

SHREDDING the narrative



Students still lack knowledge of mental health resources and initiatives on campus despite marketing push by Elon

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JUNIOR CHLOE HULTMAN'S FIGHT with mental health began at a young age with depression, followed by a battle with anxiety in high school and college. "My own personal ties [to mental illness], as well as seeing my friends in high school who had depression and anxiety, just made me realize how important it was and how much it's not really talked about," Hultman said.

Hultman's experiences align with troubling mental health factors for college-age adults. In 2016, a National Institute of Health (NIH) study found people aged 18-23 had the highest prevalence of serious mental health issues compared to other age groups. While the scope of those conditions is broad, anxiety and depression are the most frequent on colleges campuses. Elon isn't an exception. Hultman says everyone at Elon struggles with mental health, whether they want to acknowledge it or not.

Turning her pain into inspiration, she decided to become an advocate for something she calls "the elephant in the room."

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Elon students connected to Parkland tragedy enact their own change

Two students connected to the Parkland, Florida, shooting find their own ways toward healing

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Junior Brendan Duff's brother, Daniel Duff, hid in a closet at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School as shots were fired on Feb. 14, 2018 as a school shooting unfolded in Parkland, Florida.

MASS SHOOTINGS

Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School was the 29th mass shooting in 2018 alone, according to gunviolencearchive.org.

Almost 800 miles north at Elon, Brendan watched the events unravel at his old high school, Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, where his brother was a freshman at the time.

"I was freaking out," Brendan said.

Daniel stayed hidden in a closet, leaving his phone unattended and unanswered.

Seventeen students and teachers were killed that day, and while a country mourned for the loss of yet another group of innocent



(Left to right) Brendan Duff, Alex Wind, Bradley Thornton, Kirsten McConnell and John Barnitt participate in a voter registration party in St. Petersburg, Florida, as part of the Road to Change tour.

people become victims of gun violence, two Elon University students were mourning their friends and classmates.

Lending a hand and stepping in

Daniel survived, along with Brendan's "re-

ally close friends" who still attended Stoneman Douglas.

"I just went to bed feeling completely helpless," Brendan said.

After speaking with his mother who was a substitute teacher the next morning, she told Brendan he needed to come home.

"She was like, 'You just have to come back, you just have to be here for at least the weekend.' That's the only push I needed. So, I drove down immediately. It was a full 12 hours, but I just went for it."

During his drive to Florida, Brendan spoke to friend Cameron Kasky, who is one of the faces of the March for Our Lives movement, of which Brendan is a co-founder.

The movement's goal, outlined on their website, says "The mission and focus of March For Our Lives is to assure that no special interest group or political agenda is more critical than the timely passage of legislation to effectively address the gun violence issues that are rampant in our country. We demand morally-just leaders to rise up from both parties in order to ensure public safety."

Kasky had just secured an interview with Anderson Cooper – it was barely two days after the shooting, and Kasky was overwhelmed.

Brendan said that Kasky felt uncomfortable with all the interview opportunities because of the subject matter, but he felt that people were starting to pay attention because of the proximity of Parkland.

"It seems like every couple months or so, another mass or school shooting pops up, and

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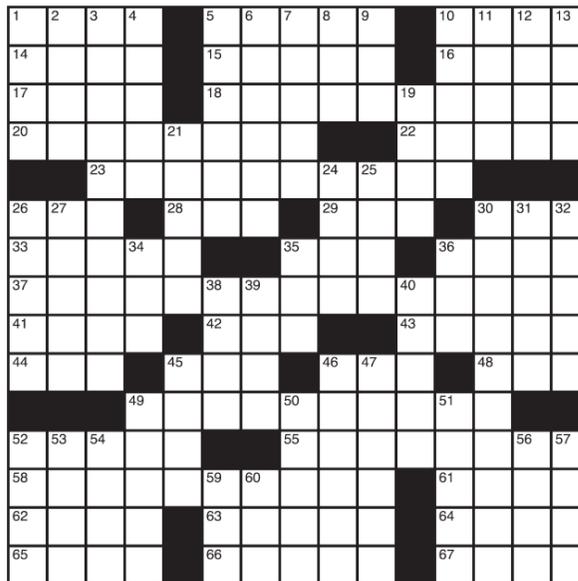
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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

- ACROSS**
- 1 Tot's drink, to the tot
 - 5 Side-by-side truck tires
 - 10 Fifth Avenue landmark
 - 14 Help with a heist
 - 15 Play direction
 - 16 Lint collector
 - 17 Sci-fi princess with a twin brother
 - 18 BLOCK
 - 20 Abs exercise
 - 22 Take out of the packaging
 - 23 CATCH
 - 26 Picnic crasher
 - 28 Harrison of "My Fair Lady"
 - 29 Help
 - 30 Tiny Lab, e.g.
 - 33 "But seriously folks ... " is one
 - 35 Forest ranger?
 - 36 Selfish shout
 - 37 KICK
 - 41 "What ___!": "I've been had!"
 - 42 Little chap
 - 43 Big dipper
 - 44 Many a dad joke
 - 45 Transparent art surface
 - 46 MADD message, e.g.
 - 48 Lingus
 - 49 PASS
 - 52 Legend automaker
 - 55 Alternative medicine staple
 - 58 RUN
 - 61 Its oxide makes Mars red
 - 62 Retired tennis pro Kournikova
 - 63 Bartlett entry
 - 64 Gunk
 - 65 Woodpecker's tool
 - 66 Go over the limit
 - 67 Ball elevators
- DOWN**
- 1 Outlet site
 - 2 Busy as ___
 - 3 Reason to purchase a new belt
 - 4 Pong maker
 - 5 Get off the fence
 - 6 Like the name Pat
 - 7 When some local news airs
 - 8 Emmy-winning ESPN reporter Bob
 - 9 Soon-to-be alumni: Abbr.
 - 10 Smarted
 - 11 Riyadh resident
 - 12 Pecan pie syrup
 - 13 Glasses, informally
 - 19 College courtyard
 - 21 Campaign pro?
 - 24 Counter offer?
 - 25 Goddess of victory
 - 26 Music rights gp.
 - 27 '60s jacket style
 - 30 Apartment used for overnight trips to the city
 - 31 "I give up!"
 - 32 Saint at a gate
 - 34 Official behind a catcher
 - 35 Word with tight or split
 - 36 Juilliard deg.
 - 38 Away from the wind
 - 39 Beaufort scale word
 - 40 Cereal bit
 - 45 Study a lot in a short time
 - 46 Pontius ___
 - 47 Checked (out)
 - 49 Come unglued, with "out"
 - 50 Lake near California's Squaw Valley
 - 51 Throw out
 - 52 Queequeg's captain
 - 53 Scoop perch
 - 54 Military sch. whose mascot is Bill the Goat
 - 56 Casanova
 - 57 Common conjunctions
 - 59 Brightness figs. not measured in watts
 - 60 "What's goin' on?"



By Gary Schlapfer and C.C. Burnikel 9/5/18

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved



NEWS BRIEFS

Elon to host two British Fulbright Scholars

As the United Kingdom-United States Fulbright Commission exchange program celebrates its 70th anniversary, two British faculty will teach and conduct research at Elon University for the 2018-2019 year.

Mercy Ette, a senior lecturer at the University of Huddersfield, will teach in the School of Communications this fall while Emma Folwell, a lecturer at Newman University in Birmingham, England, will teach in the department of history in the spring.

When not teaching, Ette will spend time pursuing her research project titled, "Framing a 'special relationship,'" which analyzes the New York Times coverage of the United States-United Kingdom bond. Her research focuses on how the media can affect public perception.

Alongside teaching her classes, Folwell will spend time researching African-American women and welfare in a project titled, "Beyond the beloved community: African-American women and social welfare from the Progressive era to the New Deal."

Elon breaks ground on LaRose Student Commons site

On Wednesday, Aug. 29, Elon University was able to recognize Elon alumna Gail H. LaRose '64 and her daughter, trustee Michelle LaRose, for their \$2.5 million contribution to the school in a groundbreaking ceremony for LaRose Student Commons in Historic Neighborhood.

The LaRoses were joined by President Connie Book and hundreds of students living in the neighborhood, who gathered at the site for a cookout that would celebrate the start of a new year. LaRose Student Commons will stand a short walk from the Historic Neighborhood Residence Halls and adjacent to Long Building. Once completed, LaRose Student Commons will provide students a place to socialize, study and connect.

"It will be a place for people to come together," Book said. "It signals the importance of relationships here at Elon."

New students receive a head start in sustainability

The Elon University class of 2022 was gifted with more than their Phoenix cards, orientation packets and class schedules Aug. 24. The new students were also given stainless steel water bottles with the goal of reducing waste on campus and promoting sustainability efforts celebrated by the school.

New Student and Transition Programs collaborated with Elon Dining and the Office of Sustainability to provide students with these water bottles as part of the Fill It Forward Campaign sponsored by the Office of Sustainability. To become part of the campaign, the students were given a Fill it Forward sticker by their Orientation Leaders and asked to place it on their water bottles and then scan it every time the water bottle is filled. Each scan donates 10 cents to WaterAid, an organization that aids in providing access to clean water, hygiene and sanitation for various communities around the world.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY - BILL CLINTON IN GREENSBORO



FILE PHOTO BY ELON NEWS NETWORK

Bill Clinton visited Elon University's Law School March 7, 2016, prior to the North Carolina primaries.

On Sept. 4, 1992, presidential nominee Bill Clinton made his first campaign stop in the Piedmont region as he spoke to a crowd of more than 3,500 people. As Clinton preached a message of change, he was met with enthusiastic cries of support from the predominantly young audience.

"I believe that we're all here because we now that the American Dream hasn't failed, but Bush's policies have and it's time to change them," Clinton said.

But not all those who attended the rally went in a show of support.

When Clinton broached the topic of abortion, one protester heckled the candidate with shouts of "What about the unborn babies?" But Clinton held fast to his pro-life beliefs despite the signs and vocal shouts of protesters.

Roughly 15 student from Elon who identified as Democrats traveled to Greensboro in support in Clinton and his campaign.

"Things haven't been done well for the past 11 years and we need a change," said then senior Elizabeth Piner. "He's the only candidate who is offering something different."

Elon volleyball huddles to prepre for the first home match against North Carolina A&T in front of the biggest volleyball crowd on record on Aug. 28.



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Senior Lexi Betsock stirs liquid nitrogen ice cream for the chemistry table at the Student Organization Fair on Friday, Aug. 31.



CORY WELLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Elon women's cross country start out strong at the Elon Opener on Aug. 31, 2018.



ABBY GIBBS | PHOTO EDITOR

Sophomore Rachel Schneider smiles while playing base drums with senior Erika Swinney during the Student Organization Fair on Friday, Aug. 31.



CORY WELLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Sophomore Kodi Garcia prepares to serve the ball at Elon's first home game of the year against the North Carolina A&T Aggies on Aug. 28.



STUDENTS WANT MORE MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

MENTAL HEALTH | from cover

Since 2015, four Elon students have died by suicide, shaking the community to its core, with two deaths occurring two months apart in 2017.

WHAT IS QPR?

Question, Persuade and Refer (QPR) is an online training course on suicide prevention.

"I feel like on Elon's campus especially, everyone wants to do so much and be perfect and be in three clubs and be the president of one of them," Hultman said. "With Elon, there's this need

to be perfect, and in society, it's seen as a weakness if you claim you might have mental health struggles."

Her sentiment is shared by sophomore Brae Robson, who finished high school in a treatment center because of his struggles with anxiety and an eating disorder.

After coming to Elon, Robson found Students Promoting Awareness, Responsibility, Knowledge and Success (SPARKS) as an outlet to talk about his experiences, something he says is unorthodox.

"People want to be seen as the best versions of themselves, and they feel as if they are struggling; it makes them seem less good than they are," Robson said. "It's taboo and super unfortunate."

According to the NIH, suicide remains the second leading cause of death among individuals between ages 10 and 34, and each year, nearly 45,000 individuals take their own lives. This unsettling statistic prompted both Robson and Hultman to go through Question, Persuade and Refer (QPR), an online training course on suicide prevention.

Hultman completed the training as a requirement for serving

as a facilitator for Engage, a summer experience for incoming freshmen to help aid their transition into college. While helping lead the program, she worked with a student who was suicidal.

"It was one of the scariest experiences in my life," Hultman said. "There's no easy way to go about it even though I was QPR-trained."

While Hultman says she believes QPR helped her address the student's concerns appropriately, she says the program is not widely known on campus.

"We do AlcoholEDU before college, but we don't do any mental health training. QPR is offered, but it's not publicized," Hultman said. "I tell people about it, and they don't know what that is."

The training, which launched in March 2017, is required by some student organizations, but Hultman says the number of trained students and faculty and mental health advocates needs to be higher.

"Elon needs to work as a whole at accepting more vulnerability and needing to talk about these things," Hultman said. "You can end up saving a life by doing it."

For Robson, resources such as QPR are a step in the right direction, but he says the focus must be even greater.

Creating new efforts

Just days before welcoming the class of 2022 to campus, Book announced plans to promote mental health and wellness. Elon hired three counselors in the Koury Center, launched the six-week long "Well Connected" campaign and changed Campus Recreation into Campus Recreation and Wellness.

Through website redesign, promotions and partnerships with organizations such as SPARKS,



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JUNIOR

Jana Lynn Patterson, dean of students, says she believes there will be more awareness of the efforts implemented this year. For the first time in 21 years, the counseling staff attended a SGA meeting on Aug. 30 to discuss their purpose in the Elon community.

Nationwide, a need for more counselors on college campuses is urgent. A 2015 Center for Collegiate Health study found the number of students utilizing college counseling services increased by 30 percent since 2009.

Before hiring three new counselors, the average counselor-to-student ratio was 1 to 1,100. The new average counselor-to-student ratio is now 1 to 750, with an average wait time of four days.

Patterson said adding more counselors will decrease wait times and create greater accessibility for students.

"We really want to make sure students, especially those students that are in crisis, can initially see someone to assess what the next steps are and then get them in to see a clinician quicker," Patterson said.

The university has also begun a partnership with the Jed

Foundation (JED), an initiative designed to assess and enhance the mental health programs and policies at colleges and universities nationwide.

Patterson said she believes the foundation, which currently assesses over 195 colleges and universities in a four-year process, will help develop new and current resources catered toward mental health and wellness.

"These are permanent changes," Patterson said. "I think what we hope to see is that students will have greater conversations about the integration of their physical and their mental health and that they will learn that there are many strategies available to them."

Jon Dooley, vice president for Student Life, sent an email to students on Aug. 23 explaining the former and new initiatives the campus is taking with student wellness and well-being. He encouraged students to maintain a strong sense of belonging, stay engaged and do things that provide purpose to their lives.

Though Patterson believes the school is doing well in promoting these efforts, both Robson and Hultman think otherwise. When asked about their response to these new programs, both said they were not aware of the changes.

"I don't think it's publicized enough," Hultman said. "I wish that they were really putting it more in the news."

Continuing the conversation

With these new initiatives, Hultman and Robson say the best way to promote awareness is to become an advocate, while being intentional about focusing on one's own well-being. Robson also emphasized the importance of self-care, even amid a hectic

ELON COUNSELING BY THE NUMBERS

750

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The average wait time for a counseling appointment at Elon Counseling Services is 4 days.

schedule.

In his spare time, Robson says he listens to music, spends time with friends and enjoys the outdoors.

Hultman's self-care routines include exercising frequently and limiting screen time before bed by reading books and her Bible.

"It just calms me down," Hultman said. "I found that just working up until all hours of the night would just perpetuate my anxiety and make me sleep less."

On speaking about Elon students' busy schedules, Patterson says they can be a double-edged sword.

"Our student culture is extremely vibrant, and they're motivated, and they're innovative and they're entrepreneurial, and you add all that up; that can also mean they're exhausted and stressed out. So we really want to be consistent with our message," Patterson said.

In order to change the campus mentality, Hultman says students and faculty need to talk about the very thing students don't want to discuss.

"You can't talk about it once and then expect it to be good from there on out," Hultman said. "You have to continue the discussion and never really stop talking about it."

SGA reveals homecoming plan with a \$4,000 budget

SGA seeks to promote sense of unity across campus through upcoming homecoming events

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During the organization's first business meeting of the academic year, SGA discussed upcoming preparations for homecoming, including a projected \$4,000 budget to cover all costs of events throughout the week.

HOMECOMING

On Oct. 22, the homecoming court will be announced. After, students vote for 20 nominated individuals on Oct. 31.

of inclusivity within Elon University's campus. The proposed schedule includes Battle of the Bands at The Fat Frogg, a class colors day, a relay race in the Global Neighborhood, a banner parade for clubs and organizations and a delicacy cooking competition.

"We're really trying to augment [homecoming] so students feel active within their university throughout the time," Johnson said.

The nomination process for homecoming court will remain the same as previous years, with the exception of shortening the number of questions being asked on the application, which goes live on PhoenixConnect

PROPOSED SCHEDULE

1. Battle of the Bands at The Fat Frogg
2. Class colors day
3. Global Neighborhood relay race
4. Banner parade
5. Delicacy cooking competition

on Oct. 1.

"We don't want people to write a full personal essay about why they want to be nominated for homecoming court," Johnson said. "We don't want to overburden them."

On Oct. 22, the homecoming court will be announced. After, students vote for 20 nominated individuals on Oct. 31. As tradition stands, winners will still be announced between the third and fourth quarters of the homecoming football game.

SGA has not disclosed finalized plans for other traditions, such as Halloween and the annual homecoming concert. Awaiting final budgeting concerns and risk management assessments from the university, SGA has been unable to reveal Halloween details as well as the featured artist(s) for the homecoming concert.

"[They will release the name] as soon as they have a signed contract," said SGA adviser Jana Lynn Patterson.

SGA president Kenneth Brown Jr. is concerned about student turnout because of the lack of public knowledge surrounding event details.

"That's a concern. But I'm a big believer in if you're excited about [homecoming] then other people will be excited about it by the time it will rub off on everyone," Brown Jr. said. "It's going to be a fun week."

Despite concerns surrounding event details, members voted in favor of the homecoming packet with a fi-



ABBY GIBBS | PHOTO EDITOR

nal vote of 34-0.

In addition to homecoming details, three members were newly inducted into SGA. Junior Eric Cunningham was inducted into the role of Campus Programs liaison on the Organizations Council. Also, junior class senator Julia Field and senior class senator Sophie Zinn were inducted after being abroad during the 2018 spring semester.

With the induction of the new members, Brown Jr. emphasized the

importance of SGA remaining focused on homecoming preparations as well as for the entire organization to create a positive atmosphere for the freshman class.

"I see [SGA] as a team, and if someone on defense is trying to mess us up, then we're going to play offense and switch up our plays," Brown Jr. said. "This year is going to be a good year. We're going to be involved. We're going to get out of this room, and we're going to try to be the best we can."

Sophomores Claire Babey (treasurer) and Nicholas Urbanski (secretary) laugh during the first SGA meeting of the year on Thursday, Aug. 30, in Moseley 215.

MaGerks of downtown Elon expected to open next week



JACK NORCROSS | BREAKING NEWS MANAGER

MaGerks' interior is equipped for the masses with tables, seating and monitors.

The new pub situated in downtown Elon anticipates grand opening

Jack Norcross

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MaGerks Pub & Grill is just days away from opening. After originally announcing an open date of June 2018, add-ons forced a delay.

Physically, MaGerks is ready, but it is waiting until the inspections and permits go through before it can open.

"We started doing one thing after another, and we realized more and more we had to do more," said Sammerah Qa-

wasmy, general manager of MaGerks Elon. "We got more familiar with the area in Burlington and in Elon and more of what was needed here, and we realized we had to pull out all of the stops."

Elon will be the first college with a MaGerks on its campus. However, Qawasmy said instead of appealing directly to students, MaGerks will try to attract others who may pass through campus. "We want to be the fun place that all the students hang out and enjoy each other's company, but we are going for the alumni ... [and] the teachers. There's a community that lives here in Elon that wants a place to go," Qawasmy said.

Despite the summer season,

MaGerks isn't worried about sustaining business through the slow months. "I think that there is a stigma that the town dies down," Qawasmy said. "We've been here the entire summer, and the week after school ends, it's quiet, and then another two weeks into summer, it starts to pick up with a lot of the local families coming in."

MaGerks will replace the West End Terrace, which closed in July 2017. When asked about the closing of MaGerks' previous tenants, Qawasmy said, "I don't know the scenario of how it closed or went down. On the same note, I know that we are MaGerks. We are who we are. I have nothing to do with them and how they did things."



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BRINGING THE PAST TO THE PRESENT

Plaques were placed around campus to remember Elon's history

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During the 1948-1949 academic year, about half of Elon University's student body were veterans. They lived in what were known as Veterans' Apartments, located where the Oaks apartments stand today.

The Senior Oak was a tree that grew from the ground at a curve and became one of Elon's most recognized symbols. It was the go-to spot for photographs, hang-outs and marriage proposals since Elon was built in 1889. The place where the Senior Oak stood from the earliest days of the university is now where the incoming freshman class receives its convocation every year.

Places such as The Senior Oak and the Veterans' Apartments are being commemorated today along with five other sites around campus — from the first residence hall to the first-ever Elon College building. Seven historical markers have been placed with plaques in different locations to remember the history of buildings that date back to the beginnings of Elon University.

The idea behind this project came from George Troxler, professor emeritus of history and university historian.

"We wanted to mark the sights of buildings that are no longer present," Troxler said. "To give people a historical sense of the campus."

Troxler has been at Elon since 1969 and was the head of this project. He chose these seven locations because of their history and purpose. He said he hopes people wonder how the university was and looked throughout the 100 years it has existed.

"It gives you a sense of where the college began," Troxler said. Troxler proposed this idea to President Emeritus Leo Lambert, and with the help of Tom Flood, director of Physical Plant, and Brad Moore, university architect and director of planning, design and construction management, the project was made a reality this fall.

"It is appropriate to acknowledge and remind people in the current day and generation that we have been here for well over 100 years," Flood said. "The evolution of the institution is, in many ways, quite remarkable."

There are other locations these plaques mark around campus beside The Senior Oak and the

Veterans' Apartments. Old Main was the first Elon College building. It stood in the area where Alamance Building stands today yet only took up half its size. It was commonly referred to as "the college" or "main building." Its plaque can be found on the main entrance to Alamance.

Comer Field, a field named after Pinkey Comer, an African American employee and custodian of the athletic facilities, is another historical marker. This former athletic field now houses students residing at the Station at Mill Point Apartments. The historical marker is located in the Love Student Commons.

Flood said that though these past buildings or symbols may not mean much to the current Elon students, it might mean something to the students' parents and other alumni.

The only standalone plaque that



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TOM FLOOD
DIRECTOR OF PHYSICAL PLANT

is not on a building depicts Elon's first residence hall, East Dormitory. This historical marker is in the grass area between Smith Residence Hall and Mooney Building. Another residence hall that has its own plaque is the Young Ladies' Cooperative Hall, Elon's second women's residence hall.

"Most female students probably don't know we had a cooperative dormitory," Troxler said. "[Female students] had to do their own washing and cooking. There was no maid service."

A cooperative hall was a more affordable and self-sustaining dorm where students independently cared for their rooms and meals. The historical marker for the Young Ladies' Cooperative Hall is on the entrance of Sloan that faces McEwen Dining Hall.

When Elon students traveled

SITES COMMEMORATED

1. Senior Oak
2. East Dormitory
3. Veterans' Apartments
4. Old Main
5. Young Ladies' Cooperative Hall
6. Comer Field
7. Railway Passenger Station

to college by train, there were six trains that stopped at Elon every day. The Railway Passenger Station stood in what is now the intersection of Williamson Avenue and Lebanon Avenue.

Though strategically placed to commemorate past buildings, only the Veterans' Apartments, the Young Ladies' Cooperative Hall and Comer Field are exactly where those landmarks once stood. The other markers were placed close to where they once were. The texts on these other markers note how many feet away the original buildings once stood from each plaque.

"We walked around as a team," Flood said, "and asked, 'Where could this go that could make sense to the reader to tell this story that George [Troxler] wanted to communicate?'"

Troxler's vision of the historical markers follows the style of the plaques that are in front of Belk Library that display a timeline of the high points of Elon's history. Instead of following a timeline, these markers show locations.

This fall, Elon added five new buildings to campus. Troxler says current Elon students have never been on campus when there hasn't been ongoing construction.

"Growth is coming extremely rapidly, but for a long time, there was nothing added," Troxler said. "After the fire in 1923, the next building was built after the second World War."

The fire of 1923 destroyed most of campus, including Old Main, which housed most of the classrooms, offices, school records, the auditorium, library and the chapel. This event is known as one of the most dramatic events in Elon history, causing \$125,000 in damages, according to the Elon traditions website.

Though there are no current plans in continuing on making other markers in the future, both Flood and Troxler agree it is important to look at the history of Elon through its buildings.

"It is appropriate that the present is always informed by the past," Flood said.



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The Senior Oak Tree was removed in 1981 and stood where New Student Convocation now occurs. The spot was known as a popular spot for photographs, hanging out and marriage proposals.



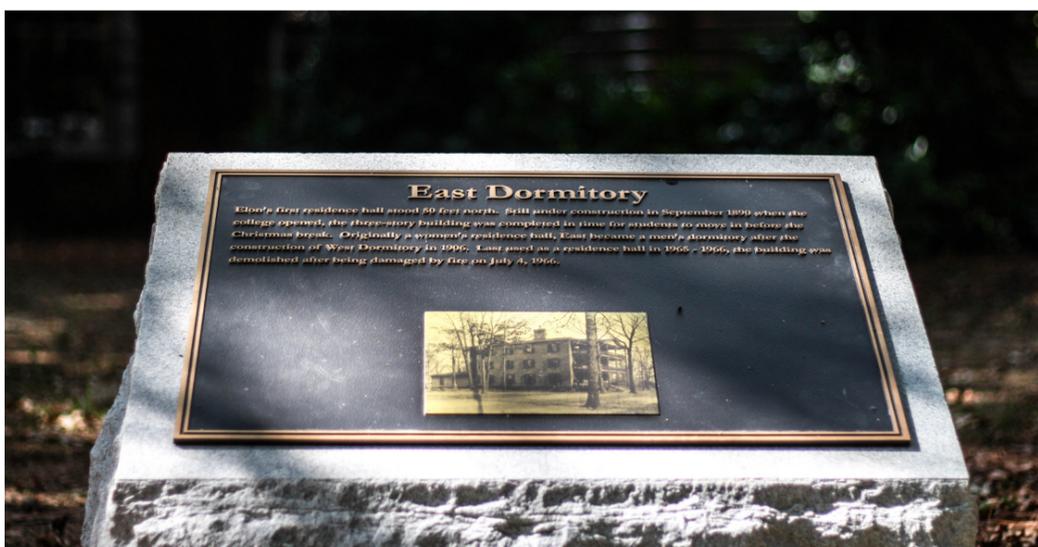
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Where Alamance Building stands now, once stood the Elon College Main Administration Building. The building was destroyed in the fire of 1923.



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Before housing The Station at Mill Point Apartments, the area pictured above used to be known as Comer Field and served Elon's baseball, football and track teams.



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The East Dormitory plaque stands between Smith Residence Hall and Mooney Building, celebrating Elon's first residence hall.



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While many know East for Elon's newest residence halls, the neighborhood shares a name with East Dormitory, which was intended to house all female students.

Catholic Church reels over Vigano Letter controversy

Peter Tremblay, associate chaplain for Catholic Life, explains the Vigano Letter

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Carlo Viganò, the former chief diplomat for the Catholic Church in the United States, wrote a letter stating Pope Francis and other Vatican officials were involved in



Peter Tremblay

covering up sexual abuse committed by Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, the former archbishop of Washington. Peter Tremblay, associate chaplain for Catholic Life, spoke with Elon News Network to explain the controversy of the letter and its history.

Q: What exactly is the Vigano Letter?

A: He is making accusations that Pope Francis knew that the retired cardinal from Washington D.C. was having sexual relations with the seminarians from Washington, D.C. It's caused a lot of controversy in the church because there's a whole lot of people who believe that the things that he points to this evidence is the claim that Pope Francis was covering up for Cardinal McCarrick from Washington D.C. A whole lot of people are pointing to the fact that there is evidence that Archbishop Vigano is saying has no merit. The evidence he's putting forward seems to be without any evidence, without any merit.

Q: Why in general does the Catholic Church have such a history of pedophilia?

A: Well, my best understanding is that the percentages of priests who abuse are very similar to the percentages of the general population who are abusers. The reason we have such a big problem with covering this up is because for decades, a lot of bishops didn't want the public embarrassment, so they willingly covered it up, and they believed pedophilia was similar to other psychological disorders that could be treated by a psychologist. And so back in the 1970s and 1980s, a lot of bishops were told that if you send a pedophile to treatment, they could be cured. We now know that's false. And so at some point, when you had a priest who was abusing over and over, the bishops failed to protect the people, and they just kept covering it up.

Q: Before the Vigano Letter, had there been an



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Pope Francis waves to the waiting crowds on College Green, Dublin, during his visit to Ireland on Saturday, Aug. 25.

improvement in the penalties for Catholic pedophilia?

A: Yes. In the year 2002, after the scandal broke in the city of Boston, there was an agreement passed by all of the U.S. bishops in the city of Dallas. The Dallas Charter, where if a priest is accused of pedophilia, does the number of steps that are taken immediately. Number one, he is immediately — and when I say immediately, I mean within five minutes — removed from all public ministry. Number two, he is reported to the police within a few hours. Number three, every place where we've ever ministered, the media is notified by the church so that other victims are invited to come forward. And then number four, the Catholic Church cooperates thoroughly with the local district attorney to investigate the matter, turn over any evidence, any documents, any background information that people might want, to assist the District Attorney and prosecution. First off, deciding if charges are going to be filed, if the accusation is credible, and then secondarily, if the accusations are credible and the DA filed charges, then the priest will never ever again serve as, in any way, public as a priest in the Catholic Church.

Q: Are there any problems with the Dallas Charter?

A: The problem with the agreement from the Dallas Charter was the bishops were holding priests accountable, but they were not holding one another accountable. So there was no agreement to handle if a bishop were to be accused or there is no agreement or rules in place if a bishop decides not to follow the charter from the Dallas Charter. There were instances where bishops decided they were

going to make the rules up as they go. And that's the crisis right now because what you see with the Grand Jury report over the state of Pennsylvania is the vast majority of the coverups predates the year 2002. So there are a few select instances that came out since 2002, but they are very, very few in comparison. Most of the information is pre-2002, and it's usually bishops who are not following the rules that they agreed to back then — the classic example is what's going on with Cardinal McCarrick in Washington D.C.

Q: These problems obviously affect the hierarchy of the church, but how do these controversies affect the everyday Catholic parishioner?

A: Again, I think it's deeply, deeply demoralizing and profound. There's a profound sense of betrayal, and I think it is right for people to feel that way. Then on top of that, people who choose to remain faithful to their Catholic faith, they do it now because of priests or bishops. They do it because they love Jesus. They love the sacraments. They love their Catholic faith — they are not Catholics because of a priest or a bishop or a pope. They are Catholics because they believe in all that the Catholic Church holds and teaches. And so they're deeply demoralized. So not only are they demoralized by the bad behavior of bishops and priests, they're demoralized by others who want to attack them for remaining Catholic, who want to belittle them for holding onto their Catholic faith. For a lot of people, their faith is just their human nature. So if someone says, 'I am Catholic, I know that my bishops and priests have behaved very badly, but I'm going to stay faithful,' they often find themselves very attacked and belittled

by others, who just don't understand why they believe.

Q: In your opinion, what is the future of the Vigano Letter?

A: I really don't know. I don't know where things are going. I wish Pope Francis were

to offer a more detailed and thorough response because I believe that the letter has very little merit, if no merit at all, again because the evidence he puts forward is demonstrably false. And Pope Francis hasn't responded strongly. So I don't know what's going to happen.

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NONPROFIT NEIGHBORS

Burlington's The Salvation Army and Goodwill compete to serve the common good

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Neighbors are not always the friendliest. So, for neighboring thrift stores Salvation Army and Goodwill, they have had to learn how to thrive individually while both working towards a common goal: keeping Burlington's needy clothed and keeping Burlington's clothes from the landfill. As for the best way to do this, both stores have their secret to saving.

The Salvation Army in Burlington, North Carolina is located at 3720 South Church Street. Goodwill is located just over 100 yards away at 3740 South Church Street. Both stores are nonprofits that resell donated clothes, knick-knacks and household goods. Revenues help cover the expenses of the store and management, but the rest serves their local communities.

Most thrift stores are locally-owned stores that resell donated or garage-sale items for an affordable markup. While these thrift shops offer low prices on lightly-worn clothing and help reduce the impact clothing waste makes on the world each year, the revenues stay with the shop owners. However, The Salvation Army and Goodwill give to the community in the form of grants, career help and job opportunities, help for the homeless and support for the needy.

The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army began in 1865 as a way for Christians to give back to their community. As an affiliate of the church, this nonprofit's mission statement is "to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination."

According to the 2017 annual report from The Salvation Army website, both revenue and expenses are identified through a combination of data from six of the separate Salvation Army corporations in the United States. This includes the National Headquarters in New Jersey, the Central Territory, Eastern Territory, Southern Territory and Western Territory.

Well known for its Christmas Kettle drive, The Salvation Army gives 86 cents of every dollar earned from selling donations at their stores straight back to the community, according to store manager David Eggleton. The other 14 cents pay for the logistical factors, including rent, building management and salaries. In the Burlington store, only 10 workers are on the company payroll, two of which are full-time.

David Eggleton has been the store manager of the Burlington location for over a year, but has been familiar with The Salvation Army his whole life.

"When I was growing up, dirt poor in the projects of Florida, The Salvation Army actually helped my mom; she was a single mom. At Christmas time, they used to be there [and] with the baskets of food at Thanksgiving," Eggleton said.

Eggleton's annual salary as The Salvation Army store manager is \$27,000, which is more than a \$70,000 pay cut from his previous job in accounting. The paycheck is not what is keeping him there.

"If you work for The Salvation Army, your heart better be into it because we keep the salaries low," Eggleton said. "You know you're not going to get rich working for The Salvation Army. As my dear departed mom used to say, 'Your rewards will be in heaven, David.'"

Instead of becoming a part of a larger salary, most of the money raised during the holidays and on a regular basis at the thrift store helps many different community programs: The Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club, relief for natural disaster victims, vouchers for clothing and food for those in need and Church mission trips. Anyone who needs help can apply for funding through The Salvation Army.

With the mission to do the work of the Lord, the Salvation Army focuses on getting food, clothing and comfort to the homes of people in need within the community. One program they have is called Work



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MANAGER

First, which helps single parents find jobs. Quinn Owens used this program and became a donation specialist at the Church Street location.

"They pay you while you look for jobs, but you have to do a certain amount of hours a month in job search. I got \$236 a month through Job First and \$100 a month for transportation as an allowance," Owens said.

While Goodwill is known for programs that specialize in career development, Owens is loyal to The Salvation Army.

"Nothing against them, but it's like Walmart, Food Lion - you're going to go where you're comfortable and where you want to. I'm used to being at The Salvation Army, so I have no need to go [to Goodwill]," Owens said.

The Salvation Army, much like

its name, functions similarly to an actual Army. Their leaders range in rank from the National Commander position, held by David E. Hudson, to "soldiers" who hold positions similar to Eggleton as store manager. The guiding rules for members of the army, specifically the General, is to be the spiritual leader for the entire Salvation Army.

Goodwill

On the other hand, the Burlington Goodwill store is located just a few buildings over from The Salvation Army. With the slogan: "Donate, shop, train, work," Goodwill is a thrift store that accepts donations similar to those donated at The Salvation Army. Its revenues, however, fuel its career development programs.

According to the Goodwill website, Edgar Helms founded Goodwill in 1902. Since then, the company has branched off into different autonomous sections around the country, all while keeping the mission true to the original, as stated on the website: "Enhancing the dignity and quality of life of individuals and families by strengthening communities, eliminating barriers to opportunity and helping people in need reach their full potential through learning and the power of work." The Goodwill program that covers the five counties in central North Carolina is known as the Triad Goodwill.

Triad Goodwill is one of 161 independent programs inside Goodwill Industry International, Inc. It operates 22 stores, including the Goodwill on South Church Street. Unlike The Salvation Army, Goodwill operates with a CEO who reports to a board of directors. The Triad Goodwill CEO, Christopher Gorham, took over for his father in 2017 and made \$118,000 in his first fiscal year as president. The board of directors are all volunteer positions.

Goodwill is located one building down from The Salvation Army on South Church Street.

Triad Goodwill Public Relations Specialist Gale Ketteler says Helms' business model is self-sustaining, so it doesn't need cash donations or fundraising events.

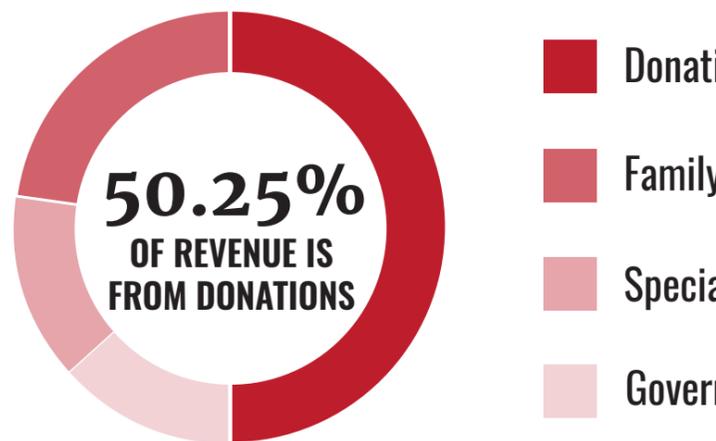
"Since our donations are so focused on items donated to our stores, we don't spend a lot of time focusing on cash, which almost every other nonprofit does. That's how they survive; they really have to, so that whole cash donation side of things is crucial in the nonprofit world," Ketteler said.

Goodwill takes 85 cents from every dollar it raises and puts it into supporting its mission of establishing career development programs. Ten cents of every dollar goes to support services and the last five cents go towards operations. An employee's starting wage at Goodwill's retail store is \$9 an hour.

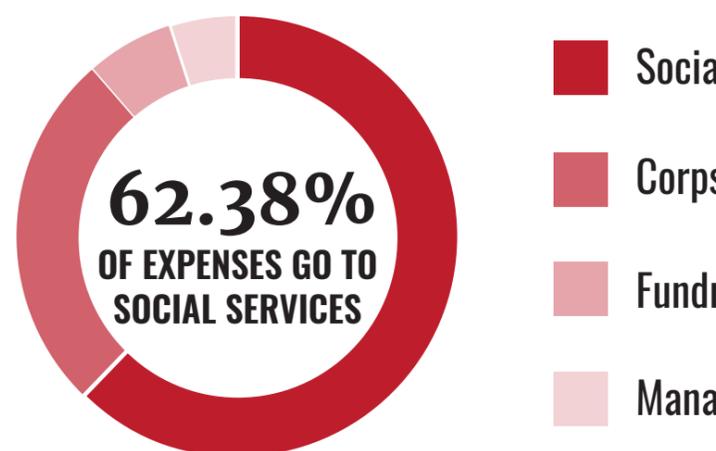
The programs Goodwill supports include job training, employment placement services and other community-based programs for people with inadequate skills, disabilities or any other employment challenges. Ketteler describes their involvement



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as a hand-up, not a hand-out.

One successful program has been the Jobs On The Outside program (J.O.T.O.), which helps people with criminal backgrounds get jobs. They receive free classes, mock interviews, resume development and are connected to companies with an open hiring policy.

"They get doors slammed in their face so often that the last thing we want to do is send them into that situation," Ketteler said.

Today, Jason Norris is the coordinator at the Burlington Goodwill Center. But before this position,

Norris faced many of these closed doors.

"I've been on numerous job interviews where I would sit down, the interview was going great, and once we got to the part where they ask you if you've ever been convicted of a felony, I would always answer truthfully, obviously," Norris said. "I probably had five different hiring managers sit me down and say: 'look, you had the job until we got to that question.'"

Norris has a criminal background, but was employed by Goodwill after going through the J.O.T.O.



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Left: Clothes are lined up, tagged, and ready to be purchased at The Salvation Army.
Below: Joshua Martin sorts clothes during his volunteer hours.

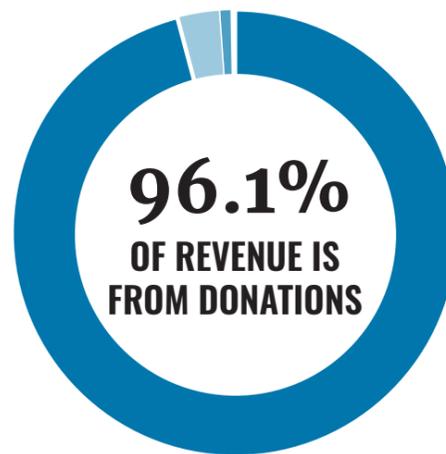


REVENUE

- Contributions
- Thrift Store
- Special Events/Other
- Government Funding

GOODWILL 2017 REVENUE

- Contributions & Grants
- Program Service Revenue
- Investment Income
- Other



EXPENSES

- Program Services
- Community Center
- Raising
- Management General

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- Salaries & Other Compensations
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program. He has since been promoted twice. But most of the time, Goodwill connects people to different employers. According to the Goodwill annual report in 2016, 763 people were employed through Triad Goodwill's services. However, out of all job seekers, it only hired 3 percent to work directly for Triad Goodwill.

Volunteers

A major aspect – and what helps these stores function – are volunteers. The Salvation Army relies

heavily on volunteers to do everything a paid employee would do. At Goodwill, volunteers are not as common due to their stricter policy. Goodwill has around 12 volunteers monthly. The Salvation Army has at least one each day.

"We have volunteers from all walks of life," Eggleton said. "We have people that have been in homeless shelters, they've been in the court system, they can't pay fines. They may have a good job, but they haven't got enough to make ends meet. We've got a lot of people like that these days. Times are tough to-

day, and so we get a lot of people like that. Just people that want to volunteer and help."

At The Salvation Army, its most common volunteers are either Elon students or court-ordered citizens completing community service requirements. Associate manager Brenda Bohannon works closely with both types of volunteers. Elon students, she says, are the biggest help.

"They really help us a lot as far as getting product out. We can trust that they'll put the product out and do the pricing," Bohannon said.

Local Burlington resident Joshua Martin volunteered at The Salvation Army to complete 24 hours of community service after being charged with a DUI. More familiar with Goodwill, Martin had not even known The Salvation Army existed in Burlington. As a result of his service, Martin now sees what the back-room process is like at the store.

"Being here at The Salvation Army, it seems they take good care of every little piece that comes in here," Martin said.

Goodwill utilizes their volunteers not only in their stores but

also as instructors within their career centers as well as with school programs.

Examining the difference

While the mission of each nonprofit is different, the purpose of a thrift store is to recycle clothes. Just last year, Goodwill Triad kept 9.9 million pounds of items out of landfills.

"Obviously, our goal when things are donated is to go right out on the floor as quickly as possible," Ketteler said.

Along with the environment reaping the rewards, the community also benefits, from shoppers looking for affordable clothing and goods to people who are suffering and need some help or a leg up. Additionally, businesses are becoming better-matched with potential hires.

The Salvation Army works closely with every individual to make sure they are clothed, fed and have a roof over their head. Goodwill works with the same people to get them in the workplace and begin a self-sufficient lifestyle. When it comes to deciding which thrift store is more worthy, it is in the eye of the beholder.

"There's a lot of other worthwhile charities out there, don't get me wrong, but I'm a fan of The Salvation Army. I just always hope people will think of The Salvation Army and do their homework and research and you can see that the money that you work very hard for is going to a just cause," Eggleton said.

Ketteler says Goodwill often partners or collaborates with other nonprofits, The Salvation Army included, but hopes that those who agree with Goodwill's mission will shop and donate in its stores. She says the proximity of the two stores is not so much competition but actually draws more thrift-shoppers to both locations since they are conveniently located right next to each other.

Elon students have both stores as options. The stores are always in need of donations as they help people who cannot afford clothes and other items such as shoes, furniture, decor, books and electronics. There are only a handful of items the stores will not accept.

STAFF EDITORIAL

You should care about mental health

HOW WE SEE IT

It's important that we treat a mental health problem at its onset, but a crucial step is recognizing that we can seek help.

We often use the term “mental health” on a college campus to describe how we feel and act. While the use of this language matters, how we interpret and handle mental health problems matter even more.

Emotional, psychological and social distress can negatively affect our ability to function in everyday tasks. Chronic conditions may need regular care, and severe mental disorders may require extended therapy or medication.

Each year, universities across the country must address mental health issues, which can worsen if gone untreated. The 2017 annual survey by The Association for University and College Counseling Center Directors lists anxiety as the most frequent concern among college students, followed by stress, depression and suicidal ideation.

A Time Magazine article highlights a growing number of college students seeking help from counseling services, but not all colleges can meet such demands, mainly due to poor funding. Elon students and staff have raised concerns about a shortage of staff and resources at Counseling Services.

Relocating funds to counseling services is one tactic, as universities acknowledge its impact on academic performance and student retention. Other efforts to combat mental health issues include off-campus clinics, crisis treatment, counseling mobile apps and even virtual reality therapies. Student-organized activities such as peer counseling program Active Minds (there is an Elon chapter) can also reduce the stigma of mental health on college campuses.

It's important that we treat a mental health problem at its onset. Various treatment options exist, but the crucial step is recognizing that we can seek help. If we don't, we risk decreasing our state of wellbeing, academic performance and personal motivation to

achieve our goals.

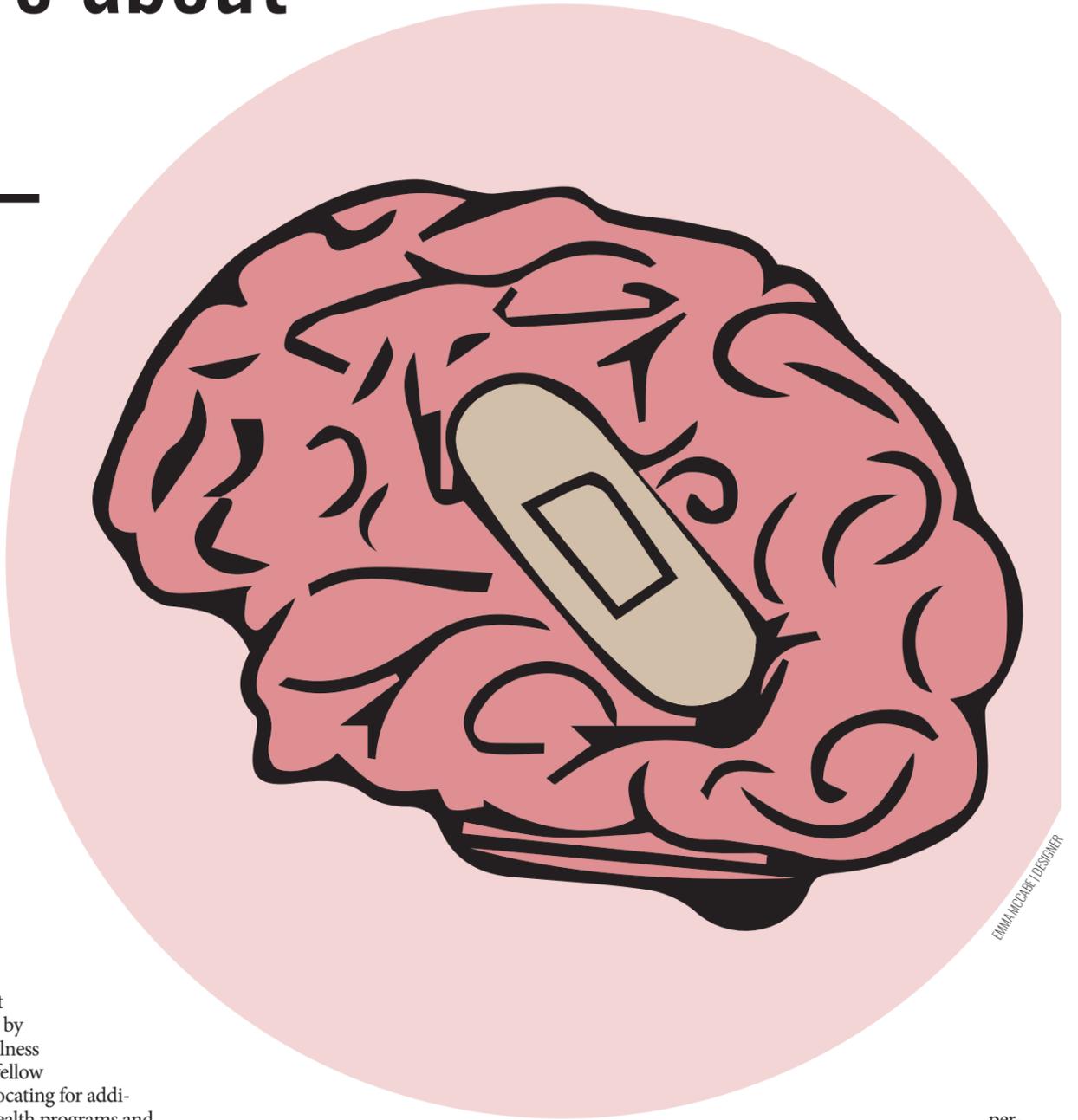
We can increase awareness and support of mental health at Elon University by mentioning wellness services to our fellow classmates, advocating for additional mental health programs and adopting good habits to improve our individual wellbeing. The suicide prevention training program QPR, for example, can provide basic strategies to help people who are suicidal. We should invest time and effort into existing programs such as the Koenigsberger Learning Center for academic support, Student Health Services, the Truitt Center for Religious & Spiritual Life and Campus Recreation, among other resources.

New strategies to support health and

wellness are already underway. For the 2018-2019 academic year, President Connie Book introduced The Well-Connected Campaign and Phoenix Walk to improve the health and wellbeing of our Elon community. The Well-Connected Challenge lasts for six weeks and is intended to help students have a promising start to their four years in college. The program encourages new students to engage with at least one event

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identity. All freshmen who complete the chal-
lenge, which will conclude with a reception,
have the opportunity to win prizes every week
of participation.

We hope that future on-campus initiatives will continue the mission to improve well-being and students' access to mental health services.



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CAMPUS VOICES

The fear of missing out should not ruin our lives



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There are pros and cons to every sweeping revolution that take over our lives. Millennials and Generation Z hear from older generations about how attached we are to our devices, but frankly, it's not entirely our fault. We were raised with iPads in our hands, were placed in front of computers in grade school and even applied to colleges online. Our timelines exist in a digital format, and this is how we've been taught to live.

Sure, this is convenient when we are writing a paper the morning it's due and Spell Check sweeps over our errors. It's nice to know when we have a concern about an assignment we can email our professors from wherever we may be. But

the uninhibited access to technology at all times has some downsides too.

Ever heard of FOMO? FOMO, or the “Fear Of Missing Out,” is known as the anxiety of missing opportunities, such as an event that may be happening elsewhere. Social media can't really exist without it.

Let's say you have a lot of work coming up and you want get ahead on your homework on a Saturday afternoon. When my parents went to school, this would've been a breeze. But today, Snapchat seems to be our biggest obstacle.

If you see any diligent student in the library on a Saturday afternoon (a rare sight where I come from), I guaran-

tee a study break of theirs will feature them opening Snapchat and watching their friends' Stories. Maybe one of their close girlfriends is doing a keg stand, maybe their boyfriend is facilitating a Slip 'N Slide and maybe even one of their friends' moms is attending her first day drink. These little glimpses into the lives of people who are spending their afternoons differently are enough to make the diligent student wish they were somewhere else, with friends and – more often than not – alcohol.

A lot of times, what creates the FOMO isn't that it's something you'd rather be doing, but more so that everyone seems to be there instead of with you. You may not have

wanted to attend the party, but you also feel bummed when people party without you. And still, the reality remains: if they hadn't opened Snapchat or Instagram or Twitter in the first place, they wouldn't have seen this content and wouldn't be experiencing FOMO. But it's the accessibility that makes it so easy, and it's that ability to see someone else's life in a tap or click that makes the longing so much more visceral.

The biggest downside to having technology at the swipe of a finger is that it provides a constant, buzzing distraction to us young people who inherently suffer from a lack of patience and a desire to be continually presented with fresh, new information.

When you're writing a paper, studying for a test or memorizing a presentation, you could always be aimlessly scrolling through a social media feed, nourishing your brain's desire for meaningless entertainment as our peers perform their lives to us on full blast. It's the norm, and there is always that distraction.

The real challenge is harnessing the skills to discipline this desire and turn your energies elsewhere. The irony lies within the fact that the struggle for generations before us was to compile the software to create these platforms, but the struggle for ours is to compile the restraint to stay off them.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO EVERYTHING



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The first day of my freshman year at Elon University, President Emeritus Leo Lambert welcomed my class. He encouraged us to take advantage of all the opportunities here and get out of our comfort zones. “You have arrived at a great banquet. Don’t make yourself a bologna sandwich,” he said in his speech at New Student Convocation. That metaphor, used year after year, is household wisdom among Elon students young and old.

If you were like me my freshman year, you had so much free time in the first week of school that you didn’t know what to do with it. Itching to get involved, I looked to fill my plate with a variety of options from the banquet: something fun, something rewarding, something that I had

never tried before. The day of Org Fair, the Elon banquet was literally set right in front of me. In Young Commons, more than 200 entrées were made easily accessible; the seasoned members of each club or activity were waiting for a young, curious new mind to show interest.

Similar to me as a freshman, you probably signed up for about 25 different organizations, wanting to expand your horizons and try new things at Elon. My long, empty days were quickly scheduled down to the minute with interest meetings, introductory workshops and volunteer opportunities from all of these different organizations.

After the first week, I was happy with myself. I definitely avoided making a bologna sandwich. But after the second

week of having absolutely no down time, putting sleep and schoolwork on the backburner, I realized I made a different mistake, one that’s also common among Elon students: I overfilled my plate.

By nature of its programming, Elon attracts the sort of curious, high-achieving students who want to get involved in their communities, be leaders in following their passions and work to change the world. There’s an emphasis on extracurricular involvement on our campus because the targeted Elon student is eager to take school outside of the classroom and learn through experience.

Having so many opportunities with so many bright, young minds eager to take them has produced unexpected negative effects. There’s

an unhealthy culture of over-involvement on campus, where it’s seen as normal amongst students to overfill their plates.

It’s gone so far that over the years I’ve heard people brag about how little sleep they get – as if it’s a competition. If I want to see certain friends, I have to make a Google Calendar appointment with them for lunch two weeks out. So many students let their excessive involvement hurt their mental health and social lives.

Elon is a community of overachievers, who got here by saying yes to the opportunities and challenges that got put in our paths. It’s a great trait of successful people, but we need to learn something even more valuable to us in the long run: to be better at saying no.

If you are like me my freshman year and signed up for 25 different clubs at the Organization Fair, I encourage you to go to all of them. Try something completely new or different at least once.

Take the next few weeks as an opportunity to learn about what you like and what you don’t, then start cutting down. Remember ultimately, the quality of your education is just that: a quality, not a quantity. As the semester continues, classes will only get harder, and organizations will only get more time-consuming.

It’s OK to sample all of the foods at the banquet; in fact, I encourage it. But when you go back for seconds, the portions get larger, and you need to make sure they can still fit comfortably on your plate.

Classes are not the only things that matter in college



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Every semester right before registration for classes begins, Elon University students pull up their degree audits and look for the classes they need to take the next semester. They scroll through a variety of blocked-off sections with bolded letters all in different colors, seeing phrases like “You need a C or better to meet this requirement” and “Eight hours waived for students with a double major.”

Looking at a degree audit makes it seem impossible that any student would be able to graduate within four years. In addition, the audit makes classes seem as though they are the most important thing in the world. That failing your classes would be the end. But don’t be fooled: life isn’t all about classes because classes are not enough.

I am a journalism and Spanish double major, and according to the most recent registrar’s report from Elon, there are 147 other people also majoring in journalism. I am also a very active member in the Elon News Network (ENN) and attribute most if not all of the journalistic skills I have to that organization.

According to the most recent roster ENN submitted to the university, there are 90 members in the student media organization. But from personal experience, I can say that about half that number actually show up on a regular basis.

I believe success in journalism is all

about repetition. Very few people can walk into a newsroom and create a perfectly written article or news package on their first try. Nothing I have done so far in my classes even compares to the real-world experience I get from being involved in ENN. I have covered everything from the Burlington mayoral elections to Move-In Day at Elon. I gained experiences like interviewing drag queens for Alamance Pride and being harassed by community members as I filmed a stand-up in front of a Confederate statue. None of those

experiences have even been close to replicated in the speeches and events I have been asked to cover for a class. Journalism is not a field you can go into without having gotten the real-world experiences.

But it is not the only field you need experience in to succeed. Musical theatre, for example, also falls into this category. I have never heard of a musical theatre major who doesn’t want to audition for the musicals or who doesn’t want to act or sing in some capacity during their time in college. Even within the School of Communications, the

organization that gives experience to strategic communication majors, Live Oak, has an application process before members can be a part of it. Strategic communications majors want to get in so badly that the organization has to filter them out with an application. How can a journalism major possibly think they could get by without getting experience outside of the classroom?

But what baffles me the most is that I know of countless people who only do class. People like the 58 journalism majors — at the very least

— who are not involved in the one organization on campus that does real journalism. People who are not at all doing the one thing that they came to college to study. How can this be when I have received such undeniable advice that just taking class is not enough to get into college, to get an internship or to get a job? The simple fact is if you don’t have the experience, if you don’t get involved, if you don’t practice and perfect and learn the skills in college that you will need in your field, you will never get it. Class is not enough.

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PARKLAND | from cover

that community gets really activated and passionate about this issue," Brendan said. "And it feels like they're calling to the wind."

Brendan recalls that Kasky told him they were not going to give into that cycle. Therefore, Brendan and Kasky began to use social media as a platform to share that message. After noticing Kasky was overwhelmed with interview requests, that is when Brendan jumped in. He quickly took on the role of liaison between the survivors and the media. Initially, he was arranging interviews and helping in any way he could, but he now serves as Communications Strategist for the movement.

"Especially with being a strategic communications major and having done a public relations internship before, I was totally comfortable dealing with the media," Brendan said. "They didn't need that extra weight on their shoulders."

Creating March for Our Lives

Brendan and his friends immediately began planning their next move. This eventually led to the March for Our Lives march on Washington and the March for Our Lives nationwide bus tour that began earlier this summer.

But Brendan had to return to Elon and was able to organize remotely for the time being. The group worked on formulating 10 policy points that they thought were "the best way to save lives," Brendan said.

"[People] were extremely supportive on social media, but that was kind of the extent of what we were seeing," Brendan said. "We figured that the best way to really get in touch with people and enact change and get these legislation pieces passed was to inspire and elect morally just leaders that were going to be able to have a say in this and put their voice in and use this to get common sense gun legislation passed."

Brendan says that the March for Our Lives movement is completely non-partisan because for him bullets don't discriminate.

"We had another mass shooting in Jacksonville just the other day," Brendan said. "We've had three mass shootings in Florida in the last two and a half years, and it's like, at some point we have to realize that this is an issue that is a little more serious and kind of transcends normal politics."

Singing to heal

Freshman Kali Clougherty was a senior at Stoneman Douglas and is one of the survivors of what was the 29th mass shooting in 2018 alone, according to gunviolencearchive.org.

Clougherty, while grieving and coming to terms with the events of Feb. 14, had to continue to focus on college. After auditioning for 13 schools in hopes of pursuing an education in musical theater, she hit a roadblock in that for most of her auditions she was sick and unable to perform at her best. Elon was the only school that accepted her, but her audition for Elon fell on the same day she and her classmates were to return back to Parkland after the shooting.

"I just had to go back to school," Clougherty said. "I emailed them and told them I couldn't come to the audition and explained why, and I asked if I could audition another day or send in a video."

the MARCH toward CHANGE and HEALING



PHOTO COURTESY OF KALI CLOUGHERTY

Freshman Kali Clougherty, survivor of the Parkland, Florida, school shooting, holds up her fist for the March for Our Lives movement.

Clougherty sent in videos to the Musical Theatre department and knew her chances of getting accepted were slim because "they never accept people over video." But she was the exception.

In the weeks that followed, Clougherty performed at the Tony Awards where she and her drama classmates sang to honor their drama teacher, Melody Herzfeld, who saved 65 students on the day of the shooting and was given the award for excellence in theater education.

And the note Clougherty hit during her solo, which was watched and praised by thousands after the Tony Awards, almost didn't happen.

Clougherty explained how hectic things were right before the performance and how she couldn't hit the note because she was sick.

"Right after we got off the plane, we went straight to the studio to rehearse in front of everyone," Clougherty said. "I didn't hit the note in the rehearsal. I was so worried."

Clougherty says she ate chips, honey and tea and honey and tea which are meant to help her throat. The next morning, she had her voice back but still could not hit the note in dress rehearsal the day of the Tonys Awards.

Though many were talking about her performance in the days that followed, Clougherty says she did not do it for the fame.

"It was because my teacher won an award," Clougherty said. "It was because 17 people died at my school.

I felt honored to be able to be a part of that and share our story and our light with the world."



IT'S THE PAINFUL, DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS THAT MAKE THE MOST PROGRESS ... EVEN THOUGH IT'S OBVIOUSLY NOT THE MOST FUN CONVERSATION IN THE WORLD, IT'S AN IMPORTANT ONE.

BRENDAN DUFF
JUNIOR

Entering the healing process

Like many of her classmates, Clougherty jumped on board with March for Our Lives after the shooting, but she soon found it hard to give herself to the organization while also focusing on her own healing and the healing of those closest to her.

"I wanted to get involved because I was like, 'I can't just sit back and do nothing,'" Clougherty said. "But once I had gotten involved, it was so emotionally draining. I wasn't taking time to grieve."

Her boyfriend and family were still suffering as well, and she said she "had to just take a step back one day."

Clougherty stands behind her classmates' efforts in the March for Our Lives and has found comfort in another organization, Shine, which was started by the Stoneman Douglas drama club.

In the wake of the tragedy that struck so close to home for Clougherty, she says her hope is that people become better at listening to one another.

"I think it needs to come down to agreeing to disagree and respecting everyone's opinions and listening to each other," Clougherty said. "The misconception about March for Our Lives is that they're trying to take away the Second Amendment, which is not true at all."

Clougherty says the movement is not against people wanting to protect themselves, but rather they do not support people owning AR15s or large guns that can harm people like on Feb. 14.

Making change across the country

The Road to Change tour, which Brendan has been a part of, has vis-

ited 30 states and every congressional district in Florida. He says while there are people who are opposed to what he and his friends stand for, they always try to listen to the other side.

"It's the painful, difficult conversations that make the most progress," Brendan said. "Be willing to have those open conversations with people and achieve a common ground. Instead of listening to people to respond, listen to people to understand."

While on the Road to Change, Brendan has come across counter-protesters and organizations. But after talking to them and finding common ground, he was able to clear up misconceptions.

"That's what we're preaching," Brendan said. "Have those difficult conversations, stay involved and keep the conversation moving forward because even though it's obviously not the most fun conversation in the world, it's an important one."

Brendan said one of the main goals this summer was getting people out to vote. And they have already seen the direct impact that their work has done, especially in Florida.

"We've seen in our home county, in Broward County, there has been double the voters that they've ever had. Record-breaking numbers," Brendan said.

Brendan said that in Orlando, there have been record-breaking numbers; in Miami Dade County, 110,000 more people came out to vote for a midterm election primary.

Looking ahead

The hope for the organization now is to continue with the momentum they have made. Brendan has taken the semester off from Elon to continue to work with the organization. He is not the only one who has put the rest of their life on hold to work with March for Our Lives full-time. Brendan says he and others realized "there is so much more riding on this" than just themselves.

"At the end of the day, we didn't want to have to go to a crazy amount of states," Brendan said. "We didn't want to have these huge speaking engagements in front of all these people. No one was ready for that; we got thrust into it."

Over the next few months, March for Our Lives' goal is supporting all of the local chapters that have been created around the country in addition to increasing voter turnout, especially among young voters.

Eventually, Brendan says the hope is to have statewide chapters that "trickle down" into counties, and the end goal is to have local universities serve as a hub for students to meet. There is a Greensboro chapter that held a recent rally over the summer that was successful according to Brendan.

The Greensboro chapter has reached out to Clougherty as well to see if she would want to be involved in some way. She says while she doesn't know how yet, it is something she would be interested in if her schedule allowed.

ELON EATS

Salvation Coffee Company brings energy to the table

Coffee shop owner looks to celebrate veteran service and pay it forward

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Salvation Coffee Company is a freedom-loving, family-oriented business — a home for cold brews, casual conversation and good music.

Self-proclaimed 'Star Wars nerd' and veteran Jim Young opened the coffee shop on South Church Street in January. The décor reflects both of these passions — a large mural of Uncle Sam stares across the room at Storm Trooper figurines.

"The Breakfast Club" classic "Don't You (Forget About Me)" plays through the speakers. Jim admits he didn't know how to run a coffee shop starting out, but he knew what he liked about them.

"I wanted music," Jim said. "We're constantly checking to get a happy medium — is it too loud? Do we like what's playing?"

The coffee is roasted in house, and the drinks are always changing. Behind the handcrafted bar, Alabama farm-grown artisan teas and coffees with French glu-



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ten-free syrup are carefully crafted for customers.

Salvation Coffee Company welcomes people of all passions with open arms but has a special place within its navy walls, dark wood furniture and salvaged art for servicemen and women.

"I am a disabled vet, and I



I AM A DISABLED VET
AND WANT TO PAY IT
FORWARD.

JIM YOUNG
STORE OWNER

wanted to pay it forward," Jim said. "I feel like I owe these guys."

Students are welcomed as well.

"We don't want to exclude anyone — who they are, how they feel, who they voted for," Jim said. "It's none of my business. This is America.

The Iced Pop Macchiato is a featured item on Salvation Coffee Company's menu, located in Burlington.

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Everybody's free to do what they want, and we want to keep it that way here."

Jim's daughter and employee Savannah Young is just as likely to make a drink for a veteran and his service dog sitting at the barstool, a steady regular buzzing in and out to grab their morning mocha or a toddler in a stroller.

"Salty Dog — our take on a salted mocha — is the biggest seller," Savannah said. "It has no salt in it, but the way that mocha melts with the espresso gives it a nice salty taste. It's toffee nut, hazelnut, mocha and caramel. Hot or iced."

A grand opening is expected at the end of the month, and Jim hopes to coordinate with Operation Enduring Warrior and REACH veteran's program to make it a celebration of veteran service.

The Wi-Fi is free, and the shop will soon be accepting Phoenix Cash.

"Every day, we grow a little bit more," Savannah said.

"We want to keep it real," Jim said. "This is a safe place for everyone. I keep a tight operation."

Burlington mayor achieves dream, becomes pilot

Throughout his career, Burlington mayor Ian Baltutis' dream of flying never died

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When Ian Baltutis, mayor of Burlington, was 10 years old, his dad gave him a toy airplane. After assembling its parts together, he became obsessed with aviation and spent his free time watching the planes flying in Minneapolis.

"Back before you had to go through TSA to go to your gate, you could actually go and sightsee at the airport," Baltutis said. "That was one of my favorite activities as a kid."

Years later, his interest in aviation led him to earn his piloting license recently while serving as mayor of Burlington.

From assembling toy airplanes to attending a high school with an aviation magnet program, Baltutis kept pursuing his passion at a young age. His high school partnered with airlines to offer technical training for students who wanted to enter the airline industry.

But in high school, the aspiring pilot was forced to change his course. Fear after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks caused jobs in aviation to plummet.

"We saw massive layoffs in

pilots, flight attendants and mechanics," Baltutis said. "So as a high schooler looking at job prospects that wasn't a great field to be going into."

Staying true to his background in engineering, Baltutis studied engineering and entrepreneurship at Elon and graduated in 2008. He won a grant and started a product design company, Vibration Solution, that now sells more than 1,000 products across the globe. His company kept him in touch with the aviation industry: they provide materials to aerospace companies such as Boeing and SpaceX.

On his second run for mayor, Baltutis was elected in 2015. Although he spends between 40-60 hours a week on that job, he still manages his company.

"Being mayor is technically a part-time job and does not pay the bills," he said.

Throughout his short yet prosperous career as mayor, he never gave up on childhood dream of flying. After intense 62 hours of training

spread out over three years, he finished the training this month to get his license.

"Really the process is about learning the skills to fly, learning the muscle memory and being prepared to respond to anything that might happen when you're in the air," Baltutis said. "Emergency situations, losing an engine, responding to weather conditions,



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Mayor of Burlington Ian Baltutis stands proud after acquiring his pilot's license, a childhood dream.

anything."

Baltutis says the most exciting part for him is seeing communities from above, and viewing the world from a different perspective. He has gotten to visibly see the progress on some of his initiatives as mayor.

"It's especially exciting when I got to do my night flying," Baltutis said. "We've been upgrading our streetlights to LED, and it was fun to watch all those roads that used to be bathed in amber light be bathed in snow white light."

Baltutis said the hardest part of

flying is adjusting to the constantly changing weather conditions. And standing at more than six feet tall, he has to watch out while walking around the hangar.

"Being so tall I'm always hitting my head on the wings," he joked. Now as a licensed pilot, Baltutis has reflected on the career dream he once had when his father gifted him a toy airplane.

"I think childhood me would be a little upset that he didn't actually pursue his career goal of becoming a pilot," Baltutis said. "But a lot of things have happened in

my life that were not originally on the radar."

For now he enjoys flying as a hobby. He hopes to catch some time on the runways whenever he has a free moment, while balancing his company and mayoral duties during work hours. He hopes to see more frequent airtime now that he's done with his training and can go on his own time.

"But it's not really done because flying is a lifelong journey," Baltutis said. "There's always more skills to build and there's always more places to fly to."

SPORTS



LEARNING from a LOSS

Cignetti's squad has some takeaways and adjustments after the trip to Tampa

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TAMPA, FLA. — It would be easy to write off last year's Elon football season as a fluke. A team that had long served as the doormat of the Colonial Athletic Association suddenly rocketed towards the top behind a true freshman quarterback playing out of his mind.

GROUND AND POUND

Elon ran the ball a total of 49 times in their season opener, compared to just 12 pass attempts.

The biggest strategy move on display at the University of South Florida was Cignetti's tendency for the run game — or at least his understanding of its effectiveness. He opened the game with nine straight run calls before letting sophomore quarterback Davis Cheek throw a pass.

It's an unsexy way to win games, but taking the ball up the middle for short pickups might just be what it takes to get past the CAA's tough defenses.

As tiring as it can be to watch 3-yard carry after 3-yard carry, it's hard to expect Cignetti to shy away from using his backs, considering the depth he has in that position.

It all starts with senior running back Malcolm Summers. Saturday marked his first game back since a hamstring tear on Oct. 7, 2017, which sidelined him for the remainder of the season. He was brimming with excitement during his first series on the field, jumping up and down after muscling his way to a first down.

Summers produced ludicrous yardage stats before his season was cut short in 2017, and it looked like Cignetti might be trying to position

him for similar numbers this year. He took 11 handoffs for 49 yards in the first quarter alone before letting backups take over the latter part of the lopsided affair.

And those backups went above and beyond when Cignetti gave them a chance. Sophomore running back Brelynd Cyphers got his fair share of carries, including a touchdown from point blank range.

True freshman running back Jaylan Thomas showed some flashes of brilliance when he was called to action in the second half. The 18-year-old looked confident on the big stage, averaging 9.7 yards per carry on nine attempts.

The third-stringer can't expect too many touches given his competition for the position, but his showing in Tampa gives Elon one more option in late-game situations and a whole lot of optimism for what's to come when Summers graduates. In addition to some postgame praise from his quarterback, he got a compliment from his head coach, who didn't seem too surprised with what he saw.

"He showed me pretty much what he's been showing me since camp started," said Cignetti. "It was nice to see him prove it on tape tonight."

This time last year, there was a two-man battle for Elon's starting quarterback position. Few were optimistic about a season that would see one of two true freshman quarterbacks lead the charge alongside a first-year head coach. The doubt and confusion that Elon felt after an uninspiring season-opening loss to Toledo last September is hard to empathize with now, given the season that unfolded in the months that followed. All eyes are on Cheek now to see if he can replicate that kind of performance in 2018.

Though he didn't get a chance to shine on Saturday, that isn't particularly indicative of the type of season he could have this year. After the Toledo game, nobody knew what Cheek had in store for the rest of the season. He averaged more than 200 yards a game and collected 15 touchdowns in a season that earned him the honor of CAA Offensive Rookie of the Year. Even with a reliable corps of running backs, Cignetti should give Cheek the green light to throw a little more in the coming weeks.

Understandably, Elon wasn't



Top: Elon defense gets set to defend as USF junior running back Trevon Sands gets sent in-motion.
Above: Elon defensive backs junior Greg Liggs Jr. (middle) and sophomore McAllister Ingram (right) tackle USF junior wide receiver Darnell Solomon (left).

playing at full capacity against USF. There were times they simply couldn't get toe-to-toe with the physicality and depth of an FBS team. But it's not like things will get a whole lot easier heading into league play.

The CAA is considered by many to be the best FCS conference in the land. And that's not without good reason. The CAA produced four playoff teams last year, and six of its schools start this season in the STATS national top 25. Defending national runner-up James Madison University looks scary at the top of the pile, but the conference's depth means the Phoenix will run into playoff-caliber competition almost every week.

So while Cignetti may have been hesitant to let Cheek air it out against USF's menacing backfield, he still saw the game as a learning experience for other parts of the roster. Most notably, Elon's defensive backs had a chance to run with the big dogs.

"We made a couple adjustments, and then we ended up playing the deep ball much better," said Cignetti. "I think that's going to be great experience for our corners to have to defend those kinds of guys deep. We probably don't challenge them enough in practice."

On more than one occasion, Elon's corners got scorched trying to keep up with USF receivers, leading to huge yardage pickups on

BY THE NUMBERS

33:12

Total time of possession for Elon in their season opener. They had over six minutes more time of possession than the USF Bulls.

deep balls. If Elon corner backs and safeties can use that as a learning experience and retool their game, there's reason to believe they can stay locked down on the CAA's best.

Last season's record of 8-3 was enough to land Elon a spot in the playoffs, but it doesn't hint at just how close they often came to befalling a far different fate. Nearly every game last year ended with an almost-blown lead in the second half. The team's winning margins were so razor-thin last year that the Phoenix were being outscored 223-220 at one point during the season, despite holding an 8-1 record.

To avoid those late-game scares and ensure fewer stress-inducing paths to victory, the Elon defense needs to rise to the caliber of the offense. They'll have to wait to do that after what USF threw at them.

South Florida's wideouts were physical, even for an FBS team, and shredded through Elon's defense with ease. There wasn't a great chance to see how that same unit

might hold up in the CAA.

A lot of the defensive burden will fall on the shoulders of senior linebacker Warren Messer, who brings his experience and leadership to Rhodes Stadium for one final season. He was credited with nine tackles against the Bulls, and his 114 last season set a high bar for him to replicate this fall.

Messer has always been a defensive standout for the Phoenix, and his presence in the middle has helped keep Elon's slim-margin wins from slipping away into losses. Hard as he may try, though, Elon's defensive backs will simply need to tighten some screws and limit yards-after-catch from their opponents if they want to hang with the competition.

Cignetti and the Phoenix had a chance to see what they need to fix, but there isn't much time to let those changes take effect.

"It's not like it's just over and that's the end of our season," Cheek said. "Elon football is going to be back, and we're going to be a lot better. So the biggest thing is just to get back to it."

Elon comes back home this Saturday to take on Furman, a team that has been both familiar and frustrating in the past few years. The Phoenix beat them on the road for their first FCS game of 2017. More recently, though, the Paladins handed Elon a heartbreaking loss that put the skids on a postseason run.

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LUCK of the draw



Elon turns to lottery system for scoring tickets to men's basketball vs. UNC

Jack Haley
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One of Elon University's major selling points is that students will never have to pay a dime for tickets to Elon sporting events. All one has to do to attend is swipe his or her Phoenix Card. But when the Tar Heels of the University at North Carolina Chapel Hill step on campus Nov. 9 for its matchup with the Phoenix in the brand new Schar Center, it may be a bit tougher to get a seat.

Elon will use a two-phase lottery system to determine who will get a coveted seat in the student section of the 5,100-seat arena on Nov. 9.

Phase one: Attendance

To encourage higher attendance at other Elon sporting events, if a student attends four of the six selected games, they will be entered into a smaller pool to improve their chances of securing a ticket to the

game against the Tar Heels. Students will swipe their Phoenix Cards when they arrive and again when they leave, which must be after the beginning of the second half or third set of the game.

Students that complete this requirement will be entered into the first ticket lottery. If one does not win a ticket in the first pool, then they will be automatically entered into the second pool. Phase one will have more tickets available to students.

Phase two: Pure lottery

If a student does not attend at least four of the six games, they can go to the Moseley Student Center and swipe his or her card to enter the larger, second pool. Students in phase two will be competing not only with each other, but also with any student that did not get a ticket in phase one, who will automatically be entered into phase two.

If a student does not win tickets during either phase of the lottery, they can attempt to buy tickets at the door the day of the game. Tickets will not be sold to sit in the student section and will not be available online.



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Upper left: President Connie Book stands with the Phoenix as it takes on North Carolina A&T on Aug. 28.
Upper right: Excited fans cheer on the Elon volleyball team from courtside seats during their first match inside the Schar Center.

BY THE NUMBERS

4

approved games students must go to in order to qualify for phase one of the ticket lottery

68

years since the UNC men's basketball team has played at Elon

\$13M

Schar family has donated \$13 million to Elon University

SELECTED GAMES

1. Volleyball vs. NC A&T at 7 p.m. Aug. 28 in Schar Center
2. Women's soccer vs. Davidson at 7 p.m. Sept. 14 at Rudd Field
3. Women's soccer vs. Charleston at 7 p.m. Sept. 27 at Rudd Field
4. Volleyball vs. Towson at 7 p.m. Oct. 4 in Schar Center
5. Football vs. Richmond at 1:30 p.m. Oct. 20 in Rhodes Stadium
6. Men's soccer vs. Hofstra at 7 p.m. Oct. 20 at Rudd Field

THE PHOENIX FOCUS

WOMEN'S SOCCER

RESULTS **2-1-3**
AUG. 31 HIGH POINT 0-0
SEPT. 2 RICHMOND 2-0

SCHEDULE

SEPT. 6 CHARLOTTE 7 P.M.
SEPT. 10 RADFORD 7 P.M.

FOOTBALL

RESULTS **0-1**

SEPT. 1 SOUTH FLORIDA/TAMPA 14-34

SCHEDULE

SEPT. 8 FURMAN 6 P.M.

MEN'S SOCCER

RESULTS **2-1-0**

AUG. 30 VIRGINIA POSTPONED
SEPT. 2 RUTGERS 8-1

SCHEDULE

SEPT. 8 HIGH POINT 7 P.M.
SEPT. 11 CHARLOTTE 7 P.M.

VOLLEYBALL

RESULTS **7-0**

AUG. 31 EVANSVILLE 3-1
SEPT. 1 NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL 3-0
SEPT. 1 GARDNER-WEBB 3-1

SCHEDULE

SEPT. 7 AKRON 1:30 P.M.
SEPT. 8 GEORGIA SOUTHERN 5 P.M.

CROSS COUNTRY

RESULTS

SEPT. 30 ELON OPENER/ELON WOMEN 4TH
MEN 5TH

SPORTS BRIEFS

Volleyball's killer start

After starting the year strong with three straight wins on the road at the Charlotte Invitational, Elon University returned to the friendly confines of the brand new 5,100-seat Schar Center to christen the space. The Phoenix took center stage in front of a record crowd for the program and started the Schar Center chapter of Elon Athletics with a sweep of North Carolina A&T. Elon also got three wins to take the top spot at the Phoenix Classic, beating Evansville, North Carolina Central and Gardner-Webb, to get to the 7-0 mark. This is Elon's best start since 2009, a year that saw them finish 23-8.

Men's soccer kicks it up a notch

Elon University men's soccer picked up a pair of key wins this past week. First they topped nationally ranked No. 20 Florida International University 3-0 on Aug. 26, then the Phoenix ran over Rutgers University 8-1 on Sunday night. Elon bounced back from a tough 2-0 loss to Vermont in their season opener at the John Rennie/Nike Classic with a stellar performance against Florida International University. Elon then trounced the Scarlet Knights behind junior Inigo Bronte's hat-trick, which took him 28 minutes to complete. The 7-point performance from the Pamplona, Spain, native junior earned him Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) Player of the Week honors.

Cross country hosts season opener

Elon University cross country hosted the Elon Opener on Friday, Aug. 31. For the women, senior Coralea Geraniotis placed runner-up in the 4K race, while freshman Hannah Preeo finished seventh overall. For the men, freshman Andrew Miller's 19:46 in the 6K was good enough for first on the team and 23rd in the field. The women's team claimed fourth place in the event and the men took fifth.

Football fights in Florida

Elon football fell on Saturday night to the Bulls of the University of South Florida 34-14. Elon was shut out going into halftime down 24-0. In his first appearance after tearing his ACL six games into the 2017 season, senior running back Malcolm Summers racked up 62 yards on 15 carries. Sophomore quarterback Davis Cheek threw for just 45 yards, with no touchdowns and two interceptions.

Landmark win for women's soccer

Though first-year women's soccer head coach Neil Payne hasn't been at Elon long, he can already claim a spot in the record book. Payne guided the women's team to their 300th victory in program history on Sunday night in a win over the University of Richmond Spiders at Rudd Field. Coming off of a draw with High Point University three days earlier, Elon weathered a lighting delay to outlast Richmond. Sophomores Carson Jones and Ashley Rumley just seven minutes apart to open and close the scoring in the historic game. This was a bounce-back win for the Phoenix, who hadn't won since their season opener on the road at Liberty University.



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