course, garbage from thousands of students.

Most Elon students who have been here for a few years probably have a story or two about a squirrel encounter on campus.

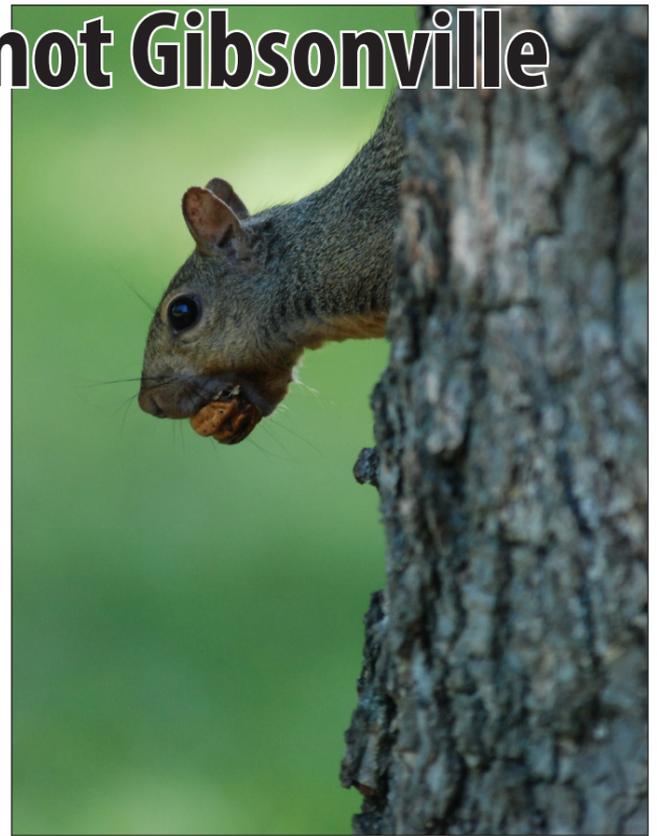
"They're everywhere," junior Kiersten Coatney said. "I'm always afraid I'll hit one with my car when I'm driving. One time one actually brushed against me when I was walking. It was pretty weird."

Love them or hate them, the squirrels in Gibsonville and Elon are here to stay.

"If we wanted to get rid of them, we would have to make campus less attractive to squirrels, or develop a more relaxed attitude towards their natural predators," Kapfer said.

Kapfer said he does not necessarily endorse any certain method to getting populations down.

"They are a nuisance more than anything," Kapfer said



MOLLY CAREY | Staff Photographer

Squirrels can be seen all over Elon's campus. Squirrels can now be hunted in Gibsonville, but are not permitted to be hunted in the Town of Elon.

## How-To: Decorate your dorm room

### Organize with boxes

The size of a dorm room is certainly not the typical dimensions we look for in a comfortable bedroom. When roommates and all of their belongings are also thrown into the mix, it can be tough to keep the room neat and organized. Rather than letting a mess pile up, use colorful storage containers to organize everything from shoes to textbooks to snacks. The containers, in all shapes and styles, bring color to a drab dorm room and can be stored under the bed.

### Soften up your bed

Without question, a dorm room bed is not as plush as a bed at home. After a long day of class and homework, an uncomfortable bed is the last thing you want to climb into at night. So, soften it up with lots of pillows. Buy a body pillow and dress it up with a cute cover or find a few brightly colored pillows to decorate your bed. Not only will your bed look nice, but you'll have a better night's sleep.

### Don't forget the touches from home

Whether your house is just around the corner or on the other side of the country, it's important to bring a few decorations from home to make your dorm room really comforting. While it's not a good idea to create unnecessary clutter by lugging every knick-knack from your house to your new living space, a few small treasures can decorate a desk or bedside table and serve as a little reminder of home and family. But remember, if it's breakable, it might be better left at home.

Caitlin O'Donnell  
News Editor

Trying to make a small space like a dorm room look cute can be a challenge. No matter how many decorations you packed, turning a drab white room into a colorful place to live can seem impossible. Here are a few tips to make a dorm room feel like a home.

### Share your pictures in a creative way

Just because they're not here on campus doesn't mean friends from home have to be forgotten. Find creative ways to share lots of pictures, rather than just strategically placing a few frames around the room. Buy a large corkboard for the wall and pin favorite photos to it or invest in a large frame that can hold multiple pictures. Pictures not only liven up a room but also carry with them memories that can liven up a bad day.

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# Fall area concerts

## September 13

Kings of Leon  
Time Warner Cable Pavilion,  
Raleigh, N.C.  
8 p.m.  
Tickets: \$42-\$214

## September 17

The Old Ceremony Cat's Cradle, Chapel Hill, N.C. 9 p.m. Tickets: \$10-\$12	Black Crowes Downtown Raleigh Amphitheater, Raleigh, N.C. 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$47-\$242
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## September 22

Crosby, Stills & Nash  
Time Warner Cable Pavilion,  
Raleigh, N.C.  
7:30 p.m.  
Tickets: \$43.50-\$176

## September 23

Lady Antebellum  
Time Warner Cable Pavilion,  
Raleigh, N.C.  
7 p.m.  
Tickets: \$29.50-\$45

## September 26

Iwrestledabearonce  
Greene Street Club, Greensboro, N.C.  
6:30 p.m.  
Tickets: \$13-\$17

## October 1

Stars  
Cat's Cradle, Chapel Hill, N.C.  
9 p.m.  
Tickets: \$18-\$20

## October 2

Rogue Wave  
Cat's Cradle, Chapel Hill, N.C.  
8:30 p.m.  
Tickets: \$16-\$18

## October 3

Mae  
Cat's Cradle, Chapel Hill, N.C.  
7:30 p.m.  
Tickets: \$13-\$15

## October 4

Blitzen Trapper  
Cat's Cradle, Chapel Hill, N.C.  
9 p.m.  
Tickets: \$12-\$14

## October 5

Stone Temple Pilots  
Downtown Raleigh Amphitheatre,  
Raleigh, N.C.  
6:30 p.m.  
Tickets: \$63-\$340

## October 15

Sara Bareilles  
Cat's Cradle, Chapel Hill, N.C.  
7 p.m.  
Tickets: \$20-\$25

## October 17

Vampire Weekend  
Downtown Raleigh Amphitheatre,  
Raleigh, N.C.  
7:30 p.m.  
Tickets: \$97-\$485

## October 19

Rufio  
Greene Street Club, Greensboro, N.C.  
6:30 p.m.  
Tickets: \$12-\$16

## October 20

Matt & Kim  
Cat's Cradle, Chapel Hill, N.C.  
9:30 p.m.  
Tickets: \$16-\$20

## October 26

Ghostface Killah  
Cat's Cradle, Chapel Hill, N.C.  
9:30 p.m.  
Tickets: \$16-\$18

## October 29

Passion Pit UNC Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, N.C. 8 p.m. Tickets: \$25	Carrie Underwood Greensboro Coliseum, Greensboro, N.C. 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$25
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## October 30

Passion Pit  
Greensboro Coliseum,  
Greensboro, N.C.  
8 p.m.  
Tickets: \$21 w/ student ID

## November 4

Ra Ra Riot  
Cat's Cradle, Chapel Hill, N.C.  
8:45 p.m.  
Tickets: \$15-\$17

## November 21

Bayside/Senses Fail  
Greene Street Club, Greensboro, N.C.  
6 p.m.  
Tickets: \$15-\$20

## October 22

Mannheim Steamroller  
Greensboro Coliseum, Greensboro,  
N.C.  
7:30 p.m.  
Tickets: \$64.70-\$86.30

**Are you excited about an upcoming concert? E-mail [pendulum@elon.edu](mailto:pendulum@elon.edu) or drop us a line on Facebook or Twitter and share your favorite artist or venue.**

## 'Halo: Reach' release may break video game records

Lauren Ramsdell  
Arts and Entertainment Editor

For nine years, Xbox gamers have marched with the Spartans in the world of "Halo": reveling in victory and sinking in defeat and guided by Cortana against waves of the Flood and the Covenant.

Soon the journey will be over - at least for a while.

Bungie, the developers now owned by Microsoft, announced that the forthcoming "Halo: Reach" will be the last game in the Halo canon made by the studio. Future "Halo" games will be developed by 343 Industries, a newly formed in-house Microsoft studio.

Over time, gamers passionate about the series have grown attached to Halo's main protagonist, the Spartan Petty Officer John-117 - better known as the Master Chief.

In "Reach" the Master Chief is not the main character, rather the player assumes the role of "Noble 6," the latest addition to a group of Spartans charged with, as in many of the "Halo" games, finally defeating the alien Covenant threat.

"Halo: Reach" has grossed more than 1.5 million pre-orders, according to video game data website VGChartz.com, with over 200,000 new orders placed in a single week. Excitement has been building for Halo fans since June 1, when Bungie announced "Reach" at the gaming convention E3. The release date is Sept. 14.

"Halo: Reach"'s full-length predecessor was the highest-grossing video game of both 2007 and of all time, until "Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2" knocked it out of the top slot in 2009. But overall, the Halo franchise has introduced many features in video games that make it at least a contender for top video game of the decade.

"Halo" games introduced the concept of a recharging health shield, rather than hunting all over the map for health packs. The saved film and screenshot feature introduced in "Halo 3," while not unique, at least brought the familiar PC concept to the console. And even from the start, machinimas like "Red vs. Blue" brought "Halo" to the mainstream - something video games have been trying to achieve from the days of Mario.

"Halo: Reach" has been in development since 2007, and while that does not preclude a superior game, the developers elected to rebuild graphic assets from the ground up rather than re-use or update old textures.

Based on hype and previous releases, "Halo: Reach" was selected by game industry professionals to likely be the top game release of 2010, even though the release is not spurred on by the powerful buying push of the holiday season. The game retailer GameStop (located on University Drive in the same shopping center as Target) will hold a midnight release of the game on the evening of the Sept. 13 and into the morning of the 14, a party to say farewell to Bungie's control over the Halo universe, for better or for worse.

## I'm Bo Yo! Bo Burnham's witty style comes to Elon University on Sept. 21

Sarah Beese  
Reporter

More than 60.3 million views on YouTube, a script for Judd Apatow, and a Fake ID.

Most typical 20-year-olds do not have these things. Bo Burnham is anything, but typical. The comedian burst onto the scene with his zany brand of musical comedy in 2006, when he posted his first two videos to the video hosting site YouTube. They since have become huge hits propelling Burnham to new heights most college-age funny guys can't even imagine.

Now, Bo Burnham is taking his comedy on the road with his "Fake ID" Tour, and he's stopping at Elon University. Student Union Board is hosting the event at 9 p.m. on September 21. A specific venue has not been announced, but they may need to prepare for a large crowd.

"At the beginning of August we sent out a Facebook invitation to get a general idea of students' response to Bo coming to Elon," said senior Meaghan Britain of SUB. "The feedback was instantly, overwhelmingly positive, and we are expecting around 700 people to want to come to the event."

If the Facebook event page is any indication, Burnham will be well-received at Elon. The event "BO BURNHAM coming to Elon!!!" is host to 765 guests as of press time, and likely more as the event grows closer. Sophomore Gabriel Noble first heard of Burnham on Comedy Central in his senior year of high school and has been obsessed ever since. What impressed Noble most was the "quick delivery and musical talent" of Burnham.

Tickets will be on sale soon, so look out for more information by SUB. The tickets are \$5 for students and \$10 for the public and will be sold in Moseley



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in the forthcoming weeks. Since a space has yet to be decided upon, seating capacity may be limited.

Burnham is best explained through listening to his sometimes raunchy, sometimes geeky, sometimes both at once songs, and Elon students will get an opportunity to hear them in person.

# Trollinger House hosts open mic night

Kit Arbuckle  
Reporter

On the first Thursday of every month, student artists gather in a large, high-ceilinged room in the Arts & Letters learning community and share their artistic work with an enthusiastic audience. The first open mic night of the 2010-2011 school year, titled "The Inaugural Night of Microphones That Are Open," featured short stories, poems, songs, fiction and nonfiction. The subjects included trains, road trips, oranges and love. Some participants created the work they exhibited while others read or sang the work of favorite artists.

Regardless of genre, subject, or author, the audience was unfailingly supportive. Anyone with enough gumption to sit at the front of the room and perform would be celebrated and welcomed, regardless of preparedness. Even with all that encouragement, a few attendees showed up merely for the pleasure of listening.

Sophomore Caitlin Wang Fleisig, who organized this year's first open mic, said that the Arts & Letters learning community wished to create an open, laid-back atmosphere for the

performers.

"While we want (everyone) to take the event seriously," Fleisig said, "we are open to anyone who wants to participate, whether they are masters of what they choose to present. Or simply beginners trying to share an art form for which they have an appreciation."

Fleisig also said she believes it's important to have cultural events on campus, like open mic, that are totally organized by students. "Events such as this that are completely student run allow anyone on campus to experience a true artistic community, rather than an academically imposed one," she said.

Attendees of "The Inaugural Night of Microphones That Are Open," performers stepped up with an acoustic cover of Justin Bieber's hit "Baby," a song about laptop troubles set to the tune of an Irish jig, a hilarious and deep poem entitled "Dinosaurs," a short story by a Columbian author about a dentist, several works originally intended for an English class and more. The atmosphere was light-hearted and fun and the audience was wholehearted in their praise.

Open mic takes place



Sophomore Mary Van Johnston performs at Open Mic Night hosted the first Thursday of every month by the Arts & Letters learning community.

BRIAN ALLENBY | Staff Photographer

at the home of the Arts & Letters learning community, 201 W. Trollinger Ave. The festivities begin promptly at 8 p.m., and can end as late as 10 p.m.

# Lady Gaga: The unofficial Twitter queen

With more than 5.7 million followers, the quirky singer holds the title

Alex Trice  
Online Editor-In-Chief

Lady Gaga frequently makes headlines for her outrageous fashion style and avant-garde personality. But recently, Gaga made news in the realm of online social media. With more than 5.7 million followers, the "Poker Face" singer has become the newest Twitter Queen.

She dethroned Britney Spears as holder of the popular title given to the public figure possessing the most followers on the microblogging site Twitter.

After a concert, Gaga gave an inaugural address to her followers in which she accepted her new position. "Thank you for beginning my reign as Twitter Queen," Lady Gaga said in the posted video message. "May you always have soft cuticles when tweeting. May you never have carpal tunnel. And I vow to always tweet and tweet again."

The ability to receive constant updates on celebrities like Lady Gaga is part of the reason Twitter's popularity has experienced a huge rise among college-age students. Elon junior Kierstin Coatney said she follows Gaga because she thinks the singer is interesting.

"I just like how she isn't afraid to be herself, even if she tends to 'stand out from the crowd,'" Coatney said.

As Twitter gains in popularity, celebrities are often the most "followed."

Senior Kara Griffin, who also follows Gaga on Twitter, said the reason she does

is because: "Lady Gaga is crazy, but her over-the-top quirkiness is refreshing."

Other reasons for Twitter's increasing popularity include its ability to promote social information and connections, to help the individual establish a reputation, according to Janna Anderson, associate professor of communications and director of Imagining the Internet.

"The value of Twitter is in the eye of the beholder," Anderson said. "You find there what you seek. If you are a casual user sharing personal information, you can do that. If you're a professional and like to know insights from others in your field, it is an incredible gift to you."

Anderson also said she hopes students don't just use Twitter to follow popular musicians like Gaga.

"I would like to see students pursue thought leaders in areas they are interested in," Anderson said.

Sophomore Greg Brzozowski, an avid sports fan, uses Twitter to follow the latest goings-on in sports news.

"I think it's the most underrated news source in the entire world," said Brzozowski. "I follow a lot of reporters and broadcasters on my Twitter and I always go there and am able to find the most up-to-date news. Those 140 characters can say so much."

Brzozowski admitted he used to be a Twitter skeptic who thought the 140-character blogging



SARAH BETH COSTELLO | Graphics Editor

site was "pointless." But he changed his mind after a friend was able to show him the site's benefits.

"I started to use it because

I felt like I was missing out. To anyone who is a skeptic, I would say, give it a try. You might be surprised," Brzozowski said.

## Web roundup: Videos and links going viral

Alexa Johnson  
Senior Reporter

The Internet is chock-full of viral videos and phenomena that are classically here today, gone tomorrow. Here is a brief roundup of what is new on the Web, at least for the next week or two.

### Paste Magazine is dead

The economy dealt a tough blow to lovers of music and the printed word. Last week, Paste Magazine went under, fired most of the staff without notice and killed the print publication because of lack of funds. Although the publication will live online, the content is just not as good. Paste is the most recent music magazine to exit the scene.

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### Arcade Fire's "Wilderness Downtown" video

"Seriously nifty" is an accurate way to describe the customizable video for Arcade Fire's song "We Used To Wait." Just plug in an address to see shots of your hometown (or wherever you chose). Not only is this video impressive feat of HTML 5, but it's even more impressive that most people aren't creeped out by Google having real images of their house and street. A word of caution: if you haven't downloaded Google Chrome, do so before trying to launch this video and let the multiple screens do their own thing.

<http://thewildernessdowntown.com/>

### Hipster dinosaurs

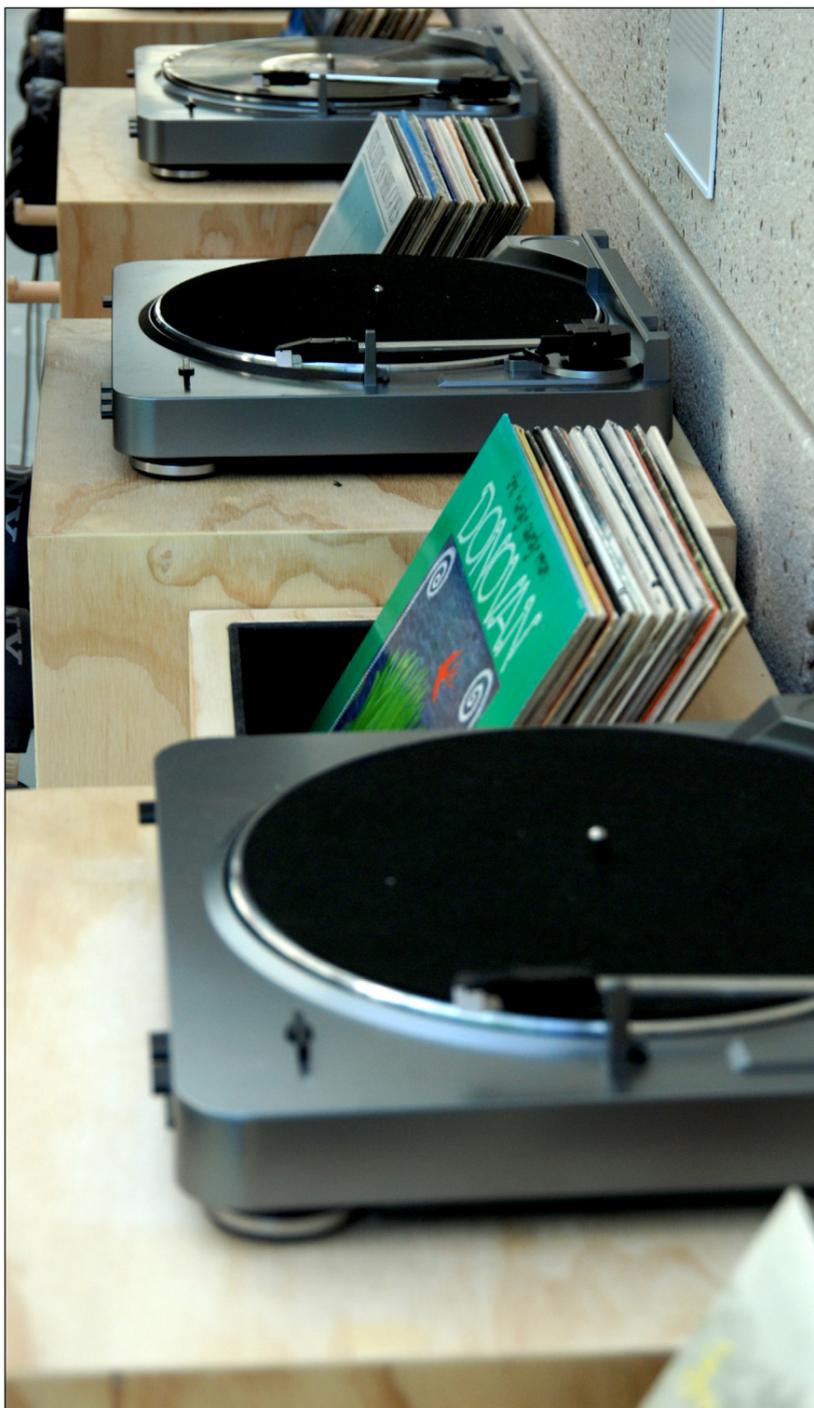
A match made in hipster heaven, check out BuzzFeed's illustration of the coolest prehistoric animals around, pre-extinction of course. Much like the adorable website Hipster Puppies, these coloring book dinosaurs discuss important issues like volcanic integrity, Polaroid film and Wilco. And, seriously — is anyone really surprised Tyrannosaurus looked like Buddy Holly?

<http://www.buzzfeed.com/ihatedinosaurs/hipster-dinosaurs-ppz>

### American Apparel's Downfall: A Tale in 10 Ads

High prices, ridiculous employment standards, soft-core porn ads and a CEO in denial — so many things have led to the fall of the expensive basics distributor that Flavorwire created a visual illustration of A.A.'s downfall for the Cliff Notes version. The T-shirts: Nice. The tights that cover everything except butt cheeks: less practical. It's the end of an era.

<http://flavorwire.com/114113/american-apparels-downfall-a-tale-in-10-ads>



Record players are open for museum-goers to use. A variety of records are featured in a display of related covers and songs, made by some of the artists featured in the main gallery.



## 'The Record' takes viewers back to the days of vinyl

Lauren Ramsdell  
Arts and Entertainment Editor

Most Elon University students are right at the cusp of the age where they may never have purchased a vinyl record, ripped the plastic off, unwrapped the disc from its sleeve and physically put needle to the ridge. In an age of MP3s, CDs are almost extinct and cassettes are all but a memory. Yet, vinyl holds on as a subject of retro nostalgia and fascination.

Those without a record player of their own may do well to visit the Nasher Museum of Art on Duke University's campus in Durham. The current temporary exhibit is "The Record: Contemporary Art and Vinyl," celebrating records as an art form and a means to creating art.

The exhibit begins in the main lobby of the museum with a record tower several feet high, and remnants of records scattered around the base. Directly above the entrance to the exhibit hangs a boat made of red Victor records, and next to that is a listening station featuring records as diverse as the Beatles to J-Pop.

But the real magic is inside the exhibit. One wall has recorded tracks of dogs barking, or birds singing — with displayed copies of the record with colors and titles correlating with the tracks. Another wall features an artist's interpretation of a record label with cut-paper record sleeves of artists of his imagination. The artist, Dario Robleto also melted records into shirt buttons, sewing them on to thrift store shirts and

re-donating them, as well as a model of a matchbox and sewing needle.

The pieces in the exhibit range from the traditionally artistic, such as a large-scale painting of record jackets by Dave Muller, to folk art.

"Mingering Mike" is the pseudonym of a man who grew up in Washington, D.C. who dreamed of being a soul singer. During his teenage years he created record sleeves for his imaginary career, which never lifted off the ground. Now his drawings and sketches are considered fine examples of United States folk art.

Other pieces include videos of skipping records and still photos set to recorded music. The original Polaroid art from The Talking Head's seminal album "More Songs About Buildings and Food" — a record that originally came out on vinyl — is on display as well.

As the viewer exits the gallery, one of the last displays is by Japanese artist Taiyo Kimura. A five-minute video and audio loop portrays Kimura doing everything in his power to disrupt a record player — throwing an octopus on it, cutting an apple on it with a knife taped to his head and using a chicken leg as a second "needle." Don't be afraid to laugh — the display is intended to be humorous.

The exhibit runs through Feb. 6, 2011 so there is plenty of time to make the trip to Durham. "The Record" takes those who may have missed the heyday of the vinyl record and reintroduces them to vintage and new uses of music recording.

# Feminist authors: Not just for women

Marlena Chertock  
Design Editor

It makes some uncomfortable and some downright scared, but feminism shouldn't be a negative subject. Author Sylvia Plath wasn't afraid to speak her mind and divulge her feminist opinions, according to Elon University assistant professor of English Tita Ramirez.

Plath's book "The Bell Jar" offers a look into 1950s society and her feminist opinions.

She wrote about the inequality between women and men in 1950s society, a time when she was growing up. She describes a stifling environment where she feels trapped: the bell jar — a place where air doesn't circulate, a place where she can't fully achieve her goals.

English professor Rosemary Haskell recalls "one contemporary reviewer of the book (saying) that it was in the J.D. Salinger 'Catcher in the Rye' vein — but from a girl's adolescent perspective, rather than a boy's." She said that comment helped her to see the book not only as a rendition of Plath's own anguish, but also as a creative response to teenage life in the early 1950s.

Associate English professor Megan Isaac said Plath's writing resonates with many readers, not just those looking for feminist writing.

"Plath's writing captures the ambition and angst many talented young women felt in the middle

of the twentieth century," Isaac said.

Feminist authors are important to read for many reasons, she said.

"Sometimes they are strong writers telling compelling stories with style and skill," she said. "Sometimes they remind readers of the varied ways that societies can be organized, women can live, people can interact and humanity can exist."

But Isaac also said it is unfortunate when writers are given labels such as "feminist," because it can turn readers away.

"(Labeling authors) can serve to pigeonhole an artist who is not one label but many things to many different readers," Isaac said. "We don't label Shakespeare and Twain as 'masculinist' authors, so I'm not sure it usually serves any great purpose to label other writers as 'feminist.'"

Isaac said she also doesn't believe feminist authors write only for women. She said men do need to consider the issues that are explored in this kind of writing, and there is a lot readers of both genders can learn from feminist authors.

"Feminist authors are liable to spend more time exploring the condition of women as individuals and the opportunities available and limitations enforced upon women in various points of history or different cultures," she said. "But it is a mistake to think that women can be explored in isolation. Women and men live

together."

She also said that feminist authors often write on topics that cause the reader, regardless of gender, to reflect on his or her own life in relation to the character's.

"And, of course," Haskell said, "men can be feminist authors, too."

Elon's own feminist club, EFFECT, holds events to spread awareness of feminism and change its negative perception.

"People say feminism and think man-hating (or) lesbian," said EFFECT president Elisabeth Maselli.

But feminism is really "the drive for gender equality," Maselli said. "Gender equality should be for everybody — not just women, not just men — anyone who's different. It's about fairness and justice."

This year EFFECT will host "The F-word," an open discussion on feminism's negative stereotypes and connotations. The other big event is the "Vagina Monologues," held annually on Valentine's Day.

Plath's depression, mental illness and awareness of the disparity between men and women caused her to contemplate life, its meaning, her place in it and suicide. Her struggle with humanity, with the very nature of existence, can resonate in everyone — not just women, not just men. We all live in the same world, going through the same kinds of lives, which echoes Plath's "old bray of (her) heart: I am. I am. I am."

## Favorite women writers

Assistant professor of English  
Tita Ramirez: Undecided

It is hard for Ramirez to pin down a favorite woman writer, she said. She mentioned Jhumpa Lahiri because "her writing is so well-crafted, and her details are perfect." But she also mentioned Flannery O'Connor, Lorrie Moore and Beth Anne Fennelly. Ramirez said Fennelly writes a lot like Plath. When Fennelly came to Elon as visiting writer, Ramirez asked her about the similarities and Fennelly said Plath is definitely one of her influences.

Associate professor of English  
Megan Isaac: Ursula K. LeGuin

Isaac named Ursula LeGuin as her favorite author "because she writes of ideas in ways that inspire me — ideas about what it means to be female, to be young, to be a parent, to be a teacher, to be a student, to be curious, to be old, to be brave, to be male, to be sexual, to be powerful, to be alone. She writes about the idea of humanity."

She also said she appreciates LeGuin's prolific writing career that spans both decades and genres.

"Books that I read when I was a teenager have different sorts of meanings for me now, but she is still writing new tales and poems as well," said Isaac.

English professor  
Rosemary Haskell: Jane Austen

Haskell's favorite woman writer is "Jane Austen, of course," she said. Haskell said, "Is there a novelist in English who is able to depict in more exact and often comic detail the intersection of the human mind with its social world? Who else has the ability to portray the important moral struggles which even the most mundane life can produce? And, of course, who else has been able to produce characters of such interest as Elizabeth Bennet, Mr. Collins and Mrs. Elton?"

# Soccer team learns from mistakes, hosts Elon Classic this weekend

Jack Rodenfels  
Senior Reporter

After two closely contested 1-0 defeats at the hands of High Point University and UNC Charlotte to start the season, the Elon University men's soccer team is hosting the Elon Classic to kick off its home slate this weekend.

With games against University of Richmond at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Jacksonville University at 2:30 p.m. Sunday on Rudd Field, the Phoenix will better understand its strengths as a team, as well as what to continue to work on as the season progresses, head coach Darren Powell said.

"You can always learn from previous games that will help you progress throughout the season," Powell said. "There is nothing better than prior experience to help prepare a team."

This week during practice, Powell said he is doing just that: emphasizing miscues to players, while also reiterating positive play to help them prepare for the weekend's matches. Powell said game management is at the top of the list as far as things for the Phoenix to work on throughout the season.

"We have to emphasize the fact that we need a more complete game — we need to play the full 90 minutes," Powell said, while describing that there

have been glimpses of greatness so far in the season. "We just have to piece those strong runs together to make for a more complete game."

Both losses so far for the Phoenix came as the team traveled to High Point and UNCC for each team's respective home opener. And with the away games came big crowds cheering against the

**"THERE'S NOTHING BETTER THAN PRIOR EXPERIENCE TO HELP PREPARE A TEAM."**

**-DARREN POWELL  
HEAD COACH OF MEN'S  
SOCCER**

Phoenix. Powell said he sees that away atmosphere as an invaluable experience that will help his team in the heart of the Southern Conference stretch.

Tied 0-0 at the half of Saturday's game against UNCC, the 49ers came out fast in the second half and caught the Phoenix defense off guard with a quick, long cross across the box from an extended distance on the right side. A UNCC forward drove the ball home past Phoenix senior keeper Clint Irwin,

who had come out of the box to make a play. That play is just what Powell said he is trying to emphasize in practice — minimizing the "minor lapses" and playing quality, extended minutes on the pitch.

"(In practice) Powell always is emphasizing the small details of the game," senior midfielder Brad Franks said. "They are so important day in and day out in every aspect of the game."

This weekend's Elon Classic will bring Elon two opponents — Jacksonville and Richmond — along with UNC Greensboro to the confines of Rudd Field. Hosting its third Elon Classic, the Phoenix is looking to sweep the weekend's games and even its season ledger to 2-2 by the end of the weekend.

Friday's game will bring a Richmond Spiders team the Phoenix has never faced. At 1-0-1 on the season, the Phoenix looks to hand the Spiders their first loss of the season.

Sunday's match features a Jacksonville Dolphins team that Elon faced once before, in the 2006 Elon Classic, where the Phoenix won a thriller over the Dolphins 5-4 in overtime.

"We're excited to finally be playing in front of a home crowd," Powell said. "It's going to be two very good contests, and if we keep working hard in practice, we will hopefully come out on top."

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- LIVE BLOGGING AND ONLINE ANALYSIS OF THE ELON UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL TEAM

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## SPORTS BRIEFS

**Wright added as softball coach**

Head coach Patti Raduenz announced the addition of Monica Wright to the Elon University softball coaching staff. Wright graduated from Indiana University in 2010, where she was a four-year letterwinner as a pitcher on its softball team.

Wright also spent time this past summer as a pitching instructor at Elite Sports Performance in Oswego, Ill.

**Cheer teams attend national camp**

Both the all-female and co-ed Elon University cheerleading teams attended a collegiate cheer camp in Myrtle Beach, S.C. hosted by the National Cheerleading Association. The teams worked together for three days before attending classes to learn new cheers, stunts, basket tosses and pyramids. Both teams received superior ribbons in the evaluations of their routine.

Elon's two mascots also attended the camp, and in the end, they were both named as NCA All-American mascots.

**Cross country kicks off season**

The Elon University men's and women's cross country teams began their season at the Covered Bridge Open in Boone. The men finished sixth overall with 150 points, and the women finished seventh overall with 192 points.

The top men's performer was senior Justin Gianni, who cross the finish line No. 11 with a time of 20:09, while the top women's performer was senior Emily Fournier, who finished No. 23 with a time of 19:04.41.

**Wiggins named SoCon Player of the Week**

Elon University senior linebacker Brandon Wiggins was selected as the Southern Conference Defensive Player of the Week after his Sept. 4 performance against Duke University.

Wiggins had a career-high 19 tackles in the game against the Blue Devils, nine of which were solo tackles. It was Wiggins' ninth career game with 10 or more tackles.



## ONE ON ONE

Sean Dolan and Christian Binder  
Sports Commentators

### NFL preseason: Not so meaningless?

*Normally the NFL preseason doesn't mean much, but this season, there were a lot of storylines. What surprised you the most?*

#### SEAN DOLAN:

I was surprised to see that Tim Tebow was able to put up better numbers than Brady Quinn, who was supposed to be the more NFL-ready quarterback out of college. There was never any doubt that Kyle Orton would start for the Broncos, but the fact that Tebow was able to outperform Quinn in just about every statistical category proves to me that Tebow has a chip on his shoulder and is out to prove his skeptics wrong.

#### CHRISTIAN BINDER:

I'm tired of hearing about Tim Tebow. Look, the guy may have a future in the NFL, but I don't think it's at quarterback. I was more surprised by how unfairly Matt Leinart was treated in Arizona. Granted, he didn't ever play too well, but he wasn't given a fair chance to win the starting job. Derek Anderson took more than twice as many snaps as he did and didn't impress, yet he still won the job.

#### SEAN:

I feel as though Leinart has had a plethora of opportunities to prove

himself throughout his career, and he was never able to live up to his University of Southern California pedigree. I agree that he shouldn't have been cut as prematurely as he was, but to say the guy never had opportunities is wrong.

Tebow, meanwhile, has made the most out of the limited preseason snaps he's gotten and was able to secure the backup job behind Orton. This was over a guy who was supposed to be the quarterback of the future in Cleveland. I, too, tire of Tebowmania, but I have to respect what he's doing in Denver, and I'm excited at the prospect of seeing him run the Broncos' offense down the road.

#### CHRISTIAN:

Let's look at USC quarterbacks doing well in the NFL currently: nobody. I know Mark Sanchez nearly got to the Super Bowl last year, and he had to beat Carson Palmer to get there, but really, none have been too impressive in recent years. Sanchez didn't get the Jets to the AFC Championship Game — the Jets defense did. And with all the high-profile moves the Jets have made this offseason, there's no reason to think they can't do it again.

## ATHLETIC RESULTS

AUG. 20 - SEPT. 6

#### Football

Sep. 4  
Elon 27  
Duke 41

#### Men's Soccer

Aug. 21  
Campbell 0  
Elon 3

Aug. 28  
Elon 1  
Winthrop 1

Sep. 1  
Elon 0  
High Point 1

Sep. 4  
Elon 0  
Charlotte 1

#### Women's Soccer

Aug. 20  
Virginia Tech 2  
Elon 1

Aug. 27  
Campbell 0  
Elon 1

Sep. 3  
Gardner-Webb 1  
Elon 2

Sep. 5  
Coastal Carolina 1  
Elon 3

#### Volleyball

Aug. 27  
Elon 3  
Charleston Southern

Aug. 27  
Elon 3  
UTEP 1

Aug. 28  
Elon 3  
NCCU 0

Aug. 28  
Elon 3  
Gardner-Webb 0

Aug. 31  
High Point 0  
Elon 3

Sep. 3  
Elon 2  
Cal State Northridge 3

Sep. 4  
Elon 0  
Sacramento State 3

Sep. 4  
Elon 3  
UTSA 2

## ELON ATHLETICS THIS WEEK

SEPT. 8 - SEPT. 14

#### Thursday 9/9

Women's soccer vs. UNCA — 6 p.m.

#### Friday 9/10

Men's tennis (UVA Classic) — All Day  
Men's tennis @ UNCG — All Day  
Volleyball vs. Northern Illinois — 3 p.m.

Men's soccer vs. Richmond — 7:30 p.m.

Volleyball vs. Stetson — 8 p.m.

#### Saturday 9/11

Men's tennis (UVA Classic) — All Day  
Men's tennis @ UNCG — All Day  
Volleyball vs. Liberty — 3 p.m.  
Football vs. Shaw — 7 p.m.

#### Sunday 9/12

Men's tennis (UVA Classic) — All Day  
Men's tennis @ UNCG — All Day  
Men's soccer vs. Jacksonville — 2:30 p.m.  
Women's soccer vs. Liberty — 5 p.m.

#### Monday 9/13

Men's golf (Springhill Suites Intercollegiate) — All Day

#### Tuesday 9/14

Men's golf (Springhill Suites Intercollegiate) — All Day

# Alumni Gym construction ongoing after missing first deadline

Conor O'Neill  
Assistant Sports Editor

When the Elon University volleyball team hosts the Elon Classic this weekend, games will not be played in Alumni Gym — the building designed specifically for such athletic events.

Instead, Northern Illinois University, Stetson University, Liberty University and Elon will conduct their matches in Jordan Gym, which is mainly used for intramurals by Campus Recreation.

The reason for the move is the construction for expanding Alumni Gym is still ongoing and will not be completed until October, at the earliest.

Improvements to the gym include new seating, more efficient lighting, the addition of sound and video boards, updated coach and staff offices, locker facilities and a south entrance.

"I've heard in the regular construction meetings that we are right on target, so I have a high level of confidence that we will be ready (by Oct. 8)," Director of Athletics Dave Blank said.

But when the project began in June, the goal was to have the expansion completed by this month.

"Initially, we wanted to have everything ready for the first of September, but we didn't make that," Blank said. "We decided to reorganize the order of which we were doing certain parts of the project, and to do that, we worked around a couple of university events."

One such event was Western Alamance High School's graduation celebration, which took place June 10. Renovations were unable to begin until after the graduation ceremony was held.

There have also been other events during the summer that have forced delays.

"When we hit those kinds of events, the crew has to clean-up and be done," Blank said. "Then the event goes away, and the crew comes back."

And there have been more events recently because of the return of students to campus.

On Sept. 21, Alumni Gym will host author Rob Gifford, and construction will once again be halted.

The following day, new wood flooring will be installed on the north and south ends of the gym. Blank said that will be the last step for the renovations.

He also talked about how the improvements will give the Phoenix athletic teams a boost in recruiting and allow student athletes a better playing environment.

"My primary objective in these projects is to give our student-athlete the best experience possible, and that includes facilities," Blank said. "When you upgrade facilities, the hope is that it has a positive impact on your ability to recruit, and that has a positive impact on the ability of your teams."

As for the volleyball team being relocated to Jordan Gym, Blank expressed his disappointment to see the team playing in the cramped confines.

"It was real disappointing," Blank said. "(Volleyball head coach Mary) Tendler and all the volleyball student-athletes have been great through this."

For now, the team will continue to play its games in Jordan Gym. The Phoenix has already won its home-opener against High Point, winning in three sets.

"It's a smaller gym so it's really loud in there," Tendler said. "It can be hard to hear each other and hard to get information to the bench. But we also got great fan support, and they are right there next to the bench."

Tendler added that the team is really excited to get back to playing its games in Alumni Gym, but will make the best of the situation at hand.

"It's an adjustment to play in there, but that's our home court for now, and we're going to try and win as many games as possible in there," Tendler said.

And Blank said he believes the volleyball team's patience will be



STEPHANIE ALVAREZ | Staff Photographer



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**TOP:** Outside Alumni Gym's anticipated south entrance will be a courtyard for students to congregate.  
**BOTTOM:** Phase I of construction was set to be completed by Sept. 1, but because of delays, its end date has been rescheduled to Oct. 8. Until that date, Elon volleyball games will be played in Jordan Gym.

rewarded once the team is able to move back to its traditional home court.

"They really liked the atmosphere," Blank said of the volleyball team's

enthusiasm playing in Jordan Gym. "I'm sure they're going to be real pleased with Alumni Gym once we get back in it."

## Volleyball travels back East, prepares for Elon Classic

Conor O'Neill  
Assistant Sports Editor

The Elon University volleyball team did not leave the Golden State with a sour taste in its mouth.

After losing the first two games of the Sacramento State Invitational in Sacramento, Calif., the team beat the University of Texas San Antonio in a five-set match.

In the first match, the Phoenix lost to California State University Northridge in the fifth set. Elon won the first and third sets 25-23 and 25-20, but it lost the second, fourth and fifth sets 25-22, 25-23 and 15-12, respectively.

"Our first night we played really well and just didn't pull it out," head coach Mary Tendler said. "I was really pleased with our energy level after a long travel day."

The following afternoon, the team fell to Sacramento State University in three sets before moving on to face the UT San Antonio in the nightcap.

After losing the first set 21-25, the Phoenix took the next two sets by scores of 25-21 and 25-17. The Roadrunners won the fourth set 25-21 to push the match to a fifth set, where the Phoenix prevailed by a 15-11 score.

Senior middle blocker Sarah Schermerhorn led the team with 16 kills in the contest.

"We kind of wanted to prove Elon and the east coast for volleyball," Schermerhorn said of the team's feelings going into the third match of the weekend.

What's more is the team was able to pull out a victory in a five set match, something it struggled with last season.

"Winning in five was huge for us," Tendler said. "I'm really happy for the team being able to pull that out."

Last season, in matches that went to a fifth set, Elon had a record of 2-6.

This weekend, the Phoenix will have another opportunity to improve as it hosts the Elon Classic on Friday and Saturday.

As host, the team will face Northern Illinois and Stetson at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, respectively.

Wrapping up the tournament, Elon will take on Liberty at 3 p.m. Saturday.

"We do have some challenging teams coming in (this weekend)," Schermerhorn said. "We're trying to put Elon on the map and prove ourselves."

After returning from the West Coast and a long road trip, Tendler said she is glad the Phoenix does not have a mid-week game on its schedule.

"It's nice to have four days of practice," Tendler said. "We need to work on certain things to get better."

Specifically, Tendler said the team will work on blocking. Also, the Phoenix will focus on having its hitters use different shots.

Schermerhorn agreed there is room for the Phoenix to improve over a full week of practice.

"Coming off jet lag and the schedule that we were on, it's definitely beneficial to have practice this week and work on some of the things we saw go wrong," Schermerhorn said.

The Phoenix has time to refine its play before moving into conference action, as the team has seven matches on the schedule before moving into Southern Conference play.

Included in the remaining games is the UNC Wilmington Hilton Garden Inn Beach Bash, which takes place Sept. 17 and 18.

Participants for that tournament include Campbell University, UNCW and North Carolina State University.

The only team in the tournament that the Phoenix played last year was UNCW, and the team gained a three-set victory over the Seahawks.

The team is now 6-2 overall and will look to improve that record when it hosts the Elon Classic this weekend.

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# Campus Rec provides alternate means of transportation through bike rentals

Caitlin O'Donnell  
News Editor

Her name is Elliott. For Robert Wohner, an Elon University senior from New York, she's more than a friend. She's also a means of transportation.

Without a car to get him around campus, Wohner turned to a bike provided through a Campus Recreation rental program for transportation.

"Like many New Yorkers, I don't know how to drive," Wohner said. "So riding my bike is quite important to get around campus. I got a suggestion to name her Elliott because the bike is shaped like Elliott's from the movie E.T."

On Aug. 30, Campus Rec rented all 31 available bikes to students: 23 for the fall, or August through Jan. 24, and eight for the year.

According to Alison Polisen, program assistant for Campus Rec, renting a bike is \$25 for the semester and \$50 for the year.

"It was a successful day," she said.

Though the program, which has existed since 2006, does not rent out bikes for single-day trips, students can rent bikes after the initial start date if they are still available, Polisen said.

"If we have bikes left, students are asked to come to Campus Rec to complete the rental form and pay the fee," she said.

Students can pick up a bike at Harden Clubhouse, which is where Campus Rec stores the bikes, Polisen said.

"The number we have available depends on how many semester rentals are returned," she said. "If they rented a bike for the fall semester only, they have the option of renewing the contract for the spring."

The tentative date for bike rentals in the spring is Jan. 31, she said.

Campus Rec also rents outdoor equipment by the day, weekend or week, including tents, tarps, sleeping bags and backpacks.

Wohner rode the same bike last year and was glad to rent it again this fall.

"I'm very pleased we have one more year together," he said. "I would recommend people ride a bike in general. I wouldn't say Campus Rec's are per se better, but I do compliment on the bike, because they have a certain retro style I like."

Polisen said the bikes available are all the same: Trek Classic Cruisers.

According to the Trek website, the bike combines traditional simplicity with modern designs.

To Polisen, Elon's campus is a perfect place to ride these bikes.

"Students who rent bikes are contributing to a more sustainable campus and society," she said. "It's a great way to get around campus, no hassles with parking, save money on gas, great exercise. As the campus grows it will be more important to have alternative means of transportation."

Students are required to provide their own bike lock and are responsible for the bike if it's lost, stolen or if parts are damaged.

Last year, Wohner said he had a slight scare when he was briefly separated from Elliott.

"More than the fact that I would have had to pay \$160 to replace her, literally my only way of getting around was taken," Wohner said.

He alerted other communications students about the theft and said he was eventually reunited with his bike.

"It sucks when I ride up the hill from the Crest to campus, but otherwise it's a breezy way to get around," Wohner said. "I'm thankful to have her. Or it. Depending on your point of view."



Senior Robert Wohner rented his bike from Campus Rec for the year. This is his second year with the bike, which he calls Elliott, and he relies heavily on it for transportation around Elon. Students like Wohner can rent bikes for either the semester or the entire year for a fee of either \$25 or \$50, respectively.

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# Women's soccer wins weekend tournament, looks to continue winning streak vs. UNC Asheville



Sophomore defender Shannon Foley played in both games in Wilmington. The team was undefeated for the weekend, increasing its winning streak to 3 and its record to 3-1 overall.

FILE PHOTO

Justin Veldhuis  
Reporter

Since losing its season opener to No. 15 Virginia Tech, the Elon University women's soccer team has won its last three matches during a stretch of nonconference games. Head coach Chris Neal said he hopes this will prepare the team for what they will face later in the season in Southern Conference play.

"We try to create the atmosphere that we will experience in conference

games," Neal said. "We're also trying to find the right relationships on the field."

The team's most recent nonconference matches were at the Hilton Garden Inn Invitational hosted by UNC Wilmington Sept. 3 through Sept. 5. The Phoenix won both of its matches and was the only undefeated team remaining at the end of the tournament.

The Phoenix improved its record to 3-1 on the season and will continue its nonconference schedule at 6 p.m.

Thursday when it faces UNC Asheville at home.

The team took a tremendous step forward this weekend, Neal said, with wins against Gardner-Webb University and Coastal Carolina University. The Phoenix defeated Gardner-Webb 2-1 on Sept. 3 with a goal in extra time by senior forward Brittany Hallberg. Senior midfielder Alanna Winsper scored the first goal and assisted on Hallberg's game-winner in the 116th minute.

"Alanna played a terrific ball behind the back line, and I found the back of the net," said Hallberg, who was also named the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

The team followed up its win with a 3-1 victory over Coastal Carolina Sept. 5 in a game in which three freshmen scored goals for the Phoenix. In addition to winning the tournament, four Elon players were named to the all-tournament team. Winsper, Scarlett Fakhar, Jaclyn Wood and freshman Kimmie Krauss each earned a spot on the all-tournament team.

Neal said he was pleased with how the players bought into his strategy and did a better job creating scoring opportunities in the second game, but he added there are still things to work on, such as reducing mistakes in the back line before the team's upcoming games.

The Phoenix will face another nonconference test when it hosts UNCA, which has a 0-3 record on the season.

"They have a new coach and are hungry for a win," Neal said. "We have a short turnaround time, so we have to make sure we stay grounded and focus on Thursday."

The team will prepare one game at a time by watching videos and figuring out what needs to be done in order to win, Winsper and Hallberg said. Hallberg also said she believes there are benefits to playing nonconference games early in the season.

"They're good for us to settle in and figure out who should play where," Hallberg said. "It's good to get wins and confidence heading into the conference season."

After facing UNCA, the Phoenix will play Liberty University at 5

p.m., Sept. 12 at home and then play road games at Longwood University and Virginia Commonwealth University Sept. 17 and 19, respectively, before opening up SoCon play at Samford Sept. 24. Neal said Longwood and Virginia Commonwealth are both extremely good teams, and there are no easy games at this level of soccer.

"In Division I, on any given day any opponent can beat you," Neal said. "It will be a great final test on the road."

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# SPORTSFEST 2010: HEALTHY COMPETITION FOR STUDENTS OLD AND NEW

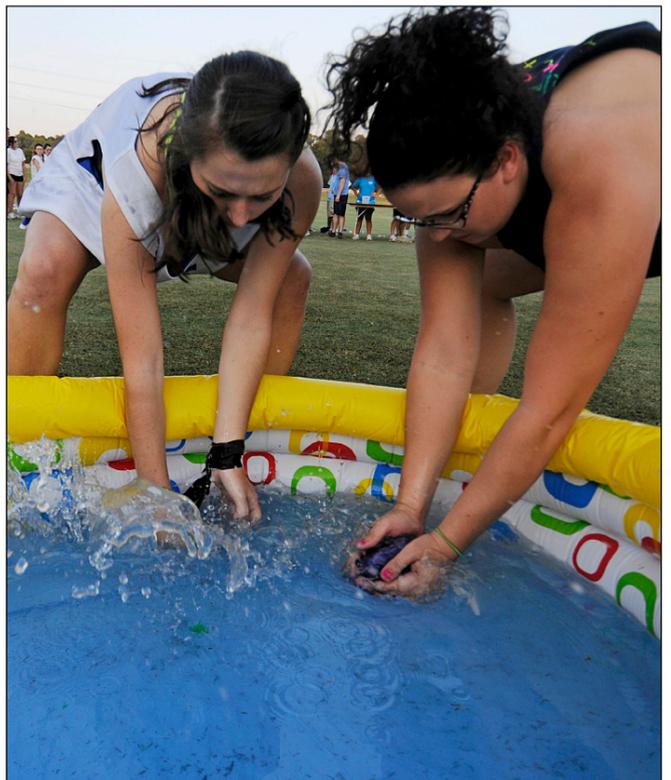
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Campus Recreation kicked off the 2010 school year with a bang by hosting the largest Sportsfest in Elon University history. With 78 teams competing, nearly 800 people flooded the South Campus intramural fields to compete in six different events. Competitors faced off in dodgeball, a sack race, a stretcher relay, a tire flip, tug of war and a sponge race.

The competition was fierce, but eventually Team X-Factor came out on top for the second year in a row, followed by Team Ultimate Frisbee in second and Team Ellen for Senator in third. Since 1999 Campus Rec has held Sportsfest at the beginning of the year.

Campus Rec specifically targets freshmen to participate in Sportsfest as a way of introducing them to the organization and as a bonding experience. "It is great to see people come together that have literally just met," said Bethany Massman, assistant director of Campus Rec. "For a lot of the groups, they have had maybe five or six days together. The sense of spirit is amazing."



CUTOUT: Members from the team Elon Sharks struggle to rotate teammates in the potato sack race.  
TOP RIGHT: The freshmen of Team Rocket Power fight to move on to the championship round in tug of war.  
TOP LEFT: Groups also faced off in the stretcher race, a relay where participants laid on a stretcher while their teammates ran them through a course.  
ABOVE: Competitors splash around in a kiddie pool during the sponge race where the first to successfully transport enough water via sponge to fill up their bucket wins.  
RIGHT: Team Beta Up work together during the tire race event.

# Sports



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ABOVE: The Elon University defense held the Duke University rushing game to 4.3 yards and 192 total yards in the Sept. 4 game.  
LEFT TOP: Freshman wide receiver Kierre Brown caught a 30-yard touchdown pass against Duke with 40 seconds left in the game.  
LEFT BOTTOM: Junior tight end Andre Labinowicz had one reception for eight yards in the 27-41 loss against the Blue Devils.

## Youth shines through on 2010 football team

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Sports Editor

True freshman wide receiver Kierre Brown ran a route down the right side of the field that led him to the end zone. With a 30-yard pass from senior quarterback Scott Riddle, Brown recorded a touchdown in his first-ever collegiate game.

"Kierre Brown came in, and it was good to see that," Riddle said. "If somebody goes down, you know we got another guy out there that can play. We got some weapons, we just have to find a way to utilize them a little more."

Brown wasn't the only freshman who took the field against Duke. In the 27-41 loss against the Blue Devils Sept. 4, nine freshmen saw playing time. Three of those were starters.

"As freshmen, the guys that keep up with that pace are the ones that find themselves on the field," head coach Pete Lembo said.

Freshmen and sophomores combined to make up just less than half of the athletes in the season-opening matchup. On defense, the Phoenix started as many underclassmen as it did seniors.

For these young players,

Saturday's game provided valuable understanding that no practice can give, Lembo said.

"Saturday was a great learning experience," he said. "It's so fast-moving. It's definitely a learning curve."

Not only were there many young players who participated, but there were also experienced players who got starting positions for the first time.

Lembo referenced players like junior defensive lineman Khirey Walker and sophomore wide receiver Aaron Mellete, who played in games last season but didn't have a starting role.

"Better programs are going to have new starters, but a lot of them have been in the system," Lembo said. "So when it comes their turn to be a starter, it's not totally new to them."

Sometimes experienced players aren't the ones who are able to line up before the snap. Sometimes younger players have to step up and fill a role on the team.

It can turn out well, like in Brown's case.

But it can also turn out poorly, like when it came to penalties against Duke.

The Phoenix drew eight penalties Saturday, seven of

which came in the first half.

"There were too many. There's no question about that," Lembo said. "In all cases, they were all guys playing their first game."

Two of those penalties were because the center was starting his first game and got thrown off, Lembo said.

"It was a lot of first-game jitters," sophomore defensive back Dale Riley said. "Players got over-hyped and made poor decisions."

Riley stressed the idea of decisions and each player doing his job.

Despite a loss to Duke, Elon still remains a top-10 team, landing at No. 8 nationally, and the Phoenix still has two more games before it enters conference play.

The first nonconference game in Durham Saturday was just the first, and the team will draw upon the learning experience when it continues throughout the season, Lembo said.

The first chance to do so will come at 7 p.m. Saturday at home against Shaw University.

"What you hope they take away, despite the opponent and despite the crowd, it's just football," Lembo said. "You have to go out and do what you've prepared to do."

### BY THE NUMBERS

**20:36** minutes of possession for Duke in the second half

**7** first half penalties on the Phoenix

**9-14** conversion rate for Duke on third down

**21:42** ratio between the times Elon ran the ball and the times passes were thrown

**542** total yards of offense allowed by the Phoenix

**42** carries on the ground for Duke's rushing attack

**6.0** average yards gained per rush for the Phoenix

**111** yards receiving for senior wide receiver Sean Jeffcoat

**19** tackles by senior linebacker Brandon Wiggins — a career high

BREAKING DOWN THE DUKE GAME

## 5 things to look for vs. Shaw

- 1. How will the young Phoenix secondary hold up against the pass?** Against Duke University last week, the Phoenix allowed redshirt sophomore quarterback Sean Renfree to throw for 350 yards. The Phoenix defensive backfield will aim to improve this weekend.
- 2. Will the Phoenix offense be balanced?** Against Duke, the team ran the ball 21 times and attempted 42 passes. Last season, the Phoenix relied on its running game to keep opponents off balance.
- 3. Which receiver will step up?** Last week it was senior wide out Sean Jeffcoat, with six catches for 111 yards. Will he be quarterback Scott Riddle's go-to receiver again, or will someone else ascend to being the top target?
- 4. Can the Phoenix find discipline?** Playing a lower-level team like Shaw offers the Phoenix a chance to work on the smaller aspects of the game, like avoiding false start and holding penalties. Last week, the Phoenix committed eight penalties for 69 yards.
- 5. Can the defense get off the field on third down?** Last week, the defense surrendered first-down conversions nine out of 14 times on third down. It was a key factor to the defensive unit being on the field for 36 minutes of the game.