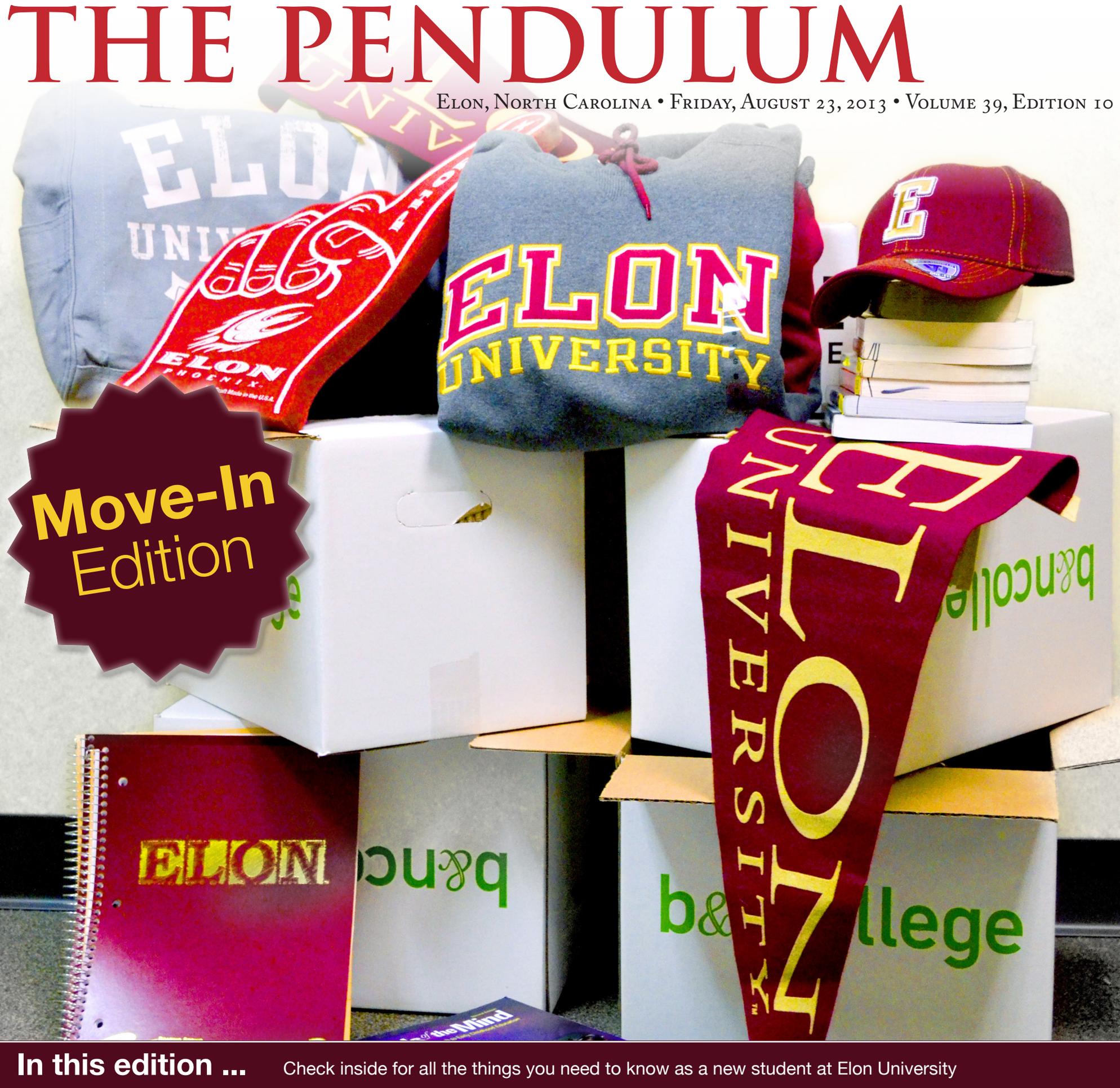


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Elon graduate offers advice for incoming freshmen, parents of new students

Ethan Smith
News Editor

Don't believe the hype — not when it comes to all the college horror stories, at least.

"It's really not that bad," said Brittany Woodard, a recent graduate of Elon University. "I loved my freshman year. Yes, you will be poor, and yes, you will have to eat cafeteria food — neither one of these are the end of the world."

Breaking away from your parents can be tough, but Woodard said it's still necessary and to keep in contact often.

"Don't worry about homesickness. It happens," she said. "If it doesn't, that's OK, too. You going to school is harder for them than it is for you. Don't only call your parents when you need money. That's just rude."

Woodard also advised freshmen to be patient when arriving on campus, and to not shy away from something because it scares them.

"Give your school more than a semester," she said. "Don't go in with the mindset that you are going to transfer. And don't not do something just because it scares you. Everything worth doing should make you a little anxious — it's how you know you're actually

living and not just watching television all day."

Tim Woodard, Brittany's father and director of admissions for Mount Olive College, said it's best for parents to let go and trust their children.

"Parents can't micromanage anymore," he said. "You have to trust you did a good job raising them and let them grow up, and have faith that they'll choose the right roads."

He encouraged students to make sure they go to class because missing class will cost them — literally.

At a private university that costs \$41,000 per year, it would cost \$20,500 to attend classes for one semester. If a student takes four classes, it costs him or her \$5,125 per class per semester. Throughout a 15-week semester, a student would have roughly 45 three-day-a-week classes in one subject. Missing one of those classes would cost a student \$113.88. Every time a student chooses to miss or skip class, it is as if he or she walked into the classroom, gave the professor more than \$113 and walked out to go back to bed or do something else.

Making the correct decisions leads to a more fulfilling college experience, and Tim shared some tips to help rising college freshmen succeed.



FILE PHOTO BY CLAIRE ESPARROS

More than 1,000 new students will enter Elon University's campus and move into dorm rooms Aug. 23.

"The biggest thing is time management," Tim said. "In high school you have a pretty structured day, but in college you might have three classes that day and be done by 11 in the morning. And a lot of times kids will procrastinate on reading because in high school, they could do all the reading the night before. But in college, the professor will assign a chapter due the next week and kids will procrastinate and not get started. They'll go on like this and the professor will tell them there's an exam

Wednesday, and they find themselves trying to read 15 chapters of the book in one night, and you just can't do that."

But above all else, Brittany said, it's important to enjoy one's time in college before it's gone.

"Four years is a lot shorter than you think," she said. "College shouldn't necessarily be the best years of your life, but they should be the best so far. And don't forget to study. Studying is important."

New Student FAQs

Compiled by Stephanie Butzer
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Sometimes it can be hard to grasp everything Elon University has to offer. Here are the answers to some FAQs that may help you navigate your first weeks on campus.

Q. What's the best way to meet new people?

A. Organizations, clubs and classes are a great way to meet people who share similar interests with you. Elon's students tend to be eager for involvement. If you want to join an organization or club, come out to the Organization Fair.

Q. What is the Organization Fair?

A. The Org Fair is Sept. 6 this year. It's a big conglomeration of Elon's organizations held on the lawn in front of Moseley Center. Leaders of various clubs will be available to talk and answer your questions. Mark your calendars — this is a great event to get involved and active on campus.

Q. Phoenix Cash, Meal Dollars, Food Dollars, Meal Plans. What's the difference?

A. Every student living on campus must have a meal plan. Elon offers several different kinds of options to accommodate all needs. With a meal plan comes meal dollars. These are automatically added to the student's account with the purchase of a meal plan, and you only have a fixed amount for the entire semester. They can be used almost anywhere on campus for various food items or toiletries. Food dollars are almost the same, but they can only be used for food, and you can add more onto your account whenever you see fit. Phoenix Cash can be used at all venues on campus, as well as off campus.

Q. So, where can I use Phoenix Cash off-campus?

A. There is a lengthy list on Elon's website of places in and around the Town of Elon that accept Phoenix Cash. Some of the hot places include Crazy Fire Mongolian Grill, Domino's, Local Yogurt, Pandora's Pies and The Root.

Q. What are print dollars?

A. Elon students receive a fixed amount of print dollars on their Phoenix cards each semester, and those unused in the fall and winter will roll over into the spring semester. Students receive \$40 for the fall and winter and \$30 for the spring semester. Black and white print jobs that are under three pages are free. You can also use Phoenix Cash for printing jobs, if you happen to use all your print dollars.

Q. What are sports like at Elon?

A. Elon has a variety of varsity sports to go to year-round. They attract pretty big audiences and the crowd is always cheering on its Phoenix athletes. There are also intramural and club sport teams, which will be recruiting members during the Org Fair.

Q. What are some highlights of the school year?

A. SUB's Spring Show, Fall and Spring Convocation, the Festival of Holiday Lights, the Turkey Trot 5K, Elonthon (24-hour dance party) and the Christmas Party at Leo Lambert's house, to name a few. Keep an eye on bulletin boards and notices on tables at Moseley for other events. You should also keep your eyes on student media (The Pendulum, WSOE and Elon Local News) and E-Net for university updates, news and calendars.

Q. What is the library like?

A. It will be your home during tough semesters. But luckily for you, Belk Library is a perfect place for studying, research and work. The librarians are extremely helpful and will help you as you work through major papers or projects. Belk also houses the Writing Center and Tutoring Center, among many other offices. During finals week, if your timing is lucky, the library staff may give out free coffee and treats.

Q. What is the most popular major?

A. There are more than 50 undergraduate majors at Elon. Currently, the most popular majors are business administration, communications, education, psychology and biology.

Q. What campus lingo should I know?

A. There are lots of terms, and you will learn

them in time. The "Nades" are the Colon-nades, which not only encompasses dorms, but a dining hall, grocery store, Boar's Head deli and Elon's salad bar, Croutons. Club Belk is a synonym for Belk Library. HBB is the Hook, Brannock and Barney dorms. Fireside is the area with a fireplace, couches and tables outside Octagon Cafe in Moseley. Fake Break is the small break between Winter Term and the spring semester. "Smitty J" is the students' affectionate nickname for Smith Jackson, vice president and dean of Student Life.

Q. What do I need to get used to right away?

A. Time management will be a particularly useful skill during this transition period. Elon offers a lot, and many students try to grab it all the same time. Take your time exploring all that our campus and professors have to offer.

Q. I don't have a car. How can I get around campus?

A. We have a beautiful campus. Most students walk or ride their bikes, especially if it's warm and sunny. But Elon is not immune to the rain and cold, and that's where the BioBus and E-Rides come in. The BioBus is a scheduled shuttle that rides around various parts of Elon and Burlington. The University Drive Line goes to Lowes Foods and Alamance Crossing. E-Rides provides a one-way ride for students to anywhere within a two-mile range of campus. You can request a ride by calling Campus Safety. Safe Rides is a student-run organization used on weekends to safely transport people and to prevent drunk driving and walking alone at night.

Q. Where are the intramural fields?

A. They're in an area called South Campus. The cross-country course and golf course are there, as well. It's a great place to run or kick around a soccer ball. Campus Recreation's Sportsfest will be held there Aug. 30.

Q. What on earth are "The Boobs"?

A. The double-hill in front of Moseley Center. It's the perfect place to lay out and do work or throw a Frisbee around.

elon bucket list

- Join an intramural sports team
- Attend a holiday party at Leo Lambert's house and get your picture taken with him
- Volunteer to drive for Safe Rides
- Attend one of the late-night events in Moseley — there's something for everyone, from a cappella performances at Midnight Meals in Irazu to Survival Bingo
- Go to a cultural event that is outside of your comfort zone
- Steal a brick
- Go get late-night McEwen — 11 p.m. – 3 a.m. on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays
- Get lunch with a professor
- Do all five of the Elon Experiences: study abroad, intern, research, service and leadership
- Attend at least one sporting event and cheer on The Phoenix
- Go to College Coffee
- Get hypnotized by Tom DeLuca
- Visit every building on campus
- Go see the shows that the Department of Performing Arts puts on
- Find and follow all of Elon's anonymous Twitter accounts
- Jump in every fountain — we recommend you wait until after graduation for this one!

Inclement weather causes slight delays in summer construction projects

Michael Bodley
Assistant News Editor

Though most Elon University students scattered for the summer at the end of the last school year, the campus was far from quiet during the summer months. The shouts of students were replaced by the whirring of power tools as several buildings sprang up and older facilities were renovated throughout campus.

Frequent, heavy rain slowed the progress of construction crews during the summer, but most projects were dried-in by then, or protected from the elements by windows and roofing. The parking lots were hit the hardest, as crews were unable to make progress for much of the summer.

As a result, the planned Historic Neighborhood parking lot will be unavailable to residents indefinitely from the start of the school year and beyond. Residents of the Historic Neighborhood will instead be issued temporary parking in the East Gym lot as well as unassigned spaces on Lebanon Avenue. Another new parking lot near the old softball field, slated for August completion, will be

pushed back to early September.

But inclement weather didn't slow the progress of the emerging Global Neighborhood, as the three floors of Global Houses 4 and 5 receive the finishing touches and await the arrival of 200 new residents in the coming weeks. Global Buildings 1, 2 and 3 are on schedule for an August 2014 finish, as is the commons building that will house the Isabella Cannon Global Education Center.

South O'Kelly Avenue is the new home of the R.N. Ellington Center for Health and Wellness. Its 14,000 square feet make up the new home for both the student and faculty and staff health and wellness centers. The two were previously separate.

Notable additions include a blood and allergy lab and a pharmacy capable of dispensing medication on site. Elon's counseling service is also now housed in the Ellington Center.

"As technology in the health industry moves forward, we need to make sure to keep up with it to best meet the physical, mental and emotional health of our students," said Brad Moore, director of planning, design and construction management at Elon.

At the heart of campus, Moseley Center is in the midst of an extensive renovation process that will redesign what was formerly Octagon Cafe and the Hearth Lounge into a new student center with space for offices for student organizations, study areas and a gathering space for meetings and movie screenings planned in conjunction with the Student Government Association.

In the meantime, a partition has been cre-

ated so students can walk from Moseley into Lakeside Dining Hall. The renovations are expected to be complete for a late September or early October re-opening.

"[Moseley] was always supposed to be a four-month job," Moore said. "We started at the end of the school year, and by now the space has been framed and sheetrocked, which is time intensive. Now comes the major plumbing and electrical revisions."



Moseley center is undergoing an extensive renovation process that will likely be complete by early October. KATY CANADA | Photo Editor

Elon revamps dining scene upon reviewing student feedback

Andrew Wilson
Sports Editor

Have you ever felt like your feedback to Elon University's Dining Services is just filed away in a folder, never to be seen again? Like the comments you see scrolling past a TV on the wall in Colonnades are just there to make things look good for tours of prospective students? Think again.

After questions swirled about Chick-fil-A's presence on campus during the 2012-2013 academic year, the university changed its plans to place a full-service Chick-fil-A in the new dining facilities and instead made two additions to the campus's food options. Enter Biscuitville and Qdoba Mexican Grill.

"Both of these new brands ranked very high on the spring dining survey conducted in late Spring 2013," said Kate Nelson, district marketing manager for ARAMARK, Elon's food service provider.

Chick-fil-A, previously located in Octagon Cafe, will find a new home on the ground floor of McEwen Dining Hall. The move was

announced in the spring, but the restaurant will not be open until "around fall break," Nelson said. Hours for Chick-fil-A will be determined once the facility is in operation.

Last year, Daniel Commons in Daniele Center was a convenience store. Now, the facility will house Qdoba Mexican Grill.

"The Qdoba concept was selected because a Mexican concept was indicated high on the list of potential concepts on the spring dining services survey," said Vickie Somers, director of auxiliary services. "Daniel Commons was selected for Qdoba because it is a good fit for this neighborhood because that neighborhood did not have a national brand."

Perhaps the most noticeable and central change to the dining facilities is the addition of Biscuitville to Winter Garden Cafe — or, as many on campus call it, Freshii. Biscuitville is being added to the right of Freshii, while Topio's, originally next to Chick-fil-A in Octagon Cafe, will move to the left of it.

That's not the only change that will come with Biscuitville, though. Normally, the chain closes early in the afternoon. That's not the case

on Elon's campus.

"This Biscuitville will be unique in that it will stay open until 9 p.m. Monday through Sunday," Nelson said.

Somers said bringing Biscuitville to campus has been in the works for some time now.

"Biscuitville management was interested in having a location on campus and we thought it would be a good concept for the campus," she said. "The spring survey also indicated an interest in a late-night breakfast concept. Since Octagon Cafe was due to close, popular options from Grille Works were shared with Biscuitville as items to consider adding to their menu, several versions of which they did incorporate."

Each of the new options will have Meal Exchange combo options for students to use their meal plan.

As for changes to existing locations on campus, Lakeside Dining Hall will now be open for breakfast and have extended dinner hours.

Now, Lakeside will open at 7 a.m. Monday through Friday. Four days a week — Monday through Thursday — dinner will be served until

10 p.m. Brunch will also be served on weekends to accommodate for crowds during brunch hours at Colonnades Dining Hall.

Move-In Dining Hours

Friday:

Lakeside 11 a.m.–2 p.m.; 4–8 p.m.
Varsity 11 a.m.–8 p.m.
Acorn 7 a.m.–9 p.m.
Colonnades 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

Saturday:

Lakeside 7–8:30 a.m.; 5–8 p.m.
Varsity 11:30 a.m.–9 p.m.
Acorn 7 a.m.–1 a.m.
Colonnades 7–8:30 a.m.; 5–8 p.m.

Sunday:

Lakeside 8–9 a.m.; 11 a.m.–2 p.m.
Varsity 11:30 a.m.–9 p.m.
Acorn 8 a.m.–1 a.m.
Colonnades 8–9 a.m.; 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

Monday:

Lakeside 7–10 a.m.; 11 a.m.–2 p.m.; 4–10 p.m.
McEwen 11 a.m.–2 p.m.; 5–8 p.m.
Varsity 11:30 a.m.–1 a.m.
Acorn 7 a.m.–1 a.m.
Colonnades 7 a.m.–8 p.m.

New Student Orientation makes changes for better transitions

Casey Brown
Senior Reporter

About 1,500 new students will arrive to campus to join the Elon University community Aug. 23, and the New Student Orientation Program will be a rather enthusiastic welcome for new students. Made up of more than 100 orientation leaders and coordinators, the program is responsible for planning and executing the opening weekend activities.

Katie Hight, director of new student programs and transitions, emphasized the fact that Elon's opening weekend is a collaboration among different departments in order to make the initial transition to Elon smooth.

"Opening weekend at Elon is a collective effort that truly reflects the sense of community on campus," Hight said. "New Student Orientation, Residence Life, Physical Plant and countless other staff and faculty members dedicate themselves to ensuring a smooth transition experience for the new students and families."



FILE PHOTO BY CLAIRE ESPARROS

The New Student Orientation staff works hard each year to ensure a smooth transition for freshmen.

As part of the New Student Orientation Head Staff, senior Kyle Whitaker is involved in planning opening weekend activities as well as training the orientation leaders who will transition new students into Elon life. Whitaker explains that opening weekend is on Head Staff's mind as they enter training.

"I think the biggest thing we wanted to accomplish as a group was to make sure that opening weekend goes as smoothly as possible," Whitaker said. "We also train orientation lead-

ers and that is a huge part of our job, but ultimately everything we do goes back to Move-In Day and orientation weekend."

Satisfaction of the students and their families are key to Hight's planning for each year's opening. Hight believes this is what sets Elon's program apart from others around the country. Changes have been made to this year's weekend programs in order to showcase more of the community immediately.

"The new Global Neighborhood buildings

will house new students, so orientation staff will be there on Move-In Day," Hight said. "Additionally, we have made a few changes to Saturday's events: the Farewell Picnic will be a compostable event to showcase the university's commitment to sustainability. The Pep Rally and Phoenix Extravaganza on Saturday evening will be in Alumni Gym and Moseley Center to highlight the student center of campus."

Despite the changes to the program, Whitaker assures that every step of the planning process was infused with the knowledge the head staff took from their experiences in order to make the program effective for incoming students.

"A lot of what I experienced during my first year influences my perspective on orientation and how it's run," Whitaker said. "We make a lot of choices based on experience and knowledge of what worked well for us, what could have been better. We like to remind ourselves that we were first-year students once and that we've been through all of this, too."

Statistics reveal Class of 2017 is largest, most diverse in Elon's history

Simone Jasper
Senior Reporter

This fall, Elon University will welcome the largest and most diverse class in its history.

The class contains 1,481 students, with 17 percent of those enrolled representing ethnic diversity. According to Greg Zaiser, vice president of admissions and financial planning, Elon received 9,550 admissions applications.

Iris Sullivan, a member of the Class of 2017, said she does not mind her class's big size.

"As long as the Elon faculty still offers that personal feeling, it's fine with me," she said.

Students in the Class of 2017 come from 44 states, and the top five states represented are North Carolina, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Virginia and Maryland. The class also includes 98 international students.

The 17 percent of ethnic diversity in the Class of 2017 shows growth from last year's 14 percent, according to Zaiser.

"I'd say admissions and financial planning are supporting the Elon Commitment strategic plan," he said. "Diversity of all types is important in education and while it can

never be completely captured in numbers, our geographic expansion into California and around the world, as well as our percentage of multicultural students in the first-year class, is evidence of progress toward greater diversity, or in other words, a more inclusive campus."

Sullivan said she feels happy that her class is the most diverse.

"It gives people a chance to learn from different perspectives," she said.

Zaiser said the Class of 2017 is "very similar academically" when compared with other Elon classes. The average high school GPA of the class is 4.0, while the average SAT and ACT scores were 1830 and 27, respectively.

The class is 60 percent female and 40 percent male, with 66 percent of students coming from public high schools.

Though students' majors have yet to be declared, the most popular areas of study for the Class of 2017 seem to be business administration, psychology, journalism, exercise science, elementary education, finance and marketing.

"We anticipate they will contribute to the Elon community just as the members of each of the other classes enrolled have," Zaiser said.

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Compassion, inspiration characterize 2013 common reading 'Little Princes'

Kyra Gemberling
Features Editor

If Elon University's incoming students are adventure lovers, this year's selection for the common reading assignment — "Little Princes" by Conor Grennan — is sure to please.

But this novel isn't just another action-packed thriller. The Common Reading Committee chose "Little Princes" — a New York Times and No. 1 international bestselling memoir — to be read by all new students for the 2013-2014 academic year because it connects with themes such as global engagement, human trafficking, poverty and personal development.

"The book also touches on critical topics such as diversity, South Asian culture, global religious traditions and personal responsibility," said Jeffrey Coker, Common Reading Committee chair and director of General Studies. "Overall, it is a great starting point for a year of critical thinking on these issues."

"Little Princes" tells the true story of 29-year-old Grennan as he embarks on a yearlong adventure around the globe, beginning

with a three-month stint volunteering at an orphanage in civil war-torn Nepal.

His life is changed when he learns these children were not orphans at all, but had been taken from their families by child traffickers who falsely promised to keep them safe from war. Grennan makes it his mission to unite these children with their parents, despite risking his own life by traveling through the dangerous Nepalese mountains to bring the children home.

"It is a special book that can deal with difficult global issues yet still be enjoyable and uplifting," Coker said. "You can't help but get sucked into the story and want to know more."

Grennan's heroic tale doesn't stop with the end of the novel.

In April 2006, nearly two years after his journey began, he founded Next Generation Nepal, a nonprofit organization dedicated to reuniting trafficked children with their families. Today, the program has reconnected more than 300 families with their children.

Junior Mary Kate Gorman, who served as a student representative on the Common Reading Committee when "Little Princes" was selected, said it is because of Grennan's

inspirational story that "Little Princes" is an ideal selection for new students.

"It encompasses everything Elon is about," Gorman said. "It places importance on following your passions and working hard to accomplish your goals, which I believe uniquely illustrates Elon students as a whole."

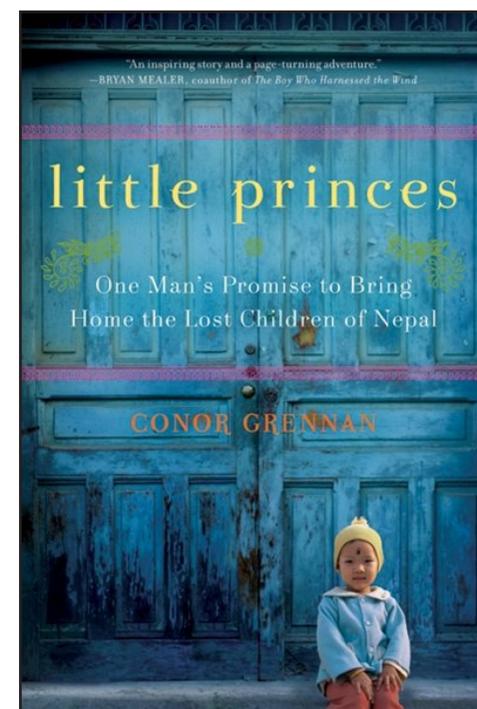
But sophomore Ruthie Robinson, who also served on the committee, said the book's themes will impact students more personally by touching upon the importance of home.

"The book focuses on reconnecting orphans to their distant families and the struggle of not having a stable home base," Robinson said. "Elon will become a home for new students just as Conor Grennan cultivated a home for the orphans out of nothing."

The Common Reading Committee is comprised of two student representatives, as well as faculty members who represent the areas in the First-Year Core where it is expected the common reading will be used, such as General Studies 110, English 110 and Elon 101.

The common reading selection is agreed upon by Sept. 15 in the year before it will be used to ensure adequate time for speaker scheduling and other advance preparation.

For this year's choice, Grennan will be visiting Elon's campus Sept. 16 and 17 to speak with students and give an evening lecture about "Little Princes."



Faculty, staff aim for higher student success with new initiatives

Stephanie Butzer
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Students will bring in their own excitement for Elon University's 2013-2014 school year, but the faculty and staff are pushing for new and better strategies to ensure students are more successful and satisfied than ever before.

Academic and student aid departments have been organizing fresh measures to introduce in the fall semester. In addition, new professors and courses that span many areas of study will add more diversity and value to Elon's already detailed classes.

Those who enjoy Elon's go-green attitude will be thrilled to discover the Office of the University Registrar has changed to a paperless environment, according to Rodney Parks, an employee in the office. The environmentally savvy change will give students the opportunity to access many functions online, such as

ordering transcripts. Degree audits have also been changed to a more readable web format with color-coded sections.

Parks said the registrar can Skype with students who cannot meet in person to discuss transferring credits from other schools.

"The goal will be to be a national leader in student-centered services within a two-year period," Parks said.

The Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning will offer new courses this year, according to Peter Felten, the executive director of the Center. Some highlights include Greek language and culture studies with Kristina Meinking, an honors course exploring questions about life on other planets taught by Tony Crider and Anthony Weston and a teaching and innovation course taught by Kevin O'Mara.

"The deans keep their fingers on the pulse of curricular changes, new faculty and such," Felten said.

The School of Communications will welcome six new faculty and staff members who are going to bring more knowledge to business journalism, public relations, advertising, interactive media and sports management courses, said Paul Parsons, dean of the School of Communications.

"The faculty this fall will complete a year long curriculum discussion about how best to prepare students for the rapidly changing world of communications," Parsons said. "In the new curriculum, which would be implemented in 2014-15 at the earliest, I anticipate a greater emphasis on multimedia, mobile media, visual communication design and media analytics, within the context of a liberal arts education."

Students who earn grades worthy of the Dean's List and President's List will be able to receive tangible certificates to display their honors. Student transcripts will also show the term averages and

will break apart transfer credits, which were previously lumped together, so the student and third parties know where the credits came from.

Lastly, seniors graduating in May 2014 will get a pleasant surprise upon graduation: The diplomas will be much larger than in previous years.

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BELK LIBRARY

Located right on the Quad, you will hear some people refer to this library as “Club Belk,” and they can help you find one of Elon’s best resources. Even without the books, newspapers, music and movies available for rental, the library can be a great place to study, with the floors getting quieter the higher up you go, just like the actual sky. The ground floor also has helpful librarians and a services team that can help you with technology issues. The only notes of caution: the water fountains are well-hidden and their copy of “Blue Velvet” is damaged so it skips about three minutes at the end.

MOSELEY CENTER

Probably Elon’s most diverse building, there is so much that is being added to Moseley that the accuracy of this blurb could seriously be called into question. There’s the campus coffee shop, gilded mail doors and lots of places to eat. That includes a cafeteria we’re still getting used to and plenty of retail spots, including Freshii, which is one of those things that sounds bad but is actually really good, like Vampire Weekend or Twitter.

ELON



MC EWEN SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Let’s not play coy: If you are reading this newspaper, the chances that you will spend a good deal of time in McEwen are promising. This building houses the sets for all of the school’s televised programs, plenty of computers outfitted with all kinds of multimedia toys and one of the few vending machines that is not surrounded by laundry. McEwen’s basement floor is also home to a cozy theater that can be used to show projects, discuss topics and show every movie from Fritz Lang’s “Siegfried” to Ousmane Sembene’s “Xala.” You will probably just use it to watch “Harry Potter.”

at a glance

MCEWEN & COLONNADES DINING HALLS

If you like the imagery of having to conquer a staircase before being rewarded with a meal, your weirdly specific tastes are met at Elon. These cafeterias offer different food options that few realize they want until it's available. Asian stir fry and fried chicken can be found at McEwen, paninis and jambalaya at Colonnades. Both also offer Lucky Charms in a judgment-free environment.



KOURY ATHLETIC CENTER

There are about 20 different names for the gym, but the only one you'll need to know is "gym," because nomenclature cannot get in the way of toned triceps. Here, you can swim, play basketball, find out information about the outdoors and sports-related events and even find one of the last remaining squash courts in America. There is also a fully stocked gym, specially equipped with big windows so strangers can watch you do your squats.



KOURY BUSINESS CENTER (KBOC)

Even if you are not a business major, even if you never take an economics class, even if you believe fully in the critiques of contemporary institutional arrangements popularized by Slavoj Žižek, you will have to visit the Koury Business Center many times. It is a gorgeous building with glowing screens, an enormous auditorium and its own cafe. The entire building is shaped like a big O, because successful entrepreneurs want to see lots of zeros at the end of their net profits. The business center is also adjacent to the most glorious fountain on campus that taunts students to swim in it, not unlike the Sirens of yore.

new student Guide

The best places to eat, visit and shop during your four years at Elon

Restaurants



1 The Root

Whether you're chowing down on the Foodie Grilled Cheese, the Mozz Burger or the Island Chicken Sandwich, it'll be love at first bite at this campus favorite.

It's casual, delicious and they have takeout. What more do you need? The only problem you will face is stopping yourself from going there three times a week.



2 Prego's

For a special occasion or a family visit, take them to this tiny family-owned Italian restaurant. While it is slightly expensive for the average student budget, its

price definitely reflects its quality. With large portions and a great staff, this place is a must for any out-of-town guests or special occasions.



3 Pandora's Pies

Pandora's Pies has fast become a staple of the Elon community since its opening in 2012. The pizzeria strives to use only the best local ingredients in its food: using organic dough and cheese from nearby

Randolph County. The restaurant offers a great local beer selection and Smitty's Ice Cream also calls Pandora's home. Make sure to give the brown sugar oatmeal ice cream a try. You won't regret it.



4 Cook-Out

This drive-thru has become a destination in itself. Your wallet will thank you, the drive-thru has 44 different milkshake flavors under \$3 and trays (an entree, two

sides and a drink) under \$5. Make sure to go anytime until 3 a.m. (4 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays) and don't be surprised if you see someone you know in the line.



5 Fat Frogg

Sandwiches, burgers and wraps are the staples of this bar/restaurant with an unbelievably long draft beer list. Every Tuesday night is trivia night which is

always packed with students trying to declare their dominance. For the brave souls out there, Fat Frogg even offers Gator Bites — yes, that's fried alligator.

Shopping



SOUTHPOINT CINEMAS

1 The Streets at Southpoint

A 40-minute drive from Elon, this high-end mall has about everything a student needs to bust his or her wallet. Urban Outfitters, Anthropology and Express are a few of the many

stores that line the fountain-filled promenade. In addition to the shopping, there are restaurants including The Cheesecake Factory, P.F. Chang's and Firebird's Wood Fired Grill.

2 JR Outlets

Think of JR and Southpoint as the antithesis of each other. Known as the world's largest cigar store, you've likely seen billboards for this institution along I-40. This outlet has all manners of trinkets that you'd

find in your grandparents' house. That is, if your grandparents house were the size of two Walmarts. It's gaudy and overstuffed with things you'll never need, but you'll love every minute of your trip there.

3 Alamance Crossing

This sprawling complex has almost everything you need in dining and shopping. Among the many stores there are New York & Company,

Victoria's Secret, Jos. A Bank., Bath & Body Works, Hobby Lobby, Cold Stone Creamery, Buffalo Wild Wings and Red Bowl Bistro.

4 Tanger Outlets

A 20-minute drive from Elon, in Mebane, features discount-heavy sales. More than 70 retailers allow students to

save money while shopping at stores like Banana Republic, Vineyard Vines, Gap, J. Crew and more.



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5 Trollinger Treasures

Welcome to your new favorite location to find outfits for theme parties. This funky thrift store typically doesn't charge more

than \$6 for clothes and accessories, and you can find great deals on furniture and housewares for your dorm or apartment, as well.

Fun



1 Downtown Graham

Less than 20 minutes from Elon, downtown Graham features "old time-y" spots such as the Graham Soda Shop and Grill

and the adorable Graham Cinema, where you can see a movie that just left theaters for only \$4 a ticket.

2 Carousel Cinemas

Located in Alamance Crossing, this is the closest theater to campus and offers films ranging from blockbusters to indie darlings.

Make sure to cash in on the Student Union Board's monthly Movie Run, which offers discounted tickets to the theater.

3 Arizona Pete's

As Greensboro's premier country music saloon, this is a must-visit weekend destination. Drink specials are aplenty for any

student over the age of 21, but students as young as 18 can come for live music, dancing and taking a ride on the mechanical bull.



4 West End Station

Boasting great deals on pizza, wings and beer, this local bar is an Elon classic. Including a bar and dance floor, West End also has a game

room with four pool tables, darts and tabletop game systems. Go on Wednesday through Saturday for a full nightclub experience.

5 Country Club Lanes West

This bowling alley offers deals throughout the week, making it great for anyone on a

budget. But go Friday and Saturday night for lights-out bowling until 2 a.m.

Class of 2013:



Darien Flowers
Bachelor of Arts, Political Science
Former SGA Executive President

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Q: Where are you employed, and what do you do?

A: I'm a research assistant for Sen. Rob Portman of Ohio and I work in the Capitol. We're making sure the federal government is working as smoothly as it can. I do research for his committee, write memos, prepare documents for hearings and go to hearings with him. We work on tax reform and other federal issues.

Q: What were some of the biggest surprises of post-grad life?

A: For me, the managerial component of my job was a surprise. Having a junior staff answer to me was something I had already experienced [as SGA Executive President], but I wasn't expecting to have that kind of responsibility. You have to make sure you're being an effective manager. Are you communicating the task properly? Are you supporting them in the best way possible so that they can be successful? On a lighthearted note, waking up at 6 a.m. to go to work while

we're in session was a bit of an adjustment.

Q: What were some of the obstacles you faced?

A: Figuring out your role in the office and making sure you're doing your job well is a challenge. You have to understand the dynamic of the workplace and how to fit yourself seamlessly into that organization. Also, the turnaround of my position was really fast. I got hired a week before we graduated, and had to be there two weeks afterward.

Q: How did you overcome those obstacles?

A: The chief of staff told me, and the office as a whole, to focus on how we can do our positions to the best of our abilities. If I'm writing memos and answering phones, I need to do that as well as I can. It's important to be humble enough to take a step back and observe how coworkers communicate with each other and work together so you can figure out how to best support the goals of the organization.

Where are they now?

Compiled by Katherine Blunt
News Editor

Ali Deatsch

Bachelor of Science, Physics
Varsity Volleyball player, Lumen Scholar

Q: Are you employed, and if so, what do you do?

A: I don't have a job. I started graduate school in June instead. I'm pursuing my Ph.D. in physics at the University of Notre Dame. It's nice because I'm pretty close to home and the school has been great so far. It's a lot of work, but it's worth it.

Q: How is life after college different than what you anticipated?

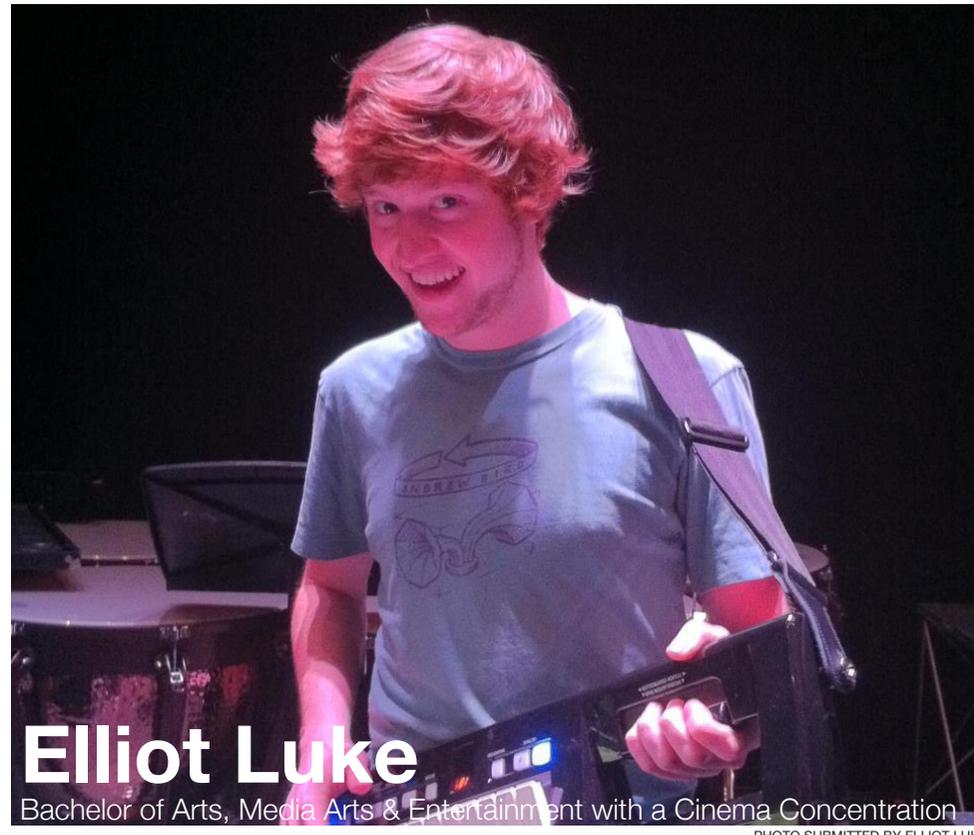
A: Life after college is so much responsibility. I suppose I expected that, but you don't really know what it means until you're there. And I'm still a student so it's not even really the real world yet.

Q: What were some of the biggest obstacles you faced?

A: One of the biggest obstacles for me was finding a place to live in a new location that I didn't know well where I didn't know anyone. Finding a safe place that I could balance in my budget and close to campus and whatnot. It was complicated. This is going to sound cheesy, but one of the other biggest obstacles has been realizing I'm not going back to Elon. I miss it already and it's been so weird to adjust to a different school. I'm so jealous of my younger friends headed back soon and my teammates back there for preseason already.



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Elliot Luke

Bachelor of Arts, Media Arts & Entertainment with a Cinema Concentration

PHOTO SUBMITTED BY ELLIOT LUKE

Q: Are you employed, and if so, what do you do?

A: No, I'm not employed. I'm looking to start off doing production assistant work on sets and really find what it is I would like to do in the entertainment industry, but the way things are looking right now, I will most likely be freelancing audio and sound work on sets and DJ-ing on the side.

Q: What kinds of positions have you applied for?

A: Everything! Editor, director of photography, production of assistant, composer/sound design, boom operator, A/V tech jobs and many more. I have applied to any job that consists of work that I have had experience in. I recently applied for a position for a TV show where I would be a DJ and improvisation performer. So that gives an idea of the breadth of jobs I've applied to in my month or so of being out here.

Q: What are some of the biggest obstacles you've faced after graduation?

A: Money, for one. If you don't have enough

saved up, you'll be looking for help in any way you can get it. Without a job, you can't make money, but it's difficult to find a job, too. Making connections is also difficult. It is undeniably the most important thing you can do out here in LA. You will be hired based upon who you know, or more, who knows you. It is extremely difficult to get any job without knowing anyone in the company first, and it really proves that networking is everything out here in LA.

Q: How have you been managing that?

A: As for money, I had enough saved up to keep me going for a while, but my parents are helping me with a loan for now, too.

Q: What are some of the biggest surprises of post-grad life?

A: It's a difficult but extremely rewarding time in life. In college, you think you're so grown up, but it really becomes a reality you face every day that you're on your own once you graduate. The more connections you make, the better, and it doesn't matter if it's a stretch. Sometimes those end up being the best connections to have. Persistence is key.

Greg Brzozowski

Bachelor of Arts, Media Arts & Entertainment
One on One Sports, Elon Phoenix Weekly

Q: Do you have a job? If so, what is it, and where are you located?

A: I'm the new weekend sports anchor and multimedia journalist for WJHG-TV, the NBC affiliate, in Panama City, Florida.

Q: How is life after college different than what you anticipated?

A: The biggest difference between expectations and my reality of life after college is how real everything gets so fast. These realities are all things I knew would be difficult. Jobs aren't handed out, it's tough to be away from friends, responsibilities will multiply, but when faced with these challenges directly, you realize you're not in school anymore. It's tough to land a job when employers won't even look at your resume, yet it feels like everyone else around you is off to work already. The friends that you turned to for support at school aren't living next door. Instead, they're living in the next state. And when that offer does come in

and you make your move to your job, bills are no longer a future problem, but how you'll use up the majority of your entry-level salary.

Q: How have you overcome some of these obstacles?

A: Overcoming these obstacles is tough, but the best way to get past them is to stay positive, stay patient and stay in touch. The moment you get down on yourself in your job search and let the rejections get to you is the moment you lose your way. You've worked hard for this opportunity the past four years and negativity only keeps you from being at your best. As someone who fought staying right mentally while being passed up for job after job, I know how tough this is, but the chance will come. That leads to my second point: Stay patient. A mentor of mine told me during my search, "Every 'no' you hear in your job search brings you closer to your first 'yes.'" I never knew before this process how truly important patience is, and at times I hated patience with



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a passion, but it's as vital a tool as any when pursuing your goal of employment or goals in general.

Q: Do you have any other advice for post-grad life?

A: Stay in touch, meaning never stop

communicating with the people who got you to this point. Internship supervisors, professors, mentors, family and friends. From job advice to life advice, these are the people who are looking out for you and want to see you succeed. Never underestimate the power of networking, or a handwritten thank-you note.

Your Elon guide: books, bricks and Biscuitville

Right now, rising freshmen across the nation are hearing the same college advice from every ex-alum to ever step foot in a dorm: Talk to your professors, get along with your roommate, plan your time well, et cetera.

But you're not just coming to college, you're coming to Elon University. So, before you even enter into the proverbial bubble, here's a few simple tips and tricks to avoid the mistakes of generations of students before you.

Textbooks are every bit as frustrating and costly as you've heard them to be. If you're trying to stay on a budget, the campus bookstore should be a last resort. Check Chegg, Amazon and anywhere else online before you commit to the bookstore. You'll save \$100 easily if you're careful, and sometimes a lot more.

When selling books back, keep your hopes low. You may occasionally receive \$40, even \$50 for a used textbook, but more often you'll get \$3 in nickels and you'll like it. If you really want to avoid disappointment, accept the cruel cycle of the textbook market before your first heartbreak.

Meal plans aren't your best option. At first glance, meal plans seem like the solution to all of life's problems. Free food with just a swipe of your Phoenix Card? So easy and efficient!

But the costs of a full meal plan often far outweigh their real value. On average, meal plans cost anywhere between \$8 and \$10 per swipe, when all you really need is a piece of

pizza and a bag of chips.

As a freshman, you'll have to be on a meal plan until you move out of the dorms. But when you can make the switch, Food Dollars are the best bargain you're going to find. With a built-in 15 percent discount on all food purchases and the versatility to get any meal you want, it's the way to go. You'll get a wider selection, and your wallet will thank you.

New restaurants on campus are busy, so make sure you're committed. There is one single constant in the world of Elon dining: If you build it, they will come. A lot of them. Elon has been kind enough to provide students with some unbelievable dining options, most recently Qdoba and Biscuitville.

If you don't have the patience for a 30-minute wait, newer dining areas should be a last resort. Elon's packed with plenty of other places to eat, all still delicious and increasingly underappreciated. Once the most happenin' dining hall on campus, Colonnades now remains an absurdly high-quality option, but attendance has fallen. Choose your diners wisely, and you can still find speed and quality all across campus.

Elon takes drinking seriously. As a freshman entering college, you've probably never had a sip of alcohol, right? You're only 18, of course! But for those about to be corrupted by college life, drinking at Elon is serious business. North Carolina's Alcohol Law Enforcement (ALE), your dorm's RAs and even Elon Police

will all be on the lookout for underage drinking. And nights like Reading Day Eve — a night of celebration before finals begin — often attract police from neighboring areas. If you're going out, be safe, keep the noise down and the drinks at the party, not on the street.

Lofting your bed isn't as great an idea as it seems. For many of you, your first trek through the halls of your new dorm building is flanked by dozens of new students and parents, all smashing bed frames out of their supports and lofting them up higher. Desks will be tucked under beds, futons will be shoved around and students and parents alike will marvel at all the new space.

But for many students, it takes only a few weeks of precariously climbing into an 8-foot high bed to realize it's a bit tiresome. And it takes only one sleepy tumble out of bed to realize it isn't worth the extra 10 square feet. If you stick with it, more power to you, but make sure you're fully awake when you decide to go to the bathroom at 4 a.m.

Stealing a brick isn't that awesome. Once you



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actually have it, it's pretty much just a square rock.

Odds are, if you're stepping onto Elon's campus for your first time this week, you've been counting down the days for months. So take a few moments to bask in your newfound status as a college student, finish lofting your bed and grab your trusty Phoenix Card and lanyard. But before the year starts and your parents pack up for the drive home, remember why you're here.

In the next four years at Elon, you'll develop into the person you're going to be more than any other period in your life. Remember what's important, take your grades seriously and never forget the real world is just four years away. It's a lot closer than you think.

LETTER FROM SGA EXECUTIVE PRESIDENT

To the Class of 2017:

When I was in your shoes three years ago, I knew one day I would be entering my senior year at Elon, but I couldn't have imagined I would be writing you a letter of welcome as your student body president. So welcome, and there's my first piece of advice: Never limit yourself to your current plans. This place will give you what you need to surprise yourself.

Whether you know exactly what it is you want out of your Elon experience or if you're totally lost is unimportant. What is

important in the next four years isn't what you accomplish, but who you become. This is true of everything you will strive toward in your time here. It's easy to have a great grade point average, it's difficult to stay in the library when you have much more appealing ways to spend your weekend. Leading your peers is simple, making the decisions that set you apart from the group is complicated. I draw this comparison only because, as you'll find in the next four years and in the rest of your life, the accolades you receive, the approval you enjoy and accomplishments you measure yourself by will come and go. When you push yourself and challenge your surroundings, occasionally you will find the praise you thrive on absent, the support that drives you gone and the trophies you once cherished worthless.

When this happens, all that you will have is the person you are and the decisions you've made. So remember this with every choice you face, and keep in mind the idea of who it is you want to be one day. If you do this, you will overcome any difficulty life can throw at you.

Trust me, it won't be easy, and your progress will be anything but perfect. Have fun, steal a brick (one), jump in a fountain (once), make some mistakes. In a lot of ways, that's what life is about and, to a certain extent, that's what college is for. That said, immerse yourself in the study of something you find fascinating, start a movement based on your passions, don't accept convention when you think you have a better solution. Take advantage of this remarkable place and its incredible opportunities to have a unique experience,

and to move yourself toward that person who you want to be.

Elon has been vital in my personal development, as I'm sure you will soon find is true as your story unfolds. It is the Student Government Association's mission to help you achieve the goals and realize the dreams you form during your time here. I encourage you to become involved in the Elon community, whether it is through SGA, another existing organization or something of your own creation. Whatever you choose to be in the next four years, know that SGA is at your service. My office door is always open, and I'm looking forward to meeting each of you.

Yours,
Welsford Bishopric
SGA Executive President

Three months to a Deep South stereotype

Conservative supermajority in North Carolina legislature brings new, antiquated North Carolina to the nation

I was born and raised in North Carolina. Raleigh, specifically. And maybe it was just the school I went to, or the neighborhood



Ian Luther
Columnist

I grew up in, but most people I knew weren't originally from North Carolina. Most of them moved down here from up North, and there wasn't one person who had a single regret.

For most of my life, North Carolina has been somewhere I'm proud to be from, the perfect blend of

Northern common sense and Southern culture. It's a state where I can get both a quality education and a chicken biscuit from Bojangles. In most places, you can only choose one or the other.

But with the passing of Amendment One last year, North Carolina took a new position in the national spotlight. In a country that's slowly but surely moving toward equality for the LGBTQ community, North Carolina managed to do the unimaginable. Not only did we forbid forward progress, but we doubled down on the inequality we already had.

But it's only been this year that my home state has managed to make it onto the national news — and stay there. With a Republican supermajority in both the state Senate and House, North Carolina changed a lot, and fast.

While most of us were at home, on vacations, at internships or summer jobs, the North Carolina General Assembly turned the state upside down in just a matter of months. And throughout the course of a single session, the North Carolina legislature has somehow been able to disenfranchise African Americans, teachers, students and women.

One of the earliest warning signs this summer took place in June, when Gov. Pat McCrory repealed the Racial Justice Act, a one-of-a-kind bill designed to prevent African Americans from being sentenced to execution on racial grounds. According

to a recent study conducted by Michigan State University, blacks are 2.6 times more likely to be sent to death row if the victim is white, and black potential jurors are struck from the jury at twice the rate of white jurors in black murder cases. Despite this convincing evidence and national support for the bill, McCrory signed it away nonetheless.

This past legislative session has also taken a huge bite out of North Carolina's already struggling education system. Public school teachers with master's degrees will no longer receive an extra 10 to 15 percent pay raise, and it has reduced the number of teachers able to receive tenure to 25 percent of state educators. North Carolina already ranks 46th in the nation in teacher salaries and 48th in per-pupil spending. This is abysmal. For all of McCrory's talk of caring about students, this past session tends to indicate quite the opposite.

Some of the most blatant abuses of power — and clearest partisan politics — have been the attacks on abortion clinics and women's health centers. Regulations passed during this past session were able to close down three clinics in as many months, and double the number of state inspectors from 10 to 20. Prior to this year, only two clinics had been

shut down in more than 10 years.

And signed into bill last week is a voter ID bill heralded by former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton as “the greatest hits of voter suppression.” House Bill 589 limits acceptable IDs on Election Day to specific government-supplied identification, ruling out the use of previously acceptable student IDs.

The bill also removes preregistration for high school students, cuts early voting times and eliminates same-day registration. Out-of-state students attending North Carolina schools are effectively barred from participating in the governing of the place

they call home for four years of their life.

A Google search of “North Carolina” used to yield results of tourism, industry, college basketball or beach getaways. Today, you're more likely to find articles titled “The Decline of North Carolina” from the New York Times, or “North Carolina Gov. Pat McCrory gives protesters cookies — seriously,” from the Washington Post.

North Carolina natives are watching their home slowly become a national laughing stock, on par with other Deep South punching bags like Alabama or Mississippi.

And as a lifelong North Carolinian, I can't think of anything worse.



Cozzie Watkins of Charlotte cheers with the crowd in disapproval of the actions occurring in the North Carolina Legislature during the Moral Monday protests July 8 in downtown Raleigh. Pro-choice advocates were among the most frustrated with recent changes.

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International inspiration: Elon alumna takes Fulbright award to Bulgaria

Tony Weaver, Jr.
Senior Reporter

When entering college, most students like to have a plan. But sometimes college comes with opportunities that change what one wants to do in life.

For Kelly Zug, who graduated from Elon University in 2012, this was exactly the case.

Zug recently received a Fulbright program English Teaching Assistantship award to teach in Bulgaria for one year, starting this fall. She is one of 12 students in Elon's history to receive a Fulbright award, which is sponsored by a program dedicated to forging connections between people of the United States and other countries.

Though Zug graduated with a degree in international studies — a major that goes hand-in-hand with her new overseas teaching opportunity — this wasn't her original plan.

"I didn't come to Elon specifically because of its study abroad programs and international studies major," Zug said. "But looking back now, it was the most valuable part of my three-and-a-half years there."

For the first two years of her college career, Zug was a math education major. But Zug's perspective changed drastically after studying abroad in 2010.

"After my 2010 spring semester studying abroad in Florence, I realized that my own concern with having the 'right' answer to the question, 'What do you want to do with your life when you graduate?' prevented me from really evaluating what I wanted to contribute to the world and being comfortable with the uncertainty of the future," she said.

When studying abroad, Zug said she found her passion actually leaned toward international relations.

With a new goal — and an enthusiastic attitude — Zug changed her major from math education to international studies.

Through a plethora of schedule changes, time sacrifices and hard work, Zug was able to take full advantage of her major. During her last two years at Elon she studied abroad two more times. She went to Lithuania for an International Hu-



Elon University alumna Kelly Zug '12 studied abroad in Florence, Italy in 2010. She credits her experience for giving her the desire to live and work overseas. PHOTO SUBMITTED BY KELLY ZUG

man Rights Conference and she went on Elon's The Holocaust Journey, a Winter Term study abroad program that visited the Czech Republic, France, Germany, the Netherlands and Poland.

In the fall of 2011, she applied for the Fulbright award and did not receive it. After graduating from Elon, she obtained her TEFL certificate and began teaching English at a school in Valencia, Spain.

During the next year, she rallied the support of her parents, past professors and professional connections to apply again. Together, they painstakingly reviewed her application repeatedly, making it a bit better each time.

Now she is able to pursue her dream in a country she has always wanted to visit — Bulgaria. Zug said she credits her interest in the country to an experience with a Bulgarian exchange student in high school. After that experience, she fell in

love with the culture and she's eager to return, she said.

Zug's teaching assistantship will send her to Vratsa, Bulgaria, where she will be teaching students in eighth through 11th grade. While there, she said she hopes to not only positively affect the lives of the students, but she also plans on working with Habitat for Humanity to positively impact the community.

Zug said she is very happy about winning her award and encourages all Elon students to take advantage of the programs the university offers.

"I hope that all Elon students will strive to go abroad or aim high in their lives after graduation as well as in their campus goals," she said. "It is truly a worthwhile opportunity that Elon makes so readily available at our fingertips. It takes us outside of our comfort zone, connects us with norms and cultures different from our own



Zug graduated from Elon in 2012 and taught English at a school in Spain shortly after graduating. PHOTO SUBMITTED BY KELLY ZUG

and prepares us for being world citizens. What better engaged learning opportunity could you ask for?"

Elon alumna makes teaching aspirations reality with Fulbright program

Abby Franklin
Senior Reporter

As a child, there is a category of conversation that often cannot be suppressed — what they want to be when they grow up.

Some folks remember this talk with fondness because they really did become an astronaut, firefighter, rock star or veterinarian. Others dig up those classroom drawings and wish they had stuck with the occupation scribbled in crayon.

But according to Ally Golightly, who graduated from Elon University in May 2013, she knew she wanted to be a teacher from the beginning. And as the recent recipient of a Fulbright program English Teaching Assistantship, her dream of teaching overseas is now coming to fruition.

As a nearly permanent fixture in her mother's elementary school classroom

growing up, it seems as though Golightly has always been interested in education.

"My first memories are of helping my mom prepare her classroom," she said. "Early on I became a pro at the lamination machine and fostered a passion for cutting things out. In high school, and even during breaks in college, I would find myself volunteering at my mom's school."

However, the "when I grow up" conversation didn't go as expected when the time came to start making decisions — Golightly said her mother wanted her to choose a different occupation.

"In high school, I remember my mom trying to convince me to pursue a different profession because she knew firsthand how much work goes into being a teacher and how emotional it can become," Golightly said.

One thing her mother probably didn't anticipate was her daughter eventually teaching in South Korea.

Golightly is one of 80 students who qualified for the Fulbright Scholar award, an international exchange program founded in 1946 by Senator J. William Fulbright to create an educational experience for students in the United States and abroad. It has provided almost 310,000 participants with the opportunity to study, teach and conduct research, exchange ideas and contribute to finding solutions to shared international concerns, according to the program's website.

Not only does the opportunity provide a foundation for post-graduate travel to teach in South Korea for a year starting this fall, but Golightly's acceptance means she will also receive a grant.

The online application for the program required Golightly to acquire three recommendations, a grant proposal and a personal statement.

Lynda Butler-Storsved, senior lecturer in health and human performance, was one of the faculty members who authored a recommendation.

"Ally was an extremely conscientious student," Butler-Storsved said. "I have never been more impressed with a student's application of teaching methodol-

ogy. She has a genuine passion for educating and a hunger for knowledge that will serve her well."

To better acquaint herself with the competitive application process ahead, Golightly enrolled in the Competing National and International Fellowship class offered through Elon.

"The class helped me develop a strong application," she said. "My essays went through at least 10 revisions after receiving feedback from the office of national and international fellowship advisors, peers and members of Elon faculty. After submitting my application, I had an on-campus interview with Elon's Fulbright Selection Committee."

Once Elon gold-starred Golightly's hard work, her application went international.

"I received an email stating that the Institute of International Education (IIE) had recommended me for the

Fulbright grant," she said. "That email meant that the U.S. government was sending my application to be evaluated by the Korean government."

Having reached the final rounds of the application process, Golightly was counting the days until she received word mid-April — the designated notification date. But she was notified early in January.

"I was completely surprised when I checked my email on a Friday afternoon to see that I had an email from Fulbright," she said. "I read the first congratulatory sentence and immediately yelled to tell my roommate. Then I made many phone calls and made sure to email the professors who helped me to tell them the good news."

And with her new opportunity lying in wait ahead of her, it seems Golightly will indeed be a teacher when she grows up.



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Elon University alumna Ally Golightly graduated in May 2013. She will be teaching in South Korea for one year through the Fulbright program starting this fall.

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Art history, dance programs preview upcoming calendar events

Casey Brown
Senior Reporter

With the fall semester quickly approaching, the art history and dance departments at Elon University are ready to show off what they have been preparing for all summer.

Evan Gatti, a professor in the art history department, cites the department's fall speaker as the major event for art history. Started in 2003 by fellow professor Kristin Ringelberg, the speaker series strives to bring contemporary art historians to campus to see what the best scholars in the field are doing.

When choosing speakers for the series, Gatti and her associates examine what is going on in the art history community around the country and who would be able to connect with professors and their current students.

"There's always some way [the students] can connect to the material," Gatti said.

This year, Dr. Asa Mittman, an associate professor at California State University in



Members of the Ailey II dance company perform last March in McCrary Theatre. This fall, the dance program will showcase a number of new performances, including choreography from alumna Michelle Micca '10.

Chico, will be speaking to the Elon community Oct. 10 in a lecture entitled "Are the Monstrous Races 'Races.'" Mittman will examine texts and imagine surrounding "monstrous races," such as Cyclops or werewolves, to see if they are actually monstrous or if that label

should be rejected.

The dance department also has a number of programs this fall open for the Elon community to enjoy, according to dance professor Lauren Kearns.

"Last year, we initiated a new Young Alum-

ni Guest Artist series in which some of our recent BFA Dance Performance and alumni have returned to teach master classes," Kearns said. "We are developing that further this year by having Michelle Micca, a dance and choreography major who graduated in 2010, come back and set a new duet on our dance majors for the Fall Dance Concert, 'Dancing in the Black Box.'"

A major part of the dance year will be the senior dance concert. While the concert is not until the spring semester, the senior dancers will be working hard throughout the fall.

"The senior dance majors will produce their thesis concert in May and will begin their creative research early in the fall semester," Kearns said. "The seniors will hold their own audition sometime in early fall. Because their thesis concert is in May, their focus will be primarily on creating and producing that concert."

The full calendar of dance performances can be found on the Elon Dance Company's website, elondancecompany.wordpress.com.

Departments of Music, Performing Arts encourage students to take advantage of cultured campus

Dalton Cox
Senior Reporter

Boasting one of the Princeton Review's Top 15 college theater programs, Elon University has scheduled its fall cultural calendar, which offers numerous events within the fields of music and the performing arts.

Within the Department of Music, there are more than 80 planned performances featuring faculty, guest artists and 16 different student ensembles. According to music director Rick Church, highlights of the fall will include faculty recitals by Victoria Fischer-Faw, Hallie Hogan and Omri Shimron, as well as the Faculty Gala. Scheduled guest artists include pianist Ann Schein and the Ciompi Quartet, which will perform a new composition by Elon professor Todd Coleman.

Though there are many planned recitals of student ensembles, a new group — Phoenix Winds — will feature both student and local community performers of wind instruments. Phoenix Winds is scheduled to perform its premiere recital this November.

Highlights of the fall performing arts season will include the Lillian Hellman drama "A Children's Hour" and the musical "Ragtime," both scheduled for October, according to

department chair Fred Rubeck.

Originally performed in 1934, "The Children's Hour" explores the consequences of a boarding school student's accusation that two of her female teachers are secretly lovers. In a more contemporary fashion, "Ragtime" tells the story of class divisions during the early 20th century, almost completely through song.

Another anticipated event within the Department of Performing Arts is the opening of a new facility, the Scott Studios, later this year. Located near Arts West on East Haggard

Avenue, the structure will house an additional Black Box Theatre, a large rehearsal hall and dance studio and several practice rooms.

But whether they are taking center stage or row E center, Stephen Futrell, associate professor of music, encourages students to be a part of Elon's highly praised cultural programs.

"Students are real busy, but when in your life are you going to have a four-year stretch where [culturally] everything is free?" Futrell said. "Take advantage. It's a great date. It's a great opportunity, so come on out."



Music theater students in the Department of Performing Arts perform at Grand Night XXI last April. Student performers can also be seen in this year's fall musical, "Ragtime," which will debut in October.



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THE LAST WORD: It's a (red) hot Move-In Day

Never in my life have I bungee jumped, nor do I really ever want to. The thought of jumping off a cliff, bridge or building with more than one story isn't exactly on my bucket list.



Jonathan Black
Managing Editor

And while I'm no expert on the emotions of bungee jumping, I imagine the worst feeling occurs right before you're going to jump: an exhausting combination of excitement, dread and nerves, the same emotions students feel on Move-In

Day in their first year of college. That I have done.

Looking back on my Move-In Day, a lot of things stand out to me, but did I learn anything, per se?

I remember my emotional range that day could only be compared to present-day Amanda Bynes. (Remember, if Britney Spears could make it through 2006, you can get through your first day of college.) There were plenty of familiar faces, but no familiar voices. I had Facebook-stalked plenty of these people and could only wonder if they had done the same, so greetings were kept to a minimum.

Amidst all of this, I heard something that still sends shivers down my spine. "Elon is what? Red hot!"

Yes, I hated the extroverted and adrenaline-filled Orientation Leaders' chants and I hate them now. Yes, I realize I will lose

some friends over this statement. I know they're meant to get you pumped up about going to Elon, but we're here, aren't we? Basically I never want to speak to an extrovert again after hearing how hot Elon is.

Moving in was simple compared to the rest of the day. It was something I found relaxing and exciting, plus my roommate had given me the window side of the room. What I couldn't figure out was if I wanted my door opened, cracked or closed after my parents left. Did I want any stranger to walk by and see my room? It seemed such a strange concept at the time.

And after a brief Elon 101 meeting, it was time for Catch the Fire. I met one of my hallmates who was, as the rumor mill was already spinning, reportedly dating a girl at Elon, despite having a girlfriend at

another school. He wasn't and he's now my best friend. (He's still with the non-Elon girlfriend, by the way.)

I remember one of my hallmates taking my phone during Catch the Fire and looking through my text messages.

"I wanted to see who you were sexting," he had said. For the record, I wasn't. Somehow, we became friends after that.

And that was my day. I didn't go out that night. I said I was sick or too scared of getting caught by ALE, when really I just didn't feel comfortable with the concept of going out.

So, my ducklings, don't stress out too much today and don't be afraid to step out of your comfort zone. Just don't get crazy.

So I guess if I learned anything on Move-In Day, it's that Elon is hot. Red hot.

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Members of the Class of 2017:

There are a lot of trite cliches that you may hear from friends and family as you start your Elon University careers: It'll be over before you know it. Blink, and you'll miss it. They remember their college careers like it was yesterday.

I'm not a fan of cliches myself — in fact, they're practically forbidden in journalism. But as much as I hate to admit it, those cliches perfectly describe the way you will likely feel by the time college is over. I'm beginning my senior year at Elon, and I'm exceedingly envious of those of you who are just beginning your time here. You are on the precipice of an incredibly exciting moment. There are more than 1,000 of you entering Elon's campus today, and each of you will be able to explore your passions in ways that will challenge you, intrigue you and inspire you.

Everywhere you turn throughout the next few weeks, there will be smiling faces ready to help you through this new, thrilling and somewhat terrifying transition into college life. It is my hope that The Pendulum, Elon's leading daily student news organization, will be one of the many factors making your time at Elon enjoyable. Our diligent staff works around the clock to make sure you are informed about what's going on around campus, and we're here to meet your needs above all. As you navigate through your freshman year, please know that our office — located on the third floor of the Elon Town Center — is always open to you. We're so excited to welcome you to campus, and I encourage you to take advantage of all the possibilities Elon has to offer.

Welcome home.

Rebecca Iannucci
Editor-in-Chief

Top Tweets of the Summer

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ELON IS GETTING QDOBA ON CAMPUS. IT'S THE BEST DAY OF MY LIFE

@elonphoenix

TOUCHDOWN MELLETTE!!! Congrats @A_Mellette3

@jeniferrhodes32

Timeflies is going to be at our homecoming concert at Elon!!!! I just died!!!!!! #bestnews ever

@HeadPhoenix

Excited to talk to Orientation Leaders this a.m. Their leadership in welcoming new students to #elon is essential and valued. #classof2017

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