

Opening game against Duke shows flaws in Elon's defense

page 11



Second black box theater arrives in Scott Studios

page 7



SGA president takes bottom-up approach to leadership

page 5

# THE PENDULUM

ELON, NORTH CAROLINA • WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 3, 2014 • VOLUME 40 EDITION 18

www.elonpendulum.com

## The Oak House takes root



The Oak House, co-owned by Elon's former director of domestic programs Phil Smith, will open Sept. 5 in downtown Elon.

JANE SEIDEL | Photo Editor

Morgan Abate  
Senior Reporter

The Oak House, a bar, lounge and community gathering space imagined and co-owned by Phil Smith, is expected to open this week after being delayed two weeks because of pending health inspections and the approval of temporary liquor licenses to serve beer and wine.

Despite the delays, Smith is unfazed. "I would have preferred to open when I thought I was going to open," he said. "But if it's only two weeks, we're not going to call that a loss."

Others see the delayed opening as an

opportunity.

"It builds some excitement," said Alex Ward, an Elon University graduate who now works as assistant manager for The Oak House. "It builds some hype for it [with] the delay."

According to Smith and Ward, students are intrigued by the idea of the lounge. They said students walk by and press their faces to the glass, hoping to catch a glimpse of what's inside. Plenty have tried to open the door.

Junior Bobby King is one of the many students who have passed by the new building and with the renovations, he said, "it's like night and day."

The Oak House will be the fourth business to occupy the space next to Acorn Coffee Shop in eight years. At least half of the student body remembers Town Table, which was owned and operated by an Elon alum and restaurateur, which closed allegedly because of financial issues. The two eateries before that were operated by Aramark.

"I don't know how it's going to run," King said. "But I've seen good places shut down because of bad running."

Some students are less optimistic.

"Bars have been going in and out of

See OAKHOUSE page 4

## SGA budget process restructured

Katy Canada  
Managing Editor

The Elon University Student Government Association will introduce a streamlined system for allocating funds to student organizations when budget hearings begin next semester.

To make the process more efficient, organizations and clubs have been clustered together with other similar groups. Instead of submitting a budget proposal to the SGA Finance Committee as they've done in the past, each organization leader will propose a budget to a cluster representative, who has been nominated and elected by cluster members. The cluster representative also serves as a senator on the SGA Organization Council.

After outlining a budget for each

group, the cluster representative will discuss the proposal with the rest of the Organization Council. During this meeting, the proposal will be prepared for a hearing with the Finance Committee, where individual organization leaders as well as cluster representatives will come together.

The Finance Committee must approve the budget in the budget hearing before SGA can vote on it. When the time comes for SGA to vote on the budgets, they will vote on them cluster by cluster, as opposed to club by club as they did previously.

Junior Avery Steadman, executive treasurer of SGA and co-chair of the Finance Committee, said adding the cluster representative position will help organizations get the resources they need.

"There are some things that SGA won't

fund," Steadman said. "Instead of every time they come into the budget hearings, showing us something we can't fund, the cluster representative will say ahead of time 'You can fund this and this, but not this,' so we don't have to do that during the actual budget hearings."

In the past, she said, educating organization leaders about what SGA can and can't fund has been a waste of time for both SGA and organization leaders. This year, when 80 budgets cross the desks of Finance Committee members, those factors should have already been considered. Money SGA allocates for clubs and organizations on campus is paid for through the student activities fee, a \$247 component of each student's tuition. Campus

See SGA page 5

## Residence life gets a friendlier makeover

Kimberly Honiball  
Senior Reporter

The 2014-2015 school year brought changes to more than just construction areas on Elon University's campus. With the completion of the Global Neighborhood, Residence Life has implemented its Residential Campus Initiative to change the way RAs are perceived and how students distinguish their residential neighborhoods.

"Residential assistants serve as mentors, leaders, community builders, resource providers and advocates for and with their students," said Laura Arroyo, associate director of Residence Life for residential education.

Elon aims for a ratio of 40 to 1 between RAs and students in residence halls. To foster a closer relationship between RAs and students, Residence Life has instituted policy changes that will affect the RA job as it is currently performed.

"I think the most important thing has to do with how we work on campus," said senior Brianna Duff, resident area coordinator in the Oaks. "The idea is that we are community builders, and our focus is not as policy enforcers."

Residence life staff supports the idea of redefining the RAs' position from "enforcers."

"We need to redefine our role as not being the police," said sophomore Lauren Brown, an RA in the Danielely Neighborhood.

These changes have included alterations to the rounds process and residential neighborhoods.

Previously known as rounds, RAs now go on "community walks."

"On the community walks, RAs emphasize one-on-one interactions," said Brown. "Our role is to document when rules are being broken, but it's not our primary job."

The Residential Campus Initiative is focused on changing the perception of the RA in residential halls.

"It has to do with thinking about the RAs' role on campus," Duff said. "It started out as a job you did as a policy enforcer but has moved into a leadership position on campus focused on building community."

Rather than look to the RA to document bad behavior or fix a problem, the new initiative seeks to hold all students accountable for their neighborhood community standards.

"Before, when I worked in Danielely, it was your duty to go out and make sure nothing is happening," Duff said. "Now, you're expecting your neighborhood and

See RESIDENCE LIFE page 4

# Psychology loses proximity, gains space in South Campus move

Simone Jasper  
Senior Reporter

The Psychology and Human Service Studies Building is the first academic building on Elon University's South Campus. Despite the building's new offerings, students are at odds about its location.

The space boasts more than 4,800 square feet and includes five classrooms, two computer labs, a wet lab and research rooms. It is located on South O'Kelly Avenue, next to the R.N. Ellington Center for Health and Wellness. Currently, it houses the psychology and human services studies departments as well as the public health studies program.

The departments moved into the building after Commencement in May. During the 2012-2013 school year, the heads of the psychology and public health departments sent requests to the university for expanded space. At Elon, there are about 350 psychology majors and about 100 human service studies majors.

"We've had a year-over-year increase of majors and minors, and all of that increase included an increase in faculty," said Alan Scott, assistant professor and current chair of the psychology department. "We were outgrowing Long. Our research space wasn't doing what we needed it to do. We wanted office space nearby to talk with other faculty members."

The human service studies department wanted to expand, too. The department works with community members for training and mock counseling sessions, among other programs. Beth Warner, associate professor and chair of the department, said the new location is easier for people in the community to access.

"We were in Alamance, and it was so hard for people to get to," she said. "There's more parking here."

But students have mixed feelings about the location of the building across the train tracks. Senior Chelsea McQueen, a psychology major, has classes in the Psychology and Human Service Studies Building and Lindner Hall.

"If I had to come from another class, I could see it being a problem that I wouldn't be to class in time," she said. "It's isolated. I could only be here and not interact with other students on campus."

But McQueen said that the building is a positive step for the university.

"Elon obviously has a purposeful plan to expand," she said. "We're starting to expand to South Campus. I like that the school is growing."

To address concerns about getting to classes, the university added a pilot Biobus route.

"It was added due to the schedule of classes," said Drew Hambricht, transportation support technician. "Students were unable to get from KOBC to South Campus within 15 minutes for class."

The route includes two buses that run every six minutes from Moseley Center to the Psychology and Human Service Studies Building during the week. On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, it runs from 9-11 a.m. and on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

"There was an influx of students who have class at those times," Hambricht said. "So we were asked to provide shuttles at those times."

Junior Takeva Mitchell, a human service studies major, said the bus route was reliable during the times of operation, but added it doesn't always run when she needs it.

"[The building is] a great start for campus expansion," Mitchell said. "The departments needed to expand. The bus schedule needs to be expanded because people are here constantly."

Hambricht said he's considering feedback from students who take the route, adding that 75 students rode the bus on the first two days of classes.

The psychology department was initially wary about the building's distance from other academic buildings, according to Scott, but he said the location might change people's views about that part of campus.

"For a while, the university facilities and buildings on South Campus weren't academic," Scott said. "It felt that it wasn't a part of campus. It will feel more of a part of campus now instead of separate."

The university purchased the building August 2012 and renovations started last December. The building once housed The Elon School, a private high school.

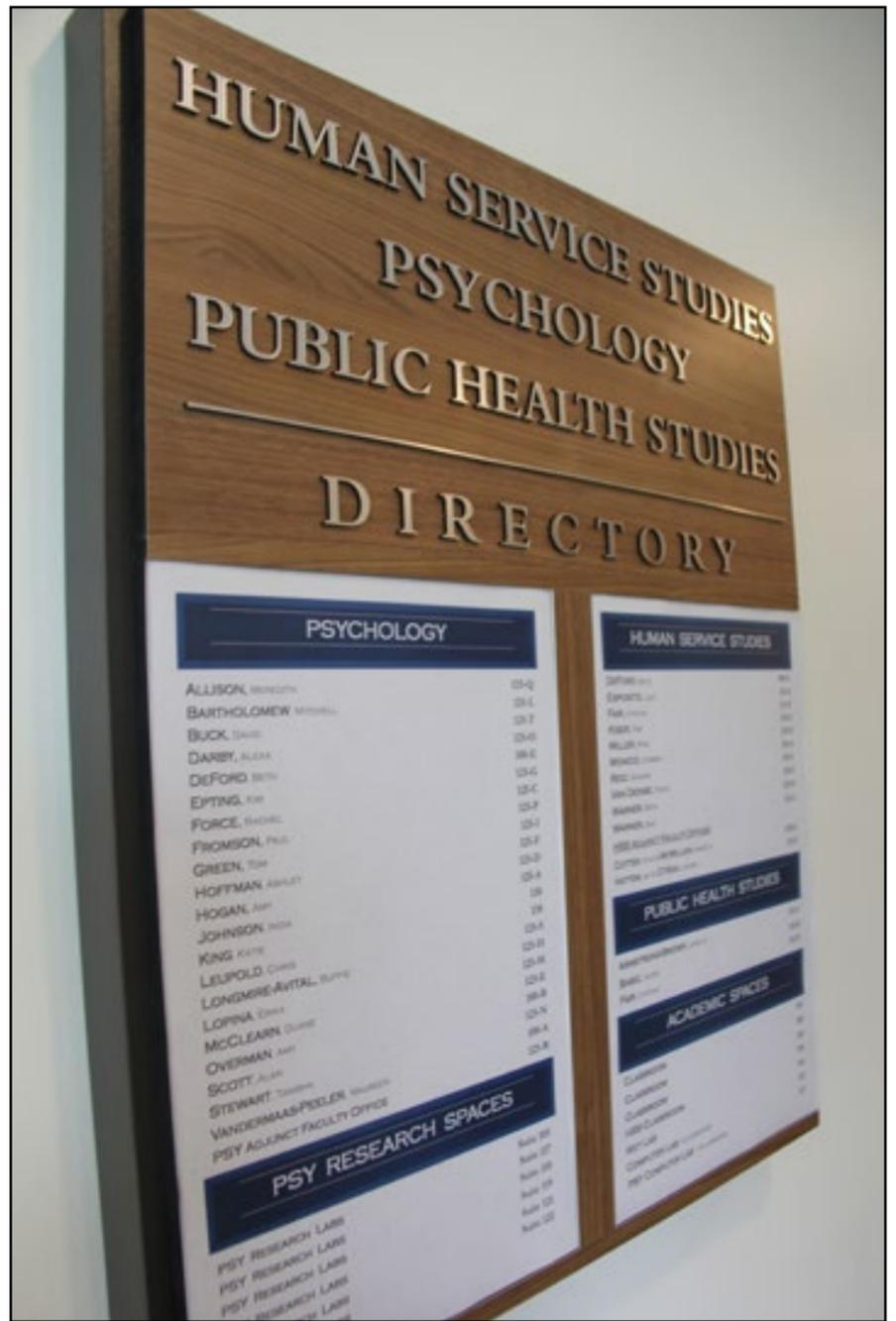
"We reused whatever we could to keep some of the building's features," said Jody Booth, the building's project manager. "It's obviously economic, but it also adds character."

The hardwood floors and front desk in the lobby are features from the old school. The construction adds other eco-friendly aspects, including motion-sensing lighting and low-flow faucets and toilets to conserve water.

The building was designed for students to interact, according to Warner. It includes lounge areas for collaboration and classroom desks on wheels that can be easily moved.

The updates to the building also include technology changes, such as display screens, computer labs, interactive white boards and cameras for instruction.

"We put some technology in that building that we haven't used elsewhere," said Joe Davis, assistant director of campus technol-



RACHEL INGERSOLL | Staff Photographer

Elon's newest academic building will be the first to house interactive whiteboards and new computer labs.

ogy and solutions architect. "I'd like to talk to psychology and human service studies at the end of the year to see if it's really working for them."

Display screens in the common spaces outside of professors' offices allow up to four people to show their computer monitors for group work. The building also has two computer labs, which Scott said his department plans to use.

"The computer labs will be used pretty extensively," he said. "From the teaching station, professors view computer screens. And students can view other computers."

In the building's traditional classrooms, interactive whiteboards wrap around the rooms and allow professors to capture writ-

ten information and save it as PDF files.

The building's wet lab is a space for examining the brain in neuroscience classes for psychology. The lab features cameras that project what the instructor and students are doing. Scott said it is an improvement because in the old space, students watched videos or looked at models to learn about the brain.

"One of the growing areas in the field of psychology is neuroscience," Scott said. "We've been teaching those classes for some time. [The lab] takes courses we've been teaching and really applies things. Student can get to do them themselves."

Research rooms range from spaces for large focus groups to ones that are designed for interaction between a student and a faculty member.

"We have spaces for different data collection needs," Scott said. "We pride ourselves in the degree of engagement and quality of our faculty's help with student research."

For human service studies students, some of the building's research rooms have cameras that monitor students' mock counseling and "play therapy" sessions for educational purposes.

"They [set] their flash drives to [record] what they're doing," Warner said. "Students in class can see them live. We can hook up a microphone to ear buds so that the instructor can give them advice."

She added the building will also help to improve learning for students in the human service studies department.

"One of the benefits of the program is to give hands-on experience," she said. "[The building] will also provide great opportunities to create relationships with community members. In the future, we aren't necessarily looking to expand but to create high-quality experiences."



JANE SEIDEL | Staff Photographer

The new Psychology and Human Services building is located on South Campus across the train tracks and provides students with brand new facilities.

# New Phoenix Cards aim to shorten waits, increase convenience

Michael Bodley  
News Editor

Fourteen years after Elon University introduced the Phoenix Card, the key to campus life is rolling out its first major update: new cards with sensor technology that will eliminate the need for a conventional swipe.

Featuring smart card technology created by Sony, the new Phoenix Cards are capable of storing much more information than the old ones.

The change-over will be gradual, starting first with replacing card readers in high-traffic areas and then moving to lesser-swiped sections of campus, culminating three years from now when each of the thousands of card swipers around the university will feature the new technology.

The university had been weighing a Phoenix Card update for the last several years, said Chris Fulkerson, assistant vice president for administrative services, and had held off because of the cost of the new cards.

Students are expected to shoulder no



A handful of students waits in line for the new Phoenix Card, which already has sped up once-long lines at Mail Services down the hallway.

ASHLEY KING | Staff Photographer

PICK UP A NEW PHOENIX CARD

**WHAT:**  
Wednesday September 3- Friday, September 5

**WHEN:**  
10 a.m.- 2 p.m.

**WHERE:**  
Moseley Center hallway by the mail center

This applies to all sophomores through seniors who have yet to pick up their new Phoenix Card.

additional cost for the cards.

The existing card readers will take a \$125-add-on to accept the new technology that can detect the presence of a card 6-8 inches away.

The updated readers can detect the new Phoenix Cards through a wallet or clothing, eliminating the need to physically remove the card each time a student or staff member needs to swipe.

“We’re expecting this to really speed things up in areas that have been slow,” Fulkerson said, adding that Mail Services — one of the early adapters of the technology — has already seen the benefit of

shorter lines, leading to fewer headaches for students and staff members alike.

Students have taken note.

“They have already started using the new system at the mail room, and the lines are moving so much faster there, which is great,” said sophomore Rachel Gledhill.

It’s also a matter of convenience, according to Fulkerson, who said he often sees students with full hands struggling to remove a Phoenix Card from inside a pocket.

“Imagine a student wearing a backpack, hands full of books, trying to get

inside a building,” Fulkerson said. “It’s going to make that whole process easier. It’s going to make everything shorter. It will be more convenient than having to swipe every time.”

The new card’s potential excites Fulkerson and others more than its current uses.

The card, which is heavily encrypted to prevent identity theft from passerby with sophisticated machinery, could one day be used to hold student medical records or basic information about allergies and medications in the event of an emergency.

# Belk Library renovations update form, function

Cameron Saucier  
Senior Reporter

Belk Library has undergone major renovations this summer to improve its aesthetic appeal and ergonomic function.

Among the most noticeable changes for students were more space and new furniture.

“Look for inviting, highly functional spaces to encourage consultation with the consolidated experts as well as spaces to foster collaborative and individual writing, research and academic work,” said Joan Ruelle, dean and university librarian.

Renovations of the library’s first floor are the most extensive. Its layout is more symmetric than before, and the floor has new furniture, as well as more study rooms to support a variety of work styles.

“The previous furniture was very large

and inflexible and was designed for the computers of 1999,” Ruelle said. “Modern computers have a much smaller profile, which allows for more tabletop space for students to spread out their paperwork and personal devices.”

The expansive new floor design “emphasizes openness and welcomes people to come further into the building and enjoy the beautiful skylight,” according to Ruelle.

The library also integrates Elon’s revamped Pharos printing system. Christopher Waters, assistant vice president for technology and chief information officer, said the new system eliminates the need for students to search for the name of the printer they wish to use.

“The system was upgraded so that students can now print from anywhere on campus,” Waters said.

Students had complained that Elon’s former printing system made printing in the library a bit tedious.

Junior Jaclyn DeVincent, a student librarian, said some upperclassmen have expressed frustration over the new printing system.

She added that the librarians’ roles have also changed, and many desks were relocated to different sections in the library, which has been confusing to some.

The first floor also houses a new tech-laden practice room, which allows students to record and review multimedia presentations.

The second and third library floors were also renovated to provide more quiet study seating and an updated appearance with new paint, carpeting and furnishings.

“It creates an inviting, fresh new look that facilitates the integration of research, writing and technological skills,” DeVincent said.

Elon’s Planning, Design and Construction Management team spent months observing and surveying students about how they used the library. Brad Moore, university architect and director of planning, design and construction management said the team’s efforts resulted in the methodical renovations students and faculty experienced after returning to campus.

“Last year we did some work in the library organizing books and stacks to create additional seating,” Moore said. “The second phase of that was implemented this year to create more study and collaborative rooms.”

The motivation and funding behind the renovation comes from Elon’s Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP), an initiative that fulfills requirements for the university’s accrediting agency.

QEP integrates more writing-intensive programs into Elon’s curriculum and priori-

tizes building new spaces to “foster and encourage the improvement of writing across the Elon campus,” Ruelle said.

While many of the Belk Library renovations were welcomed among students and faculty, some admitted other changes would require a degree of acclimation.

“I like that there’s more space, but it seems like they cut down on resources,” said Senior Robert Lachenauer.

Junior Tom Friend is among upperclassmen embracing library’s interior redesign.

“It was weird the first time I used it after the renovation, but now it’s fine,” Friend said. “Things look great. Everything seems to flow better now.”

The first floor is equipped with 72 public computers. Some of the existing computers were moved to the second floor — which, along with the increase in space may give students the impression that there are fewer resources, Ruelle said.

In the past, many students have requested that there be more computers on the second floor to accommodate quiet studying. Ruelle said the new configuration ensures that students will have that ability.

Some members of the technology staff were moved to Long, and some members of the library staff was shuffled into newly renovated office suites.

The library now features a consolidated service model with only one desk for services and tech support. In recent years, the university observed that research questions were submitted directly to librarians through the Elon Network, Ruelle explained. Students had outgrown the need for additional physical desks.

“The new setup frees up the time of our professional librarians to accommodate individual appointments away from the desk,” she said.



The center of the library is now more open, with moveable furniture that can be shuffled around.

JANE SEIDEL | Photo Editor

## OAK HOUSE

from cover

business here,” said junior Connor Cummings. “I like the idea, but I don’t think it’ll work on a college campus.”

But Smith and his team have been working hard to get Elon and the community involved in the making of The Oak House. First, Smith pitched his idea to alum Ryan Vet, who came on board as a co-owner.

Vet graduated from Elon with a host of business experiences. During his time at Elon, he also started uCondition, a software company.

Vet and Smith launched a two-week Kickstarter campaign from July 23 to Aug. 14 to raise the last 10 percent of the funds needed to open The Oak House.

In that two-week period, The Oak House raised 14 percent more than they wanted, all thanks to Elon faculty, students, staff, alumni, parents, friends and community members.

“We needed the money, but it was also a really good marketing tool,” Smith said. “And it helped people get behind it and be a part of it.”

Smith even used the delay to his advantage during move-in week-

end.

“Since we weren’t open for Move-In Friday, we sat out front and gave out free bottles of water,” he said.

It gave him a chance to explain what The Oak House would be to new Elon parents and invite them to come in during Family Weekend.

In addition to these innovative marketing ideas, Smith has also taken the traditional approach. During move-in, he placed coupons for a free coffee in new students’ orientation packets. He also placed coupons in race packets at a 5K for Habitat for Humanity.

The Oak House will market itself with print, web and broadcast advertisements with IMG, a college sports marketing firm, and Phoenix Athletics.

“Our main goal is to attract the whole Elon community,” Vet said.

The Oak House offers something for everyone in the community, from the community. Those of legal drinking age can enjoy one of nine craft beers on tap from North Carolina. They can select from an “extensive bottled wine” list at varying prices. Or, they can pair a glass of wine starting at \$6 with cheeses from the town of Elon.

Those not old enough to enjoy a beer

or a glass of wine can order Cheerwine or a Boylan soft drink on tap. They can walk down the coffee line, where the Town Table kitchen was, to sip on a drip coffee locally roasted by the same company used by Irazu, a mocha or hot tea. They can nibble on baked goods from Tasty Bakery in Graham or chocolate from Hillsborough.

Even the old dining area is full of tables and chairs made from reused and repurposed wood from North Carolina.

“It allows for a balance,” Ward said. “You can’t just see it as a bar, and you can’t just see it as a coffee lounge. It’s a unique spot that can’t be categorized.”

Smith hopes that people are not just coming for the drinks or the food, but for the space itself. To do that, though, people need to get in the door.

And while there are some students who wonder if such a space can exist at Elon, or if The Oak House can outlive the three other restaurants that have been housed in the same space, others are intrigued.

“I really like the fact that they’re trying to combine academics with social life,” said senior Ana Preciado. “I think it’s going to be very interesting.”

### LOCAL CRAFT BEER

**Red Oak - “Red Oak” Amber Lager** - Whitsett, NC

**Red Oak - “Hummin’ Bird” Helles Lager** - Whitsett, NC

**Steel String - “Session Saison”** - Carrboro, NC

**Pig Pounder - “Mild Mud” British Ale** - Greensboro, NC

**Foothills - “Torch” Pilsner** - Winston-Salem, NC

**Fullsteam - “Rocket Science” IPA** - Durham, NC

**Highland - “Clawhammer” Oktoberfest Marzen** - Asheville, NC

**Natty Greene’s - “Southern Pale Ale” American Pale Ale** - Greensboro, NC

### FLAVORS OF BOYLAN SODA

Lemon-Lime, Regular Cola, Diet Cola, Ginger Ale, Birch Beer, Root Beer, Creme Soda, Orange and Black Cherry

### 10 COFFEE VARIETIES

### 10 FLAVOR SYRUPS

OAK HOUSE DRINK OFFERINGS

## RESIDENCE LIFE

from cover

community to hold themselves accountable.”

Residence Life has also shifted to an on-call system where students can call an RA with concerns.

“This on-call system mimics the Administrator On Call that the university employs [who] is available 24/7 to all Elon students,” said Arroyo.

This change was made to ensure consistency between departments on campus.

Residence Life is also changing the

way students look at their residence halls.

“We want people to bond to get the neighborhood experience,” said junior Megan Oliver, an orientation leader. “We want to foster pride in one’s neighborhood, which Elon has really stressed this year.”

Each neighborhood — Danieley, the Oaks, Colonnades, Historic, Global and Station at Mill Point — has a specific theme that it will explore. These themes range from understanding historic roots to exploring what it means to be a global citizen.

“Most of a student’s learning occurs outside of the classroom, and it is there-

fore important that we work to support students to deepen their intellectual knowledge and foster communities of learning in and outside of residence halls,” Arroyo said.

These changes have been met with a lot of positivity, Duff said.

“A lot of upperclassmen wish they had these opportunities as freshmen,” she continued.

Freshmen and upperclassmen are reacting similarly to the adjustments.

“I just told my residents, ‘Whatever you have in your head about RAs, throw it out the window. Everything has changed,’” said Brown. “The majority of

residents really like the changes going on.”

Though students are just now beginning to see the changes, residence life has been working on them for years.

“We’ve been working towards this for more than one year,” said Arroyo. “It’s the first year they have really talked about it, but it’s about the third year we have been working on it.”

Those in Residence life are already noticing the differences.

“It’s a slow process, but there have been really positive responses, which we are all really excited about,” Duff said.



Sophomore Jane Humphrey is one of the Historic Neighborhood’s Residence Assistants for the 2014-2015 academic year who has been tasked with changing the program’s image for the better.

NICOLE OSGOOD | Staff Photographer

# SGA president takes grassroots approach to leadership

**Katy Canada**  
Managing Editor

Joe Incorvia addressed the Elon University student body for the first time Aug. 2, 2011, weeks before arriving in North Carolina to begin his freshman year. From his home in Connecticut, he asked the members of the Class of 2015 via a Facebook video how they wanted to be remembered and how they could use the resources at Elon to achieve their goals.

Four years later, he's asking the same questions as the executive president of the Student Government Association.

Incorvia's Facebook post garnered 129 likes and 51 comments, one of which urged him to run for president of the Class of 2015. He did and hasn't lost an election since.

Incorvia followed up terms as freshmen and sophomore class president by taking on the role of executive vice president his junior year and then striding in the position of executive president of the student body as a senior.

Not a lot has changed about Incor-



FILE PHOTO BY

During a February 2014 debate with his then-opponent Jessica Petrillo, Incorvia relied heavily on his three years of SGA experience in favor of his presidency.

NEW STUDENT GUIDE TO SGA LEGISLATION

- Anyone from the student body can propose legislation to the SGA. Most often, proposed legislation comes from the Senate, which is composed of the At Large Council, the Academic Council and the Organization Council.

- Legislation proposed to the SGA by a member of the general student body must go through a public comment period of one week, which allows senators to get feedback from students. If a senator proposes the legislation, they can vote on it at the next Senate meeting.

- After a piece of legislation is passed by the senate, the president has one week to sign or veto it.

- All Senate meetings are open to the public.

- Senate meetings are held every Thursday at 7:30 in Moseley 215.

via since he made that video. In fact, the points he made back then about the Class of 2015 developing bonds and growing close together are reflected in his time as president.

“Our major goal is to reach out to the student body and make sure that everything we do is coming from the students and is organic from the campus and is able to benefit this campus,” Incorvia said.

This approach to SGA is something that Jana Lynn Patterson, the associate vice president for student life and faculty advisor for SGA, said is more of a grassroots effort than she's seen from past presidents.

“They're really about going to the people and talking to them,” said Patterson. “It's more about involving and getting input from as many people as they can.”

In 2013, Incorvia led the charge in changing Elon's constitution, removing

some of the executive branch's power and shifting much of the authority to the Senate. He said the change has helped senators become better leaders and incorporated more representation from the student body.

“We want them two, three years from now to be the leaders on campus,” Incorvia said. “We do that by letting the senate pioneer a lot of our initiatives. The representatives of the entire student body should have the majority of the power.”

His bottom-up approach isn't the only way Incorvia differs from past presidents. Typically, SGA leaders pursue degrees in political science or business. Incorvia chose biochemistry. There's not a lot of time in between the hours he spends in the lab and the hours he spends in his office. On any given week, he attends 10 meetings on top of his day-to-day tasks.

Patterson said academics take priority

over SGA responsibilities, but there's never been a problem with Incorvia.

“He just handles it,” she said.

Now, Incorvia is focusing on leaving SGA in a good place when he graduates. Before stepping into the office of president, his strategy for student government was action-based. This year, he's concentrating on building a foundation for success by helping students gain an understanding for what SGA is and continuing the administration's initiatives for civic engagement and an inclusive community.

“What I would love to see is that SGA has a clear definitive direction of where it wants to go in the next five years,” Incorvia said. “It all starts with shaping our narrative and strengthening the bonds we have between one another, starting with building pride within each class and growing to having pride in our school.”

## A breakdown: SGA branches

**SGA**  
from cover

recreation receives about half of that fee, and the rest, \$654,288 for 2014-2015, goes to SGA.

Around \$582,093 will comprise the budgets of organizations in 2015. The remainder is reserved for special allocations throughout the year.

“The idea is to get organizations the money they deserve and show them how to spend it the right way,” Steadman said. “What will happen a lot is organizations will have no clue what to ask for. Rather than bring in impossible budgets, the cluster representative will help them get it down to something we can pass.”

Adam Knaszak, the Organization Council Liaison, said senators will learn the new system during the SGA retreat in September. But, he said, the overall budget process should proceed much more smoothly than in the past.

“I think it's going to be effective because the budget meetings will be quicker and more efficient,” Knaszak said. “Just because of restrictions and rules, the Finance Committee wasn't able to allocate the money organizations needed. We're hoping this will dissolve those problems so organizations can get the money they need and deserve.”

Compiled by Katy Canada  
Managing Editor

### Executive Branch

President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary

The executive branch makes final legislative decisions. They are the only branch of SGA to earn a \$180 stipend every two weeks.

The Executive President of SGA is responsible for making sure the entire body runs smoothly. The president has veto power over legislation, and he or she acts as a liaison between the administration and the student body. The president also speaks to the media on behalf of the entire SGA.

The Executive Vice President runs internal communications for SGA. He or she is trained in parliamentary procedures and acts as Speaker of the Senate.

The Executive Treasurer is a steward of nearly \$600,000. He or she ensures SGA funds are appropriately budgeted. The

treasurer holds budget hearings and handles requests for special allocations.

The Executive Secretary manages office hours, answers phones and maintains senate decorum. Apart from these clerical responsibilities, the secretary also handles Homecoming preparation.

### Academic Council

Representatives from each academic school

The Academic Council consists of four representatives from the College of Arts and Sciences, two representatives from the Martha and Spencer Love School of Business, two representatives from the School of Communications and one representative from the School of Education.

Representatives on the Academic Council communicate the interests of their respective schools to SGA.

They meet with the deans of each department to see what needs to be discussed.

### At Large Council

President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary of each class

The main duty of the At Large Council is to represent the interests of the student body. Members of this council organize meetings with their respective classes. Senior class officers spend most of their time planning senior class giving. Juniors are responsible for Luminaries preparation. Freshmen and sophomores discuss what they want to experience in their time at Elon.

### Organization Council

Cluster representatives

Organizations on campus are divided into clusters of organizations (Academic cluster, Greek life cluster, honors cluster etc.). Each cluster has a representative on the Organization Council.

Their goal is to represent each of the organizations and make sure they have the resources and funding they need.

# Resilient rescued trio: Local barn takes in foals

Abby Franklin  
Features Editor

Last spring, when Chance, Belle and Blue were loaded off of the horse-trailer that carried them 11 hours, from Last Chance Corral's headquarters in Ohio to HighClere Farms in Burlington, it was clear the foals had been through a lot, especially 6 day-old Blue.

Within 24 hours, Blue needed a catheter to pump fluids into his tiny, frail body. Chance, with his donkey-like ears, was shaken up from travel but the healthiest of the bunch overall. And Belle, who wouldn't let staffers touch her, had to have patches of raw, irritated skin treated.

These were baby horses at their most fragile state in need nourishment and immediate care. Had the HighClere staffers not followed a regimented feeding schedule, provided proper nutrients and watched the foals around the clock, that precious window of time could've been missed. Without HighClere, Blue, Chance and Belle would've suffered from malnourishment and died.

HighClere Farms is a local Burlington barn owned by Nicole Hamilton that boards and shows horses in addition to offering riding lessons. A full staff of trainers, barn assistants and instructors maintains its facilities.

That first day, the HighClere staff acted as pseudo moms and watched over the newborns, tracking their progress while the foals' respective mothers were elsewhere, providing milk for a more profitable thoroughbred.

In the racing industry, the word "mother" doesn't hold weight and doesn't imply permanence. Mothering means providing for a hand-picked horse. It's orchestrated. And the foals newly adopted by HighClere weren't picked. They're industry castoff's called "nurse mare foals."

According to Last Chance Corral's webpage, HighClere's adoption company of choice, the only reason "nurse mare foals" are born is so the mare produces milk. For her to produce nutrient-laden



Kate Tackett, Elon senior and assistant trainer at HighClere Farms in Burlington spends time with rescued, 6 day-old foal the barn lovingly named Blue.

milk, she must be pregnant. The only reason she's impregnated is so she'll have the milk to nurture a thoroughbred foal — typically a racing horse. And amidst this shell-game, the thoroughbred's mother can't be bothered to nurse her own baby because she's being shipped from stallion to stallion, forced to produce thoroughbred horses for a booming industry.

The foal of a "nurse mare" is an afterthought. She has a product the racing industry needs to raise thoroughbred horses, her milk, and they exploit her for it, leaving her own babies, to die.

"Everyone in the horse industry knows about this, but the racing industry would never admit this practice is done," said Amanda Martyn, assistant instructor at HighClere.

While "nurse mare foals" aren't always abandoned or killed by racing industry breeders, a great volume of them indicates thoroughbred breeding — their sheer existence serves as an industry red light.

"The racing industry gets to breed more horses, and more high quality horses, without having any delay," said Kate

Tackett, Elon senior and HighClere assistant trainer. "They can have their best mares producing constantly by doing away with [nurse mare] foals."

Despite an optimistic statement from an industry representative, the issue remains prevalent.

"This is not a cruel business, said Kentucky Thoroughbred Association representative Lanny Kohnhorst, to the Times News. "Yes, there are bad people in the world — there are bad doctors and lawyers and mean people everywhere. But as an industry, we love horses from top to bottom. I've never dealt with anybody who didn't care about these foals and horses."

Martyn added it's quite easy for higher-up representatives to claim cluelessness because they aren't the ones with eyes on the thoroughbreds' upbringings. That's the job of industry breeders.

"They can just say they don't have any control over the racers and breeders," she said. It's the perfect loophole.

Facilities like HighClere have invested in counteracting the vicious cycle. They

pumped Chance, Belle and Blue full of purchased colostrum-infused milk and got them all the nutrients they needed to survive. After rescuing the little trio, HighClere was determined to nurse them to health and help them emerge from vulnerable times, healthy and ready to grow. The foals were determined, too.

"Nicole's goal was to raise them to work," Martyn said. "She wanted to give them a job to do because they like having a job to do. She didn't rescue them so she'd have lesson horses. She did it because it's the right thing to do."

The Burlington barn now owns five adopted foals and the only thing left to do is place their faith in the foals' potential.

"You never know whether you'll find a diamond in the rough," said Martyn.

Without being brought up as a thoroughbred, they face hard odds in the "race" to become a great horse, but there are always possibilities.

"We might just find something truly special," Martyn said.

# Elon alum delivers new business

Leena Dahal  
Senior Reporter

Elon University alum Andrew Creech asked himself: Should students have to drive into Burlington late at night for a bottle opener? How about Advil? Gum? He doesn't think so.

He saw a hole in delivery opportunities at Elon and decided to cash in, creating "Designated Delivery." Offering items housed in both grocery stores and pharmacies, Creech and his team bring convenience to doorsteps most hours of the night.

"Designated Delivery eliminates the need for students to drop everything they're doing just to go out and get something as basic as a pack of gum by bringing these items to you," Creech said. "It's the only service of its kind, especially around here."

From beer pong sets to dental floss, Designated Delivery, which launched this semester, operates from 8 P.M. to 3 A.M. from Wednesday to Saturday.

"Basically, we are a convenience store that delivers," Creech explained.

With four years of Elon experience and a vested interest in the issue, Creech

recognized the reality of drinking and driving on college campuses. He wanted to reduce, if not eradicate, the temptation for students to drive under the influence to acquire simple night-out necessities, by providing a service that safely delivers.

"A very close friend of mine passed away while drunk driving when I was a first-year student in college," Creech said. "Driving while intoxicated is a growing issue, especially on campuses, so it's important to make sure that students have alternative options to getting the items they need."

The items, ordered from BJ's and other online suppliers, are stocked and shelved at Designated Delivery's Elon headquarters. After making a purchase online or over the phone, the goods are transported directly to the buyer within fifteen minutes. According to Creech, the products are priced similarly to their convenience store counterparts, he just includes a \$3 delivery fee.

Matt Overby, a Burlington resident and assistant manager of the delivery operation, said the fee should not dissuade students from the value of the service.

"Why would you pay a delivery fee for a pizza when you can pick it up yourself?" Overby asked. "The real value is convenience."

While some members of the community expressed concern the service delivers beer pong sets to college students, Creech

pointed out that no state law in North Carolina prohibits drinking games.

"The game of pong itself is not banned, merely the excessive consumption of alcohol in a dangerous fashion," Creech said. "When I was a student, Residence Life sponsored 'water pong' or 'apple juice pong' on multiple occasions."

Creech gives credit to the investors who initially funded the project but also prides himself on the time and energy he's exerted.

"I thought a lot about it during my senior year at Elon," Creech said. "I spent the summer after I graduated getting the logistics sorted and acquiring a business license."

First-year Alonzo Cee said he has not used the service but has heard about it from a friend.

"I would probably use it if there was nasty weather outside, or if I didn't feel so good," Cee said. "It's just a pretty handy service to have."

The group hopes to expand its selections by including fast food items. On the website, under "Fast Food-Coming Soon," admired names such as McDonalds, Cook-Out and Steak 'N Shake are listed.

"It'll take time for students to realize what it is, how it works and that we're there," Creech said. "But we hope to become a really big service that helps a lot of students."



Matt Overby (left) and Andrew Creech (right) operate their delivery service out of a downtown Elon office.

# Elon introduces 'edgy' performing arts building

Diana Stancy  
Senior Reporter

Fall 2014 introduced many changes for the performing arts department, including the opening of a new performing arts building, Scott Studios, in August. Located next to Arts West, Scott Studios includes practice spaces, a large rehearsal studio and a new performance theater.

The idea for this performing arts building began several years ago. President Leo Lambert suggested renovating the Gerald L. Francis Center home of Elon University's School of Health Sciences, but structural issues with the building prevented the project from coming to fruition.

Instead, alternative locations on campus were examined. The space next to Arts West seemed like an ideal location to proceed with construction.

"It's really an arts corner," said Fred Rubeck, chair of the performing arts department, explaining how Arts West and Scott Studios complement each other.

The building's construction faced some challenges early on, primarily because of inclement weather. In the spring, several snow and ice storms delayed the start date.

"We felt pretty good about finishing it in time for class," Rubeck said.

Performing arts majors began using the space for their classes August 26.

Scott Studios includes six practice studios for piano and voice students and houses a rehearsal studio with the same dimensions of McCrary Theatre. Now when there is a show being performed in McCrary, students have the opportunity to rehearse in a studio the same size.

The studio is decked out with wood floors, mirrors and ballet barres to equip a variety of performing arts majors.

Another new addition, the performance theater, is similar to the Black Box Theatre. The new theater is estimated to seat up to 175 people, whereas

the original Black Box Theater seats less than 100. The theater also features LED lighting, an energy-efficient innovation.

Both black box theaters will be used this semester. Rubeck said that performances may occur simultaneously and allow the casts more time to prepare.

"It gives them an appropriate set of spaces," Rubeck said. "It will allow us to do different kinds of shows than we would have in the smaller studio."

Scott Studios also maintains a large storage and working space, allowing sets to be stored in the space provided in the building, rather than being destroyed. Dressing rooms for men and women are also included.

The performing arts department has a storage space in Gibsonville where props and set pieces are stored and normally

set pieces would have to be destroyed but now with the new storage in Scott Studios this problem has been resolved.

The space will also make tech rehearsals easier, and enhance the quality of blackbox shows. Students can produce more shows now.

The building is set apart from the rest of Elon's campus because of its modern architecture, which Rubeck and others refer to as "edgy-Elon." With shiny gray and black floors and colorful walls, the building exudes a contemporary flair.

Students are impressed with the space. Rubeck said many of them have expressed their excitement about the building opening.

"It's incredible. It's literally been designed for us, and the spaces are just so well-equipped," said sophomore Harri-

son Johnson, an acting major.

Additionally, this building is anticipated to attract more students to Elon. Rubeck said recruitment for all performing arts programs will likely increase.

There is also a "pride factor" for Rubeck and others who benefit from the new building. Students are appreciative of the new facility and grateful that new practice spaces are available.

The building was specifically designed with the performing arts students in mind, which allows the building to cater to their needs.

"It is such a joy to go to a school where I feel like the growth of my department matters, and this state-of-the-art space is something else that shows how our program is expanding," said sophomore acting major Spencer Hodges.



Scott Studios includes practice spaces, a large rehearsal studio and a new Black Box Theatre that's estimated to seat up to 75 more people than the original. JANE SEIDEL | Photo Editor

# Variety of new TV series debut this fall

Casey Brown  
Senior Reporter

With more than 20 new shows premiering this fall, your new guilty pleasure is sure to be among them.

Here are some of the highly anticipated

ed series you may want to check out:

**'Red Band Society' (Sept. 17 at 9 p.m. on Fox):**

This 30-minute dramedy focuses on several teens coming of age in a hospi-

tal's pediatric ward. The show boasts Oscar-winner Octavia Spencer as the smart-mouthed Nurse Jackson, who keeps charge of the nominal group of patients.

**'Gotham' (Sept. 23 at 8 p.m. on Fox):**

Gotham explores the world of Batman through the perspective of Detective James Gordon (Southland's Ben McKenzie), a rookie cop assigned to the murder case of Thomas and Martha Wayne. Not only does this show function as the origin story for Detective Gordon and Bruce Wayne, but it also features a number of famous DC characters, from Oswald Cobblepot (the Penguin) to Selina Kyle (Catwoman).

**'NCIS: New Orleans' (Sept. 23 at 9 p.m. on CBS):**

This is the second spin-off from the CBS hit procedural drama NCIS with Scott Bakula heading the team as Special Agent Dwayne Pride.

**'How to Get Away with Murder' (Sept. 25 at 10 p.m. on ABC):**

Following her other two hot shows, Grey's Anatomy and Scandal, Shonda Rhimes' newest drama focuses on An-

nalise Keating (two-time Oscar nominee Viola Davis), a prestigious lawyer and noted law professor. Keating's ambitious students, desperate to impress her, become entangled in a murder plot of their own.

**'The Flash' (Oct. 7 at 8 p.m. on The CW):**

Barry Allen is a dorky forensic scientist with the Central City Police Department. When an accelerator explodes nearby, Allen is struck by lightning and awakens from a nine-month coma with the power of super speed. Starring former Elon University student Grant Gustin, "The Flash" tells the tale of the rise of the titular DC superhero.

**'Marry Me' (Oct. 14 at 9 p.m. on NBC):**

The creator of Happy Endings brings a new comedy about a couple (Happy Endings' Casey Wilson and Veronica Mars' Ken Marino) dealing with the new trials and tribulations that an engagement can add to a relationship.

For more dates and times for new series and returning season premieres, check out [TVLine.com](http://TVLine.com).



**\$5.00 OFF HAIR**  
Take \$5 off any \$10 or more HairCut, Color, or Chemical Service. Limit 1 per customer, per month. Cannot be combined with another offer. Expires 10/31/2014

**\$5.00 OFF WAXING**  
Take \$5.00 off any \$10 or more Wax Hair Removal Service. Limit 1 per customer per month. Cannot be combined with another offer. Expires 10/31/2014

**10% OFF RETAIL**  
Take 10% off any 1 Hair, Nails, or Tanning retail item. Limit 1 per customer per month. Cannot be combined with another offer. Expires 10/31/2014

**FREE TANNING**  
1 FREE Tanning session! Approved eyewear required. 10+ only. Limit 1 per customer per month. Sunless not included. Cannot be combined with another offer. Exp 10/31/2014

[WWW.GLOWSS.COM](http://WWW.GLOWSS.COM)  
**Glow Hair Salon & Spa**  
**(336)584-1533**

## Going local: Elon needs volunteers outside university

Elon University is known for its global mindset. We have a Global Neighborhood, a high percentage of study abroad participants and multiple internationally minded courses. As Elon expands its worldview it should also focus on what goes on in the areas immediately surrounding the university.

All students at Elon have the opportunity to volunteer at some point in their undergraduate careers. With one of the largest incoming freshman classes to date, expanding its engagement in the Burlington community should not be a problem for the university.

With 17.3% of all persons in Alamance County below the poverty level, the need for volunteers to help combat hunger in the area is very real.

While Elon's volunteering responsibility rests at least somewhat on the university itself, it is also up to students to take advantage of the opportunities offered.

Abbey Riesett, director of Campus Kitchen at Elon, puts it simply. "It's a benefit from a liberal arts education,"

In the 2013-2014 school year, a total of 3,100 total student volunteers completed 127,656 hours of service. That's a 23 percent increase from the previous year. These numbers need to continue rising until just about every able-bodied Elon student has volunteered by the time they graduate.

The Kernodle Center for Service Learning and Community Engagement is a resource just waiting to be tapped by students. It is home to Elon Volunteers! and more than 130 student leaders. Mary Morrison, assistant dean of students and director of the Kernodle Center, believes that service gets students outside the Elon bubble.

Members of Elon Volunteers! encourage students to explore outside Elon and understand the needs of the community around them.

Elon senior Brooke Faison, a cooking shifts coordinator for Campus Kitchens and a coordinator for Special Olympics, finds that to be a beneficial plus of volunteering.

"You get to see a different perspective of the Burlington community and burst



Elon's "Stop Hunger Now" program packaged 40,000 meals over the weekend.

PHOTO COURTESY OF BROOKE FAISON

out of that 'Elon bubble,'" said Faison. "It's important preparation for the real world outside of college. Elon is not real life. It's important to know that there are other people who are out there."

The Kernodle Center's theme this year is digging deeper. This year, student's experiences will be examined further, when looking at the larger picture of social justice and the long-term effects of service. The root causes of social issues will be discussed after volunteer projects and students are invited to get creative with addressing community needs.

Alamance County also has a very high rate of children living in poverty. The state percentage is 25 percent while Alamance County has a 26.3 percent rate of children living below the poverty line.

Elon Volunteers! offers about 30 programs. Some of its events throughout the year include blood drives, a poverty simulation, and more.

With such a spread of programs, a student is bound to find a program with which they connect.

Many courses at Elon also incorporate service into their curriculum, and Elon is working towards having a service-oriented course in most majors.

For those who aren't quite sure what they want to do or how they can help, programs like Get on the Bus encourage a less intensive volunteer experience. Get

VOLUNTEER AT ELON

**WHAT:**  
Get On The Bus

**WHEN:**  
Most Friday afternoons at 3

**WHERE:**  
Bio Bus stop outside Moseley

For those who aren't quite sure what they want to do or how they can help in the surrounding area, go to the Biobus stop outside Moseley at 3 p.m. on most Fridays.

on the Bus allows students to have the chance to try multiple types of service and become more comfortable with the community. Students take a bus to different organizations and charities around Elon and Burlington. If you can sign up ahead of time, do.

Recently, Elon students packaged 40,000 meals to fight hunger. Not only will these meals help families both locally and abroad but packaging and preparing these meals teach students new and sustainable ways to combat hunger.

Elon provides its students with many chances to volunteer in the community. Not only do these opportunities help the surrounding area but it teaches students the importance of helping those around them which has long been an integral part of the Elon vision.

### THE PENDULUM

Established 1974

The Pendulum is a daily operation that includes a newspaper, website, magazine and multimedia. Letters to the editor are welcome and should be typed, signed and emailed to [pendulum@elon.edu](mailto:pendulum@elon.edu) as Word documents. The Pendulum reserves the right to edit obscene and potentially libelous material. Lengthy letters may be trimmed to fit. All submissions become the property of The Pendulum and will not be returned. The Pendulum is located on the third floor of the Elon Town Center on Williamson Avenue.

**Editor-in-Chief**  
Jonathan Black

**Managing Editor**  
Katy Canada

**News Editor**  
Michael Bodley

**Opinions Editor**  
Nick Foley

**Features Editor**  
Abby Franklin

**Arts & Entertainment Editor**  
Meghan Mahoney

**Sports Editor**  
Tommy Hamzik

**Social Media Editor**  
Leah Channas

**Photo Editor**  
Jane Seidel

**Design Chief**  
Kristen DeMaria

**Copy Chief**  
Libby Gormley

**Multimedia Editor**  
Kathryn Jeffords

**Assistant News Editor**  
Kaitlin Dunn

**Assistant News Editor**  
Michael Papich

**Assistant Opinions Editor**  
Erin Valentine

**Assistant Sports Editor**  
Matt Mallian

**Business Manager**  
Lizzie Guillaume

**Public Relations Director**  
Sophie Pearson

**Webmaster**  
Tom Neas

**Adviser**  
Colin Donohue

For a complete list of our staff, please visit [ElonPendulum.com/staff](http://ElonPendulum.com/staff).

## Aftermath of shooting accident raises concern about child's emotional recovery

Arizona gun instructor Charles Vacca was accidentally shot and killed by his student, a 9-year-old girl, with a fully automatic Uzi on Monday, Aug. 25. The shooting, captured on video, quickly went viral. Although the young girl's name was never disclosed, she has become the subject of numerous arguments on gun control, education and the dangers of raising children in the modern world.



Tim Melton  
Columnist

What immediately sticks out to me about this story is the personal consequences of the situation. While issues like whether we should have even been handing a 9-year-old an Uzi in the first place are certainly important, I found myself questioning how the child could be feeling in the aftermath of this terrible event.

Vacca's family issued a statement to the girl and her family, expressing their sympathy and willingness to forgive her. One of Vacca's daughters, Elizabeth said, "I wanted to make sure they didn't spend a big portion of their life surrounding it around this one incident."

It is impressive how kind and genuine the Vacca family has conducted them-

selves in light of such a tragedy. Of course, because the shooting was an accident, it would be hard to imagine the family showing a grudge or spite towards the girl. Still, it's admirable to see the family coming forward in an attempt to make things right.

Unfortunately, it might not be enough. Despite best wishes from the Vacca family, I imagine a very significant portion of this girl's life will revolve around the ultimate action. While we could debate in circles about exactly who was to blame for the incident, or whether it's even morally

sound to be teaching children how to use automatic weapons, it won't change the fact that this poor little girl killed her instructor.

Sometimes, I find it amazing how little credit we owe to children, how much we simply assume they won't understand. We have no idea how she might have reacted after the Uzi in her hands went off, but I imagine a girl of 9 years old would have some notion of what she did. Perhaps she will find some small comfort in knowing this family will forgive her for what she's done, but what is being overlooked is

whether she will be able to forgive herself.

Eventually, the story of a little girl accidentally shooting her instructor will fade from the public mind. New tragedies will emerge, and the debates will continue to rage on about what we can do to fix the numerous problems in our society. Surely, we will forget. I feel that time will not be so gracious to this girl and to the Vacca family. While those impacted will never forget, hopefully someday they will make peace with what has happened and can move on from a girl, a gun and an innocent life taken.



The recent death of a gun instructor has sparked discussion about whether or not having age limits at shooting ranges should be required.

PHOTO COURTESY OF MCT CAMPUS

# Give me just a little more time



FILE PHOTO BY AL DRAGO

The American Education Research Association found only 58 percent of transfer students have at least 90 percent of their transferred credits, which can greatly impact the speed in which a student can graduate.

Not only are students in high school dealing with acne, first crushes and relationships, as well as drastic changes to their bodies, they are also thrown into a new academic and social environment.



**Nick Foley**  
Columnist

In case that was not enough to deal with, during their senior year they have to decide where they want to spend the next four years of their lives studying.

As a current senior in college, I look back and realize I could have used a little more time to figure out what I wanted from my college experience. Although many students know, or think they know, what they want by the time their senior year of high school rolls around, I did not.

As a result of my indecisiveness during my senior year of high school, I

ended up at a college that was not the right fit for me. Less than a year after that I transferred to Elon. I have no regrets about transferring but I wish I had gotten it right the first time.

A recent study by the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center found that one in three full-time college students will transfer before they graduate.

While there is nothing wrong with transferring those numbers indicate to me that many high school seniors, like myself, were not sure what they wanted at age 18. As a result, they had to endure the college application process all over again as college students.

To make matters worse, the American Educational Research Association found that transfer students, although they are becoming more common, are still at a strong disadvantage because of the complicated process of moving academic credits from one institution to another.

The study found only 58 percent of all transfer students have at least 90 percent of their transferred credits accepted by their new institution. These figures show transfer students are often put at a severe disadvantage when entering a new institution.

While college and universities across the country could make an effort to smooth out the credit transferring process for new students, the social struggles such as making new friends and fitting in with new roommates would still be present.

If the American high school process was restructured to act more like the European one, our students would be much better off. By and large, many students in Europe take a year or two off prior to entering a university of their choice.

During this time, they work, help their parents, pursue other interests or travel. Not only does this allow students time to do things many American stu-

dents do not have the time for between high school and college but it also allows them the invaluable resource of time to think about their future.

In the United States, this would be known as a gap year but it is not common and often is frowned upon. When done correctly, students who take a year off prior to college have a better idea of what they want from their experience. This means that these students are less likely to transfer and more likely to have a focused experience in their first few years of college.

Encouraging American students to take a year off between high school and college is not going to be the answer to why so many students are transferring. There are many different ways to figure out how to get this number down.

Transferring is not a bad thing, but we need to start talking about why transferring is so common and what we as a collective whole can do to fix it.

## Millennials have no cause for fear in workplace

Lazy, selfish and narcissistic. These are some commonly used words when describing the Millennial Generation.



**Kate Nichols**  
Columnist

Those born after the year 1980, are often described as over-sensitized, 20-year-olds who are reliant on their parent, commonly seen sipping on overpriced lattes with phone in hand while they complain about the lack of respect for them in the workplace.

According to a recent article by The Washington Post, these “privileged kids” demand a meaningful profession with a flexible work schedule and overly sup-

portive bosses hanging on their every word.

While this is definitely not a realistic scenario, who wouldn't want that? a Fantasizing about dream jobs and future contributions to society is part of being in college, just like picking majors and deciding what job you can live with for the next 40 plus years is part of the experience. And while we may all want to be the next Steve Jobs, Millennials still have a hold on reality.

Articles such as this may instill fear in future employers, but at least at Elon University, the “lazy Millennial” stereotype is minimal. Of course there will always be slackers on a college campus, but what Elon doesn't lack is student dedication.

In fact, 87 percent of Elon students

intern annually, working with reputable companies such as National Geographic, ESPN, CNN and others. And while interning alone may not prove one's impressive work ethic, several of these students secure jobs immediately following graduation.

The Millennials may be stereotyped as inefficient and unmotivated, but Elon students go out of their way to solidify future job opportunities by working hard as interns.

These students are not only hard at work in their jobs, but also within the university community. With more than 200 registered clubs and organizations on campus, students are very invested, selfless individuals. All of these organizations, ranging from Greek life to animal activism, maintain a strong investment in

helping others.

With 47 percent of these club members holding at least one leadership position on-campus, students clearly have the ability to plan and act in an effective manner.

Millennials may be seen at a glance as an ineffective addition to the workplace, but Elon University students prove that this is not true. With small class sizes and strict professors, there is little room to slack off. Students have been trained to show up on time and meet deadlines. When they are not in class, 25 percent of students are completing research hours with their professors.

So with class, school-related obligations, clubs and internships, when would students find time to be lazy and complain?

# Insley's road to recovery paying dividends

Jordan Spritzer  
Senior Reporter

Elon University junior defender Mel Insley is back in action for the women's soccer team after suffering ACL and meniscus injuries that kept her from the field.

After being cleared at the end of spring ball, Insley has burst onto the scene this fall, starting all four matches for the Phoenix.

"I felt good coming into the season," Insley said. "This summer I did a lot of running. I was able to get some touches on the ball towards the end of spring, and all summer I focused on getting ready to come in and play."

Her injury spell began while attending Trinity High School in Dillsburg, Pennsylvania.

"I tore my ACL my junior year of high school, so I missed my entire junior year," Insley said. "My senior spring, I tore my meniscus, so I had a partial meniscectomy, and I was out about two and a half

months with that one."

Newly recovered, Insley was an impact freshman for the Phoenix in 2012. She made 14 appearances, starting in 12 matches. Insley scored the winning goal on the road against Furman University in a 2-1 win and helped keep eight clean sheets playing in the heart of Elon's defense.

But Insley would soon find out her injury woes were not over. She had another ACL surgery in May of her freshman year after finding out the first surgery had failed.

Having a second major operation on the same knee is always risky and often forces players to hang up their cleats. For Insley, it meant missing her entire 2013 season as a redshirt.

Now, Insley has worked her way back and earned a captain's role on the team.

"It's an awesome feeling," she said. "I feel really grateful, but I've had awesome coaches, teammates, staff and trainers to help me along the way and push me to get back."

Insley found her redshirt year and patient recovery process were crucial for her to regain her health and fitness.

"I think taking around 15 to 18 months to actually come back from ACL surgery definitely proved beneficial," she said.

Elon freshman forward Sydney Schilling said Insley provides a spark for the freshmen and the rest of the Phoenix squad.

"To see how hard Mel has worked to get where she is and starting and to play an entire game, it gives everybody else her confidence," Schilling said. "It's contagious for the rest of the team."

According to head coach Chris Neal, Insley has the credentials to be effective to the team in more ways than one.

"She's got great spirit, has great competitiveness, wants to lead. She inspires others on the team to act like her on the field," Neal said. "Her nickname is the 'Little General,' and she plays like it."

The results for the Phoenix this sea-

son have been mixed, but Insley's form has not. Starting in her first game in two years against Jacksonville State University on opening night, Friday, Aug. 23, Insley anchored the Elon back four during her 86 minutes on the pitch and led the Phoenix to a 2-0 victory. Insley was all over Jacksonville State's attackers and was able to clear away any dangerous passes.

"As the captain starting in the back line, it shows us what it means to be a hard-working soccer player," Schilling said.

Insley was named Most Valuable Player of the match by Neal, but the icing on the cake was a fantastic free kick goal from 40 yards out.

"She strikes the ball a ton," Neal said. "I'm so happy it happened for her in the first game."

Insley has been taking the majority of the long free kicks for the Phoenix, supplying many dangerous chances for Elon players in the box. Insley had another opportunity to score her second goal off a direct free kick against Clemson University Aug. 29, but the Clemson goalkeeper made a save to tip the ball over the crossbar.

Provided she stays healthy, there looks to be many more opportunities like that one for Insley.

The road to recovery is a long one, especially with compounding injuries. Neal has a smile on his face seeing one of his players back on the field where she belongs.

"For me, it's very rewarding to see one of your players go through what she's been through and come back on and be able to play again. And not only to play, but to play well."

Follow *The Pendulum's* sports staff on Twitter @pendulumsports.



Mel Insley, center, has had a number of knee injuries plague her soccer career. She's back for Elon this year and making her presence known.

ASHLEY KING | Staff Photographer

## Busa makes impactful debut for Elon volleyball

Tommy Hamzik  
Sports Editor

Admittedly, Sydney Busa was nervous.

It was the first collegiate match for the freshman outside hitter. Elon University was playing the University of Maryland, a school that competes in the Big Ten Conference — the league that sent two teams to last year's national championship game. And, she had the pressure of being in Elon's starting lineup.

But whatever butterflies ran through Busa's stomach Friday, Aug. 29, in Alumni Gym didn't show on the court. She recorded 10 kills (second-most on the team) and 10 digs while Elon fell in four sets to the Terrapins.

"I was definitely nervous," Busa said. "It was definitely a transition for me, [this] being my first college match. Once I got on the court and figured everything out, it was good."

Busa's effective first match carried

through the rest of the Elon Phoenix Classic, Elon's annual home tournament. She had 11 kills in a four-set victory against San Jose State University and hit a team-best .381 with 10 more kills in Elon's loss to Liberty University.

It seemed clear all weekend that the Leesburg, Virginia, native came in geared up for the next level of her career.

"She came in already one of us, kind of," said junior outside hitter and captain Megan Gravley. "She didn't need a lot of priming for college volleyball. She was already pretty much up there. It was a great transition to just add one more to the lineup."

Busa played at Heritage High School, where she tallied more than 1,000 kills in her career. She led the DC-Metro area in kills during her senior year and was a three-time all-district selection.

For Busa, adjusting to the speed of the game wasn't nearly as tough as acclimating to the strict schedule of pre-

season camp.

"It was hard at first, just going from doing whatever we want at home to a strict schedule — volleyball, two-a-days, lifting," Busa said. "It's such a family environment here. They welcome the freshmen in and make us feel part of the team."

Elon head coach Mary Tendler was impressed with what Busa had to offer during the preseason, but admitted she wasn't sure how Busa's collegiate debut would fare.

"You never know what a freshman's going to do in her first match," Tendler said. "She's a really calm player, very calm, very collected. You never see her get down, or too high either. She did just what she does in practice."

Elon players raved early in the preseason about how Busa and Michelle Klein, a freshman middle blocker, had stepped right in to compete for spots. Busa made the most of her time to earn three starting jobs in the opening weekend of play.

Because of that, those nervous jitters didn't play a factor at all into her fitting right in on Elon's attack.

"To come in and be that confident and play all the way around, pass really well, swing really well, I really respect her as a player," Gravley said. "I see nothing but good things from her."



PHOTO COURTESY OF ELON ATHLETICS  
Busa started all three games for Elon Aug. 29-30.

# Inexperienced secondary learns from Duke loss

Matt Mallian  
Assistant Sports Editor

DURHAM — The struggles of the Elon University football team were obvious Aug. 30, as Duke University shredded the Phoenix defense to the tune of 567 yards of total offense, the third-highest total in Duke head coach David Cutcliffe's tenure.

Massive holes were eroded at times, giving Duke rushers space to run, and pass coverage was subpar. It was a balanced offensive attack — 292 passing yards, 275 rushing — that led the Blue Devils to a 52-13 rout of the Phoenix.

"There's going to be a lot of good things we're going to be able to take from it," said Elon head coach Rich Skrosky. "But we're in a result-oriented deal now. Our execution level needs to get amped up very high to make sure the result doesn't end up like it did tonight."

Elon's struggles in the secondary were obvious during Duke's first two scores of the game. On the Blue Devils' opening possession, senior quarterback Anthony Boone found senior wide receiver Issac Blakeney in the far corner of the end zone. Boone lofted the pass high in the air, and it appeared as though Elon junior cornerback Jeremy Gloston, a converted safety who was in coverage on the play, could have made a play on the ball but misjudged the coverage.

Blakeney, listed at 6-foot-6, had a considerable size advantage over the 6-foot-1 Gloston, the tallest defensive back on the Elon roster, which presented problems for the Elon defensive backs.

"I think [my height] is something different that I can bring to the team," Blakeney said. "Boone likes it a lot, just throwing the ball up. Getting up to the goal line, instead of having the lineman trying to push and shove, we just make it easy. Throw the ball up in the air, and I can go up and get it over a smaller cornerback."

Gloston was exploited once again early in the second quarter when Boone connected with senior wide receiver Jamison Crowder for a 46-yard touchdown, one of his two touchdown receptions of the night. Gloston was in good position on the play but took a misstep that ultimately left him out of position.

"I stopped my feet which is bad on my part fundamentally, but he's a great receiver,"



Elon saw 22 different players record a tackle against Duke on Aug. 30, but the Blue Devils would still triumph in a 52-13 win.

JANE SEIDEL | Photo Editor

Gloston said. "He did [well] on that play to get it deep. I just stopped my feet."

While the secondary gave up a total of four touchdowns, Gloston said he believes there are positives that can be drawn from the game.

"[The experience] is going to help us out a lot because the [Colonial Athletic Conference] has predominantly passing teams, and it's great to get our secondary a lot of work against bigger receivers, faster receivers, receivers who have played in the big games," Gloston said. "The more experience we have with the best, the better we'll be."

Elon was already at a disadvantage going into the game, as Akeem Langham missed the game because of a stomach virus. Langham, a senior from High Point, is one of the most experienced defensive players on the roster, having appeared in 30 games over the past three years. As for when Langham will be back on the field, Skrosky said he hopes to have him back "soon."

It was a revolving door of sorts in the sec-

ondary, with many players getting a chance to showcase their skills. Gloston and sophomore defensive back Adrian McClendon got the start at cornerback, while juniors Miles Williams and Julius Moore started at safety.

A host of other defensive backs made appearances in the game, including true freshman Malcolm Galloway, redshirt freshmen Chris Blair and Anthony Hambright, sophomores Asunji Maddox and Adrian Williams and junior Bo Hartman.

As for the immediate future, Skrosky said many players will see time, but Blair (six tackles) and Moore (team-high 10 tackles) will get the majority of the playing time at safety.

"We're going to find the best rotation," Skrosky said. "All those guys are good players. Moore and [Miles Williams] are going to get the bulk of the work, but Blair is one of our better guys and Maddox just needs more reps, but he's going to be a good player for us."

Skrosky was especially impressed with Adrian Williams, who, according to Skrosky, didn't have a great week of practice leading up to the game.

On a play in the second half, Williams was matched up against Blakeney, who scored two touchdowns in the first half. Boone lofted the ball high in air for Blakeney, but Williams timed his jump well and knocked the ball away to prevent a touchdown.

"That's a big play for that kid," Skrosky said. "A big, big play."

All in all, Skrosky had mixed feelings after the game, noting that while he saw some good things, the final score was a bit unsettling.

"52-13 is 52-13, and that needs to get corrected," Skrosky said. "But there was good that came of it. We'll watch the tape, we'll meet as a team and we'll point out the highlights of the game that we had from an effort standpoint and an execution standpoint, and we'll continue to move forward with the bye week."

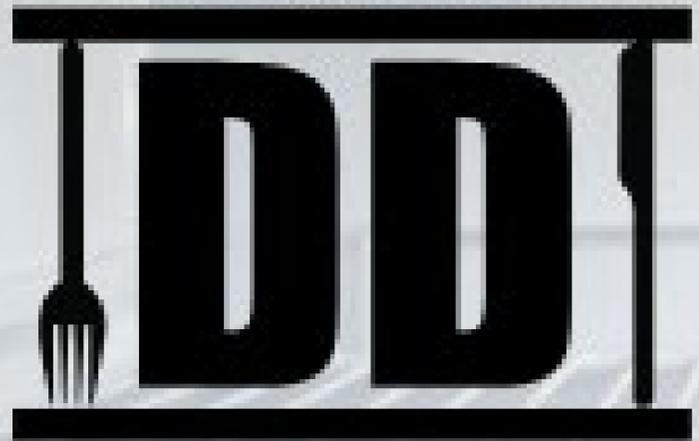


Elon now has a bye week after the season-opening loss to Duke. The Phoenix next plays Sept. 13 when it hosts North Carolina A&T State University at 6 p.m. at Rhodes Stadium.

JANE SEIDEL | Photo Editor

**Designated**

**Wednesday**



**Saturday  
8pm-3am**

**Delivery**



**PHARMACY  
& MORE**

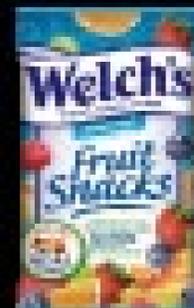
**DELIVERED TO  
YOUR DOOR**



**@ElonDesignated**



**ElonDesignated**



**www.DesignatedDeliveryElon.com**

**336-350-9406**

**FREE  
DELIVERY**  
WITH A MINIMUM  
ORDER OF \$20  
USE COUPON CODE  
"FREE"  
EXPIRES OCT 31, 2014

**WELCOME  
BACK!**  
GET HALF OFF  
YOUR DELIVERY FEE  
USE COUPON CODE  
"WELCOMEBACK"  
EXPIRES OCT 31, 2014

**TAKE  
10% OFF**  
USE COUPON CODE  
"10OFF"  
EXPIRES OCT 31, 2014

**15% OFF**  
WITH A MINIMUM  
ORDER OF \$25  
USE COUPON CODE  
"15OFF"  
EXPIRES OCT 31, 2014