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Federal agency now investigating Fleischmann case

Margeaux Corby
News Editor

Early last week, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives initiated a search for the remains of Elon alumnus Kyle Fleischmann in an undeveloped construction site in Charlotte but revealed nothing.

The ATF searched the site with cadaver-sniffing dogs and, according to N.C. Wanted, Fleischmann's father, Dick Fleischmann, confirmed the ATF is now handling the case, although no further explanation was provided.

Fleischmann disappeared from uptown Charlotte's Buckhead Saloon on Nov. 2, 2007 around 2:20 a.m.

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg police department investigated video footage from the Saloon the night he vanished and a massive search party was launched in the surrounding area in the weeks that followed Fleischmann's disappearance. Volunteers included the brothers of Kappa Alpha Order (of which Fleischmann), Elon students and community members, Charlotte volunteers, Public Safety Dogs, Inc. and the Charlotte Fire Department.

Fleischmann's disappearance has been followed nationally by television shows such as "America's Most Wanted" and candlelight vigils have been held in cities nationally, as well as on Elon's campus.

The Kyle Fleischmann Foundation has established numerous Web sites, events and organizations in order to fuel public interest in the case and fund the ongoing search. The Facebook group, Help Find Kyle Fleischman-Missing!, has more than 50,000 members more than a year later.

"At this point we are trying to do what we can to keep Kyle's story alive and get it back in the media," said Daniel Scagnelli, a close friend of Fleischmann's and Elon alumnus from January 2008. "Students can help by continuing to spread the word, encouraging everyone to make donations and keeping the hope alive."

For any information regarding Fleischmann's whereabouts or disappearance, call N.C. Wanted at 1-800-439-2683, The Kyle Fleischmann Foundation at (919)-251-6156 or visit www.helpkyle.com.



ANGIE LOVELACE | Staff Photographer

Senior Alex King, co-chairman of the senior class gift committee, and junior Jenny Cupero, an Elon ambassador, pass out frisbees Tuesday morning at College Coffee. The event kicked off the start of "Pass It On," a program that aims to educate the community about how private donations support an Elon education.

Community urges students, alumni to give back to Elon despite economy

Margeaux Corby
News Editor

Despite drizzle and gray skies, Young Commons was alive with tossing balloons, festive posters and students, faculty and alumni attempting to raise awareness about giving back to Elon Tuesday morning.

"There is a real need for donations and without them the university can't exist," said Lindsay Hege, assistant director of alumni relations for young alumni. "Our goal is not to increase the number of students who give, but we want to make them aware of why we ask."

Elon's current alumni participation rate is 29.8 percent. This ranks the university lower than many neighbor peer institutions, such as Davidson College and Furman University, which boast more than a 40 percent giving rate by alumni.

Alex King, co-chairman of the senior class gift

committee, said students should be more knowledgeable and appreciative of how their education is funded beyond tuition dollars.

"It's just to give Elon students' perspective on how our education is paid for," King said. "To give back to a place that has given us so much."

According to the several Smith Jackson e-mails sent out in the past week, 1,147 young alumni graduates donated to Elon last year.

"It's important for students to understand that their tuition does not cover all experiences on campus," said Maggie Byerly, director of annual giving and parent programs. "Donations fund everything tuition doesn't cover."

Students and staff working the event said the current economic slump should not deter donations.

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Tax evasion forces Sidetrack to briefly shut down

Laura Smith
News Editor

Last Wednesday, many Elon students and local residents walked away from a closed Sidetrack Grill after reading a puzzling sign on the door.

The sign read, "It's a strange and difficult world we live in. We're taking Wednesday off in order to swim around in the strangeness and paddle through some difficulty. We'll be open again on Thursday. Sincerely, your friends at The Sidetrack Grill."

The North Carolina Department of Revenue closed Sidetrack Grill early Wednesday afternoon after serving papers for tax evasion from the owner, Grayson "Chad" Snyder, who owed more than \$20,000 in back taxes.

Snyder, an Elon alumnus and former religious studies adjunct professor, had no comment on Wednesday and could not be reached at press time.

According to The Town of Elon Police

Chief LaVell Lovette, the restaurant was closed sometime between noon and 1 p.m. Wednesday. She also said Snyder was not arrested.

Town of Elon Police were on site to assist the Department of Revenue with the investigation.

Snyder had been contacted by the North Carolina Department of Revenue several times and when there was no response, the department went to the restaurant itself.

"When it reaches a point where they can't contact the taxpayer, they have to take legal action," said Kim Brooks, a spokeswoman for the N.C. Department of Revenue.

A certificate of tax liability was filed against Snyder with charges including failure to pay sales and use tax and employee withholding tax. An official filing gave the state the authority to seize the property with two agents from the department present.

Snyder also dealt with judicial issues

a little more than two years ago during his ownership of Lighthouse Tavern and Deli.

In November 2007, Snyder was arrested for possession with the intent to sell and/or deliver cocaine.

Through an undercover agent, he was found with 1.5 grams after the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation received a request from the Elon Police to investigate a report that a female Elon University student was exposed to an unsafe quantity of GHB and was sexually assaulted, according to court records.

In December 2007, Snyder was also charged with possessing approximately 165 mL of Schedule I GHB, violating the Controlled Substance Act, according to the records.

Despite these incidents, Snyder still remains an important person in the Elon community to those who know him well.

"I was heartbroken when I learned about the Lighthouse incident, a

tragic situation only made worse by sensationalist media coverage," religious studies professor L.D. Russell said. "Chad stepped outside the law and is paying the penalty for such a social transgression, but he is a gentle spirit and a generous man, and anyone who knows him also knows he would never take advantage of another person."

Russell taught Snyder as a student and worked alongside him in the religious studies department.

"Chad was always a responsible member of our department and an excellent colleague," Russell said. "He has been a good friend and an inspiration to many. In the current economic climate, no doubt he is not the only one whose business is experiencing financial difficulties. Despite his recent troubles, I believe Chad can be a positive force in our community."

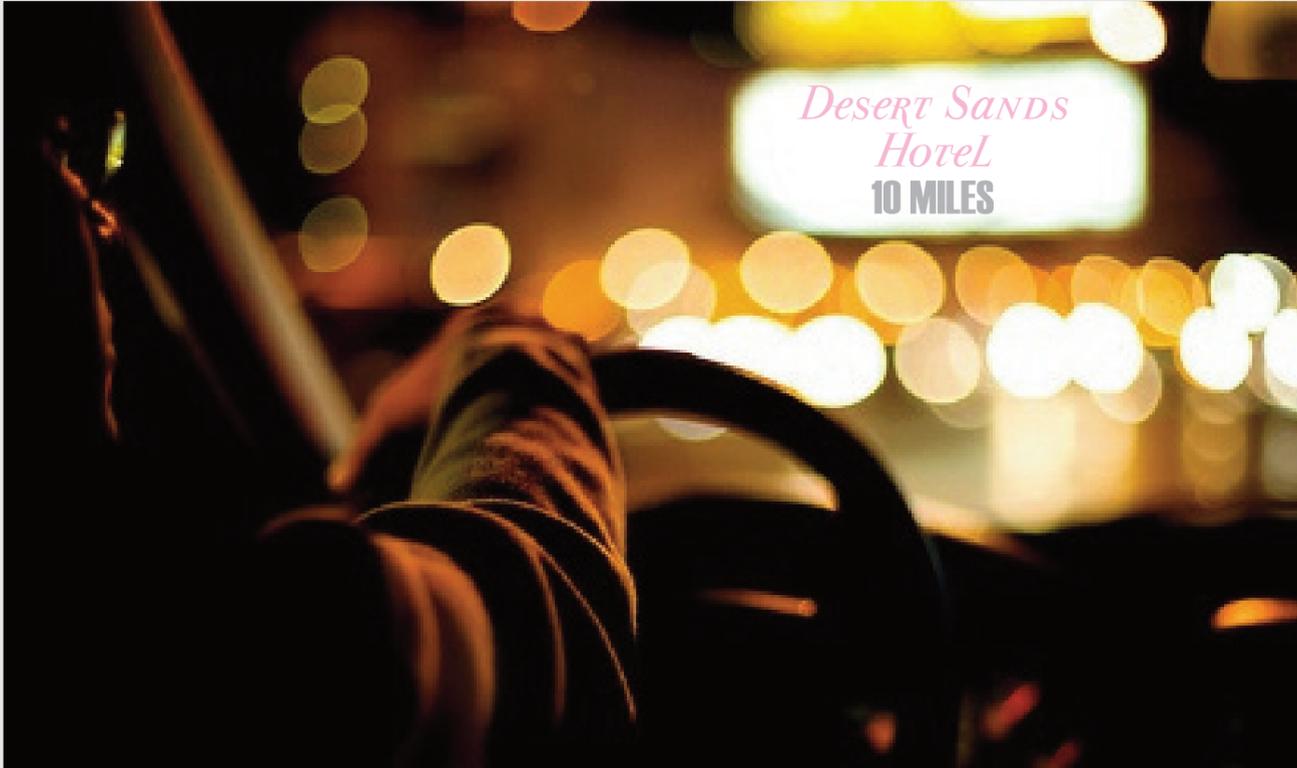
According to the North Carolina Department of Revenue, the debt has been cleared and Sidetrack is now open.



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Campus news

SGA honors students, swears in new officers



During his inauguration speech, sophomore and new SGA executive president Justin Peterson talked about the importance of student organizations on campus. "As organizations, we are nothing without a driven membership," Peterson said.



(left to right) Sophomores Hillary Srsic, secretary, Adam Walton, treasurer, Evan Davis, vice president, and Justin Peterson, president, were sworn in as the new Student Government Association Executive Staff during SGA's annual OAIC banquet March 12. PHOTOS SUBMITTED



(left to right) Senior Jeff Casullo, former SGA executive treasurer, Gerry Francis, provost, senior Ben Smith, head of SGA's academic council, and Matt Valle, management professor, attended the banquet. Valle was the recipient of the newly-named Dr. Gerald L. Francis Award for Excellence in Teaching. Smith wrote the legislation for the new award and Casullo nominated him Valle for it.



SGA senator senior Parker McAlister, left, introduced the bill to change the name of the Community Service Award to the Chaplain Richard McBride Award for Outstanding Service. Legislation was passed and McBride, center, presented the award to junior and Pi Kappa Phi vice president Dan Brown. The fraternity was selected because of their philanthropy with Push America, which aims to help the disabled throughout the U.S.

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University in final reviewing stages for Phi Beta Kappa honor

Margeaux Corby
News Editor

Next October, Elon may accomplish in nine years what took the University of Mississippi a hundred. The university is in the final stages of its review by the Phi Beta Kappa organization, a nearly decade-long effort which will come to an end at Phi Beta Kappa's 42nd Triennial Council in Austin, Texas this upcoming fall.

"If you look at the communications school and business school, those schools are accredited by various agencies," said Russell Gill, a university professor of English at Elon. "In a sense, this is the arts and sciences version for outside affirmation of our programs."

Phi Beta Kappa was founded more than two centuries ago in an effort to promote excellence and honor distinctive liberal arts programs across the nation. Currently, only about 10 percent of higher education institutions in the United States have Phi Beta Kappa chapters and of those schools, only 10 percent of the arts and sciences population are selected for membership into the honor society.

"This is the gold standard of honor societies for arts and sciences," said Steven House, dean of Elon College of Arts and Sciences and vice president of academic affairs. "It will enhance degrees from students from all over campus."

Elon applied to Phi Beta Kappa in 2000 and 2003, but was denied membership both years, but its 2006 application has reached the pinnacle of the society's application process.

The university has improved various campus programs in an effort to build up its application through the years by increasing

library funding by almost 250 percent since its first application, instituting a foreign language requirement for incoming freshmen, increasing faculty hiring and putting more funding into honors programs and scholarships.

House said this improvement to the school's academic programs and enhancement of student excellence has made the journey to Phi Beta Kappa the biggest reward of the process, no matter what October brings.

"The goal has not been to get Phi Beta Kappa, but to be an outstanding institution," House said. "If at the end of the day we get membership, that's great."

House said admission to the honor society is something that will benefit all of Elon, of which almost 50 percent of the student population is majoring in arts and sciences.

"We're an institution that really has liberal arts and sciences at its center," House said. "We really are trying to enhance students and give resources they need to be successful."

Gill said students graduating with membership will have an edge when searching for employment, which is something that is especially crucial in these troubled economic times.

"If you're going into a profession that is arts and sciences oriented, Phi Beta Kappa cuts the mustard," Gill said. "When you apply to graduate schools, it's also a definite plus."

If Elon is granted membership in October, current sophomores and juniors will be eligible for initiation in spring 2010.

As for the university's chances in the fall, both Gill and House said they are hopeful.

"We're cautiously optimistic," House said.

Planning for the future: Elon holds forum for facilities plan

Derek Noble
Multimedia Editor

Like all growing universities, Elon always has a need for upgrading facilities throughout campus.

These changes to the campus are prepared years before anything is seen. The last facilities master plan was in 2000.

"The master plan is really a vehicle to try to look at all the different aspects of the campus," master planner Dan Harrigan said. "There are so many issues. It's not just about space, not just about aesthetics, it's not just about building. It's student life. It's everything you could imagine."

Harrigan and his team work with many different groups of people including alumni, staff, faculty and students, to determine what the campus needs.

During the campus facilities master plan's public forum, many problems throughout the campus were brought up and ranged from spacing issues to room for athletic events.

"My No. 1 priority for the campus is to make sure there is a place that has enough seating under a roof so that we don't have the rainy graduation scramble," said Sara Peterson, director of stewardship. "I lived through commencement of 1998. That was when we learned that the rain plan didn't work very well."

At the forum, there was a large map of Elon and attendees were asked to place three green dots on the things they like about campus and three red dots on what they didn't like.

"Parking is ridiculous. If we have a game going on and performing arts is having a show, the fans have no clue where to go," said Kyle Wills, senior associate director of athletics.

Many of the attendees expressed

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MASTER PLANNER

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their concerns over parking lots being a hazardous environment for students to walk.

The parking lot between the McMichael Science Building and the Koury Business Center is a place where many students walk in between classes.

"I hadn't really thought about the problem of people walking through parking lots," Peterson said.

Along with safety and academics, residence life was brought up as a part of the forum.

"There is not really a place where students can go and play pool and hang out," said Clifton Johnson, assistant director of Moseley Center.

The meeting also focused on the positive aspects of Elon.

The beauty and collegiate feel of the campus were two things that most agreed they didn't want to detract from.

"I love the ambiance," Peterson said. "I love the way the campus feels ... I wouldn't want to change that."

The facilities master plan can be changed to fit what the future has in store for Elon.

Social justice



ANGIE LOVELACE | Staff Photographer
Wrongfully-convicted murderer Glen Chapman, left, joined by mitigation specialist Pamela Laughon, showed the diaries he kept while in jail. He was never given pads of paper, so he taped cardboard to sheets of paper and made his own.

Wrongfully convicted death row inmate talks about 'life after death'

Angie Lovelace
Reporter

GREENSBORO — Locked behind iron prison bars on death row for 4,887 days, Glen "Ed" Chapman knew he was innocent, but no one would listen. Chapman lost 14 years of his life in a jail cell for two murders he was wrongly convicted of.

Monday night, the Elon University Innocence Project brought Chapman to speak at the Elon University Law School about his ordeal.

Chapman was convicted in 1994 of the murders of Betty Jean Ramseur and Tenene Yvette Conley in Hickory, N.C.

When the sentence was read, "a cold chill ran down my body," Chapman said.

"I thought, somebody help me, somebody help me, but there was nobody there," he said. "I just wanted to throw in the towel."

When Chapman thought there was nothing left for him, he said he received support from his fellow inmates who encouraged him to keep fighting. He started studying his case and sent approximately 5,000 letters while in jail.

"You've got to have something to occupy your mind," Chapman said.

In November 2007, Chapman was awarded a new trial when it was discovered that detectives had withheld evidence that pointed to Chapman's innocence.

On April 2, 2008, the district attorney dismissed both charges and Chapman was released from prison with 10-minute notice.

Then came the hard part: living on the outside. Chapman missed his grandmother's funeral. He missed his mother's funeral. And he missed watching his two sons, now ages 20 and 17, grow up.

Chapman was joined for the presentation by mitigation specialist Pamela Laughon, associate professor of psychology at UNC Asheville, who worked for five years toward Chapman's release.

"It took me about 75 interviews and a couple of years to come to the

A closer look at wrongful convictions:

There have been 234 post-conviction exonerations in the United States since 1984 due to advances in genetic testing. According to the Innocence Project, wrongful convictions are attributable to judicial system failures including:

- Eyewitness misidentification
- Unreliable or limited science
- False confessions
- Forensic science fraud or misconduct
- Government misconduct
- Informants or snitches
- Bad lawyering

conclusion that Ed was innocent," Laughon said.

After realizing his innocence, Laughon printed a copy of his mug shot, wrote "Free Chapman" across it, posted it to her office door and committed herself to obtaining his freedom.

"It's easy when we are working on the cases to forget that there are actual people behind the files," Elon Innocence Project President Jenny Ruby said. "By bringing in a speaker who spent so many years in prison and then (was) released, it shows us that the work we are doing is important and can make a difference."

Each semester, the Elon Innocence Project reviews about six innocence claims to put the skills it is learning in the classroom to use in the real world.

After completing its reviews each semester, the Innocence Project presents its findings to the North Carolina Center on Actual Innocence, and if there is a valid innocence claim, the case will continue for further review.

Students also worked to raise more than \$500 for Chapman to assist in his transition as a free man. Chapman was overwhelmed and brought to tears by the gesture.

"It's not about me," Chapman said, "This situation is bigger than me."

MADD director demonstrates drinking dangers

Pam Richter
Sports Editor

North Carolina ranks fifth in the nation for deaths by drunk driving. But according to Craig Lloyd, the state executive director for MADD, the state is continuing to move up the charts in a negative way.

Lloyd, who has been at MADD for three years, spoke to Elon on Monday night at an event sponsored by campus sorority Phi Mu.

"The goal was to increase awareness of the use of alcohol," said April Kirby, a junior at Elon and the membership director of Phi Mu. "We looked into different speakers that would connect with the Elon community."

MADD started in Sept. 5, 1980 in order to raise awareness about drinking and driving. Lloyd estimates around 330,000 lives have been saved since the organization began.

Lloyd began the presentation with an informational video about MADD. The organization provides services for anyone who has been involved in a drunk driving incident.

"I've never been to a drunk driving accident," Lloyd said. "It's never an accident. People know what they are doing."

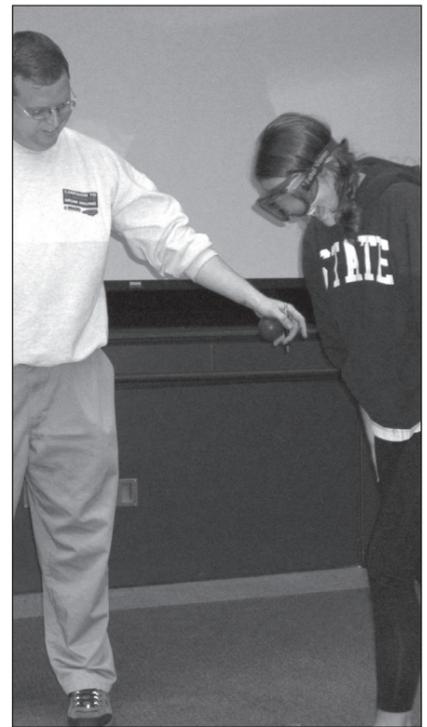
Thirty-seven percent of drunk drivers are repeat offenders. In North Carolina alone, there are 80,000 DWI arrests per year, but MADD estimates law enforcement only catches 1 in 200 intoxicated drivers.

MADD, as an organization, tries to focus on prevention of drunk driving and also underage drinking.

"We work with law enforcement," Lloyd said. "The number one thing that we found stops drunk driving is check points. People remember when we have check points up to seven or eight years later."

Lloyd also said technology helps to reduce drunk driving. This year, Toyota released a steering wheel that will be able to detect alcohol levels through the driver's pores. It is over the legal limit, the car will not start.

Advanced alcohol sensors will be another technological advancement that will help lower the rate of drinking and



PAM RICHTER | Photographer

Craig Lloyd, State Executive Director for MADD, demonstrates the dangers of drinking and driving with different simulations. Sophomore Kaelin Lutz uses beer goggles to show the disorientation that occurs with drinking Monday.

driving. These sensors now will have cameras in them. Like the steering wheel, if a driver is over the legal limit, the car will not start.

With this technological campaign, Lloyd and MADD said they hope drinking and driving will be completely eliminated within the next ten years.

At MADD's demonstrations, they use the beer goggles to demonstrate the effects of alcohol. On Monday night, sophomore Kaelin Lutz demonstrated with the goggles.

"I had a really hard time with them," Lutz said. "It put things in perspective about how disoriented you are when you drink, even when you don't realize how bad you are."

MADD's programs begin in kindergarten and do not only focus on drunken driving. A main focus of the organization is underage drinking and prevention.

"We want you not only to look out for yourself, but others as well," Lloyd said.

Kirby said the organization will continue Lloyd's message on campus by running a red ribbon campaign in the upcoming weeks.

Check it Out At Lighthouse

Wednesday, March 18th
Light "house" music with
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FEEDING THE PRESSURE: Male attention impacts body image, eating disorders

Sophie Duensing
Reporter

For many, coming to college is the first major life transition.

While the excitement of the experience cannot be understated, the pressure of college life often exceeds academics.

LoveMyBody.org, a Web site dedicated to body image and eating disorders, lists "major life transitions" as the first common cause of an eating disorder.

"Transitions such as the onset of puberty, entering high school or college, major illness or the death of a loved one can overwhelm these individuals and result in their feeling out of control," the organization said. While these disorders are traditionally associated with women, new evidence suggests no one is immune.

According to Something-Fishy.org, an organization devoted to the prevention of eating disorders, 8 million people in America suffer from an eating disorder, 10 percent of which are male.

Elon psychology professor Maurice Levesque released a study in 2006 on the body image concerns of gay men.

The study, titled "Raising the bar on the body beautiful: An analysis of the body image concerns of homosexual men" extended research that indicates gay men are at significant risk for body image dissatisfaction.

Most of the 64 participants were concerned with muscularity rather than weight, which is the largest concern for women. Women account

for 90 percent of those suffering from eating disorders.

Of these women, Caucasian women express greatest pressure to be thin, associating weight with beauty.

Research like Levesque's study indicates gay men are becoming increasingly concerned with body image, thus increasing their risk level for eating disorders.

According to Levesque's study, "Research demonstrating the overrepresentation of gay men among males diagnosed with eating disorders supports the contention that gay men are at greater risk for body image dissatisfaction because body image is a major risk factor for developing eating disorders."

One factor believed to be responsible for this trend is gay male culture. Levesque quoted studies that "endorse the stereotype that gay men are more appearance-oriented than heterosexual men."

Despite pressures exclusive to the gay community, the reason most cited as responsible for gay men's body image issues is the same reason cited for heterosexual women's body image issues: dating men.

"Men in general value physical appearance as a quality in a temporary or life long partner," Levesque said.

Those seeking attention from men, be they male or female, would feel added pressure to look attractive. This pressure then becomes part of female and homosexual male culture and is encouraged by society.

The media cannot go

unmentioned, considering images of celebrities and models with impossibly perfect air-brushed bodies, Levesque said.

She discussed the media's impact on straight men's body image, a group usually assumed to be unaffected by body image and eating disorders.

"There has been a recent rise in eating disorders for straight men since the 80s when media began objectifying men more," Levesque said.

Levesque used the G.I. Joe action figure as an example. There was a time when the G.I. Joes had relatively normal, healthy bodies, but now they are unrealistically muscular, teaching men early about a warped image of masculinity.

Men's body image concerns, gay and straight, generally take a different route than women, in the form of steroid use, over-exercise and disordered eating through strict, high-protein diets believed to aid muscle gain.

Women's disordered eating is generally focused around weight and appears in diseases such as anorexia and bulimia, although men can certainly suffer from these diseases as well.

Regardless of gender, sexual preference, race, or anything else, simply living in the high-pressure college atmosphere makes one more prone to body image issues and eating disorders she said. Elon's counseling center has an Eating and Body Image Concern Network that provides information and counseling services, to help students deal with these issues.

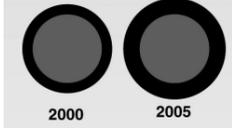
The skinny on models

With models weighing less than 98 percent of U.S. women and the average woman weighing more than ever before, are models getting too thin?

Measuring up

The average woman has gained over 20 lbs. (9 kg) since 2000; the average model is two-thirds the weight of the average woman

- Weight of average woman
- Weight of average model



Taking action

Some countries are requiring models to have a body mass index (BMI) of 18; a 5'11" (1.8 m) model should weigh 130 lb. (59 kg)

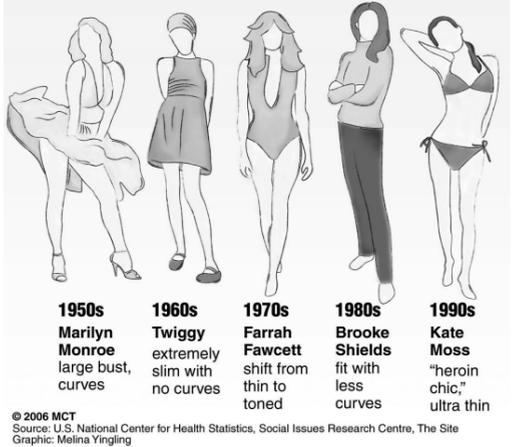
Finding your score

Divide your weight in pounds by your height in inches, squared; multiply by 703

BMI	Weight Status
Below 18.5	Underweight
18.5-24.9	Normal
25.0-29.9	Overweight
30.0 and above	Obese

Weighing in on famous models

Less than five percent of women can achieve the current media ideal, but some earlier ideals were easier to obtain



Domestic violence acts as societal issue that sees no gender

Margeaux Corby
News Editor

Broken.

That's how family abuse services community educator Pam Thompson describes both victims of domestic violence and abusers. After five years of volunteering at Alamance County's family abuse services and working at the center for two, she has seen the upsurge of domestic violence go largely ignored by the local community and country.

"Some people have to die before we notice," Thompson said.

Samantha Carol, whose name has been changed for security reasons, is a junior at East Carolina University. She suffered through a year of physical and verbal abuse, the last year of a relationship that lasted more than three years.

"He was pretty good at doing something horrible and rationalizing it," Carol said.

Carol is one of the 5.3 million women abused in the United States every year. She is one of the fortunate abuse victims that did not become one of the 1,232 women are annually killed by an intimate partner.

The American populace, in the midst of economic downturn, tends to be most interested in national issues when dollar signs are attached.

According to the American Institute on Domestic Violence, health-related costs of rape, physical assault, stalking and homicide by intimate partners exceed \$5.8 billion each year and the lost productivity and earnings because of partner violence is almost \$1.8 billion annually.

Last week, anti-sexist male activist Jackson Katz told the audience in McCrary Theatre that domestic violence can only be counteracted by the actions and words of men.

"Most men are not rapists," Katz said. "But most men are not doing anything about the ones that are."

Katz said not engaging in abusive and violent acts should be a fundamental norm of human behavior. Just as people are not rewarded for refraining from committing murder or theft, men should not be congratulated for not dislocating their wife's jaw.

"Just saying, 'I'm not a rapist,' is not particularly impressive to me," Katz said. "Saying 'I don't beat my girlfriend,' shouldn't get high fives."

Thompson agrees that domestic violence can only be corrected by the cooperative resolution of males.

"If you get men united against something, that's the ultimate power," Thompson said. "Men are the people the abusers will listen to."

According to Katz, many see domestic abuse as an individual problem and the tragedy that surrounds its expression as an unfortunate consequence of one person's behavior. Society's tendency to divorce itself from villains, Katz said, will only intensify existing problems.

He said the true wisdom lies in the ability to see similarities between the man in handcuffs and the neighbors watching the scene.

"Introspection is what is called for instead of dissociation," Katz said. "It's not as easy as blaming it on the monsters."

But those monsters exist in Elon's backyard.

In 2008, Alamance County received 5,000 crisis calls and the family abuse services center served more than 1,200 people and oversaw between 300 and 400 restraining orders issued.

Thompson said the scariest things about those numbers are that they are only the ones on official record.

Thompson, who helps coordinate elementary, middle and high school education programs on domestic violence, said the earlier children can be taught that domestic abuse is not acceptable behavior, the

more dramatically reported assault numbers will decrease.

"Little boys don't sit around and want to be wife beaters. They want to be firefighters and astronauts," she said. "Parents create abusers and little girls that are taught to take it."

But victims like Carol are no longer tolerating it.

"If I see any kind of sign or similar traits in a boy that he had, then I'll end it right there," she said.

Despite one individual overcoming physical and emotional battering, domestic abuse remains a systemic problem. According to both Katz and Thompson, it is society and the actions of many that must change before domestic abuse can end.

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ANTI-SEXIST MALE ACTIVIST



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY DAVID WELLS | Photo Editor
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SAFETY PLAN FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS

Alamance County family abuse services suggests individuals fearing domestic abuse have the following items hidden in a place where an abusive partner can not find them.

- \$50 or more in cash
- Small bag with clothes for them and their children
- Extra house and car keys
- Medication
- Sentimental valuables/photos
- Important papers including:
 - Checkbook
 - Social Security numbers
 - Bank account numbers
 - Insurance policies
 - Marriage, divorce, separation and other legal papers
 - Phone numbers of family and friends
 - Birth certificates

In an emergency call 911 or family abuse services' 24 hour crisis line at 336-226-5985.

Technology

Twitter takes over, new look dominates Facebook and some university sites

Chris Lorch
Reporter

With more than 170 million users, Facebook began implementing a new homepage last week in a move toward imitating the increasingly popular micro-blogging Web site Twitter.

The Facebook update introduces a new feature called the Stream, a newer iteration of the controversial news feed feature that was introduced in September 2006. Emphasis on the Publisher, a recently introduced sharing feature, is a main component of Facebook's new home page.

Facebook's publisher replaces "status updates," instead asking the user to share 160 text characters describing, "What's on your mind?"

The question Facebook asks users is easily compared to Twitter's classic question, "What are you doing?" The short, 140-character answers frequently given by Twitter users have permeated mass media in recent months.

Major news networks, like CNN and ABC News, use their Twitter feeds in broadcasts of major news events, including the presidential election and the Hudson River plane crash.

The mass media's Twitter fever was a response to a younger audience's mass adoption of the service. Nielsen Media Research reported that one out of five Internet users between the ages of 18 and 34 had used Twitter by December 2008.

In the same report, Facebook boasted a 566 percent increase in time spent on its site from December 2007 to 2008, averaging more than 3 hours and 10 minutes per person.

Elon alumni and Twitterers Taylor

Barr and David Parsons are social media professionals working on an online marketing campaign for Ford's new Fiesta model. Ford asked Barr and Parson to create and promote a YouTube video using their vast array of social media resources, including Twitter and Facebook.

Their video has been Tweeted (posted on Twitter) and re-Tweeted in hopes of gaining more viewers and ultimately winning a Ford Fiesta. The duo appreciates some aspects of Facebook, but said it has become oversaturated and sluggish compared to Twitter.

"There's interaction but it's delayed," Barr said. "You comment on someone's wall, and they get back to you."

Twitter is very different in Barr's opinion.

"It's constant engagement. You message, and you get a response pretty immediately."

Facebook's attempt to acquire Twitter for \$150 million in November 2008 illustrates a case of this instant reply. Twitter users were quick to protest a merge, valuing the site's ad-free Web site.

Janna Anderson, Elon associate professor and director of the Imagining the Internet Center, is one such user who appreciates Twitter's clean design. She registered a Twitter account in November 2008 to see live updates from the presidential election but remained skeptical of the site afterward.

"At first it sounded like it was everything that just popped into people's heads but not useful information," Anderson said.

Her views on Twitter changed dramatically with news of the violent attacks in Mumbai. She wanted to know that her friends in India were safe, and Twitter provided the best way to know

exactly what was happening on the street during those three days of terror, he said.

Another story with mass Twitter effect occurred when a plane crashed in Buffalo last month and Twitter users linked photos from the image-sharing Web site Flickr. This provided comprehensive, live, visual coverage of the plane crash to worried users across the world.

The personal connections to news and the easy accessibility offered by Twitter were key points that drew Anderson and other users to the site. While Twitter's personal appeal appears similar to Facebook, there is a major difference in how users connect on Twitter.

Twitterers are not necessarily "friends," but instead "followers." Anderson, an avid writer on imagining technological futures, "follows" other futurists. She uses Twitter to "surf off of" other experts' ideas through the miniature comments. Their ideas become her inspiration.

"It's like they're your Yoda, your mentor," Anderson said.

Interested Twitter users can also follow Anderson's feed on topics like Internet futures. As posts roll down the Web page in real time, it is easy to envision the process she calls "mindstreaming," an ESP-like connection between Twitter users.

Barr and Parsons believe Twitter holds many untapped marketing resources that companies and consumers alike could greatly benefit from. One of many external application sites the duo uses, called TweetGrid, can be used to great effect as a business sounding board.

By listening to complaints and praise for their brand through the Twitter

network, the duo tunes in to its audience and responds accordingly.

"That's an incredible tool. I don't know of anything else that gives us that immediate feedback," Parsons said.

The online media team has even gained advantages in the online video audience by following competitors. When their rivals check on who follows them, Barr and Parsons are a click away from another YouTube view.

"Every time they Tweet, we Tweet two more times," Parsons said.

After spending so much time on the site, the duo has speculated on the future of Twitter. They said they don't expect a merger with Facebook, but they do expect online identities to change in a professional manner.

"Business contacts and friend contacts are just becoming contacts," Parsons said. "Whether you use your Twitter for marketing or for your friends, it's all how you want to use it."

Today Facebook users, such as junior Justin Seifts, continue to speak out in their dislike of the Web site's changing nature.

"It feels like every time they change Facebook, it gets worse," Seifts said. As for Twitter? "Never even heard of it. What's it for again?"

Twitter hopes to expand its reach to users like Seifts, but with Facebook now serving its primary function, those on the outside may view Twitter with skepticism similar to Seifts'.

Anderson said she hopes that Facebook users will give Twitter a chance.

"You should immerse yourself long and seriously in it and then judge its merit," she said.

Cisco's new network allows easier communication flow to students, community

Jake Martin
Senior Reporter

Cisco Systems, Inc. has recently announced increased implementation of its Digital Media System during 1,000 organizations over the last two years.

This is mostly attributed to early adoption of the system in K-12 and higher education institutions across the country. Elon and Cisco in particular have developed a close relationship.

"Cisco already works with us for our data network, so we've always been partners with Cisco," said Christopher Waters, director of information systems and technology. "They approached us when they had this new technology and so we decided to implement it."

The Digital Media System is used on campus primarily for digital signage in buildings like Moseley Center and McMichael Science Building.

The signs not only eliminate the need to waste as much paper and supplies to make posters, but also put everything on a network so that it is easier to manage.

"We are finding that we're giving more control to the buildings themselves," Waters said. "They have control of the content, and they don't have to worry about posters. It's all digital."

With the Digital Media System and network, it is now easier for departments on campus to advertise events or make announcements.

A click of a button can flash new content on the screens, making it more efficient than its predecessor, the poster board.

"The big reason we adopted the Cisco system is for digital signage because you can add content to all signs from one location. It allows us to centralize the outflow of information," said Scott

Hildebrand, director of instructional technology services. "The digital signage is also tied to our emergency system, so if something were to happen on campus, we would be able to get that out across the school."

The Digital Media System runs off a Web-based network, making it possible to edit, add or remove content from any sign in all the buildings on campus from one location.

Moseley was the first building to receive the technology two years ago, and it has since spread to McMichael and the Koury Business Center.

The school is looking to gradually integrate most of the campus with the new technology, but it will take time. "We're slowly trying to bring everything together, but of course there is a cost," Hildebrand said. "Because of our networking department, we have developed a good relationship with Cisco and we've been able to approach them with some ideas we've had. We're actually a little ahead of the curve right now."

According to Hildebrand, Cisco is currently designing a brand of touch screens which could be implemented on campus in the future.

As there is an increasing demand for interactivity, Elon has found itself at the front of the pack in adopting the new technology.

"In the future, we hope to get an interactive map of the campus for visitors in Moseley Center," Hildebrand said. "Our hope is that this digital signage will replace the old technology, particularly the outdated information channel on TV."

Cisco and Elon have developed something of a partnership over the past few years that may become increasingly significant as technology becomes more interactive and complex.



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Elon's green initiative goes one step further to reach carbon neutrality goal

Laura Smith
News Editor

In continuance with Elon University's sustainability plan, the recently conducted first-ever Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory has exposed some of the environmental footprint that students, faculty and staff contribute to every day.

Sustainability Coordinator Elaine Durr and the Environmental Advisory Council, joined together to complete the survey, which studied numerous departments and their impact on the environment.

The survey was created in an attempt to move one step closer to the Sustainability Master Plan's goal of carbon neutrality.

Carbon neutrality is the elimination of net carbon emissions, otherwise known as greenhouse gases.

"The university recognizes that global environmental change is one of the most pressing issues facing citizens today," Durr said. "It is important for the university to minimize its impact on the environment, which is why carbon neutrality is the overarching goal of the Sustainability Master Plan."

The inventory showed that in total Elon contributed 40,516 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent in 2008.

Purchased electricity comprised the largest category, with 58 percent of emissions.

According to the inventory, Elon spent almost \$2 million on more than 32 million kilowatt hours of electricity in the 2008 fiscal year.

Winter Term travel

accounted for 21 percent, and faculty, staff and student commuting accounted for 12 percent.

The inventory showed that students drove an average of 6.75 miles round trip by car to campus per day, while faculty drove 31.78 miles and staff drove 20.46 miles.

By bus, students went 2.58 miles, faculty went six miles and staff went four miles.

The information for commuter travel was completed via a commuter habit survey distributed to about 1,200 faculty and staff and 5,500 students.

A Geographic Information Systems analysis was also used to determine commuter travel.

The computer-based mapping analysis was completed from anonymous address information of faculty and staff.

The system looked at the distances of the student, faculty and staff's home addresses to campus driven each day.

The distances were then used to calculate the amount of emissions that were being released per trip.

Ryan Kirk, an instructor in geography and international studies, along with Nick Dioguardi, an environmental studies major, worked together to complete the GIS analysis.

According to Kirk, The GIS process is known as Geo-Coding, in which an address is converted into a geographic coordinate.

"I always compare it to Google Earth in the way that you have a base map of a country or a state, and you can layer information over that

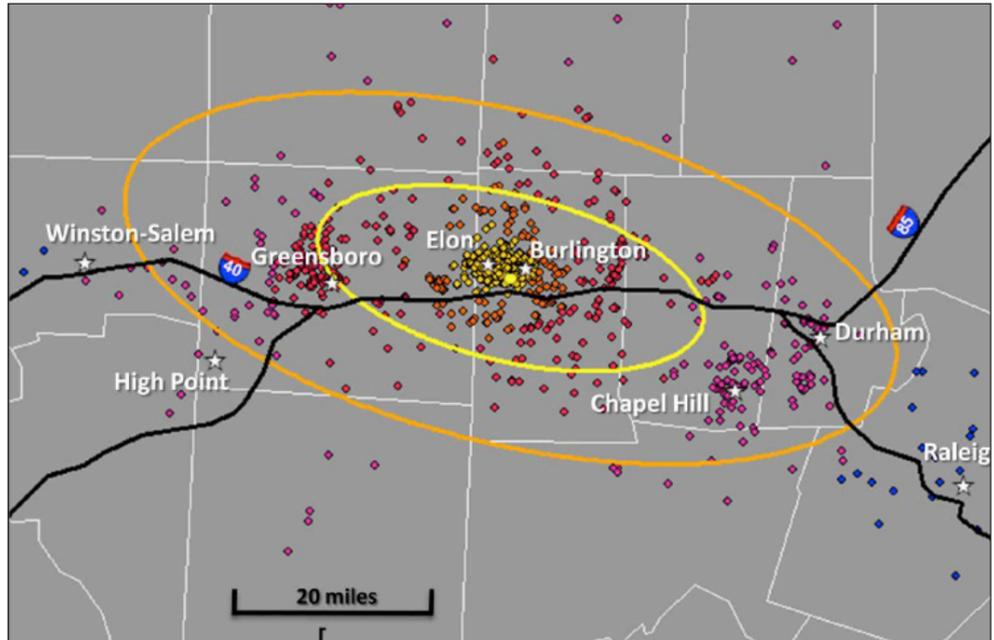


PHOTO COURTESY OF THE ELON UNIVERSITY GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS INVENTORY
The Geographic Information System analysis shows the distribution of commuter travel by faculty and students. Each of the dots represents the home address of a faculty or staff member. Some of them travel to Elon as far east of Durham or west of Winston-Salem, affecting the amount of greenhouse gas emissions that are released.

map," Dioguardi said.

By looking at the map, Kirk and Dioguardi were able to pinpoint how much gas is being released into the air on a typical day.

"If we know that we produce 'x' thousand tons of carbon dioxide each year, we can identify our biggest producers of carbon dioxide to cut this number by 20 percent or 30 percent in the next five years," Dioguardi said. "It helps us know where we are so we can know where we need to go."

For Kirk, the inventory means two important things.

"First, it's think globally, act locally," he said. "Everyone should be doing their part. Second, in an academic setting,

it's important to set the tone. It's how you spread the difference (that you make)."

The 2008 inventory has just laid the groundwork for more sustainability initiatives to follow. The Environmental Advisory Council plans to implement Elon's Climate Action Plan within the next year.

The plan will include an evaluation of emissions-reducing projects and will take into account environmental, social and economic costs and benefits, Durr said.

This will range from a continuation of energy conservation to expanded use of alternative transportation.

"The focus of the initial projects will likely be reducing energy consumption as it

is Elon's largest source of emissions," Durr said.

According to the inventory, Elon's emissions output compares with universities of similar sizes as Furman University (27,856 MTCDE) and University of Richmond (36,247 MTCDE).

This is not a straight comparison, as each institution has unique qualities and methods used for calculation.

"It is essential for our students to learn about environmental change and how they can be good stewards of the environment," Durr said. "We need to understand what our emissions are and where they are coming from so we can go about reducing them with a strategic plan."

Suffering economy has large impact on sustainability

Alexa Milan
Managing Editor

A section of the new federal stimulus bill is seeking to aid organizations in their sustainability efforts during the economic downturn.

The bill provides these groups, including college campuses, with a 10 percent federal tax credit on each Global Electric Motorcars vehicle they purchase.

Senior Breanna Detwiler, the manager of the Elon Community Garden and a member of the Student Sustainability Council, said this section of the bill is important since sustainability groups have been looking for inexpensive ways to cut energy.

"I think college campuses across the nation have a huge need for vehicles, and the more vehicles you can get like that for less energy is great," Detwiler said.

Junior Rachel Shain, co-president of the Sierra Club, said this development comes at a good time because the poor economy is having negative effects on sustainability efforts.

"In general, a suffering economy is terrible for the environmental movement," Shain said. "There's less money to fund research into new technologies, which is very important at this point."

Detwiler said she hopes the bill will encourage people to take sustainability initiatives where they can since she knows people feel they

have limited resources.

According to Shain, some organizations in particular could use the bill's help.

"Nonprofits are struggling too," Shain said. "I saw a Treehugger.com article about how so many nonprofits have gone under due to the economy."

Detwiler said she understands that not everyone can go out and buy a Toyota Prius in this economy, but believes more people are using sustainability in other ways.

While some environmental organizations are suffering, Detwiler said, if anything, sustainability should help people in this economy because it can save them money.

According to Detwiler, one way people can do this is by purchasing local food at farmers' markets, which allows people to buy fresh food without paying transportation costs.

"So people can eat better for cheaper," Detwiler said.

Detwiler said her primary interest is in finding ways to get food more affordably because her biggest project is the Elon Community Garden.

Since the economic downturn, Detwiler has gathered a waiting list of people who want plots in the garden.

"More people need access to food cheaply, so in that respect we've had a lot of interest in the garden," Detwiler said.

While the new stimulus bill should help, Detwiler said the government can't fix everything and people have a responsibility to track their

individual energy consumption.

People can save money and energy by doing little things like riding bikes or walking instead of driving, or leaving windows open rather than using air conditioning.

She also said she believes creating green energy jobs and green manufacturing should be a priority.

"I think where we need to focus right now in this economy is getting jobs that build a green infrastructure," Detwiler said.

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Elon joins N.C. Open Government Coalition in celebrating Sunshine Week

Ashley Dischinger
Reporter

March 15, marked the beginning of the national week-long initiative hosted by the American Society of Newspaper Editors to promote the importance of open government and freedom of information. The national initiative, known as Sunshine Week, empowers citizens to take an active role in increasing the dialogue between the government and its people.

Sunshine Week is a non-partisan cause that educates the public on the need for an open, accessible government in order to strengthen communities. Common participants in the effort include print, broadcast and online media, civic groups, libraries, non-profits, schools and anyone else interested in the public's right to know.

"It's all about celebrating the right to open government and that the sun can shine on democracy," said Connie Book, associate dean of the School of Communications and executive director of the Sunshine Center of North Carolina.

Elon plays a large role in the initiative and has acted as the home of the Sunshine Center since 2006. After realizing most states already had an open government coalition, the university proposed the formation of its own center to the Open Government Coalition.

"Most coalitions like to have an academic relationship to their organization, since the idea is to educate," Book said.

This year the Open Government Coalition is hosting Sunshine Day on March 18 at the Levine Museum of the New South, located in Charlotte. The event will feature an ensemble of speakers, including publishers and editors, who will share their experiences

with open government laws.

Sunshine Day will also include various workshops aiming to teach public officials, reporters and North Carolina citizens about their right to access and advocate the principles of open government.

According to Book, the event has a "how to" theme and the purpose is not to lobby but to remain strictly educational.

Book said she believes Sunshine Week brings light to an important issue the general community should give its attention to.

"We are currently in a state of emergency in our democracy," Book said. "The media is really in a shattered shape and the media is supposed to be (the country's) watchdog ... The world in economic turmoil is a good example of what happens without a robust press and watchdog oversight on our government. I'm concerned that until we can figure out a new economic model for the media, we can't continue to exist."

Book and other committee members work throughout the year to help promote awareness that will lead to government transparency. In the past year, Elon's Sunshine Center has responded to 87 e-mails and 112 phone calls asking for assistance with open government laws. Book has also worked hard to organize the logistics of Sunshine Day.

"Before I (became involved with Sunshine Week), it never came into my consciousness how important open government is," Book said. "But after having worked for two years watching how the balance of democracy can be tipped and how delicate the people's position is ... we need the media and transparency, or democracy inevitably will fail."

Community complaints spur need for Burlington speed bumps

Contant speeders lead local residents to file complaints, creating pending city council's vote on speed bump insallation

Samantha King
Reporter

Residents of Burlington may soon find themselves driving much slower because of city council's pending March 24 vote on the implementation of new speed bumps in residential areas.

"Speeding is pretty much a problem in every street. There's just not enough man power to control it," said Nolan Kirkman, director of transportation and technical services for Burlington.

Because of overwhelming complaints from residential areas, the traffic commission was asked to look at the situation. While the traffic commission can only suggest solutions, the city council holds the power to decide whether or not the suggestions should be executed.

"Typically, drivers speed seven or more miles over the limit in residential areas," Kirkman said.

The speed bumps would decrease speeding by 5-12 mph, but speed bumps can only be installed in areas with speed limits of 25 mph or less that have an average of 500 or more cars daily.

The speed bumps would look much like the larger ones on campus. The bumps would consist of a 6-foot increase, a 10-foot table measuring three and a half inches high and a 6-foot decrease, totaling 22 feet.

"The speed bump system we are looking at is modeled after Durham and Chapel Hill's residential areas,"

Kirkman said.

Both cities have seen significant decreases in speeding since the installation of the speed bumps. The traffic commission suggests the city look at other options before the speed bumps are installed, Kirkman said.

Speed bumps could be costly for the city since each bump is around \$3,000, not including the cost of labor. Other options include stationing more speed trailers throughout the area, which would display the incoming vehicle's speed, making the driver more aware of his or her speed.

Currently, the traffic commission does not advise the city to install emergency vehicle speed bumps. Emergency bumps differ from regular speed bumps because they have gaps wider than most cars, so emergency vehicles can drive through without slowing down.

Campus Safety and Police officer April Smith of campus security said she believes the installation of speed bumps can only be a positive action.

The bumps would only affect response time by a few seconds, but the benefits of having them would outweigh any negative aspects. She said speed bumps would make communities safer for both pedestrians and residents.

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Sophomore Sean Glynn took this photograph of two female monks feeding fish at the Giant Buddha while abroad in Leshan, China, this past Winter Term. Studying abroad is one way communication between China and American is strengthened, since it encourages contact between individuals of differing cultures and ideologies.

China and America's relationship again questioned, communication may be key

Lindsay Fendt
Reporter

Before President Ronald Reagan opened the gates of communication in 1984, there had been virtually no interaction between the United States and China for 25 years. Because of a confrontation between U.S. and Chinese Navy ships in the South China Sea several weeks ago, the two countries currently have no military communication.

On, March 3, Major General Bernard Loeffke came to Elon to speak about the relationship between the United States and China. In his speech and his book, "China: Friend or Enemy," Loeffke emphasized the importance of open communications with the Chinese government and the importance of creating an unofficial second channel of communication between Chinese and U.S. civilians.

Many Elon students have become a part of this second channel over the years through the Winter Term study abroad trip. Students on this trip travel all over China and even visit Tibet annually.

"They were very welcoming," said sophomore Sean Glynn who traveled to China this year for Winter Term. "They were just excited that foreigners were coming in."

Despite this use of the second channel, Loeffke still recognizes there is a long way to go before the United States and China will have a positive relationship.

"To understand China we need to understand the three T's," he said. "Taiwan, Tibet and the trade imbalance."

Hongling Xiao, a geography professor at Elon, is originally from China and teaches the Winter Term course abroad there every year. Among these issues, Xiao believes Taiwan is the biggest source of tension with the United States.

"To China, Taiwan is a part of China," he said. "Everyone treats Taiwan as a part of China."

But Taiwan and the Taiwanese people were originally separate from China.

In 1887 the Manchu Dynasty declared Taiwan a Chinese province. Since then, Taiwan has traded hands several times. The most recent occupation was by Chiang Kaishek's Chinese Nationalist Army, the opponents of Mao Zedong's Communists, after World War II.

After Chiang lost to Mao, the communists claimed control of Taiwan, while many Taiwanese claimed their independence.

While the United States now formally recognizes Taiwan as a part of China, there is still controversy with some of the dialogue used by U.S. officials. Both Reagan and George W. Bush have referred to Taiwan as a state in speeches.

Miscommunications such as these

fuel the fire for further conflict between the United States and China.

Tibet is also a major issue, not only with the United States but all over the world. A little more than a year ago, news stations and newspapers were flooded with the images of monks being violently pulled through the streets by the Chinese Army, and the ensuing outrage did nothing to improve relations with China.

"The Chinese are going to keep Tibet no matter what we do," Loeffke said. "It is in a strategic location for them."

Thus far, Loeffke's statement has proved true. Despite massive worldwide protests prior to the Beijing Olympics, China has done nothing to loosen its hold on Tibet.

While former President George W. Bush did little to admonish China for its actions in Tibet, Americans across the country did. The numbers for Free Tibet movements dominated over all other causes at the protests in San Francisco when the Olympic torch came through in early 2008, and Olympic boycott campaigns were prevalent among a variety of organizations.

Despite the violence that has occurred in Tibet, Xiao said there are many misconceptions about China's relationship with Tibet. According to Xiao, the Chinese government has provided solar panels to houses with substandard heating and relocated Tibetans living in unsuitable conditions.

"The government has done a lot to improve the way of life in Tibet," Xiao said. "Tibet has been part of China for centuries."

The third issue Loeffke mentioned, the trade imbalance, has been an issue for years now.

"Made in China" has become almost a joke phrase among Americans. Currently there are more than \$1 trillion of U.S. bonds in China and a \$300 billion trade deficit.

On top of this, cheap Chinese labor has contributed to the loss of thousands of American jobs.

Some have suggested this debt is one of the primary things tying the United States and China together. Both Loeffke and Xiao agreed with this theory, emphasizing the necessity for cooperation.

"China needs the United States and the United States needs China," Xiao said.

Despite the numerous points of disagreement between the United States and China, both Xiao and Loeffke emphasize the importance of patience.

"China has changed a lot in the past 20 to 30 years and is still evolving," Xiao said. "Given more time, China will be close to the country that we all wish it to be."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Tennis tournament to support students seeking internships

The Public Interest Law Society at Elon School of Law will hold its second annual tennis tournament, "Elon Law Takes Public Interest to the Courts" at Elon's Jimmy Powell Tennis Facility on April 5 from 1 to 6 p.m.

The event will benefit an endowment fund to help students seeking unpaid summer internships.

The cost of entry is \$15 and entry forms are due by April 1.

Chandler and Danieleley C lead POWERless Energy Competition

The 2009 POWERless Energy Competition is now at its halfway mark with Chandler and Danieleley C residence halls in the lead.

Week 3 results:

For building competition — Division I: Chandler with 12.6

percent and Colclough with 11.7 percent.

Division II: Danieleley C with 18.2 percent and Danieleley E with 6.6 percent.

For Area Competition — Division I: North Area with 31.4 percent and The Oaks with 19.4 percent.

Division II: Danieleley Center with 16.9 percent and East A/V with 6.4 percent.

ESS Society College Wellness Week: March 30 to April 1

The Exercise/Sport Science Society will sponsor College Wellness Week from March 30 to April 3.

Promotions and offers include new and fun exercise options, such as rock climbing walls in Greensboro, nutritious snacks that will be given out that week at a Moseley table along with the recipe, health facts and simple health tips to keep the heart alive and well.

PASS IT ON from PAGE 1

Donations needed to fund activities tuition cannot cover

Byerly said giving is at the discretion of the donor, but each contribution helps the university. In 2008, all gifts of less than \$50 to the Elon Fund totaled \$74,000, while donations less than \$100 brought in \$145,000.

"We ask people to give what they can," Byerly said.

Junior and Elon ambassador Jenny Cupero was one of many students handing out "Pass it On" Frisbees at the event. She said a troubled economy should not affect donations, and that individual participation in activities like giving is one way to help alleviate the current national downturn.

"The only way the economy is ever going to turn around is if people start

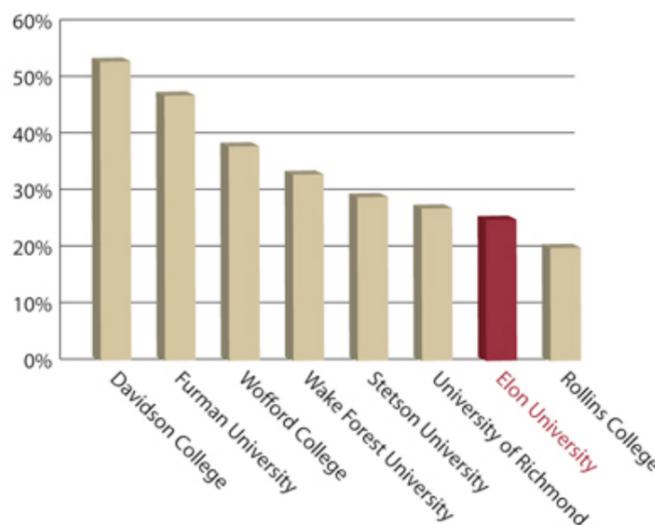
having faith in the economy," Cupero said. "It's a cyclic process."

Byerly said donors can make an Elon education possible for both potential and currently enrolled students that are feeling a monetary strain.

Private funding bulks up several of the scholarships offered by the university, both merit- and need-based, that students depend on to attend Elon. Such financial aid includes the Sam Ward and Wallace L. Chandler scholarships.

"Folks are losing jobs and having hardships and that means we need scholarships," Byerly said. "We want to keep students here and don't want to turn away bright students because of cost."

Alumni participation rate (3-year average) of Elon vs. peer institutions:



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So a comedian and a watchdog walk into a bar ...

It was like watching a bear duel with a child — A self-indulgent, irresponsible child with a tendency for contrived ridiculousness. The bear has all the advantages, and the kid can do nothing but try to placate its fellow combatant.

CNBC's Jim Cramer, the infantile host of "Mad Money," went on "The Daily Show" Friday in a preposterously publicized interview after a "feud" emerged between him and "Daily Show" host Jon Stewart. The subject was the integrity of CNBC and Cramer himself, a battle to which Cramer brought none of his characteristic zeal. Caught between Stewart and a hostile audience, Cramer backed himself into a corner and only occasionally offered minor disagreements.

The interview harkened back to Stewart's notorious tussle with political commentator Tucker Carlson, who lost his job at CNN as a result (though Carlson claims to have resigned before the two fought). In both instances, Stewart took on the role of media watchdog, pointing out hypocrisy and incompetence left and right.

As a comedian, Stewart possesses a seemingly impenetrable armor. He can easily dish out criticism and claim that the media is too dumb, too focused on tawdry entertainment instead of informing the public. Anyone who argues that he, because of his influence and viewership, has the same responsibilities, is met with Stewart repeating over and over again that his show is a farce and purely for entertainment.

But no one announces their presidential candidacy on "Saturday Night Live" like John Edwards did on "The Daily Show." The likes of former President Bill Clinton, Sen. John Kerry and Colin Powell don't make guest appearances on "Scrubs" to discuss policies.

"The Daily Show" is, at its heart, a comedy, but it's the public's perception of the show that's more important. By calling Cramer out in such an open, publicized manner, "The Daily Show" is portraying itself as a legitimate source of counter-information,

a sort of media encyclopedia where governmental follies and newsroom negligence can be recorded and checked on at a later date.

In this sense, it's irresponsible for Stewart to cast off any responsibility he has to his viewers by discrediting his own work as that of a comedian. The trust and credibility his program has built up is there and whether or not Stewart likes it, continuing along his current path will lead to only a greater following of viewers turning to him to keep the rest of the media honest and the flow of information steady.

Ironically, by raising his own credibility, Stewart falls into the same category as many of those he mocks, the ridiculous presenters of news whose own indulgences overshadow the news. Their goal, if cynicism is to be kept in check, is to ultimately inform the public, but only through their particular lens.

The past week of back-and-forth between Stewart and CNBC was a complete circus, the very sort of event that he would have dragged through the dirt. Much like the recent spat between President Barack Obama and political commentator and radio host Rush Limbaugh, it snowballed from two parties to every single media outlet (save for MSNBC, which put an embargo on negative coverage of its sister station).

Over the course of the debate, the point of the mess in the first place — Stewart's wish for greater credibility, skepticism and seriousness in financial reporting — was completely lost behind the animosity and the growing anticipation of a fight.

Stewart's wish to remain impervious from criticism by hiding behind comedy is a childish front. He'll eventually have to admit he has immense clout and from that, an obligation to humorously expose incompetence. There's nothing funny about a clown with the ability to achieve more than eliciting laughter and only half-heartedly approaching its potential.

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Should the American school year be longer in hope of improving students' education?**

The building blocks of life, cures

Many would argue the economic recession is the most important issue facing our country. This is not the case. Money can wait. Human lives can't.

President Barack Obama took an important step last week to show the American people that the economy can be put on hold to help save lives.

Obama signed an executive order repealing George W. Bush's policy that limited federal money for embryonic stem cell research.

With this simple move, Obama instilled hope in the minds of millions in our country.

Stem cell research, specifically embryonic, is certainly controversial. Critics argue there's not enough evidence to support this scientific procedure.

Stem cells are found in most multi-cellular organisms and are able to renew themselves and repair damaged areas within the body.

In addition to embryonic stem cell research, there is also adult stem cell research. This measure is less controversial, but scientists have also found it to be less effective.

To put it simply, stem cell research has the potential to treat Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, spinal cord injuries and multiple sclerosis. It also has the potential to treat cancer and diabetes.

We all may know someone who is suffering from one of these diseases. We ourselves may be fighting an uphill battle against one of these illnesses.

But stem cell research provides hope for all of these individuals and their families.

Several celebrities have spoken out in favor of stem cell research, including actor Michael J. Fox, who is currently suffering from Parkinson's disease. Fox praised Obama's historic decision.

Despite the promise, some do not want to take the risk with this experimental treatment. Some of these detractors are pro-life advocates, who claim human lives are being destroyed in the

stem cell research process.

Despite the conventional beliefs, embryonic stem cell research is a pro-life measure. Being pro-life is to have the ability to maximize life in its greatest capacity. It is to see people maximize their potential and not watch them suffer.

These embryos for embryonic stem cell research are not just conceived simply to harvest new cells. This common misconception needs to be eliminated. Embryos are frozen for various reasons, not just for research.

For example, people do this when they begin chemotherapy or radiation. Once they begin the treatments, they may not be able to conceive. There are often extra embryos left behind, or people do not use all of the embryos they stored.

Many times these embryos are thrown away and wasted. Now that more funding has been provided for stem cell research, these embryos can be put to use to harvest stem cells. Lives can and will be saved as a result of this.

We have nothing to lose with this research, and there's so much to gain. We will never know how many lives can be saved if we do not take a chance.

Stem cell research affects every generation. Whether it's an adult suffering from Alzheimer's or a young child suffering from a spinal cord injury, there's hope. It spans races, economic statuses and religions.

The research represents hope.

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Opinions

Eke's exit a loss for Elon



Anna Zavala
Guest Columnist

Stopping to talk to Communications Professor Ocek Eke last week, I never expected to find him having a worse day than mine.

"But let's start with you," he said with his characteristic selflessness, and patiently noted my every word. Finally, Eke confided to me that instead of securing the tenure he had sought for five prolific years at Elon, he was being let go.

While the decision to offer a professor tenure is one the school must make with extreme care, I do not understand why several teachers such as Eke were not offered tenure this year, despite seeming to satisfy the "teaching, service and professional activity" requirements for promotion set forth in the faculty handbook.

As a highly rated professor, active event organizer and published author, it is clear that Eke is an asset to the school well worth the extra financial investment his employment now requires.

As a freshman who felt hopelessly ineffectual in solving world problems last year, Eke introduced my communications class to an organization called Kiva, through which our measly spare change could help Third World entrepreneurs start a life for themselves.

I felt empowered, captivated and guilty for my previous apathy toward problems I had thought were simply too great for my individual efforts to have any impact. In 2005, Eke served as the crucial voice informing Elon about the crisis in Sudan and held a lecture to implore the campus as a whole to become more informed.

"The reason why most people don't know about what's going on is because we don't see it on the news. When you don't know about it, it doesn't exist," Eke said at the lecture.

This year, Eke published an article "Darfur:

Coverage of a genocide by three major U.S. TV networks on their evening news" in the International Journal of Media & Cultural Politics. He illustrated the unnerving truth that the American society is kept in the dark about many imperative foreign issues.

With Eke gone, students will surely remain in the dark about important world issues that he could always be counted on to bring to light. Campus involvement in activities to remedy these profound world problems will undoubtedly diminish, which is a threat that Elon cannot afford to take.

Because he would have been offered tenure, Eke would have naturally been paid more — and would cost more to employ than a teacher new to Elon. While I am not prepared to question the university's current financial circumstances, I feel compelled to speak out before the quality of education at Elon suffers because we let professors go for any reason other than unsatisfactory performance.

It is uncomfortable to think of Elon as a business concerned with paying its employees during this difficult economic year, but the fact remains that our school is indeed a business subject to economic strains like any other. Evidence of financial troubles is everywhere you turn, from the "EverElon" campaign to latest "Pass it On" event.

It would be a shame to think that financial troubles could play a part in the decision of offering tenure this year.

Eke will undoubtedly be missed around this campus. His positive presence was noticed not only by his students in the classroom, but by the university as a whole, which benefited from his events, lectures and outstanding publicity that his published works brought to the school.

It is teachers like Eke who fuel the vibrant academic exchange of ideas around campus, which is exactly what makes the college experience so stimulating and worthwhile.

By letting him go, Elon will lose much more than a qualified professor. We will lose a source of intellectual excitement and a model of good citizenship, an activist, a leader and a mentor on campus from which future students will never have the chance to learn, for purely speculative reasons.

Pakistan's sticky wicket



Neel Arora
Guest Columnist

Pakistan was rocked by another terrorist attack two weeks ago, killing eight people. The number of casualties may not be so astonishing, but the intended targets and the deeper intentions are well worth noting.

The visiting Sri Lankan cricket team was traveling to the Gaddafi Stadium in the Punjab capital of Lahore on the third day of the match. A dozen terrorists ambushed

the Sri Lankan convoy just outside the stadium, firing indiscriminately, launching rockets as well as igniting explosives. Eight Sri Lankan cricketers were injured, all of them traumatized.

Such an attack exposes fundamental roots that reverberate far deeper than just the attack. Pakistan is known for its state sponsorship of terrorism, but in this instance it can be cleared of such allegations.

The money that goes into cricket is massive. The Sri Lankan cricket team agreed to play in Pakistan, after India backed out for security concerns following the November bombings in Mumbai, to help salvage some of the estimated \$16 million the Pakistan Cricket Board was going to lose.

These attacks were angled toward weakening the state. Cricket has effectively ended in Pakistan for an indefinite period of time. Before these attacks, there were only a few teams in the world that were willing to tour Pakistan.

The potential revenue that comes out of cricket will hurt the state immensely. The aid that Pakistan has been receiving from the Western world will also have to be reassessed, especially compounded with its role in the Mumbai bombings that killed more than 250 people.

Again the euphemism disseminated from the state to account for the attacks is a 'security failure.' In a country where the Taliban has a strong footing, there is no room for such lapses to exist.

The Sri Lankans were promised presidential security and for good reason, as the magnitude of a game such as this can be paralleled to the Yankees vs. Red Sox, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill vs. Duke University, or, more politically, the United States vs. Russia. Cricket is a "religion" in that part of the world and the players are idolized, making them soft political targets.

There was without a doubt a massive security failure, as video footage suggests. All 12 gunmen were allowed to escape unscathed. None of them - at any time - was under pressure from security forces. As the players and match officials describe the event, they were sitting ducks. But the deeper impact shifts away from the action.

The unanswered question, then, is when will Pakistan make a non-superficial effort to crack down on terrorism? Every little development, however irrelevant, made in the war on terror is so heavily framed by the media to persuade the world that progress is being made when the situation is either the same or worse. This was before the Pakistani government conceded to the Taliban in the Northwest frontier, which blew all the efforts of the media temporarily.

The Western world, the U.N. and the United States need to put their foot down and sanction Pakistan for these blatant attacks of terrorism targeting foreign nationals, including their own. The nearly \$3 billion in aid Pakistan receives each year for the war on terror has clearly not been going to good use but rather toward its own nuclear development program, a program that is not in the least bit needed unless they plan on blowing themselves up, thereby eradicating terrorism in the region.

Pakistan needs to be held accountable and to his credit, Obama appears to be taking the right approach — not patronizing the state, unlike the Bush administration, with billions of dollars.

The world needs to accept the fact that Pakistan is a failed state and take a much harsher stance in dealing with it. For all practical purposes, it is a terrorist state, as evidenced by its constant refusal to dismantle terrorist organizations.

It is also known to be a safe haven for terrorists, namely Osama Bin Laden and various other fugitives who were responsible for the 1992 bombings in Mumbai and other attacks in India. In actuality, Pakistan is at the brink of becoming a rogue nuclear state and this leniency advances the position.

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Elon casts the first stone



Robert Wohner
Columnist

Deconstruct their students' beliefs, and then build it back up again. This is the advice given to all global studies teachers in regard to freshman students, according to Bob Anderson, associate professor of political science.

As ominous as this sounds, this philosophy is necessary for a liberal arts education. But in regard to religion, many students feel their faiths are unfairly attacked in the classroom.

A Hindu student expressed her frustration about a world history class, in which she felt that her religion was analyzed merely as a "joke." Sophomore Eugene Daniel, a Christian and a religious studies minor, shared similar views about the way his faith was discussed and admitted that after class, he would consistently go back to the Bible for reassurances about his faith.

This raises the question as to how a liberal arts college, such as Elon, should address faith in an academic setting.

Last week, the School of Communications and the Truitt Center co-sponsored the event "Faith, Doubt and the Media," a daylong series of lectures with esteemed religious writers throughout the country. The panelists' liberal views on religion were evident. Only one panelist, William Lobdell, discussed any conservative background and he now has renounced religion.

In order to have a fair discussion of faith, why not include a balanced mix of viewpoints on a discussion? Regularly, this lack of balance is prevalent throughout university teaching.

Religious speakers have regularly spoken at Elon, sharing a view of religion that is clearly liberal. In 2004, Elon presented the Rev. Erin Swenson, the first mainstream transgender Presbyterian minister in America, to share her

unique experiences with the student body. Last month, the school presented Parvez Sharma, a Muslim speaker who discussed Islam's homophobia through his film, "A Jihad for Love."

But by neglecting to present any esteemed speakers with a traditional worldview, the assumption is that anyone who reads from the Quran or the Bible in a literal way is inherently intolerant.

During the "Faith, Doubt and the Media" conference, when asked to comment about the fact that students feel their faiths are attacked in the classrooms, panelist Jason Byassee responded by saying how the role of academic institutions is to craft student's ability to possess a critical eye on the world.

This statement is completely correct. It is Elon's role to craft students critical eyes in all areas of life, including religion. What is needed is consistency.

During my world religion class, we spoke for days on the errors and credibility of the Bible. That's fair enough, but not once did we discuss any Eastern religion with that same critical view. A consistent standard must be levied on all religions.

During a discussion on morality, philosophy professor Nim Batchelor flatly announced the myth of the soul. He finished by saying, "How can we know we have a soul? What is there? A 'Soul-O-Meter?'"

Language like this is probably not foreign to Elon's campus. But it is impossible to respond to challenges to one's faith while sitting in a hostile environment. At the end of the class, one student muttered, "I didn't come to Elon for this."

Why then are students hesitant to discuss faith in the classroom? Fear of lowered grades might be a reason why some fail to speak up. Some might feel alienated for having a less tolerant view of an issue. But in order for true dialogue to take place, Elon must foster an atmosphere where both traditional and non-traditional views can be challenged and discussed. An individual's cherished values should be critiqued, not discredited.

PostSecret ELON UNIVERSITY VOLUME 1

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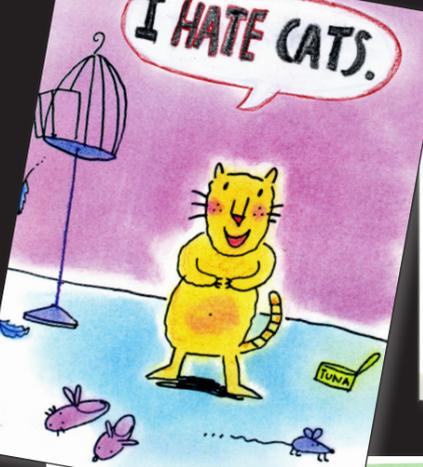
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I HATE CATS.



I don't want
to get caught off-
guard when you call
so your fingernails
The Imperial March
as a warning



My favorite
base is still first.
(...simply because I
can't remember what
the others feel
like...)



I relate
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lyrics
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I'd like
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THE KING THA PEACE PRESENTS
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The person who
gave me
this sticker
is the reason
for my
happiness
Thank you.



I love
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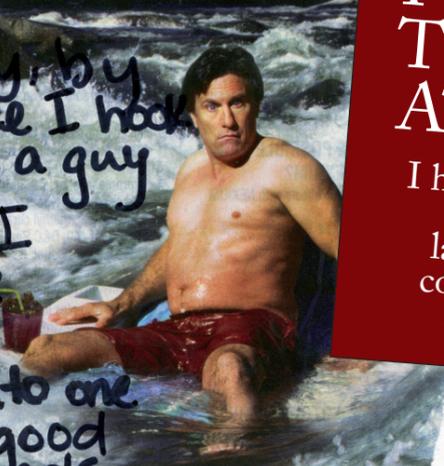
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→ He kinda creeps me
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to eat
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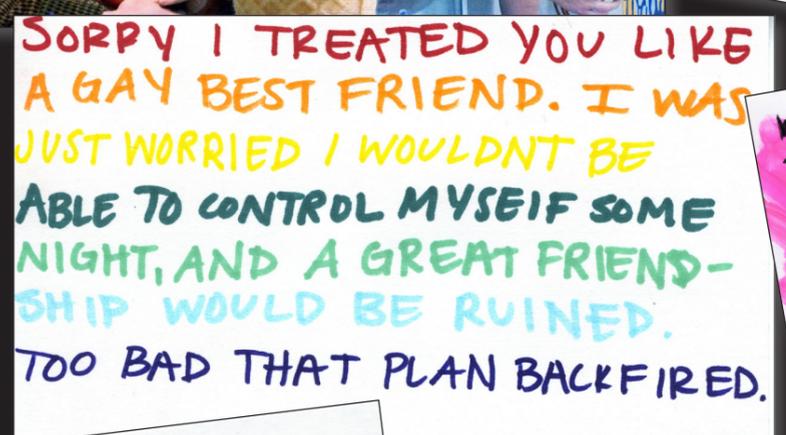
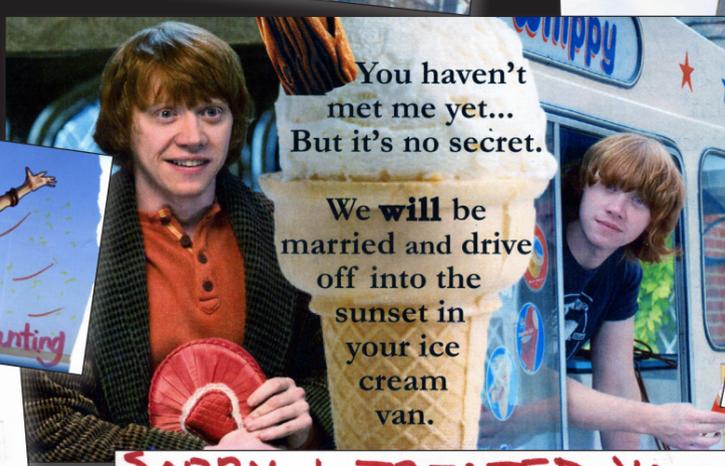
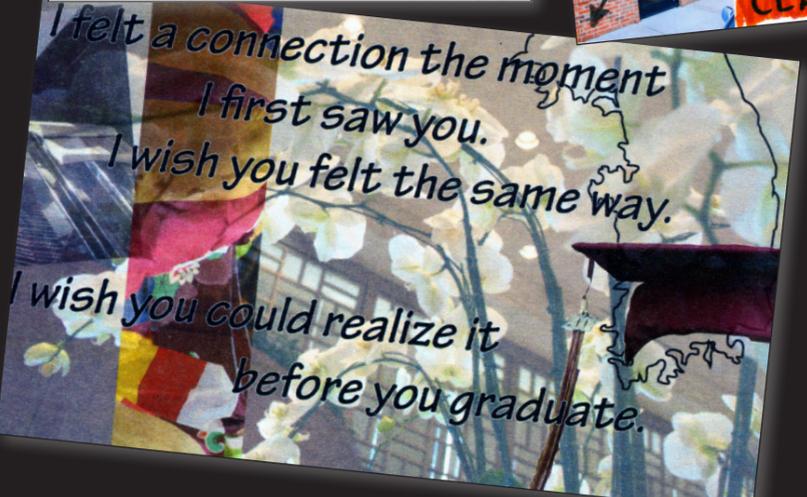
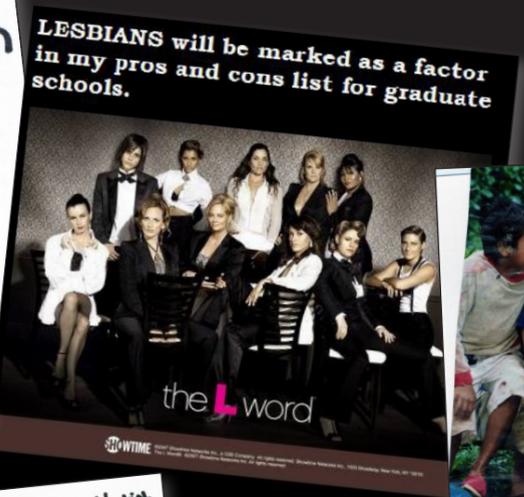
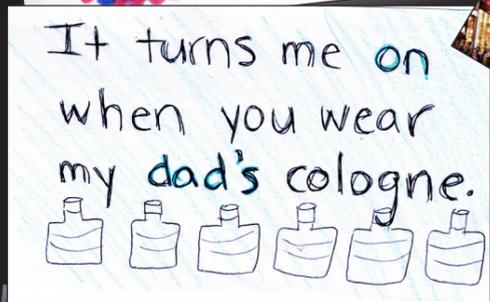
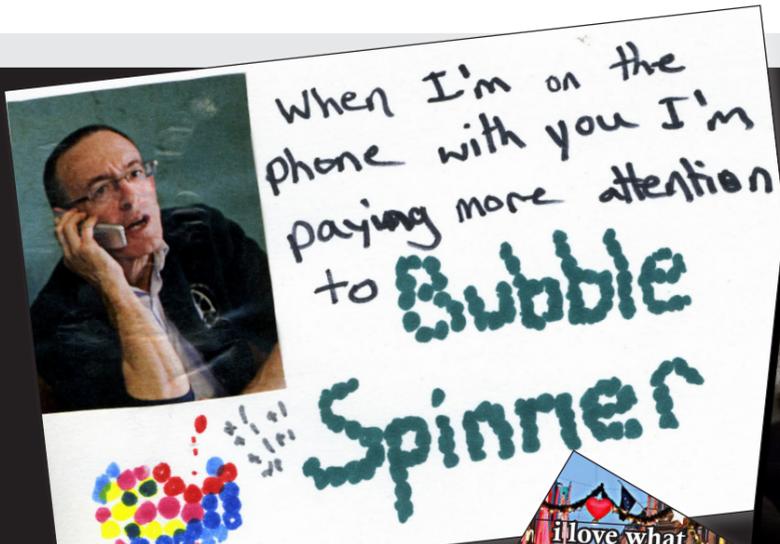
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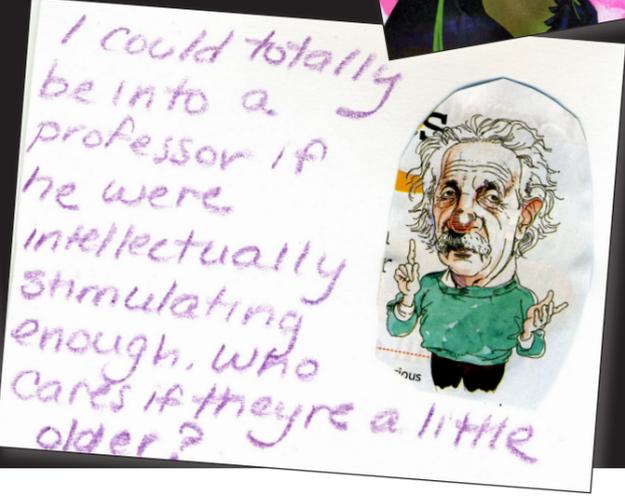
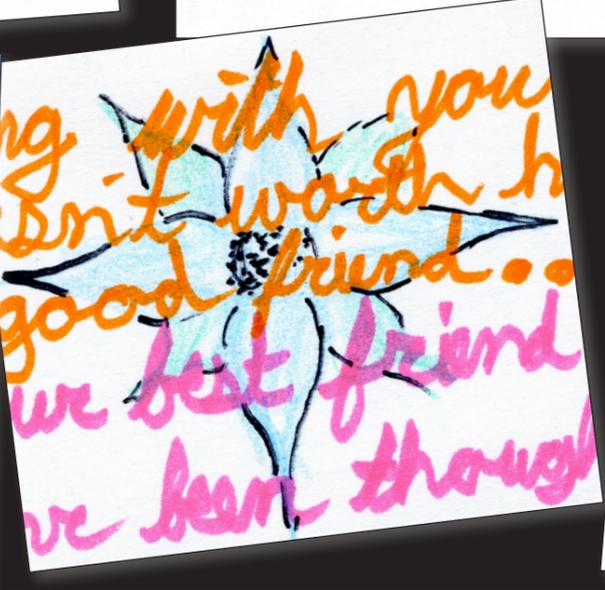
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ne Sexual Assault e Project's call for by Elon senior and ivor Jill Medhus to e fight to expel sexual n's campus. More on page 19.



whenever i see chad around burlington, i want to slap him in the face for significantly decreasing the number of my inappropriate escapades during my last two years of college.
R.I.P Lighthouse



Style



(left to right) Senior Philip Zakas, junior Patrick Lane and junior Max Korn, all original members of Rip_Chord, have watched the group develop since it was first formed in fall 2006. Their continuous improvement finally paid off

ASHLEY BARNAS | Photographer

Rip_Chord locks it up with first CD

Ashley Barnas
Online Editor-in-Chief

As soon as the door to the stairwell is cracked open, the thunderous sound of about 17 men singing “Chasing Cars” resonates from the top of the stairs to the tips of a listener’s toes. Now the one original song in Rip_Chord’s repertoire to stay fresh each year, “Chasing Cars” is one of 10 songs featured on the a cappella group’s first CD.

Rip_Chord began working on their album, “Resisting A_Rest,” during fall break, recording in downstairs McEwen from early in the morning until late at night for several days in a row.

“(The CD) is long overdue,” senior

member Philip Zakas said. “I’m very excited to hear it and I’m very excited to have it. Basically, the exposure to the campus is going to be phenomenal. Just to be able to have something physical that we can look back upon besides our memories is going to be great.”

The group came up with many different album names, all of which were all puns with the intent of wordplay similar to the group name. They chose “Resisting A_Rest” because of the fun yet rebellious tone it incites.

“The new CD is awesome,” sophomore member Greg Flis said. “Buy it. We sound better than ‘N Sync in ‘No Strings Attached.’ That was my first CD I ever bought, and it’s better than that.”



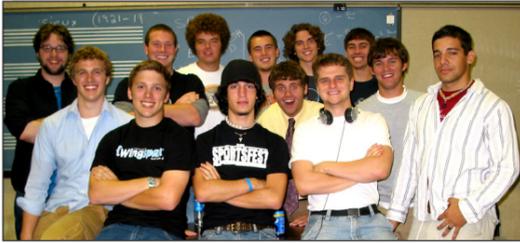
2006

“I definitely remember our first performance ever was in McKinnon, which has some of the worst acoustics ever,” senior member Alex Lane said. “No one knew who we were or what we were about. Now I think we’ve really become – I hate to sound full of ourselves, but – I think we’ve become a force on campus.”



2007

“I’d say (the fans are) hopelessly in love and crazy,” junior member Max Korn said. “They love us and we love them. The true Rip_Chord fans show up at every little gig – even if it’s Midnight Meals, even if it’s the smallest thing – they show up and they’re just as excited to see us every time, and we love them.”



“It’s really becoming nostalgic for me,” senior member Tom Boyd said. “When we first started the group, it was just really a great group of guys. And it was just awkward at first but it’s almost like a fraternity to me ... it’s my getaway.”

“The arrangement has to be fun to sing, so it has to change a lot and has to move quick,” junior member Patrick Lane said. “If we’re having fun with the song, we’re going to sound better naturally.”

2008



2009

Rip_Chord, at its heart, is the same group it was three years ago. They say they strive to entertain and never fail to have fun. Every question has 17 answers, the majority of them said with jest or as a rebound off someone’s more serious response. But Rip_Chord has come far since it first began as one idea, five guys, a summer to plan and its first auditions.



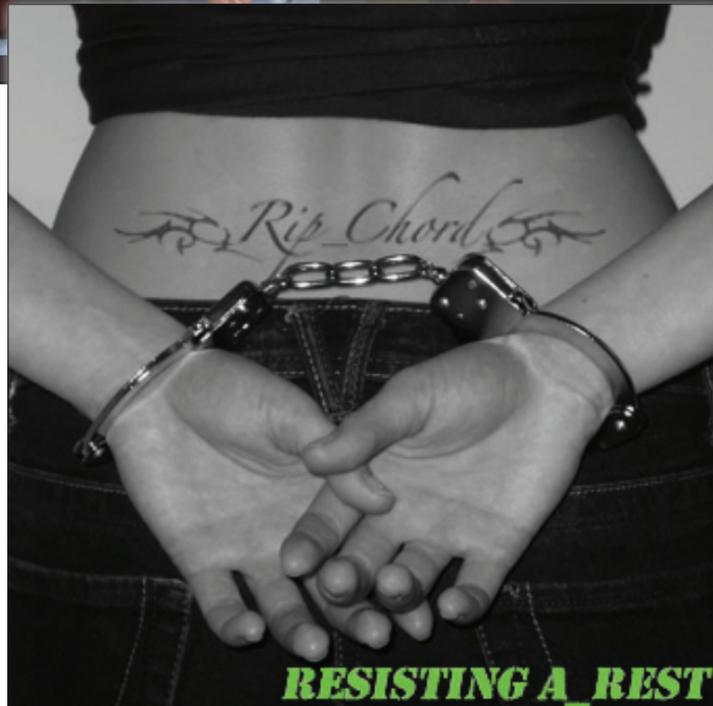
PHOTOS BY ASHLEY BARNAS

Rip_Chord’s first CD, “Resisting A_Rest,” is now available for pre-order and will be officially released at their spring concert on April 18.

Rip_Chord will have a table in Moseley all week from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to take CD and T-shirt orders.

CD = \$15
T-shirt = \$12

If you buy a CD, you will receive a coupon for \$5 off a Rip_Chord T-shirt.



RESISTING A_REST

Songs featured on “Resisting A_Rest” include some crowd favorites and Rip_Chord classics:

- Trashing the Camp, Phil Collins & ‘N Sync
- Chasing Cars, Snow Patrol
- Gavin’s Song, Marc Broussard
- Apologize, OneRepublic & Timbaland
- Ain’t No Sunshine, Bill Withers
- Happy Together, The Turtles
- Absolutely (Story of a Girl), Nine Days
- Mad World, Gary Jules
- Drops of Jupiter, Train
- Instant Pleasure, Rufus Wainwright

Artists focus on a new art for a new age

Amanda Kennison
A&E Editor

For an artist, having work showcased proves a great accomplishment. For student artists, being selected by a professor to showcase in a regional art show seems an even greater accomplishment. But for 12 Elon art students, that became their reality when their work was selected to be displayed in the 2009 Design, Art and Technology Symposium at High Point University.

Hosted by various regional institutions, the event aims to reinforce the idea that design matters. From fine arts to Web design, design touches virtually every aspect of life. For this exhibit, students submitted works ranging from oriental-influenced banners to techno-inspired digital prints.

Art professor LM Wood contacted students and requested that they submit specific pieces. Wood chose works that addressed the symposium's message of the importance of design and digital art and its effect on everyday life.

"(Wood) is really good about knowing her students' work," senior Kathryn Williams said. "She's just really good about knowing the art that goes with the person and what she can draw from people and what their best work is. That is something I really appreciate about her."

Williams submitted panels of a banner, showcasing the state of the traditional kimono in Japanese culture. Symbols printed on textiles, such as Mercedes symbols and gummy bears, mix with images of



Senior Ryan Walker's digital art print, "Funk Master," is on display at the symposium. PHOTO SUBMITTED

kimonos. The piece comments on the idea that a reliance on consumptions is destroying Japanese tradition.

"It was part of an undergraduate research project that I'd created a series for," Williams said. "There's been a shift from the very traditional, very beautiful patterns and soft colors into these color combinations that would make their ancestors roll over in their graves. Part of (the kimono's) art is dying because you can now go to a department store and pick one up. My piece critiques what is happening currently."

Sophomore Kyle Eaton also submitted a piece. His digital piece took an ordinary object, like caution tape, and transformed it into an

abstract work involving crime scenes, evil clowns and axe-wielding cousins. Part of the appeal of digital art is the creative freedom it offers, he said.

"I learned from this project that if I let my ideas run loose and not always stick to a strict plan, I come up with some crazy stuff," Eaton said. "I think digital art is important. Any specific artwork genre (that is) specific to a generation is important. It shows how we are forever innovating and can artistically express our individuality."

Sophomore Summer Thaxon said the High Point Symposium provides an example of how digital art and design is becoming increasingly important to today's art culture.

"I'm not used to seeing computers lined up, ready to be taken to an exhibit," Thaxton said. "Even though we're growing up in this culture, it's still odd to see all the technology involved in art. The great thing about digital art is it's something anyone can play with and learn to love. There are so many programs out there that anything is possible with it. You limit yourself with your own imagination."

According to Williams, another advance of digital art is the fact that it's bridging the gap between artist and audience. Transgressing the old concept that viewers shouldn't touch art, modern art is becoming more engaging. Videos and works meant to be scrambled around, allow audiences to connect with the pieces and actually affect the art themselves.

Senior Ryan Walker has a large digital art print inspired by his favorite techno band, Daft Punk, at the symposium. Walker agrees that digital art opens up new possibilities for artist and viewer alike.

"Because we create art on the computer, we can then use it on any medium we choose from iPod covers to printing on tortillas," Walker said. "We help bring a little art to everyone whereas a sculpture cannot be transferred to an iPod cover. It just sits there."

With all the artistic avenues open to digital art and design, the High Point Symposium boasts a wide range of pieces. The works will be on display until March 22.

CD REVIEW



Rush out for this 'Blitz'

Chris King
Senior Reporter

After spending some time making EPs (as this band loves to do), Karen O. and Co., The Yeah Yeah Yeahs, have returned with their newest album, the aptly-titled "It's Blitz!"

While anyone hoping for a return to the rough garage sound of "Fever to Tell" will be disappointed, everyone else will be satisfied. "Blitz!" finds the band stretching out sonically, with synths and strings sliding alongside the typical jittery drumming and crooning the band is typically known for.

Album opener "Zero" helps to set the pace. With a funky synth rhythm and Karen O. telling listeners to shake it, it sounds like the band has been listening to more than one club album lately. But some of Karen's good old-fashioned roots show up and before you know it, she's begging a man to "get your leather on." The whole song sounds like an S&M answer to the Ghosbusters' theme song.

But Karen doesn't stay on one topic for too long. She may want her man to "try and hit the spot," but she's got more on her mind than the bedroom. Songs like the beautiful "Skeleton," with Karen softly purring "Love don't cry," show that this is a woman who may be able to get her way with boys but not even she is immune to heartbreak.

And that is one of the most surprising aspects of "Blitz!" Karen manages to be both the wounded lover and the cool sexpot, with the two coming together in a strange synthesis. The album develops a character only she could portray. She's hurt, but not too hurt to go and have some fun.

As for the rest of the band, it lives up to the excellence that has come to be expected. Guitarist Nick Zinner tones down some of the heaviness of previous records to allow the synths to take their place in the songs, with the guitars



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The Yeah Yeah Yeah's new album builds off the group's trademark sound, while providing a more vulnerable view of what life is like on the road.

melding in nicely. The drumming, which has long been frantic, doesn't change here. Brian Chase sounds like a pro, banging out everything from dance rhythms to the simple bass beat of the ballads.

The Yeah Yeah Yeahs is a band well known for its outrageous and exotic live shows, and that energy usually translates onto the record. But, on "Blitz!," the band manages to sound fairly subdued, suggesting that sometimes spending hour after hour at the dive bar can take its toll, singing that, "highways flew by ... no sense of time."

But this new look fits the band. After all, the members have grown up in the eight years since they made their first of what would be many EPs. While "It's Blitz!" may not contain the manic energy contained on the band's first records, it contains something else: a band that has learned firsthand how hard living life on the road can be and one that is ready to slow down.

"It's Blitz!" lives up to its title by hitting the listener out of nowhere. With its gentler tunes and acoustics, as well as the group's road weariness, the album surprises listeners with a new side of the Yeah Yeah Yeahs.

Music with a drive

Students donate instruments, support local music education

Jack Dodson
Reporter

A number of Elon's music organizations are banding together this semester for a worthy cause. Elon's multiple musical greek organizations: Mu Phi Epsilon, Tau Beta Sigma and Kappa Kappa Psi and the Collegiate Music Education National Conference are currently hosting a musical instrument drive to benefit the music programs of local schools.

Each of these organizations, with the exception of CMENC, was only established at Elon this year and they share the common desire to promote professionalism and service through music.

The idea for a musical instrument drive came this past winter with the start of the two newer organizations, Tau Beta Sigma and Kappa Kappa Psi. The organizations began collecting donated instruments Feb. 20 and all collected donations will be sent to local students who do not have the means to buy their own.

"There's a lot of poverty in schools where parents don't have the money," said senior Vanessa Buhrman, the president of Mu Phi Epsilon. "We (Elon music students) have seen the benefit of music in our lives, and we wanted to pass that on."

With all four organizations, the music drive serves as their major service component for this year.

Together, the groups work on putting up flyers, contacting local businesses and churches and planning and carrying out the drive.

The students are in complete control of executing the project.

Though the groups have already started collecting and spreading the word among the outside community, their main target is Elon students. They hope students who have previously played an instrument, perhaps in high school, may donate instruments they no longer use. Sophomore Nathan Thomas, head

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of Kappa Kappa Psi, said he hopes extending the drive until April 19 will bring in more donations.

"We've been hoping that if they had a band instrument in high school, and it is sitting around their house, then they could go home and get it over spring break," Thomas said.

In order to spread awareness around campus, organization members have used other university ties.

Junior Vanessa Ponce is a resident assistant in Daniele Center and the head of Tau Beta Sigma. Her connections in RSA allowed her to put collection boxes in each area office across campus. This move makes donating instruments more convenient for students, she said.

The music drive accepts instruments of all types and in any condition. Even large instruments, such as uprights, will be taken.

"Even the really, really bad stuff we'll take," Thomas said. "Give it to us rather than throw it away."

Thomas said it would be more cost-efficient for students to give away instruments rather than paying for the cleaning and advertising necessary to sell them.

The music organizations hope this drive will evolve into an annual service project.

Words with winning power: Student songwriters pen way to nationals



Amanda Kennison
A&E Editor

Recently, two Elon music majors were selected as state finalists for the 12th annual John Lennon Scholarship Songwriting Program. As the only two finalists chosen from North Carolina, sophomores Jacob Danieleley and Kaitlyn Fay make Elon twice as proud.

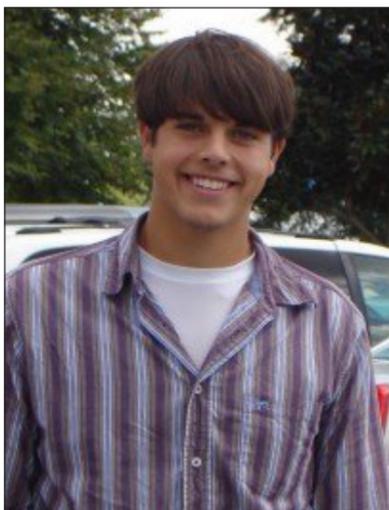
Along with 42 other finalists from across the nation, Danieleley and Fay will compete on the national level for a first-place \$10,000 scholarship. Second and third-place winners will receive \$5,000 each. Established in 1997 by Lennon's widow, Yoko Ono, and Broadcast Music Inc., the fund was established to promote creativity and original music composition.

Both Danieleley and Fay have been writing songs for many years.

"I've been making attempts at songwriting for a few years now," Fay said. "I'm not sure why, but ever since I was little I always had a desire to create music that I could truly call my own. It's cool to learn how to sing and play your favorite instrument, but it's another thing entirely to be able to sing a song that you have created from scratch. What's amazing is that when you write a song, it doesn't just relate to your life — it is your life."

Danieleley makes songwriting part of his daily routine and said no one should ever pass up the opportunity to write.

"I enjoy studying the craft of song writing and try to practice my song craft every day," Danieleley said. "I have a great interest in musical composition in art music and popular music songwriting."



PHOTOS SUBMITTED
Sophomores Kaitlyn Fay, for her song "First," and Jacob Danieleley, for his song "Spend a Little Time with Me," were selected as state finalists for the 12th annual John Lennon Scholarship Songwriting Program.

After filling out a simple application of personal information and submitting a recording and lyric sheet of their original songs, the students only had to wait until they received word back from BMI.

"I found out via e-mail on Feb. 13," Fay said. "I was checking my e-mail and was a little confused at first when I saw the subject 'BMI Scholarship.' Then I screamed. When I read it and found out I was a state finalist, I almost started crying. Now that it's settled in, though, I'm thrilled."

Fay wrote her song, "First," last September. Described as a folk love song, the lyrics stress the

happiness of a great relationship.

"At the time that I wrote it, I was just so happy with life and I wanted to write a song that captured that euphoric sense of being completed by another person," Fay said.

Danieleley's submission is also a love song, but with a twist. A country-pop combination, "Spend A Little Time With Me" is an up-tempo piece from the view of a recently singled guy. Although the shaky relationship commentary may sound cliché, Danieleley promises the piece proves unique.

"This song takes a bit of a twist from the typical breakup and cry-your-heart-

out song," Danieleley said. "His reaction is quite humorous. I was at home one evening lying in bed watching TV when a lyric hit me. It said, 'It's so hard to see you go, through all the fighting I still want you to know.' As I moved forward through the lyric, telling the story of this poor soul, I thought that it would be cool to try to make it upbeat and maybe comical, so I scribbled out the lines, 'So now I'm gonna kick back, relax and spend a little time with me.'"

For Danieleley and Fay, this competition is about more than the money. The process of writing lyrics proves a reward in itself.

"I enjoy writing music because music has the power to not just inspire you, but to stimulate you both intellectually and emotionally," Danieleley said. "I love to write in hope that someone may be impacted in both mind and heart and find comfort in the music that I have written."

Fay said songwriting is a powerful way to connect with those around you. She said though people may go through very different experiences, music has the ability to weave common threads.

"Well, not every person will relate to every song," Fay said. "A song will always speak to some people, because living in our society and culture we all have similar experiences. Breaking up with a boyfriend, having a bad day or falling in love. With music and lyrics stating the things we have in common, (you see) there's so much ... that exists in everyone's life."

BMI will announce the scholarship winners in June. Visit The Pendulum Online to hear Danieleley and Fay's original songs.

FOOD REVIEW



DAVID WELLS | Photographer

116 Oak is located right off of campus next to West End Station on West Lebanon Avenue.

116 Oak offers impressive menu

Libby Dean
Reviewer

Heather and Josh Ezrine, owners of 116 Oak, set out to bring big-city dining to the small-town atmosphere of Elon. Heather said they wanted to offer a restaurant that has a nice atmosphere, good food and affordable prices for the local people without having to leave Burlington. 116 Oak offers progressive American cuisine served in a tapas style. With menu items ranging from Thai-inspired dishes to Southern cooking, it would be hard not to find something you like at 116 Oak.

Walking into 116 Oak, the look of the restaurant is immediately impressive. With the lights dimmed and a cozy ambience, it has a romantic feel. Being so close to campus, it would be an ideal place to bring a date. 116 Oak offers an impressive wine list and eclectic mix of beers. Those eligible have the option to order by the glass or bottle from the wide variety listed.

Unlike many restaurants, a significant portion of the menu is vegetarian-friendly. From appetizer options such as a hummus plate and mixed olives, it is difficult to choose just one. The cheese platter was actually intimidating with its wide assortment, looking like it belonged at an expensive restaurant in New York City. But for only \$10, the platter was more than enough for four people to share, and every

piece proved to be delicious.

For a college student, one of the hardest food groups to keep up with is vegetables. Finding a restaurant with really good salads can be a challenge, but when found, an exciting experience. 116 Oak turned out to be one such restaurant. Its mixed baby greens salad with goat cheese and spicy pecans is served with balsamic vinaigrette. The salad had a beautiful presentation and was one of the best out of all the restaurants in Burlington.

The crab cakes, highly recommended by one of the waitresses, proved fantastic. For pizza lovers, the Margherita pizza was served on a small plate, perfect for the individual eater. This proves useful, considering the fact that once you taste the pizza, you won't want to share.

For dessert, the restaurant offers an impressive menu. From chocolate tort to mixed berry cobbler, there are dishes that will please most anyone's sweet tooth. And if baked goods aren't what you crave, 116 Oak also makes homemade sorbet and ice cream daily. Ordering one of these treats, along with an after-dinner coffee or espresso provides a great way to end an already pleasing meal.

116 Oak is a restaurant where it is clear that the people who work there have a passion for food. With affordable dishes, a welcoming atmosphere and great food, it is a place that warrants multiple visits.

Sudoku

Fill in the game board so the numbers one through nine occur exactly once in each row, column and 3x3 box. The numbers can appear in any order and diagonals are not considered.

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ANSWERS

Inside the intricate mind of an Internet developer

Ashley Dischinger
Reporter

John David Parsons not only manages to juggle classes and a full-time job as Elon University's Web applications developer, but he pulls it off in a way that earns the respect of everyone with whom he interacts.

Parsons has worked as a member of the Elon University relations team since receiving his B.A. in international studies in 2006.

"I love my job," Parsons said. "I want to stick with it even after I finish classes (this spring). It's a great atmosphere. It's very relaxed and with the economic downturn, there's no better place to be employed than a university."

Parsons describes his job as self-guided. He spends his time brainstorming and implementing new Web features, fixing computer bugs as they surface and often being pulled away from his office to solve various computer-related problems.

Parsons never knows quite what to expect when he arrives at work every morning, but he wouldn't have it any other way. His personality is compatible with the spontaneity of his job description, according to Dan Anderson, director of University Relations.

"(John David) is very creative and committed to making applications the best they can be," Anderson said. "He has a number of talents, and all of that shows up in his work. He's not your typical computer programmer."

Olivia Hubert-Allen, Elon senior and former editor of The Pendulum, shares Anderson's esteem for Parsons' work ethic.

"He's always been very curious and enthusiastic about computer programming," Hubert-Allen said.

Hubert-Allen saw Parsons' dedication first-hand after collaborating twice on The Pendulum Web site, in 2005 and 2007.

The first revision altered the site so that everything was database-driven and could be easily searched and archived. After "getting a foot in the door" with the first revision, Parsons helped Hubert-Allen again in February 2009.

This time The Pendulum site was completely revamped to include even more features and a more aesthetic layout. Parsons helped optimize the site for search engines, making it

easier to comb for information.

The new site, which contains every story in the print edition, also has a mobile phone version, which is very rare for student media sites and even professional local news sites.

"John David worked endlessly on The Pendulum Web site — it was unreal," Hubert-Allen said. "(He) stayed up for close to 40 hours during the final tweaks on the site. I gave him a few days off after that."

Parsons also demonstrated his tireless work ethic with the debut of E2, Elon's own social network, which was his first project as the Web applications developer.

"When I decided to build E2, I gave (Parsons) a few ideas, and he really ran with it," Anderson said.

Parsons said E2 is similar to other social networking sites such as Facebook, but believes the difference lies in the many features that are unique to the Elon community.

"E2 is an internal social network," Parsons said. "The real benefit is that it gives the alumni a window into communicating with (a younger) age group. It's their way of entry into the social networking phenomena."

Parsons still updates E2 regularly and constantly envisions new ways to improve the system. With the next round of revisions looming, Parsons hopes to add more Elon-specific features.

"I would like to see features that really connect current students with alumni in their respective fields," Parsons said. "I want this next revision to lead to real-life handshakes and human-to-human interaction."

Anderson and Hubert-Allen also praise Parsons' multi-faceted personality and his varied talents.

"He's a programmer, first and foremost," Hubert-Allen said. "But he is also an artist."

Parsons is very musically inclined since he grew playing the guitar and piano. He soon discovered Reason, a computer program that features a virtual music-making studio.

"It was a powerful tool that first connected my music side and my computer side," Parsons recalled. "It's really fun to play around with."

He started recording music for local up-and-coming bands, such as Anonymous, and he uses his friend's studio to record, produce and mix



John David Parsons enjoys his work as Elon's web applications developer. He's the man behind E2, the social network that connects parents, alumni, faculty and staff members and current university students.

the music before making CDs for distribution.

Parsons still finds the time to compose music with his own band, Head Chemists, which he describes as a hybrid of "acoustic electronic" music. The Head Chemists play as a hobby, but their music can be purchased on iTunes.

Parsons also shares a passion for traveling. While he was an undergrad at Elon, he studied abroad four times, including a summer in Mexico and

a semester in Costa Rica. His family, who always saved money to travel, has visited places like Cambodia, Singapore and Japan.

"I like the newness of everything (when traveling)," Parsons said. "It's nice to break out. It's like a breath of fresh air to be washed over by another culture."

Parsons paused and smiled. "Actually, it's like restarting your computer," he said.

Can't imagine just graduating? Seniors plan weddings, too

Amanda Kennison
A&E Editor

From "Pomp and Circumstance" to "Wagner's Bridal March," from cake tasting and dress fitting to final exams and buying cap and gowns, this mixture of thoughts is swimming around the minds of several Elon seniors.

With their classmates worrying about finishing the last of their graduation requirements and what their post-graduation plans are, a number of students have an added element on their to-do list: marriage.

Combating the sentiment that "you're too young to get married," more and more students are set to start the next phase of their lives hand-in-hand with the person they love.

Senior Sara Portoghese plans to marry fiancé Matt Channing, a 2008 graduate of Bates College, on June 6 in Orlando, Fla. After six years together, Portoghese feels certain in her choice. The fact they will marry soon after graduation seems like a natural step in their relationship, she said.

"Everyone leaves college and starts a new life," Portoghese said. "It's just that mine is going to be with

someone else at the same time. We wanted to have the wedding close to graduation because I know all of my friends will be moving to different parts of the country and starting new lives and I wanted them to be able to join in my special day."

But marriage immediately after graduation means the majority of wedding plans are developed during the school year.

The wedding planning process can prove overwhelming under any circumstance, but planning the event while still in college proves even more difficult.

Organization is key for students planning a wedding and who are away at school. Portoghese said taking advantage of school breaks and using the assistance of family members and friends during the planning process proves enormously helpful.

After two and a half years together and a proposal on "Flirtation Walk" in Westpoint, N.Y., seniors Rachel Scott and Vic McGlaughlin plan to marry in Annapolis, Md. on May 30. Being so far away from where the actual wedding will take place means the two have to carefully structure their planning schedule.

"It took a lot of work, but I

am very lucky to have parents who want to be involved with the planning," Scott said. "My mom helped out a lot. The most difficult part is just getting all the information together and finding the time to figure it all out along with finding ways to cut back since it is insanely expensive."

Picking flower arrangements, making seating charts and choosing the perfect color scheme requires a large amount of time. So how do they do it? According to Portoghese, it's all about finding the right balance.

"Being organized is key," Portoghese said. "When school started I just focused on my classes, I had gotten the majority of my (wedding) planning done. It's been a balancing act, but that's how everything has to be. I think it's a fun process, and I enjoy doing it. I enjoy that little bit of stress in my life."

Typically, people associate wedding planning with the bride but this isn't always the case.

"Rachel lets me have a say in everything," McGlaughlin said. "Although some of the planning involves minutiae, and it doesn't matter to me which way we go on a decision. It's not a matter of me not wanting to do more. It's more that there's only so much I can

do."

Senior Michael Lawson agrees that being an active part of the preparations is important.

"Lauren (his fiancé) asks me for input about everything," Lawson said. "And I'm glad to give my opinion on the matter. We both recognize that it is our wedding, not just hers or just mine. So we like to come to agreements on everything."

Lawson plans to marry fiancée Lauren Horney on June 6 in Wytheville, Va. Their plans have reached the final preparations, with only little decisions like table placement and the exact timing of events left to make.

Despite the inevitable stress of planning a wedding while still in school, all of these future brides and grooms agree it is a possible task to achieve. They said the important thing to remember is not to allow the chaos of managing so many important events ruin the excitement

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they are supposed to bring.

"First, be a million percent sure that this person will make you happy and you will be able to return that favor," Lawson said. "Then just have fun with the planning. If you let it get to you, it'll take away from a day that is going to be special no matter what."

WEDDING PLANNING TIPS

- Set aside time once a week for planning.
- Plan as much as you can over holidays or breaks.
- Save, save, save!
- Know when to ask for help.
- Control the wedding. Don't let the wedding control you.

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STANDing up against genocide

Anna Johnson
Reporter

In the commuter lounge Tuesday, March 10, 24 students pulled their chairs in a small circle and discussed how to raise awareness about the genocide in Darfur. They are members of Students Taking Action Now Darfur, a new humanitarian group led by freshman Frank Stiefel.

The group tossed out ideas ranging from chalk campaigns to hosting documentary nights to inform the general public.

The students expressed interest in joining a chapter of STAND after listening to John Prendergast, a Darfur activist and senior adviser to the International Crisis Group, speak at Elon March 4.

Students interested in STAND were asked to wait after the speech and sign up for e-mail updates about interest meetings.

"I was really impressed by the speaker," freshman Joe Kiernan said. "I am glad they are starting a STAND chapter here at Elon. Once more people know about the club we can start making a difference."

The Darfur region of Sudan has experienced extreme violence from conflicts between rebel groups and the Janjaweed, a Sudanese militia group, since 2003. Civilian death tolls are rumored to be as high as 400,000. More than 2 million people have been displaced and Sudanese President Ahmad Al-Bashir has recently ordered humanitarian groups to leave the country.

Many have called the crisis a genocide, and several groups have held events to raise awareness and funds for victims.

STAND is the first student group at Elon dedicated entirely to Darfur relief.

The national organization was started by a small group of students at Georgetown University and has since spread to campuses across the country.

Elon's chapter of STAND is currently a sub-committee of the humanitarian club Students for Peace and Justice, but hopes to become its own club by the end of the semester.

"Our first goal as a club is divestment," Stiefel said. "Making sure Elon is not sending money, indirectly or otherwise, to the Sudanese government. We want to make sure they are in no way funding the genocide."

Stiefel said the next goal would be to educate the population at Elon — letting students, faculty and the general public know what they can do to end the crisis in Darfur.

According to Stiefel, students are key in helping to end the genocide.

Students also discussed collecting shoes for a STAND chapter in West Virginia — a group that hopes to collect 400,000 shoes, one for each person killed in Darfur, to place at the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool.

"If we really want to start living up to 'never again,' we have to do something now," Stiefel said. "A small group of students started STAND and now it is a national organization still run by students. Young people need to know they have influence — that they have a voice. You saw that in the previous election and you are seeing it in regard to international relations. We have to show support and force the government to end the genocide."

The right woman for the job

Lovette serves Elon with heart and confidence

Pam Richter
Sports Editor

For a police officer who has seen so much during her time in law enforcement, there's still one case that gets LaVette Lovette emotional.

Lovette, the Town of Elon police chief, was working as a detective with sex offense and child abuse cases in the Salisbury Police Department at the time. It was her first case and one that she will never forget.

Three children, a boy age 11, a boy age 9 and a girl age 3, were sexually abused by their biological father, who would have the two boys have sex with their sister.

Lovette admits the investigation was fairly easy, but the story did not stop with the sentencing.

The father was sentenced to life in prison and the mother lost her children to social services. The mother did not know what was going on, but it still took her a long time to get her four children back. (There was another child, but the infant was not involved in the sexual abuse case.)

Lovette was aggravated that it took the mother so long to get her children back. She fought hard and provided support for the family.

Eventually, the mother received custody of her children. About 12 years later, Lovette received a phone call from the boy who was nine at the time of the incident.

The young man brought his daughter into see Lovette.

"It's that case everybody in law enforcement wants to have because you know you've made a difference," Lovette said.

Never a doubt

Lovette always knew she wanted to be in law enforcement — there was never a question in her mind. Her father was a military police officer and her grandfather was also in the military.

"My dad and mom were very supportive (when I was) growing up," Lovette said. "I would see him in uniform around the house."

Originally from Farmville, N.C., Lovette enrolled in Morris Hill College for two years. She remembers the day when the State Bureau of Investigation came with a mobile crime lab to the school to investigate a crime.



ASHLEY BARNAS | Photographer
About 80 community volunteers helped plant 1,200 oak and sycamore seedlings to replenish the earth.



PAM RICHTER | Photographer
Lovette has been Elon's police chief for seven years. She is a minority, as only 2 percent of police chiefs are women.

While they were there, Lovette took advantage of the resources and spoke with the officers about a career in law enforcement. Shortly afterward, she transferred to Louisville University and earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice.

She began her career in the High Point Police Department before transferring to Salisbury.

Lt. Melonie Thompson of the Salisbury Police Department worked under Lovette for a number of years. Thompson said Lovette was a good role model for her, as a woman in a man's world.

"She doesn't want you to be 'girly-girly.' If you're going to be on the street, you need to be all the way in," Thompson said, quoting the advice Lovette gave her. "Don't act any different. You need to put the gun on and get out there in the street like everyone else."

Lovette applied for six chief jobs early in her career. After gaining some more management experience, she finally landed a position.

Elon — a new home

There are very few police chiefs who are women. Lovette said they comprise about 2 percent of chiefs nationwide, so to get to her current position, Lovette had to move through the ranks and fight discrimination.

"It doesn't really matter that she's a woman. She's capable of doing the job, regardless of gender," said Capt. Craig Andrews of the Town of Elon Police.

Lovette said working in a university town brings up different challenges from other jurisdictions.

"The majority of what we deal with are students, which brings up unique responsibilities," she said. "For most of them, it's the first time they are responsible for themselves."

The Town of Elon works with the university in different incidents, and there is an overlap in jurisdiction.

Lovette said for the most part, they let the university handle investigations.

This month marks Lovette's seventh year at Elon as the police chief, and it is obvious to community members that she's made an impact.

"Most of my observations are from afar," Elon Mayor Jerry Tolley said. "She seems to be highly respected in the community. I've never had any negative remarks (about her) from members in the community."

A role model in and out of uniform

In her role as chief, Lovette relies on and trusts her staff. She doesn't need to patrol as much as the other officers and doesn't work the unstructured hours that police work usually brings.

This allows her time to dedicate to her other passions, like painting, knitting, crocheting and spending time with her 14-year-old daughter.

On weekends, she and Thompson get their families together and spend time relaxing on Lake Wyatt, she said.

Filling the forest

Ashley Barnas
Online Editor-in-Chief

Planting 1,200 tree seedlings is one way to heal the environment and reclaim the land. About 80 volunteers planted oak and sycamore seedlings between Cedarock Park and Pleasant Grove Recreation Center this weekend as part of the Heal the Land initiative.

Despite the mud and rain, the volunteers from Elon University, Alamance County, boy scout troops, Elon First Baptist Church and other faith-based communities accomplished what they set out to do.

"I like it because it helps the earth so we can replenish everything," 10-year-old resident Sophia Ison said. Planting trees is important "because it helps restore God's earth and because there's been a lot of pollution."

Ison, along with her parents and two siblings, braved the rain and cold to plant some seedlings early Saturday morning to help improve water quality.

The Heal the Land initiative began last spring as part of an internship program through the Elon University Center for Environmental Studies and

the Elon First Baptist Church.

Junior Jackie Koehn was an intern with Elon First Baptist last year, and part of her internship was to coordinate the different planting events. They planted about 2,000 seedlings last March with the help of more than 250 volunteers. She returned to help with the project this weekend.

Keith McDaniel, pastor of Elon First Baptist, worked with the project when it began last year and plans to continue the initiative annually. The seedlings were blessed at the church prior to planting.

The project is important, McDaniel said, "to talk about the dialogue of healing: socially, spiritually and environmentally. And today, the planting of these trees is a symbolic gesture back to creation, back to the community and back to each other — that we are committed to healing this place that we all call home."

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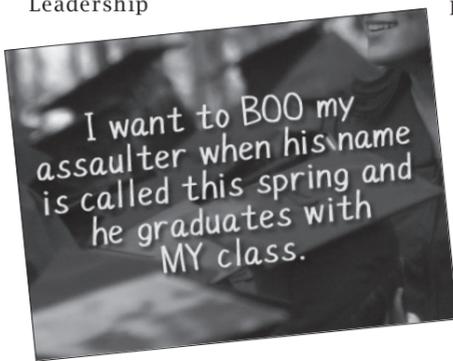
PostSecret-inspired student project helps sexual assault victims heal

Rachel Cieri
Features Editor

It was her first year at Elon, and she thought he'd be one of her first college friends. She never imagined that she'd be the victim of acquaintance rape.

"I still get chills down my spine whenever I think about it," senior Jill Medhus said.

Medhus has spoken at Take Back the Night and almost every other sexual assault awareness event, but now she is taking on something much bigger. Last week, Medhus revoked her anonymity from the Sexual Assault Restorative Justice project, her senior project for the Isabella Cannon Leadership program.



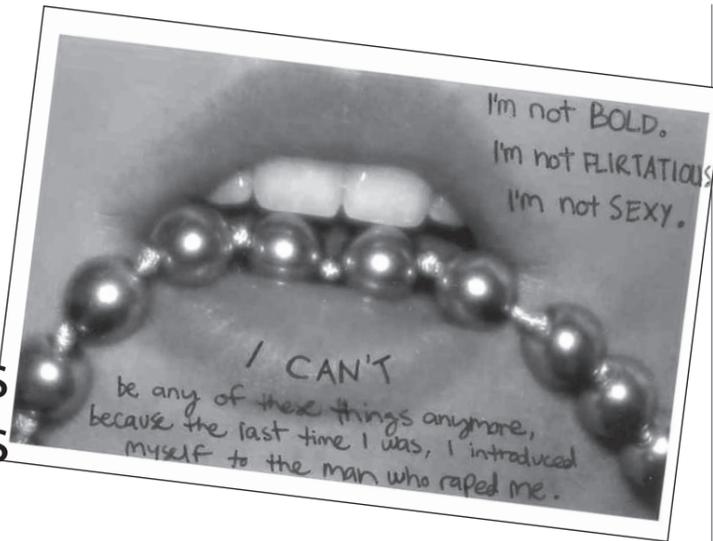
SARJ was inspired by PostSecret, the widely popular Web site and book series that allows anyone to anonymously tell a secret through postcard art. Through SARJ, anyone affected by sexual assault — a victim or

otherwise — can express his or her secret anonymously as a step in the healing process.

Medhus originally decided to conceal her identity as the founder of the project.

"It was to honor the voices of those who had been silenced," Medhus said. "It shouldn't matter who I am. I wanted it to be a community effort."

Medhus feared seeing her name on the project would make people hesitate to share their secrets and that she



might receive hate mail. But she soon realized that she could better spread the word herself.

Although much of the Elon community is aware of Medhus's experience with sexual assault, she has yet to tell some members of her family.

"I'm nervous. I hadn't told them before because I was afraid they would pull me out of Elon, but now that I'm about to graduate, I don't have that fear anymore," she said.

Medhus has been passing out 300 blank postcards, on which participants can express themselves. Those who write a return address on the back of the postcard will receive information about the resources available to them.

Postcards can be mailed to Leigh-Anne Royster, coordinator for personal health programs and community well-being.

Every postcard will go into an anonymous file that will eventually comprise the final product, a book of secrets. Until then, each postcard will be posted on the SARJ Web site, which will be updated over time, similar to the PostSecret Web site.

"I was never a regular follower of PostSecret until I started this project," Medhus said. "But now I look at it all the time." Medhus hopes her project will help change community attitudes toward sexual assault.

"It's one step in making sexual assault unacceptable at Elon," she said. "It happens everywhere, and I want to enable restorative justice for everyone, even if they choose not to prosecute."

SEND POSTCARDS TO:

c/o Leigh-Anne Royster
2970 Campus Box
Elon, NC 27244

OR E-MAIL:
sarj@elon.edu

HOW TO HELP:

SARJ is looking for volunteers to train in uploading and processing postcards. If interested, contact Jill Medhus at jmedhus@elon.edu.

Spreading the word across campus

Evangelical group Affinity provides unique Christian experience

Camille Demere and Nick Massa
Multimedia Editor and Reporter

"For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'" Weighty words to be sure, but ones to live by, especially for sophomore Eugene Daniel, who is a member of an on-campus Christian organization known as Affinity. He wears the words proudly on his sweatshirt.

Affinity is a group of "friends first," who make it their mission to serve God through their actions rather than words, Daniel said.

"A lot of Christian groups on Elon's campus don't reach out to African-Americans," senior and Affinity co-founder Miya Stodghill said. "There is this idea that a lot of African-Americans grew up in the church, and evangelism doesn't really focus on them."

Stodghill said the group doesn't exclude people who aren't black, but that the group will always focus on reaching out mainly to black students.

The group meets most Fridays at 5 p.m. for Bible study, but it is outside their meetings that the bulk of the work gets done. Daniel said Affinity strives to teach by example, and to influence people with their everyday walk.

Stodghill and fellow senior Rachel Shaw started Affinity. They said they wanted a different kind of religious organization on campus — one that didn't simply talk about Christ but strived to live like him and encouraged others to do the same.

The group started out small, with about eight consistent members coming to Bible study, but as time passed, they began to grow. After its Outreach Week, the group's numbers reached almost 20 people.

"Outreach Week is where we dedicate ourselves to sharing the gospel," Stodghill said. "We put the love of Christ in the public more than during an everyday time."

The group put on various events during the week of Feb. 16, including showing a film and publicly praying twice.

"We spent a day dedicated to evangelism," Stodghill said. "We just asked people if they would like to know about Christ. It's all about starting a spiritual conversation."

While Affinity does not call to a specific denomination of Christianity, it is not expressly nondenominational either.

"Christianity shouldn't be about denominations," Daniel said. "There is only one God, and it doesn't matter what you do to serve Him, as long as you serve Him."

Rather than preach, Affinity works for people to get its message across.

"The Bible calls you to go work, man," Daniel said.

He said he the problem with religion these days is that it has become too much of an issue, something that is not discussed in conversations. He people find traditional faith groups abrasive when they forcefully try to spread the word and that he wishes people were "more focused on doing."

Daniel said he is incredibly proud of the organization he is a part of. He calls it "a vision by three girls, planted, watered, worked hard for. Now it is finally beginning to sprout. People are the grass, and glory for God is the flowers."



JAVA WITH GERRY

Elon's Catholic priest offers 'Java Hours' at Acorn

Rebecca Smith
Reporter

Students have long depended on the Acorn Coffee Shop for their favorite sandwiches, coffee before early morning classes, smoothies on hot days and a place to socialize with friends between classes. Now Acorn is also a place where students can meet up with Elon's Catholic priest, Father Gerry Waterman.

Every Monday, Waterman sits at the couches in Acorn from 1 - 3 p.m. and welcomes all students to sit down and talk with him.

"Catholic Ministries and I were discussing how I could be more accessible if I was at the hub of campus," Waterman said. "Personally, I am a morning person, but the students

JAVA CHAT HOURS

Meet with Father Gerry every Monday from 1 - 3 p.m. at Acorn Coffee shop, located on Williamson Avenue

told me no one would come in the morning. We all voted for the hours of one to three — that is how Java Hour began."

Waterman is many more things than just a priest. He is an avid runner, an uncle, a brother and a tennis player. His

people skills are what enabled him to get the sign that can now be seen every Monday during his "Java Hours," reserving the sofa for him and anyone who wishes to talk with him.

When Waterman had an extra ticket to Elon's production of "Phantom of the Opera," he happened to learn that Jeff Gazda, resident district manager of ARAMARK, needed a ticket.

Later, Waterman learned a truth the Elon community learns quickly: The sofas at Acorn are rarely empty.

He later ran into Gazda at another Elon function, "Night of the Phoenix," and soon afterward received the sign that is now visible every Monday during his Java Hours.

The two hours he spends in Acorn are not exclusive. Anyone can come join him and talk to him. There are some non-Catholic students who talk to him on a regular basis during these times, he said.

"It's really nice to have a chance to sit down and talk with Father Gerry about whatever," freshman Olivia Dubendorf said. "I usually end up being at Acorn at the same time as Father Gerry and we catch up on things that are going on."

Waterman spends the rest of the week going to classrooms where he is invited to talk to students, constantly e-mailing in order to keep open communication, planning retreats and

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I enjoy going to Acorn on Monday's for Java Hours now. At first it was just another thing to do. Now I can't wait for it.

- Father Gerry Waterman
CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTER

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functions and even playing tennis with students. He said he does all of this in order to help build a faith community on campus.

Before coming to Elon, Waterman lived in Connecticut and was a pastor of a parish there. One day, the provincial called and asked him to look at Elon University and campus ministries. When he visited, he said he fell in love.

In the beginning he spent his time adjusting to the campus and learning what the students needed, but has now branched out to new activities, including his Java Hours.

"I enjoy going to Acorn on Mondays for Java Hours now," Waterman said. "At first it was just another thing to do. Now I can't wait for it."

ELON SPORTS THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY 3/18
Baseball @ N.C. State - 6:30 p.m.
Softball vs. Southeast Missouri State - 4 p.m., 6 p.m.

FRIDAY 3/20
Baseball vs. Furman - 6 p.m.
Women's tennis vs. College of Charleston - 2:30 p.m.

SATURDAY 3/21
Baseball vs. Furman - 4 p.m.
Softball @ Appalachian State - 1 p.m., 3 p.m.
Men's tennis vs. Winsto-Salem - 9 a.m.
Men's tennis vs. Georgia State - 1 p.m.

SUNDAY 3/22
Baseball vs. Furman - 1 p.m.
Softball @ Appalachian State - 1 p.m.

MONDAY 3/23
Women's golf (UNC-W Lady Seahawk Invitational) - all day
Women's tennis @ Jacksonville - 10:30 a.m.

TUESDAY 3/24
Baseball @ Clemson - 6:30 p.m.
Women's golf (UNC W Lady Seahawk Invitational) - all day

ATHLETIC RESULTS March 11 - March 16

WOMEN'S TENNIS
March 11
Elon 2
UNC Greensboro 5

March 15
Elon 7
Western Carolina 0

MEN'S TENNIS
March 14
Elon 5
Wofford 2

Feb. 28
Elon 66
UNC G 74

March 2
Elon 78
Davidson 90

BASEBALL
March 11
Elon 5
Wake Forest 4

March 13
Elon 1
Davidson 7

March 15
@ Davidson: Canceled

March 16
Princeton: Canceled



ONE ON ONE

Who's tops in the NHL? What will Owens do as a Buffalo Bill?

Andy Harris and Russell Varner
Sports Commentators

Last time we talked NHL, Andy picked the Boston Bruins and Joey picked the Detroit Red Wings as the Stanley Cup Championship favorites. Since then, Boston has stumbled a bit, New Jersey has turned white-hot and the Pittsburgh Penguins are finally playing like the team that represented the Eastern Conference in the finals last year. So, does any team deserve to replace them as favorites to win it all?

ANDY

No, I'm sticking with the Bruins. New Jersey is certainly a threat, but its biggest strength is its goaltending, and the Bruins boast a goalie who's playing just as well as Tim Thomas. Detroit boasts the best offense in the NHL, but its defense is nowhere near competent, while Boston has allowed fewer goals than anyone. Pittsburgh is hot, having won seven straight. But besides one shootout win against the Caps, they have never played anyone that well, and they've lost two straight. I'm not sold yet.

RUSSELL

Give me a choice, and I'd still put my money on Boston and Detroit. The only team even close to Detroit in the West is San Jose, and it hasn't exactly been playing very well lately. And I'd still take Boston over New Jersey, though I'm so glad to see Martin Brodeur back. He is a hockey legend and it's great to see the injury didn't affect his play too badly. His return has definitely sparked the Devils and given them new life, but I don't know if they could still take

the Bruins.

America's favorite athletic drama queen, Terrell Owens, has found a new home in Buffalo, N.Y. The move was a surprise to say the least. Now that Owens is finally out of Dallas and suiting up for the Bills, who is the ultimate winner of this move?

RUSSELL

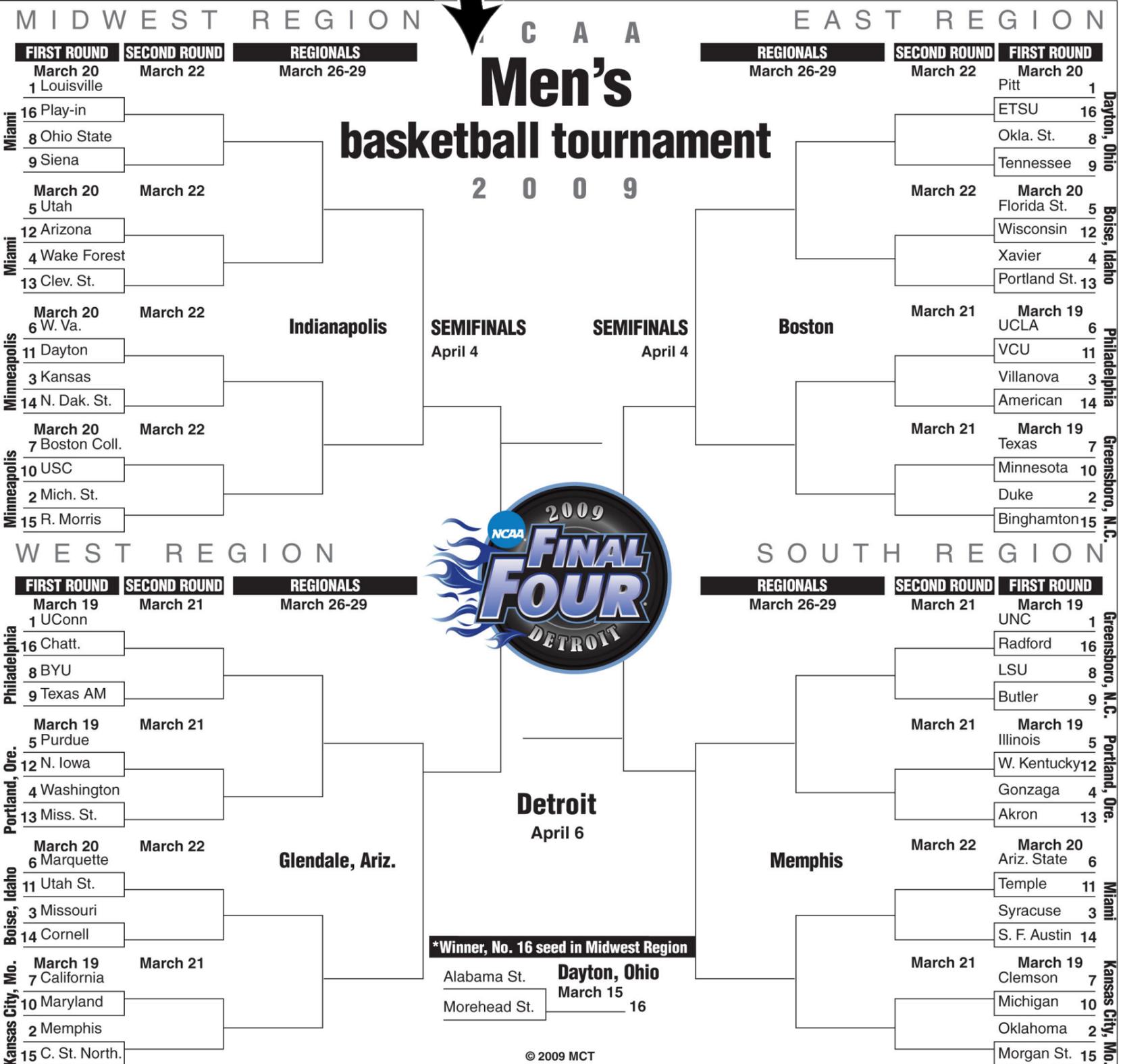
I'm going to go out on a limb here and say that the American public is the winner of this entire situation.

Finally, we don't have to deal with T.O. and Jerry Jones' egos going at each other 24/7 and SportsCenter updates on every little thing that happens with Owens and the Cowboys. We can finally get a little peace and quiet. You know the phrase "silence is golden?" It definitely is golden and this proves it.

ANDY

I really can't disagree with you there, it'll be nice to finally be done hearing about the Owens-Romo-Witten love triangle. But I'm going a different route: The Buffalo Bills are even bigger winners. Look, we all know what a locker room cancer T.O. is, but what do the Bills have to lose? They were destined to finish fourth in the AFC East this year and have a woefully bad passing game. Adding T.O. gives them the playmaker they need. They can afford to risk taking on a notorious team killer because without him they aren't a playoff team. With him, they'll at least have a shot.

Submit your brackets to campus box 7012, Pendulum office, or email to compete!



Club baseball series postponed, team ready to rally soon

Andy Harris
Reporter

Elon's club baseball team was slated to host a series against North Carolina State this past weekend, but Mother Nature intervened.

All three games were postponed, and make-up dates for the games have yet to be scheduled.

This is the second series postponed by rain early on in the season.

Elon's season-opening series against UNC Chapel Hill two weeks ago was postponed as well, and make up games have yet to be played.

Once they are finally played, both series could serve as great opportunities for the team to make a statement.

Elon currently sits at 1-2 through three games this season.

The Phoenix is one of only two teams that is not nationally ranked in its conference, The Mid Atlantic South.

A quality series against a top-25 team could be a good test for the team.

This past weekend's series would have been against the nation's fourth best team.

"It's not really intimidating, but it makes for great competition," freshman pitcher and outfielder Aaron Moger said. "They take the game seriously, and that makes it fun. It was a lot of fun to beat East Carolina."

Elon was defeated once in a three-game series two weekends ago.

These games were the only games the teams have played.

Despite only winning one game

against East Carolina, many said that it was a good experience for them.

"We didn't start off too well," Moger said. "We hadn't played any games yet and we were really rusty, but we definitely improved. By the end of the series we seemed to really figure things out."

In the first game they mustered only two runs on one hit. They scored just three runs and three hits in the second game. In game three, the team had six runs on seven hits.

Elon's current record may not be the best way to evaluate this team.

Freshman pitcher Derrick Burnett was named Mid-Atlantic South Conference pitcher of the week for his efforts in game three of the East Carolina Series.

He pitched six innings, only giving up one run and no walks. With Burnett's performance, the team is constantly improving.

"Our biggest strength is pitching, and in any league pitching wins," Moger said. "Our fielding and hitting have struggled thus far, but both will come around."

They've already demonstrated their pitching ability as well as their batting abilities, but they will have to display these strengths consistently in order to contend in their difficult conference.

With four top-ranked teams, there is little margin for error.

"We try to just have fun and be successful. I think the key to success is to have fun," Moger said. "If we stay focused I think we could surprise some people."

Last minute Princeton baseball game rained out

Conor O'Neill
Reporter

As Elon was soaked with rain this weekend, the Phoenix baseball team had two games against league opponent Davidson College canceled, as well as Monday night's game against Princeton University.

Coming off of a 5-4 win at Wake Forest University on Wednesday, Elon and Davidson played through the rain Friday night and Davidson was able to win 7-1. Saturday's game was moved to Sunday. Then both games were called off on Sunday.

In that Friday night game, starting pitcher sophomore Ken Ferrer and the rest of the Phoenix had to battle through a downpour through the whole game.

"We're a good offensive team, and the rain puts a lot more pressure on our defense to make plays," senior outfielder Cory Harrilchak said. "But you know, both teams are playing in it, so you can't say that it was a major factor."

Monday night, the Phoenix was scheduled to host Princeton, but after the game time was moved back one hour the forecast had not improved and the game was canceled.

Because of Southern Conference rules, the games against Davidson will not be made up, which puts the Phoenix at a disadvantage by losing two home games.

"They beat us on Friday night, but I felt really good about us bouncing back," Elon head coach Mike Kennedy said. "To (have) two home games in conference is a tough loss for us."

The Phoenix has a 16-5 record historically against Davidson, and in the past season Elon swept the Wildcats in three games on the road.

Getting on the field has been a problem lately for the team Kennedy said.

"We haven't had any continuity with practice since we went to Appalachian State," Kennedy said.

The series against the Mountaineers was in late February.

The next game for the team will be today, as the Phoenix travels to Raleigh for a rematch with North Carolina State. Earlier this season, the Wolfpack beat the Phoenix 3-1 at Elon, and the players would like to return the favor.

"We'll be chomping at the bit to get out there again," Harrilchak said.

One aspect that will not be an issue against the Wolfpack is rest. With three straight days of rain-outs and NCAA rules prohibiting practice on Tuesday, today will be the first time on the field for the Phoenix.

Junior outfielder Justin Hilt said he has also felt the absence of playing games on a consistent basis.

"We're anxious to get back out there and play some games," he said. "We have to make up some conference games. The most important thing right now is to win some conference games."

Hilt and the rest of the Phoenix will get their chance to win conference games this weekend when Furman University Paladins come to Latham Park for a threeway series.

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Women's track opens with records

Pam Richter and Sam Calvert
Executive Editors

Through the wind and the rain, the Elon women's track team trudged through last weekend at the Coastal Carolina/ASICS Invitational in Conway, S.C.

Sophomore Emily Fournier broke the Elon school record in the women's 3,000-meter run with a time of 10:10.72. She finished second in the event. Her time was 10 seconds faster than the previous records set in 2007.

Freshman Amy Salek also set a school record at the meet. She ran a 55.95 in the 400-meter run, breaking the school record by more than two seconds. She won the event and ran more than a second faster than the second-place runner.

But the success for the team wasn't solely limited to the runners. The throwers had a good weekend as well.

"Our throwers looked very good, and I think we are actually going to come together as we get more practice and some good weather," Elon head coach Mark Elliston said.

Freshman thrower Alyssa Girvin finished fourth in the discus throw with a 40.18 meter (131-10). Sophomore Justine Robertson finished seventh in the same event. In the shot put, Robertson finished fifth with a throw of 11.83 meters.

Sophomore Veronica Day placed second in the women's long jump with a jump of 5.39 meters (17-08.25).

The team will look to build from this solid performance at the Raleigh Relays on March 27 and 28, Elliston said.

"This is a very competitive meet," Elliston said. "With

spring break coming, we have a couple more weeks for training and we are going to work to get ready."

The Phoenix has a young team this season with the core of the team comprised of freshman and sophomores.

"We have a young team who is very talented," Elliston said. "We are working on getting in better shape so that we can really take a shot at some school records."

With two school records already broken during the first meet, there is potential for more records to be broken.

For Elliston, having a young team does present its challenges.

"The biggest thing with the team, because we are so young, is to just stay healthy," he said.

Success in the meets early in the season will help build confidence for the Phoenix, Elliston said.

Since a majority of the roster is freshmen and sophomores, it is important for the team to continue to build experience.

A few more meets before the Southern Conference Outdoor Championship will give the young team experience, he said.

"I want them to try to gain experience and confidence on the college level," Elliston said.

After the Raleigh Relays, the team will travel to Lynchburg, Va., for the Liberty Collegiate Invitational on April 3 and 4.

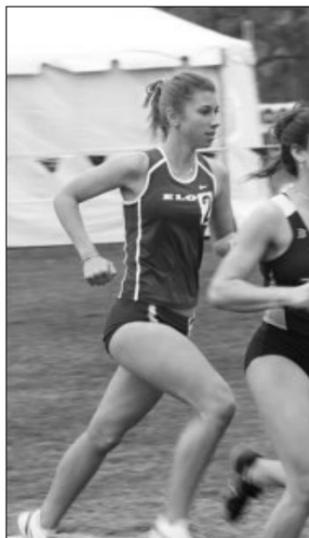
The team will then compete at the SoCon championships April 25 and 26.

"The main thing this year is to really get them to come together as a team, to get the experience, to learn what it's all about on the college level and to get a little better each



meet," Elliston said.

JUSTINE SCHULERUD | Photographer



ABOVE: Freshman Amy Salek opened her outdoor season with a new 400 meter school record of 55.95, beating the old record by more than two seconds. Salek took the only Phoenix gold medal in the open 400 and also competed in the 4x100- and 4x400-meter relays, placing fifth and second, respectively.

FAR LEFT: Sophomore Emily Fournier also opened her outdoor season by smashing the 3000-meter school record by more than 10 seconds in a time of 10:10.72 to place second in the event. Fournier also ran a time of 4:47.31 in the 1500-meter race to place third overall.

Durham's contract not renewed



Trip Durham
Associate Athletics Director
for Marketing, Promotions
and Home Game
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Early Tuesday, Sports Information Director Matt Eviston confirmed Trip Durham, the former "Voice of the Phoenix," will not have his contract renewed.

"Because of personnel issues, a lot of things are confidential," Eviston said. "But I can confirm (Durham's) contract was not renewed."

Durham's official title was associate athletics director for marketing, promotions and home game management.

This year, Durham began "The Elon Phoenix Football Radio Show" with head football coach Pete Lembo. The show aired live every Thursday night from The Cutting Board restaurant in Burlington.

Last year, because of his work with Elon, Durham was named president of the National Association of Collegiate Marketing Administrators.

Title IX transforms women's athletics across country

Pam Richter
Sports Editor

March is women's history month.

Women's accomplishments are highlighted and celebrated throughout the month. The progress they have made in society are recognized.

Part of the progress is measured by the amount of females in athletics. In 1972, Title IX was passed, providing men and women with equal opportunity in federally funded activities. This law opened the door for women in athletics.

In recent years, Title IX has faced criticism. Critics argue that Title IX forces schools to cut men's programs in order to comply with the bill.

Last Tuesday, Elon's women and gender studies program hosted a short film screening and panel discussion about Title IX and women's athletics.

The documentary, "Playing Unfair — Media Image of the Female Athlete," was produced in 2002.

The panel discussion featured Janie Brown, professor emerita of physical education, Eric Hall, associate professor of exercise science and faculty athletic representative, Amy Stringer, assistant professor of health and human performance and moderator Mandy Gallagher, assistant professor of communications.

Brown helped start the women's athletic program at Elon University. She said Elon had a desire to have women's

teams even before Title IX began.

President emeritus, Dr. Earl Danieley was instrumental in beginning women's athletics at the university.

Women's basketball was the first women's sport started at Elon with former coach Kay Yow. Yow was hired by Danieley.

In her four years with Elon, Yow coached the team to a state title.

Since Title IX, women's athletics have increased and the panel agreed that the media coverage did not keep up with the increase in women's athletics.

"It's a shame," Stringer said. "Great female athletes on a daily basis are being overlooked (by the media)."

The film screening addressed female athletes in the media, Title IX and homosexuality in women's athletics.

A criticism of the film by Brown was that it did not speak to college athletics enough and only focused on female professional athletes and sports.

The panelists agreed that the gap between men and women's college sports coverage is slowly closing.

Hall said that with the creation of the Big Ten Network, the media is able to cover even less popular women's college sports.

"The teams that are successful get the coverage," Brown said.

Next week March Madness

will begin, but prior to 1982, the NCAA basketball tournament was a men's-only competition. Each season the tournament has received more viewers. Now the tournament is covered on national television.

The passage of Title IX in 1972 helped women's athletics in America reach new popularity.

During the 37 years since Title IX, women's professional sports leagues begin in America.

This was a distant dream just a few years ago.

The WNBA is one of the most popular women's sports leagues in existence today. In the 1980s, some of the best women's basketball players in the nation did not have the opportunity to play professional basketball in America.

Players like Cheryl Miller and Cynthia Cooper were forced to play overseas if they wanted to continue to play basketball. Cooper finished her career in the WNBA leading the Houston Comets to four straight league titles, and increasing the league's popularity. Outside of basketball, there were other pioneers for women's athletics. Billie Jean King defeated former Wimbledon champion Bobby Riggs in tennis in 1973 on TV in the "Battle of the Sexes."

King's victory opened the eyes of Americans proving women could succeed in athletics.

With this one victory, King set the stage for many other



Elon freshman guard Aisha Harper is a beneficiary of Title IX. Elon women's basketball was the first women's sport at the university, led by former head coach Kay Yow.

FILE PHOTO

Volleyball team springs into action during weekend tournament

Michelle Longo
Online Programs Director

If people didn't know her name when they entered Alumni Gym on Saturday morning for Elon volleyball's spring tournament, they had plenty of chances to get to know the Elon athlete in the brightly colored headband.

Freshman hitter Caroline Lemke had a fan club of about 11 friends who screamed her name every time she did something effective.

In one match, one could hear Lemke's name every two minutes and see the responsive smile that spread across her face.

As Lemke dominated and controlled the court, so did her teammates in their first competitive return to the floor since last November, when the season ended in the first-round of the Southern Conference Tournament.

Since January, the women have been concentrating on individual improvement, practicing specific things for specific players.

"We train so much," Lemke said. "It's nice to finally see someone who is not your teammate on the other side of the net."

In an all-day tournament Saturday, the Phoenix welcomed Winston-Salem State University, Campbell University and N.C. State for a 10-match spring tournament in Alumni Gym.

Elon won every game before faltering in the last match of the afternoon.

It was the first competitive match in which the team was playing without the three graduating seniors from last year's squad: libero and hitter Kelley Blakewood, blocker

Stefanie Meyers and defensive specialist Shelley MacBean.

"This is a different team," head coach Mary Tendler said. "After the fall is over, we develop new concerns. It is good to play without the seniors before the next season starts."

An even different team will appear on the court come next September.

Late last year, Tendler signed five high school seniors for the 2009 season.

Tendler said the signees address the holes left by the graduating seniors, most noticeably the void left in the back row by Blakewood.

"We got a taste of what next year will be like," Lemke said. "We have big shoes to fill in, and roles and positions have changed."

Lemke's role on the team is changing as well.

During any match, she can be found closest to the net, hands raised, shouting out threatening opponent's numbers and commanding the movements on the court.

With her trademark of brightly colored headbands, she is never hard to see or hear.

"(Lemke) is very vocal, so naturally she is a leader," Tendler said. "She's upbeat and has a lot of energy and she brings that to the court every time."

Last season, Lemke was selected to the All-Freshmen team after leading Elon in kills and hitting percentage for most of the season.

She was first on the team with 345 kills.

Defensively, she recorded a team-leading 100 blocks, including 16 solo.

"Energy is my thing," Lemke said. "Everyone has their quirks, and I'm glad my personality lets me do my job."



Sophomore middle blocker Sarah Schermerhorn, left, prepares to spike the ball against Campbell University last Saturday. LINDSAY FENDT | Staff Photographer

Keeping spirit alive at ACE Speedway

Greg Davis shines on both sides of the racing track

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ACE speedway, located in Altamahaw right outside Elon, went under new management about four months ago. Davis and the rest of the performance marketing team, including Kathy Thompson and Sean Holley, took over and said their experience is what will bring them and the track success.

Davis has been involved in racing for the better part of his life, starting with motorcycles and then moving to stock cars in the 1980s.

He even raced in Australia in 1990 for the big-name race team Petty Enterprises in the AUSCAR series.

"It was very similar to racing in America, but there just wasn't enough population interest," Davis said.

So he found himself back in the United States, racing and continuing to be a part of racing culture.

He was even an extra crew member on the made-for-television movie "3: The Dale Earnhardt Story." He also got involved when the movie makers didn't get the facts just right.

"Earnhardt prided himself with being trim enough to not have to pull his steering wheel off to get out of the car," Davis said.

So when the directors had the actor remove the steering wheel, Davis set them straight.

But now, Davis is responsible for more than just his car on the track. He is attempting to get more people in the stands when ACE Speedway's season starts March 27.

This comes at a point when small-time places like ACE are facing tough times. Just last week, news surfaced that Manzanita Speedway, a popular and successful half-mile track in Phoenix, Ariz., will close after the final race in April.

Davis and his team said they realize the challenges they face, but believe their multi-pronged approach will spell success for the speedway, as well as the surrounding communities.

Thompson, who spent 14 years on Richard Petty's business marketing team and handled his deal with Pepsi, now acts as director of marketing and public relations. When the team first started, she said there was a lot of work to put into the 52-year-old track.

But she also sees the potential.

"We hope to bring things like church groups and gospel groups out here for concerts," Thompson said. "This place would be perfect to set up chairs and coolers. You could fit 15,000."

Thompson is also working on getting a drifting club to perform stunts similar to those seen in movies like "The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift" at the track.

Davis and Sean Holley, the director of environmental and educational affairs, are also working to get ACE Speedway in the limelight. They have shot a television pilot and are currently sending it around to companies like COX Broadcasting.

The show, called "My Green Garage," pits two teams against each other in a competition to convert Hyundais into hybrid machines.

And while the new management at ACE Speedway is working to spread its reach as far into the community as possible, Davis also understands the roots people have in the track.

"This is it," he said. "This is where you can earn your



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Greg Davis, manager of ACE Speedway, aims to bring new life to

Sports

Tennis stars slide into power rankings, shift focus toward upcoming matches

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The Elon men's tennis team won its third conference game of the season Saturday afternoon against Wofford College to put them at 8-4 for the season and 3-0 in the Southern Conference.

The Phoenix bested the Terriers 5-2, earning the doubles point with wins from No. 40 double team of senior Damon Gooch and sophomore Philip Nemeč (over Stuart Robertson and Danny Manlow 8-4 at No. 1), sophomore Chase Helpingstine and freshman Carlin Murray (over Alan Donald and Paul Bartholomy 8-2 at No. 2) and sophomores Alberto Rojas and Cody Stauffer-MacDowell (over Scott Collins and Tinus Van Wyk 8-3 at No. 3).

The team secured the victory by taking four of the six singles matches as well. Gooch beat Robertson 6-1, 6-3, Nemeč routed Van Wyk 6-2, 6-2, Helpingstine ousted Donald 6-4, 6-3 and Rojas overcame Bartholomy 6-4, 7-5.

Head coach Michael Leonard said he was very pleased with the showing.

"That was the best doubles we've played in a long time," Leonard said. "Our No. 1 doubles has been pretty solid, but with the two other teams, the chemistry has not been great. It felt like yesterday was the first time in a while where all three teams played at a high level."

This win continued the team's five-match winning streak and also locked up its seventh win in the past eight matches.

Success in the rankings

The team has not just succeeded on the court. It has also succeeded in the rankings.

The Intercollegiate Tennis Association released the rankings for Division I men's tennis March 3 - and for the first time in school history - Elon was on the list. The team came in at No. 75, tied with the University of California at Irvine.

Up to this point, the team has played six ranked teams and has proven it can play to their quality, winning points against every team and even pulling an upset against No. 39 East Tennessee State.

"The team has been playing well against premier teams, which has allowed it to get a ranking," Leonard said. "They've worked hard to get those opportunities and have believed in themselves in those situations."

Although after the March 10 rankings came out the team dropped off the list, it is continuing to play at the level at which it is performing now. There is a chance it could climb back onto the list.

The Phoenix still has two ranked teams left to play: No. 48 Radford, who it takes on March 29 at home, and No. 67 Appalachian State, who it plays on the road April 7.

According to Leonard,

earning a ranking depends on who the team plays and how it fairs.

"We have to get an opportunity to play ranked players and ranked teams, and then it's about capitalizing on those opportunities," he said.

As well as receiving its first team ranking in school history, Elon also has a singles player and a doubles team that are ranked at a program-best.

The No. 1 singles player, Gooch is currently ranked No. 56 in the country for singles, according to the most recent ITA rankings.

Gooch first entered the rankings on Feb. 19, when he soared to No. 61, the highest an Elon men's singles player had ever been.

From then, he continued to rise to where he currently sits.

The No. 1 doubles team has also seen good rankings this season.

Gooch and Nemeč entered the fall season ranked No. 49 in Division I men's doubles. On Feb. 20, the team ascended to a program-high No. 20, before falling to where it sits now at No. 40.

The pair upended Duke University's No. 38 doubles team of Kiril Dimitrov and Alain Michel and No. 5 Clay Donato and Taylor Fogleman.

"Our No. 1 doubles team was a good team last year, but they are an even better team this year," Leonard said. "They worked on individual weaknesses to improve to where now, they really don't have weaknesses for other teams to capitalize on."

Looking forward to the conference tournament

After the players came back from matches at UT Chattanooga and Samford University, they sat down with coach Leonard one-on-one to discuss what each man needed to do to improve, Leonard said.

"We've been practicing better the past few weeks," Rojas said. "Each player is really focusing on what he specifically needs to do to get better."

This is just one of the things the team is focusing on as it heads down the stretch towards the Southern Conference tournament, which will be held at Elon at the end of April.

The team is focusing on the conference games that lie ahead, including a match at



FILE PHOTO
The No. 40 pair of Damon Gooch (left) and Philip Nemeč (right), pictured in a Feb. 15 match against UNC Wilmington, defeated Wofford College's No. 1 doubles team 8-4.



FILE PHOTO
Senior Damon Gooch defeated Wofford's Stuart Robertson in a recent Southern Conference tournament match. Gooch and his doubles partner, sophomore Philip Nemeč are currently ranked No. 40 in the nation. The two secured another victory this past weekend against Wofford College.

Georgia Southern next Tuesday.

"We are trying to take care of business in the conference during regular season matches," Leonard said. "The better we perform, the higher seeded we will be. We want to try not to overlook any conference matches so that we can position ourselves as high as we possibly can."

One of those conference matches includes No. 67 Appalachian State, which just emerged in the top-75 March 10.

Although the Phoenix has enjoyed early success against its Southern Conference opponents, the team still has five more SoCon matches left to play, three of which are on the road.

"We need to get our minds right and think positively and believe that we have potential," Rojas said. "We need to really

believe in (our ability to win)."

The team needs to put up good performances against the better conference teams as well as secure the doubles point in order to get a good seed in the

tournament, Leonard said.

"We're trying to improve a little bit each day and not be satisfied with what we are doing so that we can get better," he said.



FILE PHOTO
Sophomore Philip Nemeč, pictured in a Feb. 7 match against Lees-McRae, defeated Wofford College's Tinus Van Wyk 6-2, 6-2 in the No. 4 match on Saturday.