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FINDING COMMON GROUND

Elon will be the 24th institution in North Carolina to accept the Common App

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As members of the Class of 2023 declare their futures on National College Decision Day this Wednesday, four-year universities are already seeking the next batch of prospective students.

At Elon University, the idea of recruiting “forward” is no exception. Dozens of families in search of finding the perfect

school for their children clustered around Elon’s campus during this past weekend’s open house.

But other prospective students wait until their senior year to tour as many schools as possible, soaking in the last months of their junior year in high school before starting the college application process. In Kansas, more than 1,100 miles away from Elon’s lofty oak trees and southern charm, Wichita Collegiate School junior Kathryn Sharp is still considering her options.

“It’s more of a, ‘If I get accepted and I’m still thinking about going, then I’ll visit,’ and I’m

looking at mostly out-of-state schools other than the University of Kansas,” Sharp said.

Sharp has lived in Wichita, Kansas, for most of her life. Though she is considering her in-state school options, she will be one of the thousands of prospective students applying to Elon during the 2019-2020 academic year.

Starting August 1, Elon will finally appear as a search result on the Common Application’s menu for North Carolina universities.

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Students found Lambda Upsilon Lambda chapter

The fraternity gives the Latino community more representation at Elon

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Sophomore Kevin Alvarado knew the first day he stepped on Elon University’s campus as a student that he wanted to establish a Latino-based fraternity. He knew founding an organization at Elon wasn’t going to be easy or happen automatically. But he knew giving the Latinx community more representation in Elon’s greek life mattered.

During the fall of his freshman year, he began conversations with the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life to bring awareness about the need for more Latino representation in Elon’s greek life.

Alvarado reached out to Lambda Upsilon Lambda — a national social fraternity with more than 80 undergraduate chapters — for support in establishing a chapter at Elon.

Jordan King, associate director of Student Involvement, said it was important to see if interest “wouldn’t just fizzle off in the next four years.”

Alvarado began drumming up excitement around campus so when he did approach the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life, he could show the interest students had in a Latino-based greek organization.

“It was a long and committed process,” Alvarado said.

Alvarado held interest meetings and met with the Office of FSL numerous times, eager to turn his dream into a reality.

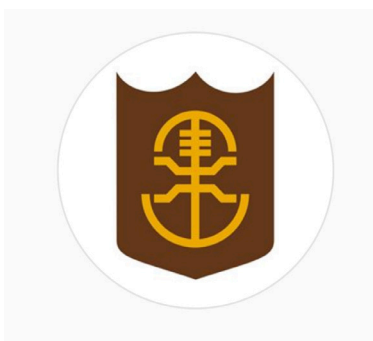
Freshman Martin Beckelhymer was skeptical of the new fraternity when Alvarado first approached him.

“I never saw greek life in my future,” Beckelhymer said.

But after Alvarado asked him a third time, he gave in. He started attending Alvarado’s meetings and heard how passionate he was about LUL.

“I had never heard him speak so strongly and so passionately about something that really, really mattered to him,” Beckelhymer said.

Now Beckelhymer is a founding



member of LUL, along with Alvarado, freshman Joey Burns, freshman Andy Torres and sophomore José Daniel Castillo Solano. Each “hermano” is also part of Elon’s Odyssey Program — an honors program for students who have high financial need and are first-generation college students.

Burns said before Alvarado talked to him about LUL, he viewed fraternities as a negative part of Elon’s campus. He said he “only knew of the stereotypes” about fraternities in the Interfraternity Council (IFC) — partying and hazing.

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Minnesota Vikings draft Elon football player

The senior offensive lineman becomes the first Phoenix drafted to the NFL since 2013

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For the first time since 2013, an Elon Phoenix was drafted to the NFL. Senior offensive lineman Olisaemeka “Oli” Udoh signed with the Minnesota Vikings Saturday, April 27.

“He’s a young man who came here to Elon, committed to the process and changed his body, developed as a football player and as a man. He’s ready for this opportunity and this challenge and I’m really excited for him, his family and Elon football,” said head football coach Tony Trisciani.

Udoh was drafted with the 193 overall pick to the Minnesota Vikings. Udoh was the 17th offensive tackle taken in the draft and the second player taken from the Colonial Athletic Association.

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THIS MONTH IN HISTORY – MARGARET THATCHER

APRIL 28, 1995. Former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher spoke at Elon College's Spring Convocation on Friday, April 28. Thatcher and Frank Hawkins Kenan, founder of Kenan Oil Co., were awarded with honorary degrees from then-Elon President Fred Young during the ceremony. "This is a very great day for me," Thatcher said in her speech. "I worked four to five years for a degree

in chemistry. I reckon I worked 35 years for this one." Throughout her speech, Thatcher attributed freedom of religion and developing individual talent as goals to expand Elon as a college. Approximately 3,000 students, staff and community members attended Spring Convocation. Elon also dedicated Moseley Center, Koury Center and the Faith Rockefeller Model Center during the ceremony.

GAMES

How to Play: Guess the missing word in the five clues, then find them in the word search below. Words can be found backward, diagonal, etc.

- Elon University will be the 24th school in North Carolina to accept the _____. *See Page 1 for answer.*
- The illuminated sign designating an ____ or Lyft driver is thought to make ride-sharing services safer, according to John Bell, house majority leader of the North Carolina General Assembly. *See Page 4 for answer.*
- The annual Maker Takeover showcases students' projects created using resources in the _____. *See Page 10 for answer.*
- Four students used the Maker Hub to create their product Mr. Brü, an _____ kit. *See Page 10 for answer.*
- Senior offensive lineman Oli _____ was drafted to the Minnesota Vikings as the 193rd overall pick in the NFL Draft. *See Page 11 for answer.*

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Sophomore Zion Bright (middle) along with other members of Smooth Progressions A Cappella group perform “Circles” as part of their Spring Concert on Friday, April 26, in Whitley Auditorium.



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Freshman B.F.A. Dance majors Katie Fulks (left) and Cat Beal (right) perform at Dance Works on Friday, April 26, in Studio A of the Performing Arts Center.



ABBY GIBBS | MANAGING EDITOR

Freshman goalie Paige Brown celebrates after Elon women’s lacrosse scored its fifth goal against Coastal Carolina University on Sunday, April 28. The Phoenix eventually defeated the Chanticleers 15-13.



ABBY GIBBS | MANAGING EDITOR

Freshman outfielder Rebecca Murray hits a foul ball in the game against Towson University on Sunday, April 28. While Murray went 0-3 in the game, the Phoenix eventually won 3-1.



MAGGIE BROWN | POLITICS EDITOR

Elon’s Finest Dance Team performs at its Spring Show on Friday, April 26, in McKinnon Hall.



SAFETY IN THE SIGNS

GRACE TERRY | DESIGN CHIEF

More than half of young adults reportedly used a ride-sharing service in 2018, according to the Pew Research Center.

A new law would require Uber and Lyft drivers to display a light-up sign

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THE ILLUMINATED SIGN ON a car showing an Uber or Lyft driver arriving is thought to make ride-sharing services safer, according to John Bell, house majority leader of the North Carolina General Assembly. He is sponsoring a law that would require ride-sharing cars to have a “consistent and distinctive illuminated sign.”

This bill was put before the General Assembly after a University of South Carolina student was kidnapped and murdered when she got into a car with a person she assumed was her Uber driver. Rep. Bell’s bill, the Passenger Protection Act, is modeled after a bill proposed in the South Carolina General Assembly in response to the death of the USC student.

According to a study by the Pew Research Center, more young adults are utilizing ride-sharing services. In 2018, 51% of young adults reported that they have used a ride-sharing service. This is a 23% increase of young adult users since 2015.

Rep. Bell said the safety of ride-sharing services is a concern around college campuses and his bill would help address those concerns.

“Ride-share impersonators is certainly at the top for me. While the tragic murder of the University of South Carolina student Samantha Josephson brought the issue to the forefront,” Bell said. “It’s something that has been going on for years across the country, especially around college campuses.”

The lawmaker said if the Passenger Protection Act pass-

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HOUSE MAJORITY LEADER OF
THE NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL
ASSEMBLY

es, a sign that lights up would be another safety measure for ride-sharing services.

“I believe illuminated signage is a reasonable and good first step to help riders properly identify their vehicles,” he said.

Lyft currently has a light that can be attached to a driver’s car — Amp — but drivers must meet eligibility standards to have Amp. These standards include having Gold or Platinum Accelerate Reward status, being in a city where Amp is available and having an updated shipping address.

Uber also has a light drivers can mount in their car — the Uber Beacon. This light is limited to drivers selected by the company in certain markets. Riders can select the color that the Beacon glows to aid passengers in identifying their ride.

Uber drivers have a sticker in their window if they are not invited to use the light. Before Uber sends drivers a decal for their window they can print one out. Anyone, including those that do not drive for Uber, can print this decal out.

The Passenger Protection Act

BY THE NUMBERS

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of young adults said they have used a ride-sharing service in 2018. This is an increase from the 23% reported in 2015.

would require all Ubers and Lyfts to have light-up signs like the Amp and Beacon.

Brooks Depro, assistant professor of economics, said there can be uncertainty around the safety procedures of ride-sharing services, which gives governments interest in intervening and regulating companies.

“Economists might argue that buyers of Uber and Lyft services may not have all the information they need to make informed travel decisions,” Depro wrote in an email. He said sometimes imperfect information can lead governments to intervene in markets.

While Uber and Lyft are options for students, Elon University offers alternative means of transportation. Safe Rides is Elon’s weekend transportation

PRECAUTIONS CURRENTLY TAKEN

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Senior and director of Safe Rides Bryanna Chazotte said the program is committed to the safety of students.

“Safe Rides is composed of your peers who have a vested interest in your well-being,” Chazotte said.

The program was founded in 1992 after Elon student Chad Macy was killed in a car accident by driving under the influence. Students are encouraged to utilize the program in situations where they feel unsafe.

“If you are worried about your safety or simply cannot afford to take \$10 rides every weekend, Safe Rides is a good option,” Chazotte said.

Rep. Bell said if the Passenger Protection Act becomes law, it would be the responsibility of the Division of Motor Vehicles to enforce the law, making sure drivers are utilizing illuminated signs.

“There are several ways to get home safely and at the end of the day that’s all that is important, public safety is our number one concern as elected officials,” Bell said.

Both ride-sharing companies were unavailable for comment.

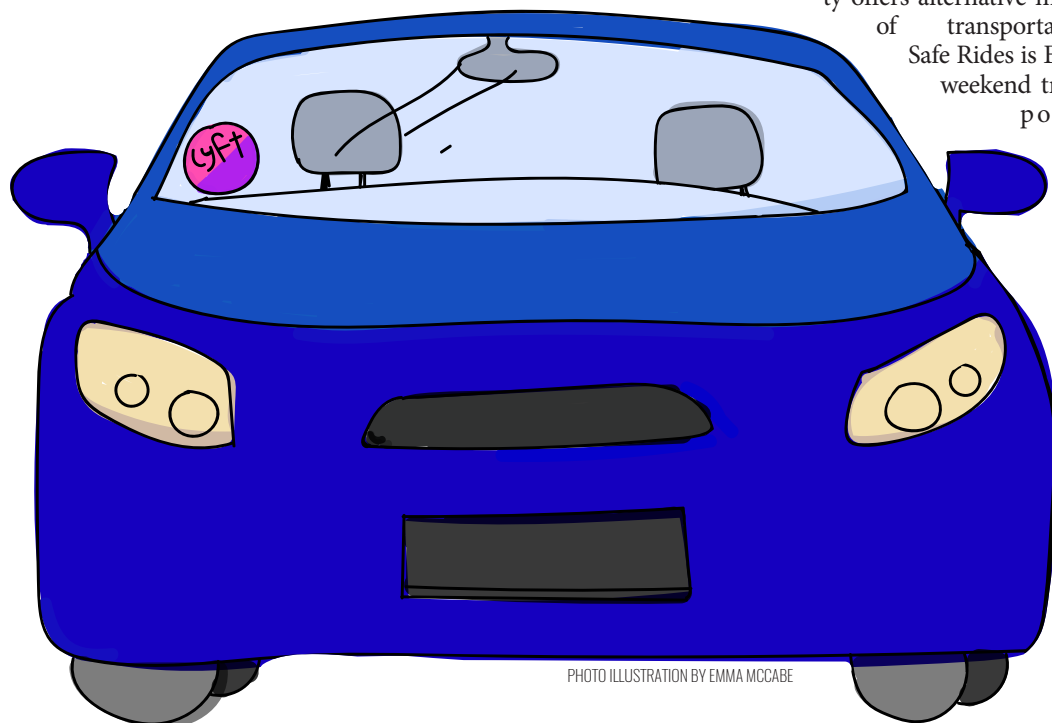


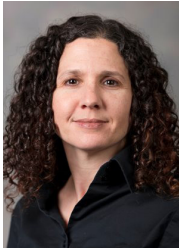
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Brexit unlikely to affect students' abroad experiences

Professor considers future implications of the UK's decision to leave the EU

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Brexit, the term for the “British Exit,” refers to the U.K.’s decision to leave the European Union (EU) that was voted on June 23, 2016. Theresa May,



Safia Swimelar

prime minister of the U.K., has requested a delay for Brexit until June 30. The Brexit was scheduled to happen April 12 but could still happen earlier if a deal is ratified. Safia Swimelar, associate professor of political science and policy studies, discusses the implications of the U.K.’s decision to leave the EU.

Q: How would Brexit affect Elon University students who live in the U.K.?

A: Since Brexit is only about the relationship between Britain and the European Union in terms of citizenship, residency, etc., it would not affect any Elon student directly in terms of their ability to study, live, work there since they would be there on a particular legal status connected to being a U.S. citizen. If an Elon



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student who lives there is not a U.S. citizen but is there due to his/her EU citizenship, then they may face some issues with residency. However, this is still at the moment being negotiated.

Q: Do you see conflict between Northern Ireland (U.K.) and the Republic of Ireland reigniting as a result of Brexit due to border closing tensions?

A: This is one of the most important parts of the entire Brexit situation. The Irish are very keen to avoid a hard border at the border between Ireland, an EU member, and Northern

Ireland, part of the U.K. and in the future not part of the EU. This would be the only land border between the U.K. and the EU.

The “troubles” in Northern Ireland were devastating in terms of loss of life and trust between the two sides, and the Good Friday Agreement of 1998 and the role of the European Union in the peace process and EU rules themselves about open borders, a single market, etc., have all served to keep the peace there and to show that the people living on either side of this border, that they have much in common and that they are not so physically and psychological-

ly divided.

If there is a hard border with checkpoints and armed border guards, there is a legitimate fear about how this will translate into relations between everyday people because a border would be both a practical problem for goods getting through but also a symbolic barrier to people who have become used to a sense of freedom and connection between the two.

The issue with having guards/checkpoints and needing surveillance, security cameras, etc. is that there are still potential violent nationalists who may see these as potential “targets” and they could use force against

U.K. Prime Minister Theresa May gives a news conference inside Downing Street, London, where she offered to sit down with Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn to try to agree a plan, which allows the U.K. to leave the EU with a deal on April 2, 2019.

them. We really don’t know, of course, what will happen, and there has been a good amount of trust built between the two sides, but much of this was related to their common goals within the EU and the breakdown of the barriers.

Q: What does Brexit mean for people going abroad from Elon to the U.K.?

A: It is really hard to answer what will Brexit mean for anything since in almost three years, the Parliament has not officially agreed on anything. What this could mean for people going abroad from here are a few things:

1. With an American passport, with Britain out of the EU, American students would still travel to the U.K. and the EU the same way and not have to apply in advance for a tourist visa like now. The U.S. and U.K. negotiated in 2018 an “open skies” agreement, which would allow for continued transatlantic travel.

2. Problems may arise for students who want to take cheap European budget airlines from the U.K. to the EU, but this all depends on what is negotiated. I think all sides will be working hard to make the transition smooth. This all depends on if there is a “no-deal” Brexit or whether they can actually figure out a deal where new contracts are negotiated between these budget airlines flying between U.K. and EU.

In short, I don’t really see any real effects on Americans at the moment, but this all depends on what is negotiated.

N.C. House bill could increase ICE presence in local communities

House Bill 370 faces opposition in Alamance County, NCSA

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The North Carolina House passed a bill this month that would require county sheriffs’ departments to cooperate with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Currently, sheriffs’ departments have the authority to decide whether or not to work with ICE when they receive immigrants.

The new bill would require sheriffs to “comply with, honor, and fulfill any request made” by ICE, which would increase ICE’s presence in local areas, according to House Bill 370. The bill passed through state house and is currently under review by the senate.

Siembra NC, a grassroots immigrants’ rights organization, started a petition against House Bill 370, asking Gov. Roy Cooper to veto the bill if it ends up passing through the senate. The petition has more than 4,000 signatures.

Siembra labels the bill a “Show Me Your Papers” law, where Siembra references other proposed bills around the country that require local law enforcement to cooperate with ICE.

Siembra’s petition said the new bill would “increase racial profiling, detentions, deportations and the separation of families and communities in North Carolina.”

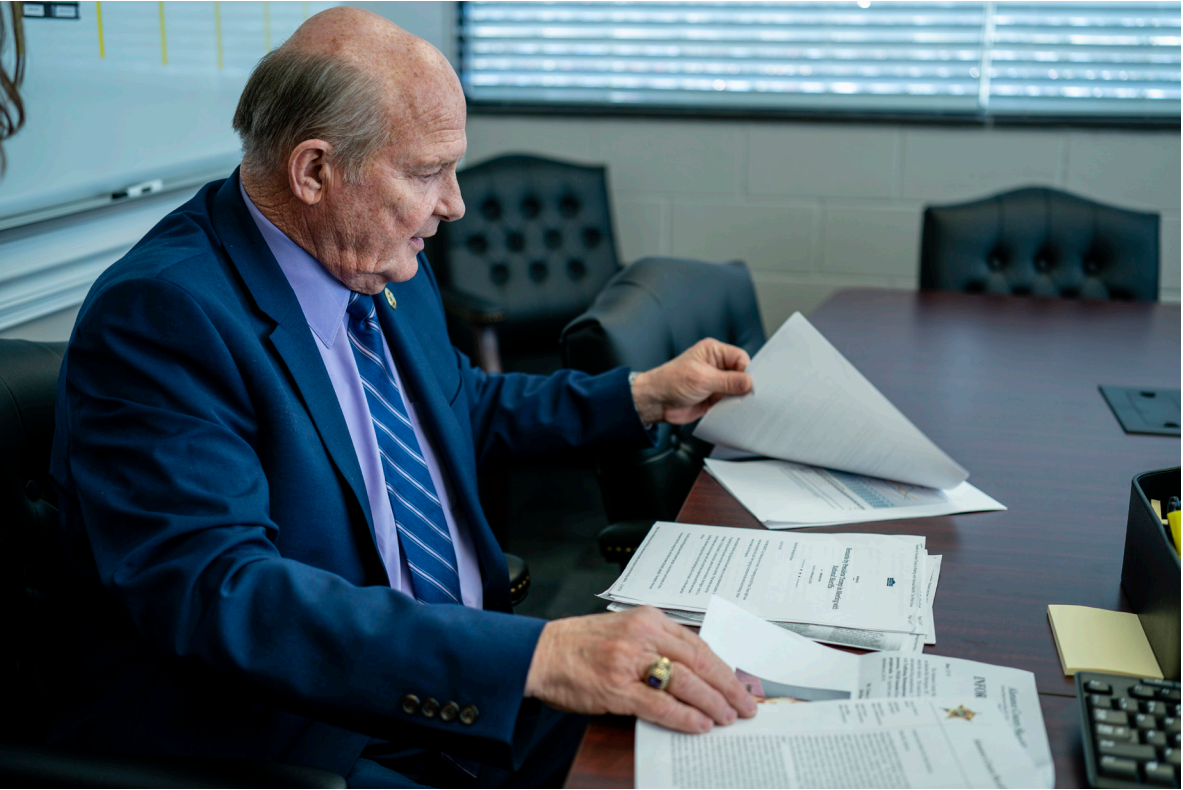
The North Carolina Sheriff’s Association (NCSA) said it opposes the bill. In a position statement, the association said most sheriffs in the state already comply with ICE detainers and are opposed to laws that require or prohibit local law enforcement to take part in ICE detainer programs.

Some sheriffs in more urban areas have been accused of being “sanctuary sheriffs,” or allow undocumented immigrants to stay in the county, according to NC Policy Watch.

In a press conference in February, ICE Field Office Director Sean Gallagher said these sheriffs release criminals to the streets and it is a harm to citizens.

The NCSA proposed an amended bill that allows sheriffs more freedom. It argues this gives more power to the citizens of each county since the sheriff is an elected position.

“The people of each county, as reflected by the decision of their elected sheriff, should retain the ability to decide which lawful method they will utilize in complying with exist-



JESS RAPFOGEL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Alamance County Sheriff Terry Johnson shows news articles in which he believes the media misrepresented local law enforcement’s relationship with ICE and its presence in Alamance County.

ing federal and state law,” the organization said in its position statement.

Alamance County Sheriff Terry Johnson — who is in favor of tighter immigration policies — is in support of an amended version of the bill proposed by the NCSA, according to Byron Tucker, public information officer for the sheriff’s department.

But Elon junior Gabrielle Cifelli, the public relations chair for Elon University College Republicans, said her organization supports the bill.

“I say that we believe in ‘Ameri-

ca First,” Cifelli said.

Cifelli said when people break the law by crossing the border illegally, they should be held accountable.

Senior David Duncan, president and co-founder of the organization Immigrant Realities, said the bill could potentially harm immigrant communities, causing them to fear and distrust law enforcement.

“The short-term effects of this is that immigrants are not going to be able to really contribute and be

a part of their communities,” Duncan said. “The long-term effects — and what research has shown — is that immigrants’ families are taking a toll. Immigrants are already at a disadvantage.”

Duncan believes the bill is just one piece of a larger problem.

“This is one bill that I think is a symptom of greater issue of national insecurity, nationally white supremacy,” Duncan said. “Xenophobic perspective is rooted in racist nativism that dictates where power should be given and not.”

COMMON APP PROJECTED TO INCREASE ELO

ADMISSIONS | from cover

The Common Application, a college application service founded in 1975 that includes more than 800 colleges across the United States and 36 international universities, will be Sharp's preferred method of applying to most of her schools. The service's design provides prospective students with a universal space to apply to a multitude of college and submit personal essays and background information, including test scores and grades, extracurricular activities and faculty recommendations.

While Sharp does not think Elon's traditional separate application would have affected her decision to consider Elon as one of her possible schools, she acknowledged that applying to Elon will be easier from the Common App's drop-down search menu rather than a separate website.

"I think it'll be less stressful using the Common App because it's one application for different schools," Sharp said. "I won't have to fill out a separate application for each school that I'm applying to, which will make it easier in the long run."

Reimagining growth

While the Common App has not officially confirmed all the schools in the 2019-2020 year's class, Elon has decided to become a member of the Common App for the upcoming application season.

In an email, Greg Zaiser, vice president of enrollment for Elon's Office of Admissions, confirmed Elon's decision to become affiliated with the Common Application.

"We need to position the university for this change by being where students are looking for colleges, and because over 850 schools are members of the Common App, students are looking at colleges there," Zaiser wrote. "Membership will help us naturally extend our national and growing international reputation."

As a result, the decision to become a Common App member signifies a shift toward a more diverse student body.

Several universities have reported that the Common App plays a factor in expanding the number of applications received, regardless of where they are from.

Alexis Pope, director of admissions at Appalachian State University, theorized that their out-of-state applications would increase after announcing to go live with the Common App last August. To his surprise, he discovered there was a greater number of in-state applicants despite using the College Foundation of North Carolina, an application system typically reserved for in-state prospective students.

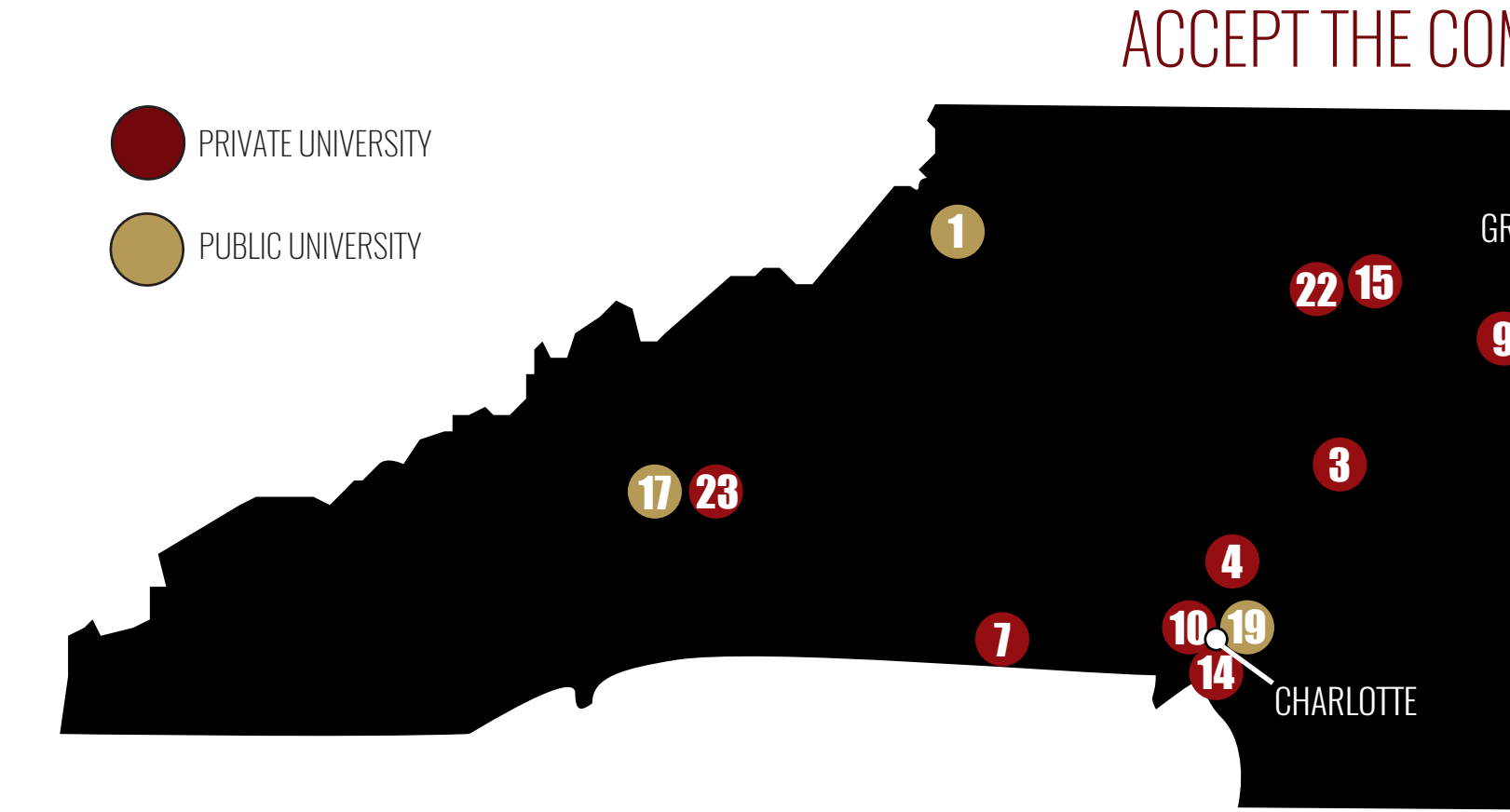
"Going live in Common App was an improvement," Pope said.

In addition, Appalachian State saw an increase of rural applicants and Pell Grant recipients, according to Pope. Through streamlining the process of applications, Pope claims he was able to focus more on working with prospective students.

"[The Common App] was made to be more in front of the student," Pope said.

While admissions procedures for Appalachian State were simplified with the Common App, high schools are still adjusting to effectively incorporate the Common App into all application operations.

In Greensboro, Grimsley High School has encountered slight difficulties in streamlining the application process with the Common App. According to Mike Harrington, a guidance counselor at Grimsley, more than 90% of applications he sees involve using the Common App. Though he appreciates the simplified pro-



1 APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY
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2 BARTON COLLEGE
WILSON, N.C.

3 CATAWBA COLLEGE
SALISBURY, N.C.

4 DAVIDSON COLLEGE
DAVIDSON, N.C.

5 DUKE UNIVERSITY
DURHAM, N.C.

6 EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY
GREENVILLE, N.C.

7 GARDNER-WEBB UNIVERSITY
BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.

8 GUILFORD COLLEGE
GREENSBORO, N.C.

9 HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY
HIGH POINT, N.C.

10 JOHNSON & WALES UNIVERSITY – CHARLOTTE
CHARLOTTE, N.C.

11 MEREDITH COLLEGE
RALEIGH, N.C.

12 NORTH CAROLINA A&T STATE UNIVERSITY
GREENSBORO, N.C.

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ASHEVILLE, N.C.

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CHAPEL HILL, N.C.

cess of the Common App with electronic notifications, he said he still feels his office still has not streamlined the process of applications with transcripts.

Since the Common App requires all aspects of a student's application to go through its own online service, Harrington finds himself having to upload the final transcripts separately in addition to having them sent by a separate transcript specialist in the Grimsley guidance department.

"What they're really referring to is the final transcript, and I don't know how other schools handle it based on the way it reads to me," Harrington said. "There's a sense where we're kind of doing double work."

A selective approach

As students and counselors work on college applications, selectivity also remains a part of the application process. Harrington has noticed he has to work with students to develop more of a realistic interpretation of applying to college.

"I think a lot of kids develop an image of a school that's really not based off of much," Harrington said.

As a result of this expansive image, more students are applying to college than ever. Applications from first-time freshmen, prospective transfer students

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GRIMSLEY HIGH SCHOOL
GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

and international students increased from 2016-2017, according to the 2018 State of College Admissions report from The National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC).

While Zaiser said he believes applicants could possibly encounter greater selectivity, the possibility of increased applications with the Common App could make Elon more selective over time. For the past 10 years, Elon has averaged a 57% acceptance rate though this year's rate of applicants who were accepted was higher than ever before, with acceptance rates soaring to 72%.

"Naturally, when applications increase, there is a likelihood that more students may not be admitted. However, selectivity is secondary," Zaiser wrote. "We are an inclusive environment and we look for reasons to admit students."

Though enrollment has been steady for the past 19 years, growing annually by approximately 50 to 100 students, the addition of selectivity with applications could hinder the process of increasing student enrollment as a part of the development model of Elon's 2030 Strategic Plan. But since enrollment rates are slow, it is unlikely the addition of the Common App will increase enrollment immediately.

"And since we will continue to grow a little each year, I don't expect we will become considerably more selective im-

mediately," Zaiser wrote. "As we assess the performance of students who enroll through the Common App, we will most likely see the rate declining."

In-state effect

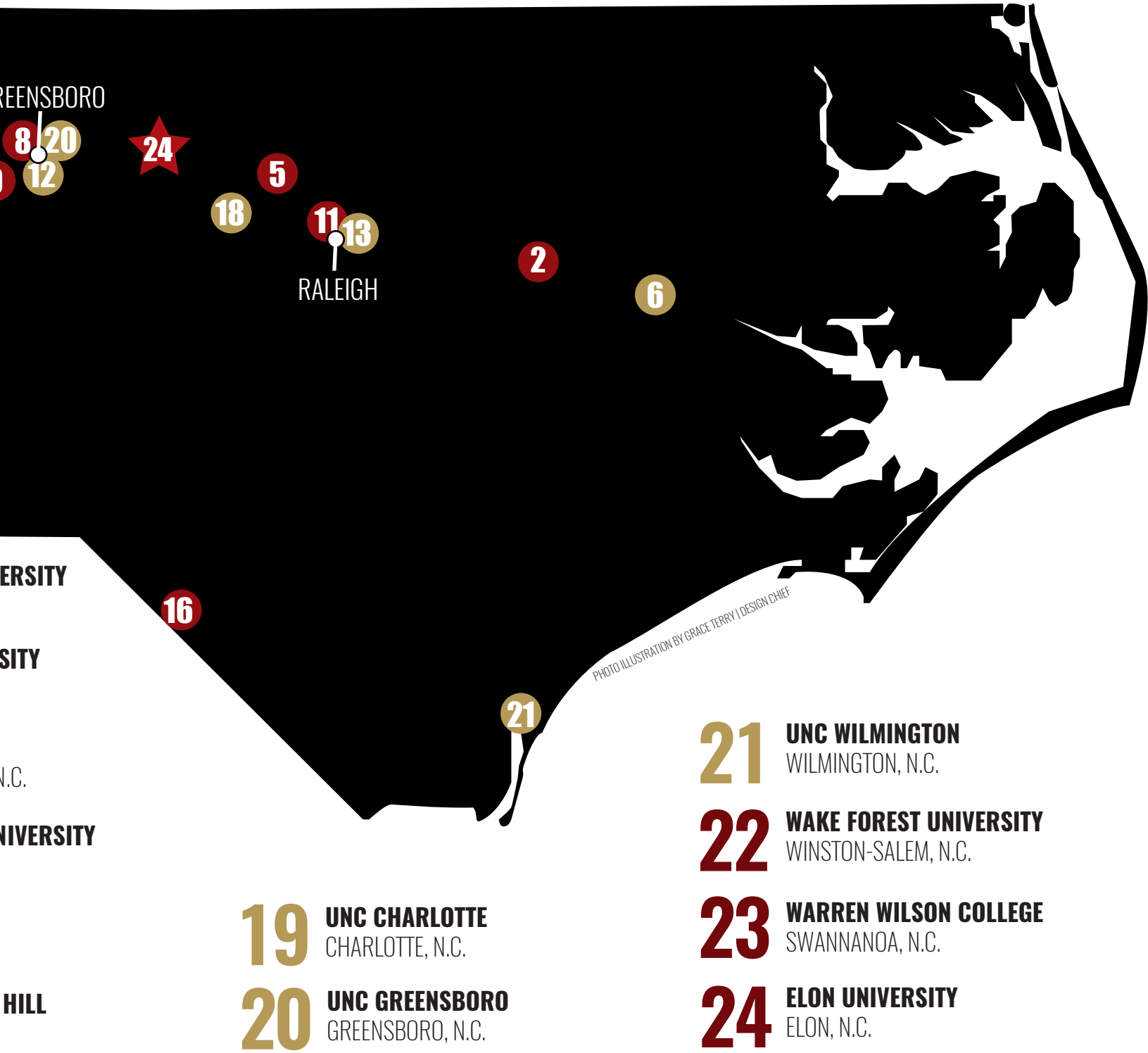
The volume of applications for the 2018-2019 school year was a substantial number of applications compared to the number of students applying in North Carolina, according to an official statement from the Common Application. "More than 1 million students have submitted more than 1 million applications to those institutions," being North Carolina universities.

With 23 other universities in North Carolina, Elon's decision to join the Common App adds to the estimate that almost a third of North Carolina colleges and universities utilize the Common App. "In North Carolina, almost a third of North Carolina universities or colleges that identify as private or public undergraduate institutions use the Common App," Zaiser wrote. "Of the 47 four-year institutions in North Carolina, 16 use it for their admissions process."

Brevard College faculty use it for their admissions process, with 67% that do not use it.

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for admissions. Instead, Brevard uses the College Foundation for North Carolina, a North Carolina application process specifi- cally for in-state residents and that also provides resources for student loans and scholarships. And in addition, Brevard has its own application process, free of charge.

“We’re fine with what we have,” said David Volrath, director of admissions and financial aid at Brevard.

Because the Common App requires schools to pay a fee for subscription ser- vices, Volrath emphasized that Brevard’s application streamlines the process with- out any extra fees. Through Brevard’s application, Volrath said he believes per- sonalizing an application can allow great- er autonomy over the process, especially with other elements of the application, such as directed writing prompts for stu- dents to answer.

Volrath has no plans to consider switching application systems.

But for Appalachian State, extending the number of application systems is a pri- ority, which Pope defined the shift toward the Common App as “intuitive.”

“It appeals to students with more diver- sity or lower access to other applications,” Pope said.

Preparing for impact

Besides growing diversity for in-state

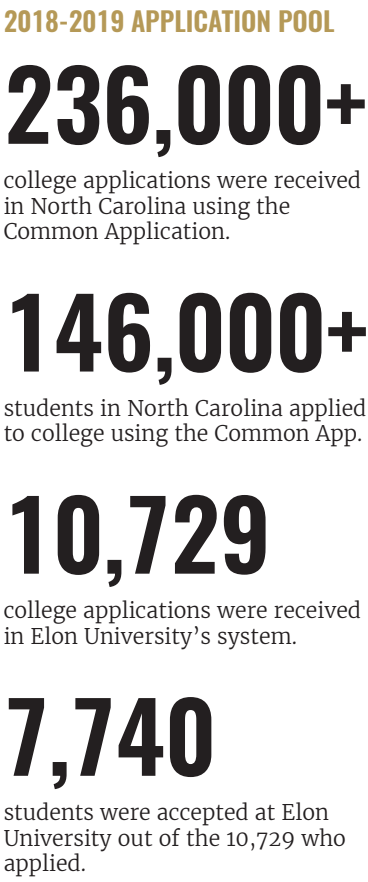
applicants, Zaiser and his admissions team hope to see more international and transfer students apply to Elon. Accord- ing to the 2019 Spring Registrar Report, 150 international students remain part of Elon’s campus, composing about 2% of Elon’s total enrollment.

“Well, the hope is that more college counselors will put Elon on students’ lists because they won’t have to do a separate application,” wrote Hebe Fuller, Elon di- rector of international admissions, in an email.

In addition, transfer students will also use the Common App though the overall effect of transfer applications is variable. The average acceptance rate of under- graduate students who applied to transfer to Elon was 62% as of 2019, according to the University Fact Book.

“We anticipate growth in the appli- cant pool for both first-year students and transfers since joining the Common App makes Elon more accessible to more stu- dents,” Zaiser wrote.

As the number of applications are projected to increase, Zaiser said he feels Elon’s admissions staff is prepared to han- dle the influx. Currently, there is a team of six members involved in implementing the Common Application, led by Melanie May, director of data and communica- tions for admissions, and other directors of admissions.



May was unavailable to comment, but Zaiser estimates the implementation process will “take approximately five months.”

According to Pope, Appalachian State’s implementation of the Common App improved the university’s web ser- vices through automatic transcription downloads. As a result, less manpower was needed for the processing of applica- tions, designating admissions members to other tasks, such as providing more support toward prospective students.

The case for unification

Though facets of the Common App process proved to simplify issues of ca- pacity in Appalachian State’s case, the addition of the Common App paves the way for future partnerships with other application systems. The Common App’s rivals — the Universal and Coalition Ap- plications — are also being taken into consideration by other universities.

Established in 2007, the Universal College Application (UCA) is affiliated with 18 universities, including Cornell, Johns Hopkins and Rhodes College. Es- tablished in 2007, the UCA is a modern- ized version of the Common App, with features such as automatic saving and high-speed tech services. Since its univer- sity offerings are limited, no North Caro- lina universities are affiliated with UCA.

While Elon has no plans to accept the UCA, they will continue to use the Coa- lition for Access, Affordability, and Suc- cess platform. Elon partnered with the Coalition two years ago along with five other North Carolina universities, a small number compared to the more than 140 universities in the United States who uti- lize the Coalition.

Founded in 2015, the Coalition per- tains to lower-income level students, pro- moting online portfolio work throughout high school, particularly for younger students seeking to apply to college. All services provided by the Coalition are free of charge, and Appalachian State is taking the application service into con- sideration.

“We are looking at partnering with the Coalition as well,” Pope said. “The more partnerships, the better, but I also believe the more partnerships, the more complicated.”

Because more partnerships require greater capacity, Zaiser believes Elon is prepared to handle the influx of ap- plications from using three separate application services. But regardless of the application format, Elon’s tradition- al writing requirement will remain an application staple. According to Zais- er, the decision to reinstate the writing requirement was to further the com- pletion of applications. This includes the “Think Fast” section, a series of short-answer questions to illustrate an applicant’s personality.

For Sharp, personal writing sup- plements are her main concern as she will try to distinguish herself from the thousands of other prospective appli- cants applying to Elon in the following year. In the 2018-2019 year, more than 10,000 prospective students applied to Elon, with 1,698 of those students plan- ning to enroll in the fall.

With Elon already preparing for the next batch of applications, Sharp has realized making the final decision will always be the hardest part of her de- cision to attend college. With her last year of high school underway, Sharp plans to make a decision of college for herself – not her parents.

“I think I’m excited for all the traditions that come with senior year,” Sharp said, “and being able to apply and finally know where I’m going and where I’ve been accepted and making the decision actually.”

OPINIONS



The closed gate that separates the Colonnades Neighborhood from the Danieley Neighborhood could cause traffic and safety concerns.

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CAMPUS VOICE

The gate should be open. Why was it even closed?



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Elon University is a small campus community connected in a variety of ways. But one of those connections has been disrupted by a closed gate separating the Danieley Neighborhood from the Colonnades Neighborhood parking lot.

The gate can only be opened by certain university vehicles. This barrier is an inconvenience to faculty, staff, students and visitors and it makes traveling around campus unnecessarily complicated.

According to Sgt. Cory Ray with Elon's Campus Safety and Police, the gate was put in place to keep traffic light for the BioBus, Physical Plant trucks and emergency vehicles. The gate was only temporarily propped open to allow construction vehicles to enter and exit, Ray said.

The purpose of the gate was to create an easy route for Elon and emergency vehicles free of student traffic and visitors' cars. But the closed gate disconnects Danieley from the rest of

campus and actually results in more traffic and safety hazards elsewhere.

Drivers going to or from Danieley must go onto East Haggard Avenue and through campus to get to classrooms, other residence halls and downtown.

East Haggard Avenue runs directly through the center of the campus. It's lined with crosswalks and intersections. During weekdays, East Haggard is one big traffic jam, with a steady flow of foot traffic, bicycles and vehicles.

The traffic worsens when Elon Elementary School students are released and parents line up to pick up their kids. The road can become crowded and chaotic, leading to safety hazards.

Braedyn "Brae" Robson, a sophomore living in Moffitt Hall in the Colonnades Neighborhood, said the gate being closed could be considered dangerous for students. Robson, who has a car on campus, will often opt to drive to classes, especially in bad weather

conditions. He said he believes the gate being closed results in "a waste of time and gas for students" and makes it more difficult to see friends and access dining options.

But students living in Danieley are arguably most affected by the gate being closed. Sophomore Danieley resident Peter Kerr said, "Danieley felt closer to and more a part of campus" with the gate open. Kerr said an open gate is harmless and the stop signs on either side of the gate help to prevent accidents.

Despite Elon's small size, Danieley seems disconnected from downtown and the center of campus, unlike other dorms. An open gate encourages students in Danieley to leave their neighborhood more often and allows other students to venture over to Danieley for food and visits.

Deborah Bozeman has been driving the BioBus for a year, following a consistent route around campus to transport students to and from classes. She knows

the gate is closed to avoid student interference but claimed to have had no trouble or interference from other drivers while the gate was temporarily opened earlier this year.

Bozeman acknowledges and respects that whether the gate is up or down is the university's decision. She speculates that there may have been difficulties for BioBus drivers in previous years that prompted the university to install the gate in the first place.

There have been rumors around campus that the gate was closed due to the BioBus drivers' preferences, but according to Bozeman, she and her colleagues have their own problems with the gate and said they would be happy to have it open.

Bozeman said visitors unfamiliar with the campus are often confused by the gate and seemingly expect it to open for them, which results in difficulty for the BioBus to get through. In addition, the sensors that trigger the gate occasionally fail to work. A ride on

the BioBus illustrates the problem. As we approached the gate, the bus began to slow down until it came to a complete stop. Bozeman, still fully engrossed in our conversation, let out a sigh as we waited for a couple of seconds before the sensor installed in the front of the bus triggered the gate to open. As the gate slowly rose, Bozeman commented on the inconvenience of bringing the bus to a complete stop to wait for the gate every time she passes through.

Bozeman recalls students' complaints about accessing Danieley Commons for food. "It's unnecessary for kids to drive all the way around when they could just come right in and right back out," Bozeman said.

The gate is inefficient, and when it was temporarily opened, there was no disruption in the travel of BioBus and emergency vehicles.

The open gate was a convenience, not a problem, and that convenience should be returned.

LIFESTYLE

FIRST LATINO-BASED FRATERNITY ESTABLISHED AT ELON

FRATERNITY | from cover

“I never really thought I would fit into one,” Burns said.

Burns is not Latino — he is Italian and Irish. But he is passionate about the mission of LUL and is excited that the organization opened its doors to members of all races and ethnicities.

“They didn’t only focus on the Latino community, but they focused on anyone who had an open mind,” Burns said.

Establishing a chapter

After more than a year of numerous meetings, proposals and presentations, the Office of Student Life decided to charter LUL at Elon last week.

Manny Montes, an alumni advisor with LUL, said the process was more difficult for the Elon chapter of LUL to be established than at another university. The Office of Student Life does not yet have a council for minority organizations that are not historically African-American.

Currently, the Elon chapter of LUL is established under the IFC, which Montes said is not typical of LUL chapters. For example, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill chapter of LUL is under the Greek Alliance Council — which consists of 14 minority-based fraternities and sororities. But at Elon, the two Latinx-based greek organizations are under the IFC and Panhellenic Association (PA).

Montes said the process to establish a chapter at Elon was at times discouraging for the hermanos because it took longer than they expected. But King said the university was ready to open its campus to a new fraternity and worked with students through the summer.

“We were looking to establish a fraternity pretty quickly,” King said.



Founding hermanos of Elon University’s chapter of Lambda Upsilon Lambda (LUL) celebrate the fraternity’s official charter on Tuesday, April 23.

“This was a pretty accelerated process.”

He said the process for a greek organization to be established at Elon can be tedious, so the university wanted to make sure the Elon chapter of LUL would have the proper support.

“Our No. 1 goal is to ensure that they’re sustainable,” King said.

Forming a new community

Beckelhymer said one of the main reasons he decided to be a founding member of the Elon chapter of LUL was because of the network and support the organization provides after college.

“We speak a common language and understand a common struggle,” Montes said. The motto for



WE SPEAK A COMMON LANGUAGE AND UNDERSTAND A COMMON STRUGGLE.

MANNY MONTES
ALUMNI ADVISOR WITH LUL

LUL is “La unidad para siempre,” or “unity forever.” The network between brothers of the LUL is tight, Montes said.

Beckelhymer said he currently gets his support from the Elon Odyssey program.

“We are fortunate as Odyssey Scholars that we have a support system already,” Beckelhymer said on behalf of the hermanos.

But joining LUL is a deeper network with more opportunities that Beckelhymer said he wouldn’t have being a Latino at Elon.

“This is something even more,” Beckelhymer said. “This is a whole new cohort.”

Montes said he believes LUL is critical to have at Elon so the organization can offer more support to its Latino students interested in

greek life. He said most organizations in the IFC and PA “cater to a mainstream kind of student.”

According to the Office of Student Involvement, monthly dues for fraternities in the IFC can range from \$150 to \$400, and annual dues can reach up to \$1,000. LUL requires one yearly application fee of \$150.

Alvarado and Montes said keeping fees low makes LUL more accessible for most students.

“It’s reflective of the gap that exists between our communities,” Montes said about the greek life fees.

Looking at the “new line”

In spring 2020, LUL hopes to establish a “new line” of members to join. But Alvarado said the Elon chapter of LUL will be selective. Burns and Alvarado said when looking at new members, it’s about “quality over quantity.”

“We want to make sure we aren’t bringing in members who want to wear letters and all that,” Alvarado said. “We are ready to make an impact in the community.”

When approving any fraternity or sorority to come to campus, King said the university looks to see if it aligns with the university values and needs. The university found that LUL follows the mission of Elon and its social progress.

“When we look at our students’ different needs on this campus, I think this fits right in with the needs of the institution, with the way that our institution is growing and diversifying and along with our fraternity and sorority community,” King said.

King said he is excited for the perspective LUL and its members will bring to the IFC.

“It’s going to be a different kind of energy to our fraternity and sorority community,” King said.

Caitlin Rundle contributed to the reporting of this story.



The Elon University Lambda Upsilon Lambda chapter’s founding line of hermanos pose after its official charter in Sankey Hall on Tuesday, April 23.

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Third annual Maker Takeover celebrates student innovation

Maker Hub showcases students' projects for third straight year

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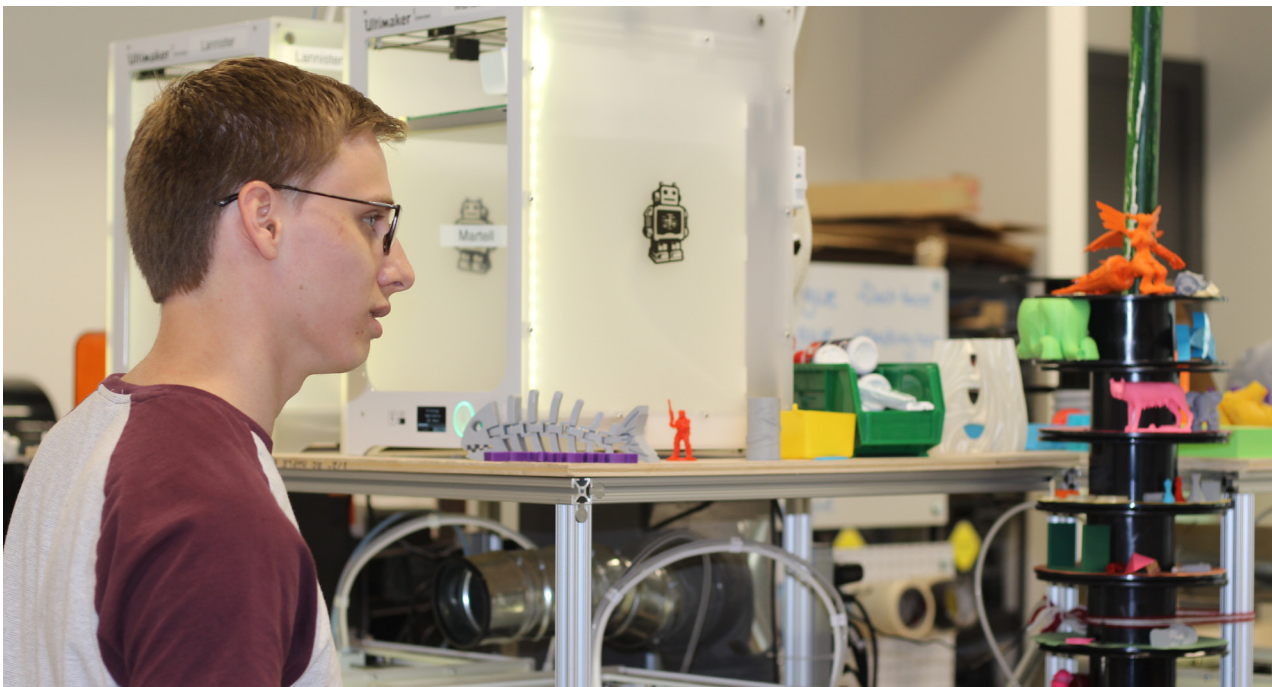
From theater props to smart mirrors, this year's Maker Takeover will feature a variety of innovative projects created in Elon University's Maker Hub. The Hub's tagline, "Everyone is a Maker," will be demonstrated through presentations, showcases and interactive tutorials.

On Wednesday, May 1, in the Moseley Center, students and faculty members will have the chance to show off their passion projects — some of which have taken weeks or months to complete, said senior Joshua Donnald, a team leader of operations at the Maker Hub.

"It's about giving students and faculty the opportunity to showcase their projects and kind of show off what they've been working on," Donnald said. "It's one thing to pull your friends aside to show off a project versus being given a whole stage to do it."

Sophomore Tiana Binns, a contributor to the event, will have two of her projects on display — a cat condo and a long-board.

"This is definitely my first time being able to show off my projects," Binns said. "I feel like that's how it is for a lot of



HANNAH MASSEN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

people just because there really aren't other opportunities for us to show off what we make aside from just having it in the Maker Hub."

This will be the third annual Maker Takeover, which originally began as a showcase for students who participated in the Maker Hub's Kickbox project, during which applicants receive a \$300 gift card and materials to jumpstart the project of their choice, said Daniel Reis, senior instructional technologist at the Maker Hub. These "Kickboxers" will also be present at the event.

Sam Jimenez, the Maker Hub's newest team leader of operations, used the Kickbox program to make a fully functional

drone from scratch. He plans to produce a beginner-friendly guide to drone building so others can do the same.

"It's very intimidating and hard to get into," Jimenez said, "but I want to make it simple and clear-cut."

The Maker Takeover aims to raise awareness about the Maker Hub for students who do not know about the Maker Hub and make the equipment and creation process feel less intimidating for students who do, according to Mary Flynn, the team leader of training programming.

Reis' primary goal is to help students use the Maker Hub to their advantage, regardless of their major.

"No matter what their discipline is, no matter what their major is or what their interests are, there's something for them to do at the Maker Hub," Reis said. "Helping the finance student understand what they can do to increase their understanding of finance, helping the biology student, helping the theater student, helping all students across campus figure out where the Maker Hub fits into their academic experience at Elon."

Flynn said while undergrads are more familiar with the Maker Hub, many upperclassmen are still unaware of its resources, mostly because Elon 101 professors introduce the Hub to their stu-

Sam Jimenez, the Maker Hub's newest team lead of operations, works with the 3D printing machine.

dents early on. When students do visit one or both of the Maker Hub's locations, their creative process may end before the crafting ever begins.

"One of the common problems we get is people come in and would like to make something but unfortunately they've already hit that roadblock and don't have that starting idea," Flynn said. "I hope that Maker Takeover will inspire them and will have them realize what they might want to make in the future — or at least get them to go on Pinterest."

But for others, the Maker Hub provides a much-needed outlet. Binns enjoys pouring herself into personal projects without the pressure of a grade.

"I know Elon has such a busy culture and stress is school-wide," Binns said. "Everyone is always stressed, and this is a place you can come to and have a creative outlet for that stress."

Flynn hopes the Maker Takeover will inspire students to indulge in the "maker process."

"It's really about that whole idea of start to finish. Starting from an idea and bringing it to fruition. If you fail, it's OK, but we're here to help you and make sure you get through that and get over those little bumps," Flynn said. "We have your glue, we have your tape, we have every little thing you need. You might as well come."

Student entrepreneurs trim away the business world

Team of students create grooming kit for males in entrepreneurship class

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Four students are bringing their business to life through an entrepreneurship class this semester. Their product, Mr. Brū, helps give men confidence in taking care of their appearance.

The idea for the male eyebrow kits came from Elon University junior Katie Wakiyama. She said she's had the idea for a while, and this class has given her the chance to see the project through the end.

"Men might struggle with taking care of themselves," Wakiyama said. "So this kit is just giving them confidence and instructions along the way."

The team is made up of four members: Wakiyama, fellow juniors Maria Rivera and Gabe Kuhn and senior Raquel Galinski. All of the students hope to own their own businesses one day, and this class has shown them the skills needed to create their own product.

"For as long as I can remember, I've wanted to own my own business," Rivera said. "This class and

project have shown me the process and taught me a lot that things don't work always, but you can always find solutions that you face during projects."

As a group, the students invested \$150 from their own pockets before being allowed to access the class budget. For Galinski, this was an exciting aspect of the project — allowing them to truly experience the risk of starting businesses.

"I felt confident in selling all the kits at the end of the day," Galinski said. "Regardless if we don't make the money back, it's a learning lesson."

Wakiyama said their confidence might have been too high initially.

Planning to sell products at the student-made store earlier this year, the group brought 18 products to the fair and planned on selling out.

"I remember I even made a waitlist for the items, thinking that we would sell out so quickly. I think we actually might have sold one or two that first time," Wakiyama said.

But the group said these obstacles have helped them grow. Kuhn, the only male in the group, said the failures have been his favorite parts.

"We have failed many times with a lot of the things we've tried to do," Kuhn said. "It's been very cool see-



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From left to right: Senior Raquel Galinski and juniors Katie Wakiyama, Gabe Kuhn and Maria Rivera pose with their product, Mr. Brū.

ing how those failures have turned into these kits, and I'm proud to put my name on it."

The biggest challenge has been marketing to the right group.

"We've really just gone for it. Male eyebrow kits are kind of a niche market," Galinski said, "but we're really bold and just tell everyone, 'You need this eyebrow kit,' and then they buy it. So it's been working pretty well."

Each kit includes a mirror, wax

strips, tweezers, scissors and instructions. The students spent the semester in the Maker Hub creating the product from scratch, laser-etching their design onto each box. Each kit costs \$12, and the group has even begun to make a profit.

"I feel so much pride in making a profit and making \$200 worth of kits. It feels good knowing we've had a successful business," Galinski said.

BY THE NUMBERS

\$150

is the amount of money the students personally invested in their own product in order to access the class budget.

SPORTS



Senior Lauren Brzozowski positions herself on the starting block as she prepares for her final CAA Championship at practice on Thursday, April 25.

Women’s track and field is hosting the first CAA Championship tournament at Elon since 2016

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With the Colonial Athletic Association track and field championships set to kick off this Friday, May 3, Elon University’s women’s track and field team will be looking for a shot at redemption. Elon will host the tournament for the first time since 2016. And coincidentally, that was also the last time the Phoenix took home the CAA title.

Senior sprinter Lauren Brzozowski has had a successful four years at Elon so far. Not only was she part of the 2016 championship team, but she was also named All-CAA in the 400-meter dash and the 4x400-meter relay in 2018. She was also part of the 2017 4x400-meter relay championship team.

With back-to-back second place finishes in the 2017 and 2018 seasons, Brzozowski is eager for her final shot at another championship.

“We’re hosting my senior year,” Brzozowski said. “I definitely want to leave our girls with something — like a championship under their belt.”

Brzozowski said the team has been through a lot in recent years. Last season, the Phoenix lost to Northeastern University in the championship by a mere 1.5 points. Brzozowski called the loss “devastating.”

Brzozowski said that loss has served to motivate the team this year and in the upcoming championship.

“I think this year was definitely kind of a confession of character for all of us,” Brzozowski said. “Just seeing how hard we wanted to work to get to this moment.”

One of the bright spots on the team this year has been the leadership among the seniors. Senior distance runner Chelsea Smith won the 800-meters in the Phoenix Invitational on April 6. Smith said she and the other captains have been working toward building a positive environment for the team.

“The leadership has been good this year,” Smith said. “I think we’ve just tried to create a dynamic where everyone is super open and can talk about anything they want.”

Smith also said hard work does not go unnoticed on this team.

“We are not too hard on anyone. We try to uplift people,” Smith said. “When we see



Sophomore jumper Elyse King prepares herself for the CAA Championships on Thursday, April 25.

IF YOU GO...

Where: Jerry and Jeanne Robertson Track and Field Complex
When: First event starts at 10 a.m. Friday, May 3; last event starts at 4:40 p.m. Saturday, May 4. For the full schedule, visit enn.im/elontf2019.

people working as hard as they can, that’s all we want as leaders.”

Going into this season, Smith also talked about the goals for the members of the team.

“We just wanted each and every person on the team to get just a little bit better than they were last year and just put a little more work and just have that much more confidence in themselves to race and everything,” Smith said. “I think we have definitely seen that over the course of the year.”

Brzozowski said the team atmosphere for the Phoenix is what sets it apart from the rest of the competition.

“I think just having that positive, competitive atmosphere here separates us from our competition, and has made us really close-knit,” Brzozowski said.

Head coach Mark Elliston is preparing to lead the team through the tournament. This is Elliston’s 13th season as the director of the program and his 30th year of NCAA Division I and II coaching experience. Elliston also led the Phoenix to two consecutive CAA Championships in the 2015 and 2016 seasons.

Like Smith, Coach Elliston said there is strong leadership among the older members, despite having more than 40 athletes on the team.

“We have three really distinctive groups, and they hang out together, they’re there for each other,” Elliston said. “We’ve got some great senior leaders like Lauren [Brzozowski] and Chelsea [Smith]. There’s seven or so all together that are doing their part.”

In addition to hanging out together, Elliston said the leaders pass on wisdom to the underclassmen on the team.

Despite the strong team chemistry, there have been a fair share of ups and downs that the team has navigated this year. Elliston said that the team has had obstacles, such as the transition from indoor to outdoor track and field seasons and dealing with unpredictable weather. Despite the hurdles, Elliston said there have been incredible opportunities for the team.

“It hasn’t been perfect, but we have definitely had some great opportunities to do some big things,” Elliston said. “Now we are going to get to see all of that come together at the conference meet, and I think that’s where it just becomes, ‘Hey, ready or not, here we go.’”

As far as the goal set out for the Phoenix going into the season and the championship, Elliston said it tends to stay the same.

“We always like to put, ‘Take a shot at the title,’ as our goal,” Elliston said. “We want to try to win. We want to do the best we can, and then we assess how we are doing through the year.”

Brzozowski, Smith, Elliston and the rest of the Phoenix will attempt to reclaim the CAA title next week. The CAA Championship will take place on Friday, May 3, and Saturday, May 4, at the Jerry and Jeanne Robertson Track and Field Complex, located next to Rhodes Stadium.

Oli Udoh drafted 193rd overall

UDOH | from cover

His draft status puts him in an exclusive group of only 12 Phoenix players to be drafted to the NFL. The last time a Phoenix heard its name called on draft night was in 2013 when wide receiver Aaron Mellette (‘13) was drafted to the Baltimore Ravens with the 238th pick.

This achievement is a dream come true for Udoh and also means a lot to Trisciani and the Elon football program.

“I love to see it, we all do as coaches, but it’s also great for us as a program and our kids to see it and be a part of it. And from a recruiting standpoint, you know you can get there from Elon,” Trisciani said.

In his time with the Phoenix, Udoh was selected to the academic all-conference team twice. In his final year he was selected first team All-CAA and was selected FCS first team All-American by Phil Steele and HERO Sports. After his senior year, Udoh would go on to participate in the Senior Bowl Game, the East-West Shrine Game and the 2019 NFL Combine in Indianapolis, where he was performed alongside the best college players in the country.

Udoh’s journey to become a professional football player does not end with the draft. His offseason organized team activities with the Vikings begin May 21, and the the team’s mandatory minicamp is set to take place June 11-13.



Senior offensive lineman Oli Udoh runs the three-cone drill in front of NFL scouts at 2019 Elon University’s Pro Day on Tuesday, March 19. Udoh completed the drill in 7.53 seconds.



Senior offensive lineman Oli Udoh blocks fellow senior offensive lineman CJ Toogood at Elon University’s Pro Day on Tuesday, March 19. Toogood will continue his football career after signing as an undrafted free agent with the Baltimore Ravens.

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