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'TEACHERS

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TO SAVE THEIR KIDS
AND THAT IS

TERRIFYING.'

Number of Safe Rides volunteers declines

Fewer volunteers creates concerns about organization's future

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Immediately after their first ever assignment, Safe Rides operators senior Dan Ford and sophomore Remy Benzel were on Lebanon Avenue waiting for their next assignment, discussing what would happen if Safe Rides didn't exist.

STARTING SAFE RIDES

In the spring of 1992, Elon student Chad Macy was killed in a drunk driving accident. In response, Elon Volunteers! started Safe Rides.

According to several of its drivers, Safe Rides has been struggling to fill its vehicles' front two seats.

Before the program began, in the spring of

1992, Elon student Chad Macy was killed in a drunk driving accident. In response, Elon Volunteers! started Safe Rides.

The organization is a student-run and volunteer-based program that offers free rides to students to reduce the risk of drunk driving and to ensure students get home safely.

"If there wasn't Safe Rides, I feel like more walking would happen, like 'oh I'll just walk home,'" Ford said. "It can also be dangerous though, like this

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How a school shooting is changing the way Elon trains future teachers

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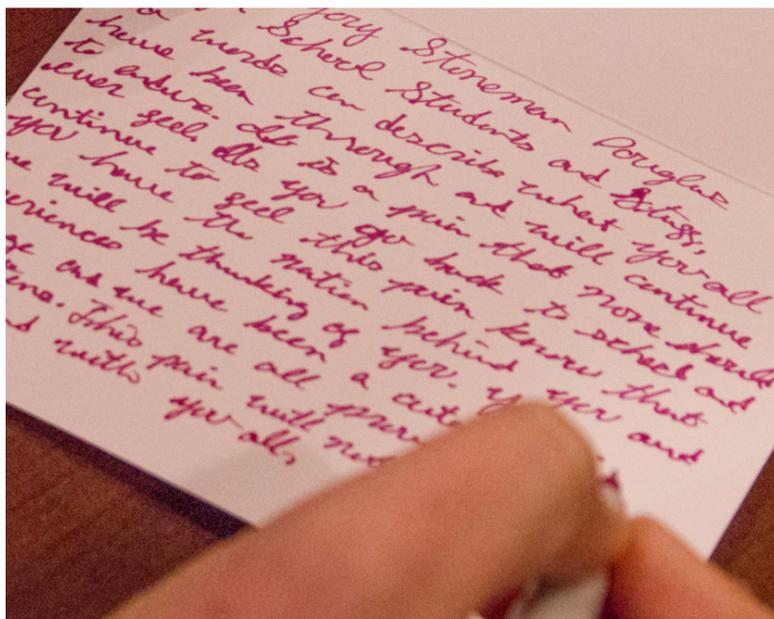
WITHIN THE FINAL MINUTES of her high school senior English class, Elon University senior and student teacher Annaliese Jaffe noticed her students' attention drifting to the incessant buzzing of their phones.

This is not an uncommon occurrence after reading the fourth act of Hamlet for 90 minutes, but as her seniors from Alamance-Burlington Middle College began to pack up and Jaffe began to prepare her grammar lesson for her sophomores, she noticed fearful looks exchanged between her students as seniors filed out and sophomores filed in.

"What's up, guys?" she asked.

Her students informed her that a neighboring school, Eastern Alamance High School, was experiencing a lockdown. Whether the lockdown was a drill was unknown to both Jaffe and her students. But as texts spread between the students at Alamance-Burlington and their friends inside Eastern Alamance, fear spread as well.

"When I heard my kids say they were scared to be in school, I got so upset," Jaffe said. "After, I explained the situation and they started taking a test — I sat down and realized I was also scared. But



ANTON L. DELGADO | ENTERPRISE STORY COORDINATOR

also furious because my kids were scared. That was when it really hit me, when I was in school and my kids were scared about it."

It was Feb. 16, only two days after a mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, left 17 dead. Jaffe had no direct ties to the shooting or its victims, but that didn't stop the all-too-familiar pain from suffering.

"It was awful to hear about, but it was a similar feeling to the emotions that I felt after every school shooting that has happened," Jaffe said.

But the Parkland massacre wasn't like previous school shootings — this one was different.

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SCHOOL OF EDUCATION BY THE NUMBERS

257

students majoring in the School of Education. Students must student teach in schools in the surrounding community in order to graduate.

50

Elon University students from the School of Education currently working as student teachers at more than 20 schools within driving range of the campus.

Top: Senior Annaliese Jaffe talks to her students about "The Crucible" on March 2 at Alamance-Burlington Middle College.

Above: Senior Virginia Little handwrites a letter to survivors of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School massacre March 2.



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On Page 8 of the Feb. 28 edition of The Pendulum, Alamance County was spelled wrong. Elon News Network regrets the error.

GAMES

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

ACROSS

- Drone sound
- Spicy dip
- French flag couleur
- Parade celebrity
- Cotton swabs
- Pair on a Disneyland hat
- Verdi highlight
- It's prohibited on many highways
- Vast landmass
- Musical Christmas staple
- Culinary student's assent
- Native American symbol
- Bit of cheer?
- 22% of the U.S. Senate
- WWII female
- Program breaks
- Enthusiastic
- "Good Lord!"
- Miscellany
- [Uh-oh!]
- Big name in threshers
- In ___ of: replacing
- City ENE of Reno
- One of pop music's Papas
- Permits
- Takes a load off
- Mil. officers
- High-IQ group
- Perilous hisser
- In check
- Succeeding like nobody's business
- Like most kosher frankfurters
- Water sport
- Only inanimate zodiac sign
- Iams alternative
- "Quite so"
- Historical period
- Slimming procedure, briefly
- Shopping club
- Swearing-in rituals
- For fear that

DOWN

- "Careless Whisper" pop group
- "___ comes trouble!"
- Eye part
- Sunday dinner side dish
- Weightlifting maneuver
- Driving
- "Elementary" co-star Lucy
- Nimble
- Ed with seven Emmys
- Summer Olympics event since 1996
- Word with back or whip
- Historic canal
- "Aim High ... Fly-Fight-Win" military org.
- Non-neutral atom
- Took a load off
- Purplish hue
- Ante, e.g.
- Small egg
- Takes full advantage of
- Gravy thickener
- From far away (perhaps very far)
- See 51-Down
- "The March King"
- Unexpected
- Susan of "L.A. Law"

By Jeffrey Wechsler

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Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY - CAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



Senior Shay Burnett (5) prepares to get a rebound before a free throw against JMU last spring.

The Colonial Athletic Association women's basketball tournament starts this week, but 10 years ago, the Elon University team ended its postseason with an early exit.

The Phoenix, then in the Big South Conference, lost to the No. 7 ranked Coastal Carolina University 66-64. It ended a season of high hopes for the Phoenix, especially for sophomore Holly Andrews. She averaged 16 points per game. She was also named Big South Player of the Week three times. It

was also a major upset, as the Phoenix was ranked No. 2 in the tournament. This year, Elon is ranked No. 6 in the tournament, and is looking to retain its CAA crown from last year. Senior guard Shay Burnett is averaging 12 points, seven rebounds and five assists per game.

She said she and her team are confident about it.

"Speak it into existence," she said. "We're going to win the CAA tournament, and then make it past the first round of the NCAA tournament."

CAA RANKING

This year, Elon is ranked No. 6 in the tournament and is looking to retain its CAA crown from last year.

NEWS BRIEFS

Elon sophomore named Newman Civic Fellow

Campus Compact has named Elon University sophomore Fiona Zahm a Newman Civic Fellow for her work in the Elon community, as well as in Richmond, Virginia, to cure food insecurity and solve educational disparities.

As a freshman, Zahm was a member of the Service Learning Living and Learning Community, and since coming to Elon, she helped organize ongoing service projects to introduce students to social justice topics through direct volunteer experiences.

Alamance County Commissioner Bob Byrd to visit Elon

Alamance County Commissioner Bob Byrd will be on campus to chat with Elon University students March 7. The event is sponsored by the Elon Political Engagement Work Group, Elon Votes!, Kernodle Center for Service Learning and Community Engagement and the Council on Civic Engagement.

Byrd is currently up for reelection in 2018. According to the event's Facebook page, the goal of the discussion is to "allow students to gain a deeper understanding of how government works and to develop the necessary skills to engage in civil discourse across political divides."

The event runs from 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. at Moseley Center on the first floor.

Sunshine Day will be March 12 at North Carolina A&T

The North Carolina Open Government Coalition, seated at Elon University, has announced it will be hosting its annual Sunshine Day March 12 at North Carolina A&T University.

Sunshine Day annually highlights the transparency of government in the state of North Carolina featured in this year's program will be a learning session on N.C. Open Meetings Law, along with a luncheon and awards ceremony.

According to the event's Facebook page, participants will include Laura Leslie and Tyler Dukes of WRAL, the state capital's local station, Joe Killian of Policy Watch, Christopher Brook of the American Civil Liberties Union of North Carolina and Jonathan Jones of the NCOGC.

Catholic Bishop visits Elon to honor President Book

The first Latino bishop to serve the 54 counties in eastern North Carolina, Luis Rafael Zarama Pasqualetto, came to Elon Community Church Sunday, March 4, to honor Elon University's new president, Connie Book, and lead the traditional 6 p.m. service.

Elon Community Church opened their doors to welcome Book, a practicing Catholic.

Pasqualetto spoke about being presentable for God and said to those in attendance "clean your soul like you clean your room."

CONNIE BOOK STARTED HER first day as president of Elon University March 1, and she certainly had a busy one.

Starting at 6 a.m., she worked out in the gym, gave a speech at the Great Hall, sat in on classes and attended the last game in Alumni Gym. She also planted an oak sapling and handed out Biscuitville to physical plant staff.

"I love this community, I understand the power of it and I promise I'll do my very best," she said.



JESS RAPFOGEL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

President Book, accompanied by vice president emerita Jo Watts Williams, '55, and freshman class president Cam Waddell, plants her oak sapling.



MAGGIE BROWN | EVENT COVERAGE COORDINATOR

President Book congratulates notable alumni on the court during halftime.



ABBY GIBBS | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

President Connie Book poses with students for a photograph on Thursday, March 1 in Global Commons.



SARAH JOHNSON | EVENT COVERAGE COORDINATOR

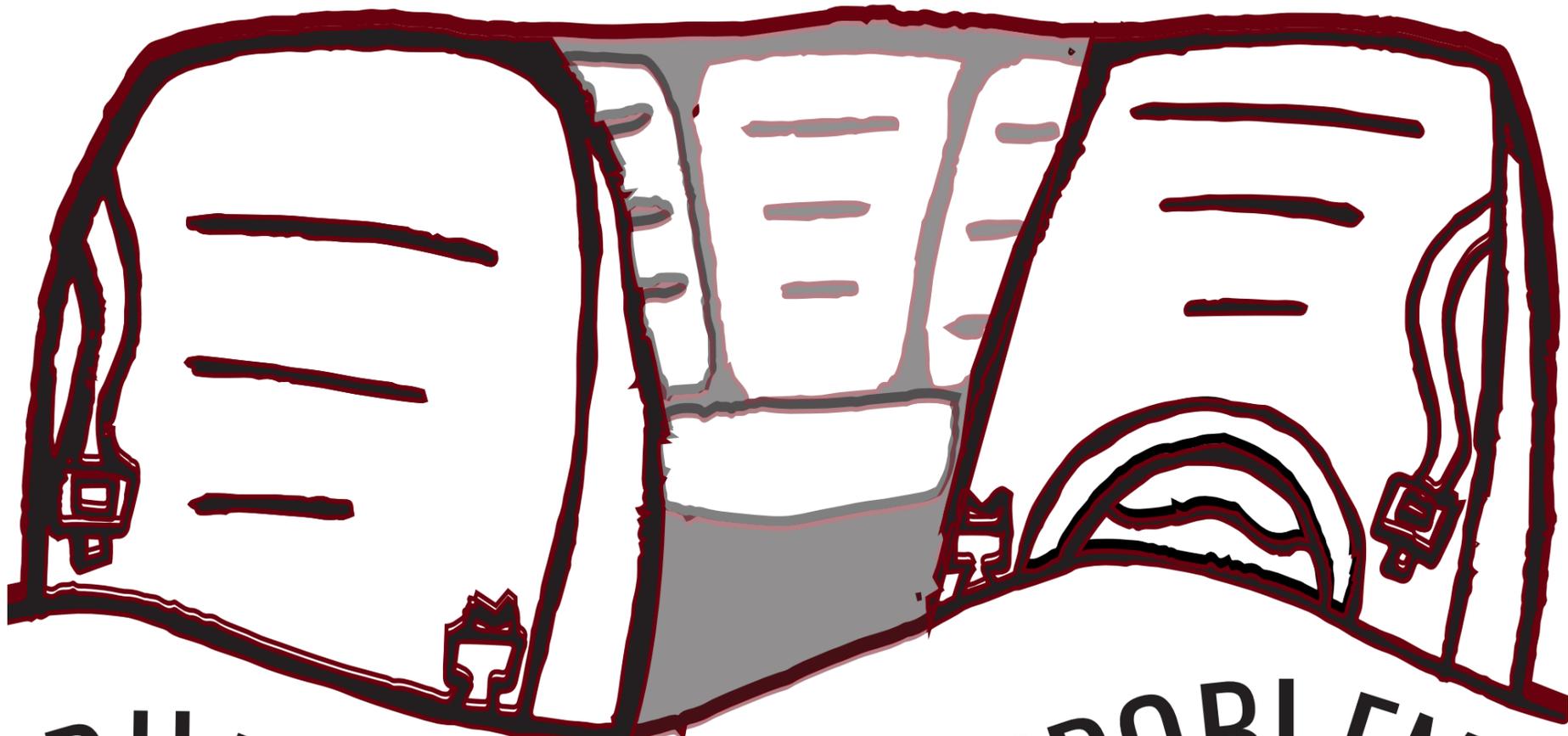
Book takes time on her first day to speak to students eating lunch in Lakeside.



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Faculty members and families welcome Connie Book.

SAFE RIDES



PULLING UP TO THE PROBLEM

KATE DRURY | DESIGNER

SAFE RIDES | from cover

road right here,” Ford said, referring to Lebanon Avenue, a road parallel to the train tracks that runs through Elon University’s campus.

“Ford, a four-year volunteer for Safe Rides, quickly brought the van to a stop to avoid a student who walked into the poorly lit road. It was a nerve-racking experience for Benzel, who had never volunteered for Safe Rides before. Both

Ford and Benzel said this was the precise reason Elon needed Safe Rides.

Since the founding of Safe Rides 25 years ago, Elon has successfully avoided a drunk driving fatality on its campus or in the surrounding area, according to the Safe Rides website.

“It prevents bad decision making — especially if you’ve had a night and you want to drive,” Benzel said.

But Safe Rides does more than prevent drunk driving. Students, such as junior Ellie Snyder, who both uses Safe Rides and has volunteered as a driver, also uses it as a way to get around campus safely at night.

“It’s nice to have a free, school-sponsored way for people to get across campus safely at nighttime and I feel like it’s a good, reliable way to do that,” Snyder said.

But while Snyder, Ford and Benzel have all volunteered for Safe Rides, many students haven’t — which Benzel sees as a major problem for the organization.

“They have been having trouble getting people, that’s for sure,” Benzel said.

To confirm Benzel’s thoughts, Elon News Network contacted the Kernodle Center, the Safe Rides faculty advisor and the two student leaders of the organization. The current student director of Safe Rides and the incoming student director declined to comment on the matter.

The possible lack of volunteers has led to the organization not being able to provide Safe Rides on some of its scheduled nights, according to Ford.

“The main reasons why Safe Rides doesn’t run is just because of volunteers,” Ford said. “I know last year ... they couldn’t run on a number of nights ... because they just didn’t have any volunteers.”

This lack of volunteers is a problem Ford attributes to the growing popularity of the ridesharing app, Uber.

“It’s definitely not as popular as it used to be before Uber came to Elon,” Ford said. “People now, especially Elon

with,” Ford said. “You spend six hours in the car with them, you’re bound to learn something new about them.”

While you might get to know the person riding with you better, Snyder also believes volunteering helps you get to know the Elon community better, too.

“You meet a lot of cool people because people are very open to talking to Safe Rides’ drivers,” Snyder said.

While students and volunteers enjoy the benefits of Safe Rides, drivers such as Ford can only guess the reasons behind the organizations’ drop in popularity. The student leaders of Safe

to stop volunteers from driving the Safe Ride vans recklessly.

“The police actually look at us more,” Ford said. “Some people think they can do whatever they want in a Safe Rides and drive sometimes more recklessly.”

But even without van certification, Snyder believes the real reason behind the lack of volunteers are the long hours. Volunteers have to drive from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. on Thursdays and 10 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

“It was long and exhausting,” Snyder said. “We were in the car for hours and it was late and we were tired.”

The long hours weren’t the only thing that kept Snyder’s experience volunteering from being easy.

“We had a flat tire. So we were in this big van and all of a sudden the tire was completely flat and we had to pull over and it was so bad,” Snyder said. “I don’t know what happened ... it was an interesting experience.”

But despite the issues Safe Rides and their drivers sometimes face, Ford believes there is an easy way to get more volunteers.

“If different groups like sororities and fraternities or just any group did a weekend each semester ... and all their people just committed to 10 or 15 spots I think that could be a good idea to get more volunteers,” Ford said.

Snyder, Benzel and Ford all agreed that volunteering for Safe Rides is an incredibly fun experience.

“There is nothing like driving Safe Rides,” Ford said.

BENEFITS OF VOLUNTEERING FOR SAFE RIDES

1. Volunteers can choose to be a driver, passenger or a dispatcher.
2. Pizza is provided for all Safe Rides’ volunteers before the start of their shifts.
3. There is a banquet at the end of the year to show appreciation for all volunteers.
4. When students volunteer for the organization three or more times, they will be moved to the top of the pick up list if they call for a safe ride.
5. Volunteering is a good way for students to get to know the people they are riding with.
6. Volunteering helps students get to know the Elon community better.



IT’S NICE TO HAVE A FREE SCHOOL SPONSORED WAY FOR PEOPLE TO GET ACROSS CAMPUS SAFELY AT NIGHTTIME, AND I FEEL LIKE IT’S A GOOD RELIABLE WAY TO DO THAT.

ELLIE SNYDER
JUNIOR

students, don’t really mind paying five or 10 bucks for an Uber.”

But despite its drop in popularity, many of its drivers receive multiple benefits for volunteering.

Volunteers can be a driver, passenger or a dispatcher at the Safe Rides office. Pizza is provided for all Safe Rides volunteers before the start of their shifts. At the end of the year, there is a banquet to show appreciation for all volunteers.

But as even more than the pizzas and the banquet, students volunteer for the organization three or more times will be moved to the top of the pick up list if they call for a Safe Rides. Ford even believes it’s a great way to get to know people.

“It’s a good bonding experience with the person that you’re going

Rides also declined to comment on why there might be a lack of students volunteering.

Uber may be one cause in the decline, but Benzel believes van certification is another culprit.

“I assume van certification, like being able to drive the van, is a big filter for people,” Benzel said. “I didn’t get my van certification to drive so if people don’t have that it makes it hard to get rides.”

But as van certification is only needed for the 10-passenger van, other Safe Rides vehicles even as cars and minivans need no certification to drive. To be certified to drive the van a volunteer must take a course and pass both a written and driving test.

Ford, who is van certified, feels the certification process is needed in order

ALAMANCE COUNTY VOLUNTEERS TACKLE HOMELESSNESS

Volunteers and nonprofit organizations work to fight homelessness

Calleigh West, Zach Hrinuk, Lauren Kukosky, Sean Jones, Thomas Hale and Allie Dietz
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People gathered outside the rectangular, brick cafeteria building, waiting for it to open. They sat on the picnic benches outside in their warmest clothes: puffy jackets, wool hats and long pants. Winter hadn't officially arrived, but the first snow of the year was only a few days away.

ALLIED CHURCHES' ORIGIN

ACAC was founded in 1982 when 10 churches in the area saw a need to help the hungry, homeless and hopeless in Alamance County.

Inside, they stood in line for a dinner service offered by Allied Churches of Alamance County (ACAC). The serving trays were filled with mushrooms, salad and beef tips mixed with chopped peppers.

Most of the guests are homeless or food-insecure, and this could be the only meal some of them eat that day.

"We serve food for everyone who needs it," said Harvey Knowles, a shelter advocate at Allied Churches. "We bring people together. Anybody and everybody can come."

Knowles oversees a weekday meal program which typically feeds between 60-120 people for lunch and dinner, depending on the weather.

"When it rains, you get a lot less people coming," he said. "Some people have to walk five miles to get here. I don't know what they do when they don't come, but I hope they have something figured out."

This is one of several services offered by Allied Churches. It also runs a 24/7 emergency shelter for men, women and families, employment training and a food pantry that provides 50 pounds of groceries to around 2,000 people in the community every month.

Allied Churches was founded in 1982 when 10 churches in the Alamance area saw a need to help the hungry and homeless in Alamance County. They now operate the largest shelter, food pantry and meal programs in the county.

Nearly all of the food and resources they offer are contributed by local citizens, organizations and churches.

Volunteer work is a crucial part of the services they offer, with almost 900 people volunteering in 2016.

Most of the volunteers come from local churches and run Allied Churches' entire meal program, from cooking to serving.

Local churches also help out with monetary donations.



WE SERVE FOOD FOR EVERYONE WHO NEEDS IT. WE BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER. ANYBODY AND EVERYBODY CAN COME.

HARVEY KNOWLES
ACAC SHELTER ADVOCATE



A couple of men eat dinner offered by Allied Churches of Alamance County, an organization working to prevent homelessness for community members.

SERIES

This is the second part of a three-part series. Check back next week for additional angles on homelessness in Alamance County.

"The Catholic Church is very involved in social justice issues," said Rev. Paul Lininger, pastor at The Blessed Sacrament, one of the churches that helped establish Allied Churches. "We contribute to them and serve as a conduit to get other groups connected to them."

Allied Churches' total revenue was approximately \$1.62 million in 2016. About \$1.27 million of that sum came in the form of contributions and gifts.

Most of these donations come from churches such as The Blessed Sacrament.

"People feel called to help, and we want people to help," said Caitlin Vatikiotis-Bateson, community relations director for Allied Churches.

Grants funded by private organizations are among the revenue from contributions and gifts.

"When we get a grant for \$198,000 that doesn't always mean we get a check for \$198,000," Vatikiotis-Bateson said. "It means we have to spend that amount before we can be paid back."

Other grants come with spending restrictions. A \$20,000 housing grant might not allow Allied Churches to use any of that funding for medical supplies or employee wages.

"That's where we need community support from our neighbors," Vatikiotis-Bateson said.

Cash can sometimes be the best contribution, because it allows for unrestricted funding that Allied Churches can use for any of the 27 services it provides.

"We want to get the most value out of your dollar," she said.



One of the younger volunteers at Allied Churches prepares to serve some pastries to community members.

Though funding from community partners keeps its doors open, ACAC receives relatively little funding from the government, totaling \$54,000 a year in federal grants.

To put that in perspective, employee salaries totaled nearly \$650,000 in 2016.

Executive director Richard Gary took over in March 2017, following the termination of his predecessor in August 2016. Allied Churches has faced monetary issues after losing a grant in the summer of 2016, and has been forced to downsize three staff positions.

Gary has continued working to help the community, despite those challenges early in his tenure.

"I've been in it since the beginning," Gary said. "I actually was a homeless youth. Growing up I went to Goodwill to shop for clothes."

He remembers being hungry all the time as a kid and having his heat cut off for two years.

Gary clarified that homelessness isn't always about drug or alcohol issues. It could be a truck driver or a pharmacist who lost their job.

He says homelessness is a traumatic experience, which is why counseling is a key component at Allied Churches.

BY THE NUMBERS

50

Allied Churches has a food pantry that provides 50 pounds of groceries to community members.

2K

These groceries go to around 2,000 people in the community every month.

900

Allied Churches had almost 900 volunteers in 2016.

1.6M

Allied Churches' total revenue was approximately \$1,616,000 in 2016.

1.3M

About \$1,266,000 of the total revenue in 2016 came in from contributions and gifts.

54K

Allied Churches receives relatively little funding from the government totaling \$54,000 a year in federal grants.

Jai Baker, housing director, said it all starts with one question.

"How can we help you?"

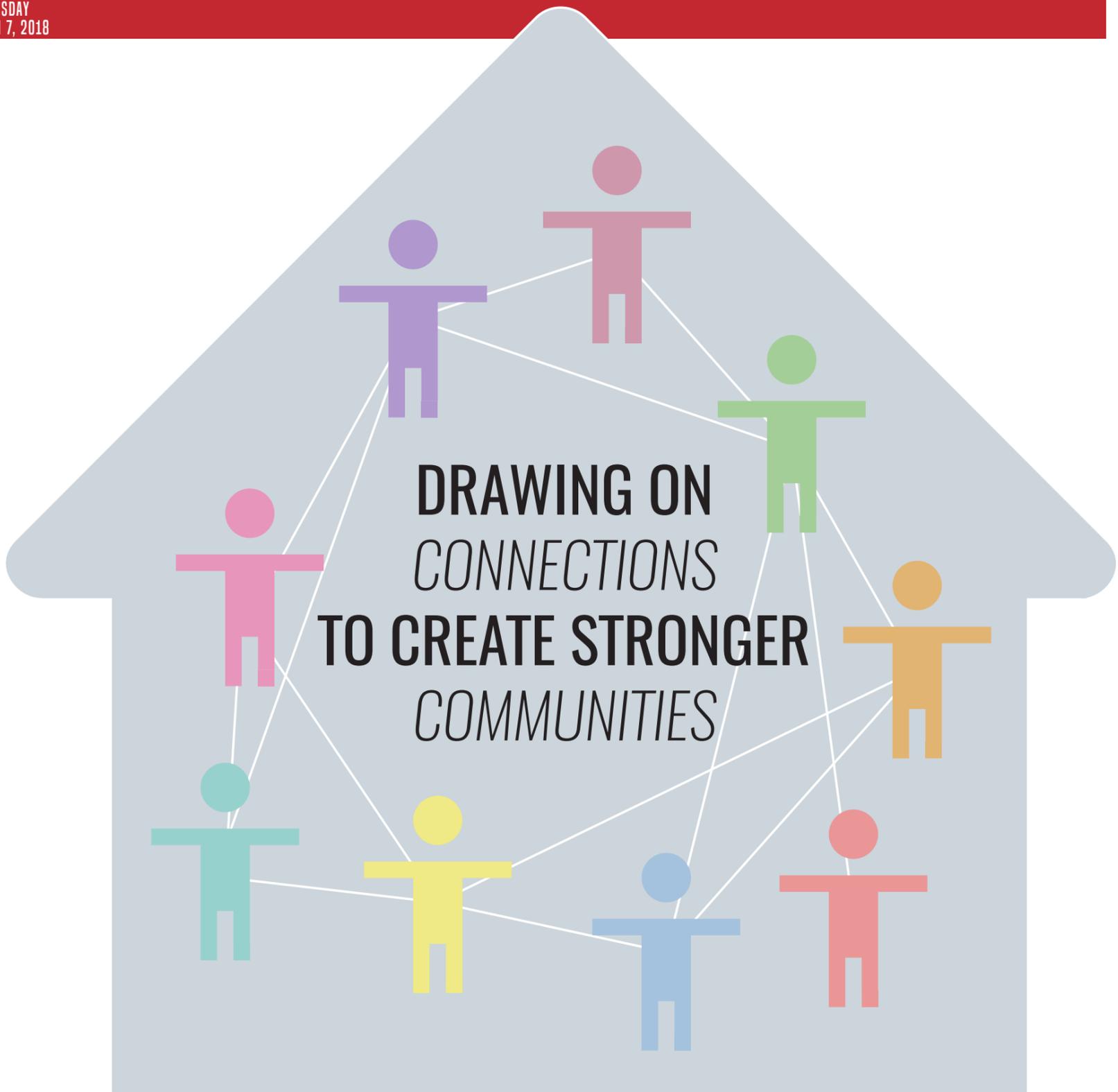
The housing team provides the homeless with a chance for a successful future. Baker recalls a time where they housed a family of five, saving them from a drug problem.

Rion Thompson, street outreach coordinator, said he started

working at Allied Churches because he loved the energy and the mission.

Since becoming the outreach coordinator, he realized that just food, water and a conversation could change their whole world.

"It's about convincing people that this is not their end," Thompson said.



ALEX TOMA | DESIGNER

Living and Learning Communities leave an impression on students

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One of the most important aspects of a student's college experience is where they are going to be living, especially during their freshman year. Many incoming freshmen at Elon University must decide which neighborhood they would prefer to live in and hope they are given their preference.

Elon has 25 Living and Learning Communities in which students must fill out a separate housing application indicating which two they are most interested in. They must also answer additional questions, such as how the theme connects to their interests and how they plan to contribute and serve as a member of the community.

These LLCs are spread across Elon's campus throughout neighborhoods.

The new East Neighborhood being built will adopt some LLCs from other neighborhoods — will be the Service Learning Community, which will be moving to East Building C, formerly in the first floor of Virginia. Sophomore Jordan Williams will be the Resident Assistant for it next year.

"I love to volunteer," Williams said. "I am a part of Alpha

Phi Omega, Elon's coed service fraternity, so I have that experience in volunteering. I think this LLC is a good fit for other people who volunteer, and I want to mentor them through volunteering at Elon."

Of all of the LLCs, the International LLC is going to be two floors in the upcoming year because of an increase in people currently living there wanting to return to the community.

Senior Annaliese Jaffe is the RA for the International LLC located in the Global Neighborhood. She has been an RA since her sophomore year where she began in Danieley and then was in West Hall her junior year.

Jaffe has seen the difference an LLC makes, having experienced being an RA for a normal hall and then an LLC.

"When I was the RA in West, there was no common room, and it was harder for everyone to bond," Jaffe said. "Many of the girls went into Greek life and rushed because they wanted that sense of belonging. In the International LLC, I only had a few girls rush because many believed they already belonged to a community and did not need to rush."

There are various reasons why people apply to live in a particular LLC, but Jaffe and other residents make it a point to be inclusive and let others know the LLC is not specifically for international students.

Sophomore Sara Nderitu began living in the international LLC her freshman year and is



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SYDNEY SIMMONS
SOPHOMORE

LIVING IN AN LLC

1. Students must fill out a separate application indicating which two LLCs they are most interested in.
2. LLCs are run by advisors and residence assistance that Elon will offer for the 2018-2019 school year.
3. LLCs are intended to help establish a community and foster personal growth.

currently living there again. She is not an international student herself, and her interest for living on the floor was based on her major and a few other factors.

"I applied to live in the LLC because I wanted a place of different diverse experiences," Nderitu said. "I specifically chose the international LLC because I am an international studies major. I really enjoy learning about different cultures and experiences."

Jaffe said the idea of having a common connection is one that allows LLCs to be so popular.

"With LLCs, there is going to be a common connection because they each have an interesting focus," Jaffe said. "With the International LLC, there is the interest of wanting to hear about different cultures but also wanting to bring in an academic and holistic focus."

The ability to establish a community within an LLC is easier, according to many resident assistants for these halls.

Sophomore Molly Lankisch returned to live in the polyglot floor this year as the RA after having been just a resident the previous year.

"I think the importance is really establishing a community based on what everyone is passionate about," Lankisch said. "We are all very passionate about studying languages outside of English — having that commonality helped us establish a community around this. It helps first year students in

their transition."

Freshman Sydney Templeton chose to live on the polyglot floor because she is minoring in French and has been studying the language.

"I chose to apply to the polyglot or World Language floor because I love learning about different languages and culture and I am also a French minor," Templeton said. "I knew that the floor would help my French. We have weekly language lunches at Lakeside. We all speak in the language we are studying."

Besides being able to establish a community, sophomore Sydney Simmons believes LLCs help an individual on a personal level as well.

Simmons lived in the examining disparities in access to education LLC her freshman year and transitioned to being the RA this year. She believes that LLCs are vital for personal growth.

"Most people that decide to live in an LLC do it because of the community aspect," Simmons said. "They focus on one or a couple of things, so they share similar beliefs and values and that is necessary for personal growth, especially if you have something you are striving toward. I think LLCs are important for first-years, but also sophomores and juniors because they are steadily growing and they are making friends for life. LLCs have a lot to offer, and we do not realize the benefits of them."

Understanding the Academy Awards

Nicole Triche, assistant professor of communications, outlines intricacies of Oscars

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Nicole Triche

This past Sunday night, film lovers everywhere were parked in front of the TV watching the 90th Academy Awards show. The Academy Awards, more commonly known as the Oscars, honors the best of the film industry every year. Since 1929, receiving an Oscar has been a landmark of success in the film industry. Nicole Triche, assistant professor of communications, elaborated on how the Oscar process works and its significance.

Q: What are the Oscars?

A: The Oscars are the Academy of Motion Picture's big award show. They are choosing the best picture of the year, the best animated picture of the year, best actor/actress of the year — they have all these different categories. The Academy members are the ones who are voting on all of these things, this is the 90th year.

Q: Why were the Oscars created?

A: The original Oscars were only 15 minutes long. Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer (MGM) wanted just to have a small show, something very simple, to give some awards and make some people happy. Now it has morphed into this huge event.

Q: How are the Oscar Awards chosen?

A: There are about 24 categories — different categories are chosen in different ways. Each category has a smaller group of qualified individuals that pick who the nominees are, it starts with a short list and then that is narrowed down to the actual nominations. Once the ballot is out, everybody who's a member of the academy gets to vote. We can't vote. But there are qualifications for some of the categories. Movies must have been played for two weeks in a theatre either in New York or Los Angeles and have been reviewed. Say you have a short documentary, you're not going to see them in theaters, so they must be played at a film festival that is recognized by the Academy and win.

Q: Has there been any trends in recent years of the movies or actors that tend to win these awards?

A: A few years ago there has been the



From left, Sam Rockwell, Frances McDormand, Allison Janney and Gary Oldman backstage at the Academy Awards on Mar. 4. COURTESY OF TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

#OscarsSoWhite, so that has definitely made some changes. Not huge changes yet, but it's kind of trending a certain way. There were years and years and years where all the directors were white, all the acting categories: supporting, leading, actor or actress, were all white — that's why the #OscarsSoWhite started trending. The Academy took notice of that, because there were protests and boycotts. The Academy then started opening up the doors to be more inclusive. We have seen more people of color being nominated for things recently, like this year with 'Get Out,' and females being nominated

for director.

Q: Do you predict the Oscars will continue to represent the #MeToo movement like the Golden Globes did?

A: Before the Golden Globes they sent out a message that they were going to launch the #MeToo at the Golden Globes and for everyone to wear their black dress. From my understanding, that call has not come out for the Oscars. I'm sure it will come up. People who are hosting and presenting the awards are really involved in the movement, so

I wouldn't be surprised if they talk about it.

Q: How does the Oscars affect the film industry?

A: It helps to green light and provide direction for future films. The Oscars is when people hear about certain films, so maybe they will go see them after. Any film or actor that gets nominated in the Oscars will get a bump up in the box office. If a movie wins, it gets an even bigger bump in the box office, and it's in history — 20 years from now people will continue to watch it.

Zagster bicycle-sharing program comes to an end

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Imagine riding a bright, blue bicycle from Moseley to class on a clear, warm, spring day.

With Zagster, the bike-sharing program implemented on Elon University's campus in February 2017, this option became a feasible reality for students who didn't own a bike but wanted to enjoy a bike ride or needed to get somewhere quickly.

But, the two five-bicycle stations located in front of Moseley and Daniele Commons were removed last month because of an insufficient number of riders.

SGA decided to discontinue the Zagster program because of a lack of ridership.

"To be able to pay the amount to be able to afford having the system here — the full system — it would be dependent on a certain amount of students paying to have a membership to keep the system running," said senior Rachel Hobbs, executive secretary.

The program was launched as a free, pilot program in the initial phase. Students would download the Zagster app and reserve a bicycle for three-hour intervals.

On June 1, 2017, the free trial period ended, and the voluntary membership for Zagster officially began for students at the cost of \$50 per year.

SGA has contacted the students who had decided to pay the \$50 membership fee to inform them that they will be refunded the money.

Zagster needed a minimum of 600 riders in order to keep the two

stations on campus or to expand to six stations. Instead, it only received more than 200.

"We really weren't in a place where I think it would be fiscally responsible for us to renew the contract for two stations or expand the program to more stations," Hobbs said.

"It's a \$20,000 system, and so to renew the program it would have been that amount and this was a pilot program with two stations, not six. If we were to expand, that price would definitely change because with the maintenance of what we have now, it would be \$20,000 for next year," Hobbs said.

SGA's Student Issues Committee first received student feedback two years ago indicating student interest in implementing a bike-sharing program on campus.

"This didn't just come out of nowhere," Hobbs said about the service. "It was the product of years of research."

"They did a survey which indicated that at least a pilot was appropriate, and they invested in the pilot program," said Jana Lynn Patterson, associate vice president for student life, and adviser to SGA.

"We did a lot of research on our own campus with different departments," Hobbs said. "We surveyed our student body, we looked at other schools, looked at a bunch of companies, and so we really did our due diligence, I think, in terms of launching this pilot and promoting it as well."

SGA ended up most closely following Duke University's model for bike sharing.

"It was a number of schools we looked at back in the early research stages," Hobbs said. "One of the big-

ZAGSTER BICYCLE-SHARING

\$50

Zagster officially began to cost students \$50 per year.

600

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gest ones we looked at was Duke because they actually worked with Zagster, so we looked at Duke and actually went to their campus and looked at their system."

"At the time, Zagster was really the leader in terms of collegiate bike rental systems," Hobbs said.

"They worked pretty well with Duke," Hobbs said, explaining why SGA decided to go with Zagster.

But Patterson noted Duke's undergraduate population is not only nearly twice as large as Elon's, but the campus also operates differently than this campus does.

"There are a lot of cars inside Duke's campus," Patterson said. "Our cars are on the periphery. They're not right in the middle of campus, so there's that. Also, we don't have a lot of commuter students. We have commuter students, but they live very close, so they can walk home in 10 minutes instead of taking a bike and going and then dropping it back."

"Our campus is a highly walkable campus," Patterson said. "So a lot of times you see biking pro-

grams more successful when a campus is more spread out than ours is or when there's high traffic."

Hobbs said though Duke's program seemed to be a good model to follow, it panned out differently there than on Elon's campus.

"They were in a little bit different of a position just because they had a full system from the start and not a pilot," Hobbs said. "So we started with two stations. I believe they started with six, and then they were free for students the whole time. We weren't quite in a position to do that."

"We wanted to pilot it to be fiscally responsible, so we launched a smaller version of the system for the year to test how it does," Hobbs said.

But Zagster did not meet SGA's expectations.

Sophomore Destyne Spieker used Zagster one time during the initial free period to get lunch with her brother, senior Devon Spieker.

"I thought it was a really good idea, but a lot of people have their own bikes," she said. "If you're going to pay to keep a bike or to ride a bike, and you do it for the full four years, you might as well just buy your own bike because you're going to use that more, and you can use that later, after college."

Spieker also felt as though Zagster could have been more successful if it had been advertised more or in different ways.

"To tell you the truth, it wasn't spread a lot," she said. "You could read what it was on the rack, because they had the sign saying 'Zagster,' and it explained it but the idea of it wasn't spread very much. I didn't know what it was, and that's why I was afraid to do anything with it."

SCHOOL SAFETY |

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Post-Parkland

Jaffe is one of 50 student teachers from the School of Education currently working in one of 21 schools within driving range of the campus.

According to the 2018 Spring Registrar's report, there are 257 Elon students with a major within the School of Education. To graduate, students have to student teach in schools in the surrounding community to complete their engaged learning model requirement.

All of these students may face similar situations to the one Jaffe faced in February — a scenario the School of Education is beginning to prepare its students for.

Before the massacre at Parkland, the School of Education hadn't anticipated the need to adapt its curriculum to include school safety measures.

Following the school shootings that took place in 2017 and during the first few months of 2018, there were discussions about whether school safety should become a part of the School of Education's curriculum. But no official step toward such precautions had been made.

"I thought about it as part of our curriculum because there are trainings that are now happening in school systems around school safety," said Ann Bullock, dean of the School of Education. "But at Elon, we had not integrated it into the curriculum — that doesn't mean it wasn't talked about in individual classes."

According to Bullock, after Parkland things needed to be changed. The way the shooting occurred, in her opinion, was different from the others.

"It was a student that was expelled from the school and showed no signs of doing something like that, then just walked in and did it," Bullock said. "Students make mistakes and get suspended from schools. I don't want my teachers to feel that they can't discipline a child or a young adolescent if they need to because they are worried that they might come back to school with a gun."

The Parkland shooting showed Bullock that the safety measures they were taught in the past wouldn't be enough.

"Teachers are taught to lock the door and get under desks — well, this guy just shot through the door," Bullock said. "The strategies we now have are not ones that are really viable. So what are the best strategies? I don't know the answer to that, which is why we need to bring in experts."

Bullock wasn't the only member of the School of Education that came to this realization following Parkland. In the days after the shooting, — similarly to what has happened in the past — professors sat down with their education classes to talk about the deadly massacre.

"This is a very teachable moment in time, not to teach a one-sided or unthinking response, but to support students in the very thing we claim to be educating them for — responsible civic engagement in a democratic society," said Kim Pyne, associate professor of English, who sat down to discuss the Parkland shooting with students such as senior Ben Rogers, president of the School of



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DEAN OF THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Education ambassadors.

But for the first time, the post-school shooting discussion didn't end with just words.

Within the first few weeks after Spring Break, Rogers and Bullock are hoping to host a panel focused on specific strategies teachers, staff members and administrators can take in a scenario in which an intruder enters their schools.

"Every school is different," Rogers said. "As future teachers, we don't know what type of safety features will be in our classrooms. It's going to be good to have these people educate us on the various resources that we have and to prepare us for various situations."

Not only as a dean, but also as a fellow educator, Bullock is most focused on preparing current students for situations such as these in their future teaching professions.

"People shouldn't be scared to be a teacher and children shouldn't be scared to be at schools. That's not what childhood should be like for young adolescents, but it has become a reality," Bullock said. "I just don't want to know that one day an Elon graduate is in a school and something horrific happened and I didn't do something to help prepare them."

Taylor Cesarski, a 2017 graduate from the School of Education with a degree in mathematics and a teacher licensure, entered the teaching profession before the Parkland massacre. She is currently teaching at Athens Drive High School in Raleigh.

"I had some classes that had conversations centered around violence in schools but had no actual simulations or other trainings," Cesarski said. "But when I was there, Parkland hadn't happened yet."

While Elon didn't focus on training her to deal with active shooter situations, she doesn't believe any school could ever really prepare teachers for that.

"No teacher in the country would ever feel 100 percent prepared in that sort of scenario, no matter the training," Cesarski said. "But Elon gave us the space to be people first and teachers second, which prepared me to be the best person for my kids and the best teacher."

Current students in the School of Education are looking forward to the panel on school safety, hoping that attending will make them feel more prepared for an active

shooter situation.

One of those students is senior Sophie Gangemi, who is majoring in elementary education and is currently student teaching at B. Everett Jordan Elementary School in Saxapahaw.

Following the Parkland shooting, Gangemi had a discussion about the shooting in her senior seminar class — but that's where the conversation ended.

"These situations need to be addressed, especially how to handle them," Gangemi said. "If — God forbid — it was happening in a school I am working at or a classroom setting I am in, I want to be able to get my students out of that situation. It would be nice to think things are going to change, but realistically until gun control changes nothing is going to change."

But saving students in a situation such as Parkland isn't the only thing future teachers at Elon want to be trained for.

Jaffe agrees being trained more for an active shooter on campus will help, but she hopes the training won't end there.

"What I really need to be trained for is how to deal with and handle this fear with my students," Jaffe said. "We really need to be trained in how we are going to handle when our kids are scared about things that are happening in other places. There needs to be both. What do I do when my kids are freaking out because of their friends in other schools?"

Both Jaffe and Gangemi will be graduating in May and joining Cesarski in a world changed by the Parkland shooting.

Cesarski believes her alma mater needs to set an example by supporting schools such as Marjory Stoneman Douglas.

"Education is a community and we need to stand up for students across America and let them know that this is not how it is supposed to be," Cesarski said. "You are not supposed to live in fear at school. Elon needs to show support and take a stand and say that it is not okay and that they support victims of school violence — not only to set an example to the country, but also to its own students."

Supporting Parkland

More than 1,000 miles separate Marjory Stoneman Douglas from

Senior Annaliese Jaffe hands out Hamlet books to her senior English class on March 2 at Alamance-Burlington Middle College.



A TEACHER'S JOB IS TO TEACH, NOT TO HOLD A GUN OR TO POLICE A SCHOOL.

BEN ROGERS
PRESIDENT OF THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AMBASSADORS

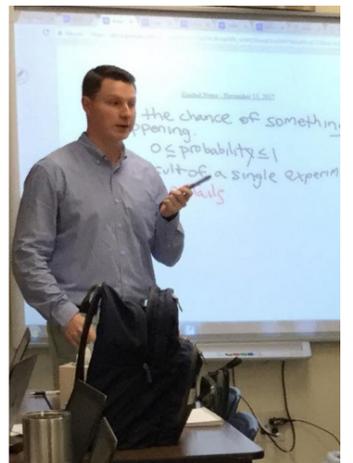
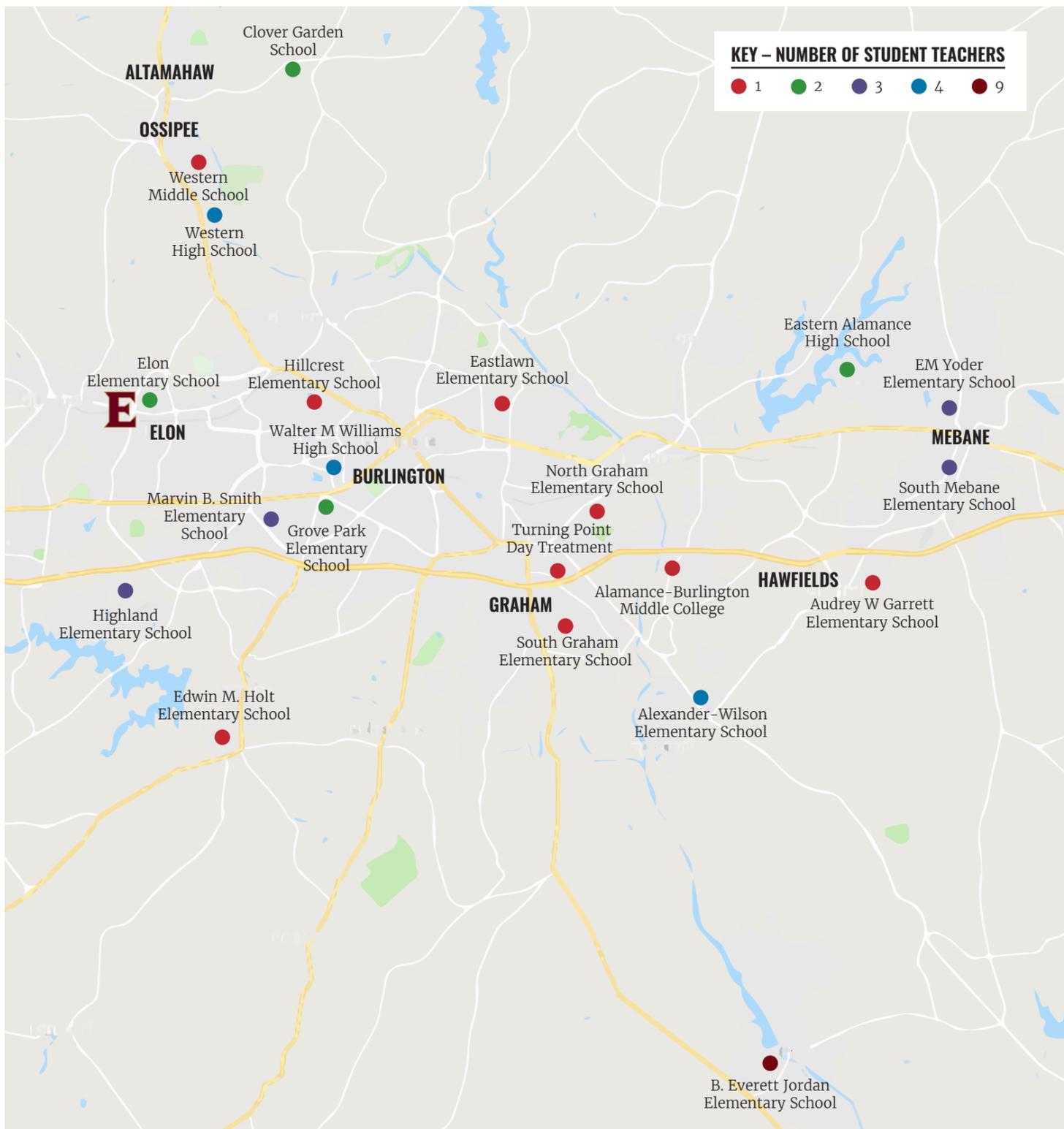


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Senior Ben Rogers, president of the School of Education student ambassadors teaching Math II in ABSS Early College.

ELON STUDENT TEACHER SCHOOL ASSIGNMENTS



Elon, but the School of Education decided to make the stand of solidarity that Cesarski referred to.

“Our students have been having a lot of conversation in their classes about the shootings and school violence and of course what we can do to help,” said Allison Bryan, director of the curriculum resource center.

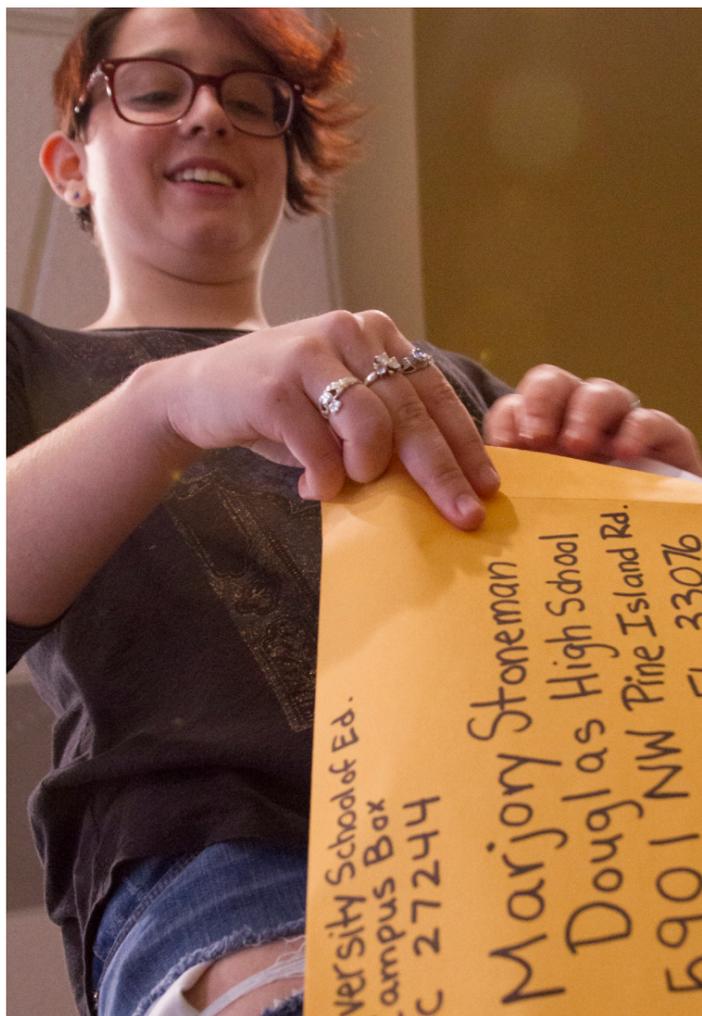
While scrolling through her Twitter feed, Bryan saw tweets from faculty members working in Marjory Stoneman Douglas saying their students could use moral support from outside of the Parkland community.

The next day, Bryan started working with faculty and students to write letters to the survivors of the school shooting to offer the requested support.

“We thought that was something we could do to feel like we were helping and also help us process and think about what happened,” Bryan said. “Just so that future teachers and educators here can show support to the student and the staff of that community — so they know we are thinking about them and working to make sure things like this don’t happen in our school as well.”

On March 2, Bryan and several students addressed an envelope filled with handwritten letters and sent it to Marjory Stoneman Douglas.

Junior Lauren Ventresca who participated in the card-writing is an elementary and special education



Junior Lauren Ventresca fills an envelope addressed to Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School with handwritten letters of support March 2.

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LAUREN VENTRESCA
JUNIOR

major who hopes her small gesture will go a long way for the students of Marjory Stoneman Douglas.

“In education, relationships are important,” Ventresca said. “Teachers and students need to feel loved and appreciated. It is important that other schools know we are looking out for them. That could have happened in a school I teach at, that is the reality of today.”

While Ventresca believes writing a letter “shows caring and a logical way of helping,” she knows it won’t solve school shootings overnight. But, in her opinion, neither will the solution that is currently being debated in Washington.

The national debate

The debates have not amounted to a universal solution, but one of the ideas currently being contemplated is arming teachers and administrators on campuses nationwide.

On Feb. 24, President Donald Trump tweeted, “Armed Educators (and trusted people who work within a school) love our students and will protect them. Very smart people. Must be firearms adept & have annual training. Should get yearly bonus. Shootings will not happen again - a big & very inexpensive deterrent. Up to States.”

This tweet not only sparked the ongoing debate in the nation’s capital, but also on Elon’s campus. And while politicians seem to be in disagreement, many members in the School of Education seem to be on the same page.

“To expect teachers to wear a gun or have a gun in their classroom, to me, is an unrealistic expectation and one that puts us in a militant society in a place where it should be an open and caring learning environment,” Bullock said.

Elon administrators and student teachers seem to be in agreement that this solution cannot come to fruition.

“I really disagree with the idea of arming teachers,” Jaffe said. “By normalizing guns it’s just making the problem worse. If teachers were armed with guns that would just add to the need for guns and that’s ridiculous. It’s not the answer.”

Some fear this solution will have a negative effect on the profession of education.

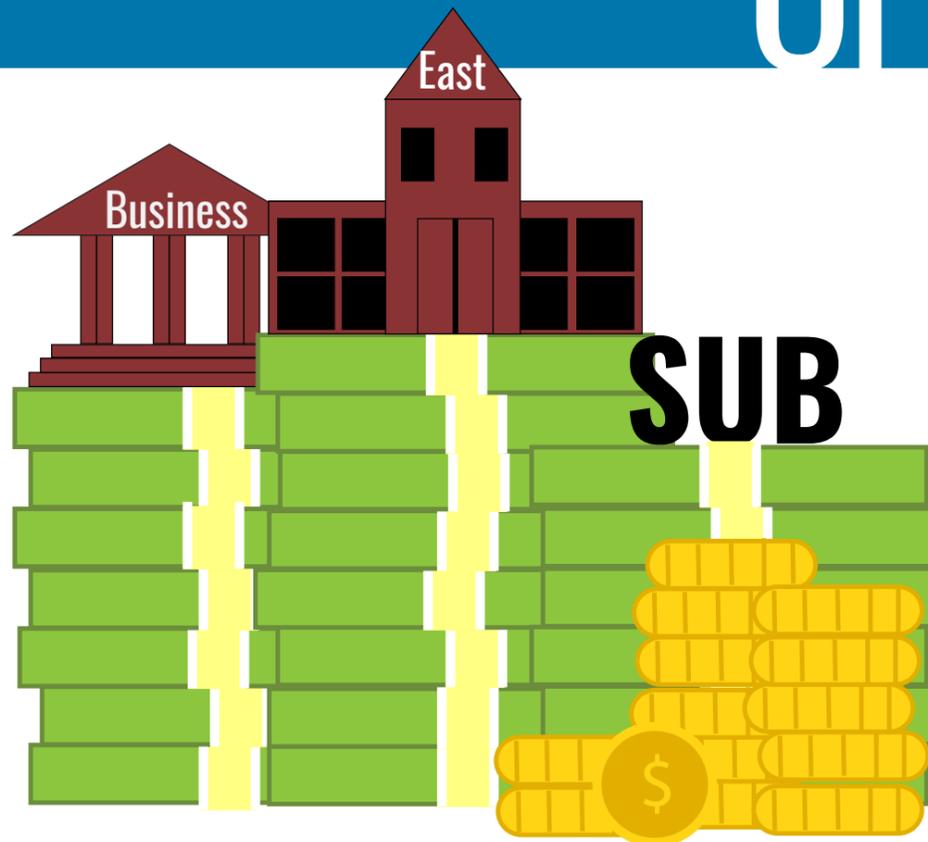
“A teacher’s job is to teach, not to hold a gun or to police a school,” Rogers said. “The overall strength of teachers will weaken with this idea that they have to be police.”

The thought of the responsibilities of being a teacher also including protecting students from active shooters terrifies some current and future teachers.

“As a teacher, I understand that I have a duty to protect my students, and I know I would do anything to keep them safe,” Cesarski said. “But that sometimes means not all teachers go home at the end of the day, and that’s not supposed to be part of the job.”

This is a prospect that is becoming more real for soon-to-be teachers.

“The thought of having to sacrifice my life for a student hasn’t made me not want to be a teacher, but it has made me realize that this is so serious,” Jaffe said. “Teaching is a job you put so much passion and care and love into that it’s crazy to think that your life could be at risk. From what we’ve seen on the news, teachers don’t run — teachers stand in front of the bullet to save their kids and that is terrifying.”



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STAFF EDITORIAL

Budget allocations should reflect university values

HOW WE SEE IT

Monetary resources distributed by Elon's administration and student government should align with our university's values.

This month, Elon University's SGA is conducting budget hearings for student organizations in preparation of approving its budget for the 2018-2019 school year. During these meetings, treasurers will be pitching their monetary needs in hopes of receiving adequate budgets for their organizations.

Elon has more than 250 student organizations, all of which need money to function, so choosing how much money to give to each organization is a difficult task. When a treasurer of an organization goes to a budget hearing, they often request more money than they actually need in hopes of getting a budget close to what their organization needs to function. Treasurers are required to submit an itemized budget for their organization, but many

of the items organizations list are not covered by SGA, such as money for T-shirts.

New organizations can receive up to \$500 and their budget may slowly increase based on their activity on campus, number of members and how much the organization affects the campus.

Based on this system, relatively new organizations such as Active Minds, an organization that promotes mental health on campus, and Students Promoting Awareness, Change and Empowerment (SPACE), an organization that aims to raise awareness of sexual assault and violence on college campuses, only received \$750 and \$700 respectively. This funding does not align with our apparent values as a university.

In contrast, the Student Union Board (SUB) received \$136,891 from SGA for the 2017-2018 school year. It is understandable that SUB would receive a much larger budget considering the amount of money it spends on programs such as the fall concert and spring comedian. Student involvement is important to our campus, but some of this funding could be reallocated to organizations that promote the type of change we need to see on our campus, such as Active Minds and SPACE.

Our university-wide budget should reflect our values, too. In the past five years, we have seen numerous buildings erected or renovated on our campus such as the Global Neighborhood, East Neighborhood, Sankey Hall, Schar Center, Schar Hall, Koenigsburger Learning Center, Inman Admissions Building and McEwen Dining Hall. In that same time span, we have seen a marginal increase in scholarships as the cost of attending Elon has also continued to grow.

Over the last five years, Elon has

also shown a commitment to diversity and mental health, but this commitment isn't reflected in our expenditures. If we want to bring more students of diverse backgrounds to campus, we should be putting our money toward diversity recruitment and programming. If we want to increase socioeconomic diversity, we need to allocate more funding to financial aid and scholarships. If we want to promote mental health on campus, we should spend money on expanding Counseling Services and increasing programming regarding mental health.

New buildings and bike share systems may be great marketing tools for our university, and funding should definitely go toward these initiatives, but it's time we rethink what parts of campus receive the most funding.

Where the university chooses to distribute its funding should reflect our university's values. Access to resources and the ability to create effective programming starts with adequate funding.

CAMPUS VOICES

We cannot have entertainment without a few sacrifices



Stephanie Gerding
Sophomore

The recent popular movie "The Greatest Showman" has received a lot of press, but not all of it has been positive. Hugh Jackman portrays P.T. Barnum, a dynamic character who is based off of a real entrepreneur and showman of the 19th Century. Audiences have loved Jackman's performance of P.T. Barnum, but some have raised concerns that the character in the movie is very different from the real-life P.T. Barnum.

With this type of movie, audiences and critics shouldn't be worrying about accurate portrayals. The intent of "The Greatest Showman" wasn't to document the life of P.T. Barnum. It wasn't intended to educate people on his secrets to success and business strategies. Though the movie hints at some of these things, the

main purpose is to entertain. This film is what some would call "sensational." It's popular soundtrack and likable characters make for an inspirational and family-friendly story. This purpose is also accentuated through the fictional romance between Zac Efron's character, Phillip Carlyle, and Zendaya's character, Anne Wheeler. Their relationship isn't meant to represent real people, but it works well in the movie because audiences enjoy watching their love thrive, despite societal barriers connected to race and status.

Some people will argue that the film industry should have portrayed P.T. Barnum as the manipulative and selfish person he was known to be. They criticize this film for making him seem like a rags-to-riches hero who

— while making some bad choices — was justified in the end. While this is a valid argument, it doesn't go far in the film industry. The main purposes of making movies are to entertain audiences and increase revenue. In real life, P.T. Barnum was a cruel man who tortured his show animals — especially the elephants — and took advantage of people with disabilities just for the money and attention. Some of Barnum's flaws were accurately portrayed by Hugh Jackman in the film, but, for the purposes of the movie, they were not as severe as they were in real life. There is a reason for this that many critics may not understand.

Had P.T. Barnum been portrayed accurately, "The Greatest Showman" would not have jumped from \$8.8

million opening weekend to \$15 million the second weekend. The movie was a huge success and was one of the most talked about films over the holidays. The timing of the release date was also with purpose. People want to see happy movies over the holidays, and "The Greatest Showman" was created to inspire people of all ages. It was also praised for its incredible musical soundtrack. None of this could have been successful without slightly fictionalizing the character of P.T. Barnum.

"The Greatest Showman" is fiction, so the film industry is allowed to take liberties when it comes to sticking to the facts. But this isn't just a film, it's a musical. That alone sensationalizes the movie, which creates expectations from the audience. Those expectations

are to connect with the music and the story. "The Greatest Showman" does a fantastic job of meeting these expectations because it takes liberties with each character. If the audience would like to double-check the facts, there is plenty of information on the internet for them to do so.

While "The Greatest Showman" didn't portray P.T. Barnum as accurately as some had hoped, it performed its purpose in the most successful ways possible. It surprised many with its astounding box office sales over the holidays and was praised for its impressive soundtrack. It entertained but most importantly it inspired. And while not all the attention was positive, it was attention nonetheless. And that is exactly what the film industry was going for.



Participants in the 5K begin the race with runners in the front and walkers in the back March 4. The race was for suicide prevention and was hosted by the business fraternity, Alpha Kappa Psi.

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Betsy Rhodes, head of the N.C. AFSP Chapter, gives a speech before the race begins.

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Two Elon students finish the race ahead of the majority of runner participants March 4 on south campus.

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Alpha Kappa Psi hosts first 5K for suicide prevention and awareness

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STUDENTS RACE FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION

Over the past three years, Elon University has lost four students to suicide: Trent Stelter, former Alpha Kappa Psi (AKP) member and Demetri Allison in 2015, and Breslin Wiley and Harrison Durant in 2017.

On Sunday morning, March 4, 162 Elon students, faculty and staff participated in a 5K for suicide prevention hosted by the business fraternity, AKP.

This is the first year the event has been organized, but Vice President of AKP Monique Hanna is hopeful it will become an annual event.

Local businesses such as The Oak House, Food Lion and The Mission sponsored the event.

“These costs will be going toward supporting mental health, education, helping people get treatment and supporting families who’ve lost children, siblings or parents due to mental illness,” Hanna said. “Ensuring everyone has the support needed to kind of lower the incredibly high rate we’ve been seeing recently.”

“One thing my president and I decided to do when we took office was show the brotherhood and the community that we are there for them,” Hanna said.

Since the students’ deaths, Elon’s administration has offered and encouraged students to attend free counseling provided by the university.

In January, President Emeritus Leo Lambert and President Connie

Book released a message informing students that a member of the Jed Foundation to prevent suicide, Nance Roy, would be visiting Elon. She was invited to campus for guidance and strategic counsel on how to better Elon’s environment.

“I think the administration has worked really hard to make sure that this part is there,” Hanna said. “I think it’s something that people do sometimes forget and something they need to be reminded of.”

Hanna believes the relevancy of suicide and mental health makes it important to raise awareness within the community in order to show support and remember those lost.

“It has become a relevant problem throughout Elon, as people have seen,” Hanna said. “I thought it was a great idea to implement the loss that we’ve faced and show the support that even however many years later we’re still loving him, we’re still missing him and to show that the community still has that support needed if necessary at any point.”

Sophomore Holly Miranda said she believes the run was important for a number of reasons, and respects AKP’s choice of philanthropy.

“A lot of us always focus on the ones we’ve lost to suicide, which is of course extremely important, and we must recognize that to reconcile this issue,” Miranda said. “But it’s



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BETSY RHODES
HEAD OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

162

staff and students participated in the 5K run for suicide prevention sponsored by AKP.

also important for those who are still struggling with it and who might even be still here during the run and give them the recognition that they deserve on the side.”

Miranda hopes to see events such as this continue from AKP and thinks that raising awareness is just as important as prevention itself.

“I do have several connections to people that have struggled with suicidal ideation, which is just as deadly,” Miranda said.

Freshman Griffin Barriss has felt how suicide can affect a community in both his high school and college communities.

“When I was a [high school] junior, a person who was a grade above me committed suicide on train tracks, which kind of shook our community,” Barriss said.

Barriss believes suicide prevention plays a heavy role in today’s world and strongly supports raising awareness for the issue.

“Mental health and suicide awareness is really important in today’s climate both politically and socially,” Barriss said. “Especially with the recent events at Elon and events back in my home town, I think it’s really good to raise awareness of this.”

Betsy Rhodes, head of the North Carolina Chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

(AFSP), gave a speech on suicide prevention and awareness before she counted down the start of the race.

Rhodes spoke about two proven effective components of suicide prevention.

“Number one is treatment,” Rhodes said. “Depression doesn’t cause suicide — untreated depression causes suicide. The second thing is community awareness and support.”

In 2003, Rhodes lost her eldest son to suicide. She said what she learned from that experience equipped her to better recognize and treat her youngest son when he began to show symptoms of depression.

“I did what I did then with what I knew then,” Rhodes said. “When I knew better I did better.”

Rhodes’ youngest son is currently a marine, an EMT and a firefighter. She said she strongly believes her son holding these positions while battling with depression shows that even men with stereotypical masculine positions can still suffer from mental health, combating the anti-masculinity stigmas surrounding discussing mental illnesses.

According to the AFSP, suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the United States. Specifically, white males accounted for seven out of every 10 suicides in 2016.

Rhodes understands raising awareness and removing the taboo label of discussing suicide and mental health is key to suicide prevention.

“You’re going to finish the race, and then you’re going to go on and continue the race because you’re going to be part of the movement that says it’s OK to talk about suicide,” Rhodes said. “It’s not a dirty word, it’s not taboo. It’s OK to talk about depression.”

University Chaplain makes new strides in faith community

University Chaplain is nationally recongized for the second time

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Elon University Chaplain Jan Fuller was appointed president of the National Association of College and University Chaplains in February 2018.

This is Fuller's second time serving as the president of the association, the other time being in the mid-1990s. The president is voted in by members of the organization but nominated by a select board.

The National Association of College and University Chaplains serves to connect hundreds of chaplains at universities across the country in order to share resources and advice that they may not have access to.

"Now, chaplains are religious bias officers. We're experts in multi-faiths; we're experts in all the faiths including our own; we think about access to all the religious traditions and practices; we're thinking about student mental health, so, we're counselors," Fuller said.

"Our conference in February is really about the changing role: how is chaplaincy changing, and where might it be in 20 years," Fuller said. "It sort of seems apt to me to take on this role since I'm the person in this organization who has been doing it longest."

As president of the association,

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PETER TREMBLAY
ASSOCIATE CHAPLAIN FOR CATHOLIC LIFE

Fuller will help set the agenda for the annual conference, deal with day-to-day business and make decisions on actions the organization will take.

On campus, she is still actively involved in many multi-faith events and services to support the Elon community. One such event was the candlelight vigil to promote gun safety. Fuller spoke at the event, which was focused on providing community support.

Peter Tremblay, associate chaplain for Catholic life, said, "She has a beautiful imagination around the potential of multi-faith work, the potential of the skills to cross difference, the ability of creating spaces where students get to experience other cultures and other traditions."

Fuller has been instrumental in building up Elon's spiritual community, organizing a group that



REID COBB | ELON NEWS NETWORK

Jan Fuller also served as president of the National Association of College and University Chaplains in the mid-1990s.

serves the various needs of the Elon community.

"Now chaplains are building teams of other volunteers, of other paid staff," Fuller said.

The Truitt Center for Religious & Spiritual Life includes leaders of many faiths, such as various Christian chaplains, a Jewish Rabbi and a Muslim Imam.

"She works very hard to em-

power others, to let them use their gifts and talents, to support them, to encourage them and to mentor them, without micro-managing. That, I think is her single greatest strength," Tremblay said. "Her passion is very much aimed at those in need, those who are hurting, those on the margins and those that are underrepresented. That comes from a deep and profound

empathy."

Fuller says that she is appreciative of the support Elon has given her to pursue her presidency because many chaplains look to Elon as a model of how to incorporate faith into their schools, giving it a national spotlight. Instead of pushing it to the side, Elon allows faith to be a central part of its community development.

ELON EATS

Mediterranean cuisine and culture comes to Elon

Mediterranean Deli, Bakery and Catering diversifies Elon food options

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Walking into Mediterranean Deli, Bakery and Catering in Park Place might be a little overwhelming. The deli cases are filled with rows of colorful dishes and the signs describe unfamiliar items to most people - like fatayer and grape leaves.

Owner Jamil Kadoura said he thinks some Elon University students will know this middle eastern cuisine from food carts they've seen on northern city streets. He bases this off the fact that Massachusetts, New Jersey and New York are in the top five most represented states for Elon undergraduate students, according to the 2017 Registrar's report. Kadoura actually got his start in cooking at a falafel cart himself, helping while he was growing up.

Kadoura said this food is at the core of his cultural roots, and he's excited to bring Middle Eastern culture and homemade dishes to Elon.

"Everything is made here, 100 percent," Kadoura said. "When I come here and I make my own food, I celebrate my culture everyday."

When Kadoura says everything is made there, he means it. Fresh pitas pop out of the oven like magic, and the smoothie bowls are made to order. The tzatziki sauce, along



ERIK WEBB | SPORTS DIRECTOR

Elon senior Danny Thorrens chows down on a pita sandwich. The Mediterranean Deli, Bakery and Catering is open as of Feb. 28.

with other complimentary condiments, are also replenished fresh throughout the day.

For those who haven't gotten to try the food at the Mediterranean Deli's Chapel Hill location, there are plenty of options to try out.

For a main course, the lamb fatayer is an open-faced meat pie with feta and tomatoes, baked fresh in a fire-burning oven, large enough to even have some for leftovers. And the falafel pita is a classic mediter-

anean dish, and a favorite among customers, according to Kadoura. Leo Lambert even had this for his last lunch as president of Elon.

As a new addition to the deli menu, the açai bowls are a beautiful way to start your day with fresh fruits, and even vegetables. Kadoura's favorite is the green bowl. The smoothie part is made with kale, pineapple, lemon, and ginger, and topped with blueberries, strawberries, bananas, granola and honey.

For a lighter option, try the cucumber salad. It's simple, but delicious with red onions and a vinaigrette. There are several other salads, and even if you wouldn't normally order something like it, I dare you to try it.

Finally, end on a sweet note with the fresh baklava or the cookie cheesecake.

The restaurant is in its trial period during the first week, according to Kadoura. The owner and his staff

BEST OF THE CUISINE

Hours: 11 a.m. - 9p.m. Mon-Sat

Where: 202 West Haggard Ave

What to get:

1. Lamb fatayer
2. Falafel Pita
3. Roasted cauliflower

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WHEN I COME HERE AND I MAKE MY OWN FOOD, I CELEBRATE MY CULTURE EVERYDAY

JAMIL JADOURA
OWNER

are still adjusting to the new location and community, contributing to a longer wait time and 15 items left off the menu. Still, students said they didn't mind waiting for good food.

"It has great variety," said senior Monica Austin. "I'm very excited about it, I'm going to be here a lot."

Mediterranean Deli, Bakery and Catering is open 11 a.m. - 10 p.m. every day. Their full menu can be found here.

SPORTS

The life of an Elon student who competes for the best looking body

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Elon University sophomore Michael Lombard is not your everyday student-athlete. He doesn't just count his caloric intake, watch his nutrition, keep track of his protein and lift heavy weights to stay in shape or play a sport. He is preparing to compete and show off his razor-cut physique in a World Natural Bodybuilding Federation (WNBFF) competition in May.

Lombard started going to the gym just lifting casually with his older brother. As he continued high school, he started to take weight lifting more seriously. His friend asked him if he wanted to compete in a bodybuilding show together, and he said he would. Since that moment, he has never looked back.

"Mike has drive like I have seen in no other person," said Michael's friend at Elon, Charlie Walsh. "He constantly is trying to beat his own personal bests and attempts to get better each day."

Lombard said bodybuilding has "great people" in general, and is "a great way to stay in shape." He came in second place in the 2017 Natural Yankee Classic for Men's Physique, hosted by WNBFF last July.

"He was ecstatic when he got the trophy," Michael's sister Stephanie Lombard said. "It caused him to have more motivation moving forward."

Extensive preparation and self-determination is essential in the months leading up to competition. He understands he has to mentally be in it to win it if he wants to go home with the first place prize.

"There is definitely a lot that goes into preparation," Lombard said. "I have to wake up every day with positivity. You got to get in your zone and have to work as hard as you can."

Lombard also emphasized that his diet is just as important as gym time. The majority of his food



Sophomore Mike Lombard shoulder presses 135 pounds during a workout earlier this month.

PHOTO COURTESY OF MICHAEL LOMBARD

comes from the Harris Teeter supermarket on Church Street in Burlington, where he buys roughly \$60 worth of personalized produce and groceries a week to maintain a lean diet. He stays away from Elon Dining most of the time simply because he does not know what the dining hall is going to serve on a particular day.

"I can get a salad from Lakeside and occasionally they have salmon, but I'd have to plan that ahead of time. Every day it's different so it definitely is difficult," Lombard said. "To hit my exact protein in grams, my carbohydrates, fats and my macros, Elon has a difficult approach to succeeding in those numbers. I prefer to just to just buy food on my own."

Lombard knows the strain it takes on his body and he will not hesitate with being strict with himself.

"Seeing all the really good food and saying, 'Oh I can't have it' is challenging," Lombard said. He did admit that sometimes he does get tempted, but he knows winning a competition far outweighs eating dining hall pizza.

The temptation of greasy food is not the only difficult part of being a male physique competitor.

"You have to get down to body fat percentage like 5 or 6 percent, which is very difficult," he said. "It's

crazy to see people that are really lean, but they still have a good amount of fat on their bodies. So you have to shred that and that is really hard."

The day before competing, Lombard gets tested for any performance enhancing drug in his system. Right before walking on stage, he takes in some sugar to get his veins popping and his blood flowing.

When the competition arrives, it is all hands on deck. The men's physique category, in which Lombard competes, is basically showing off your good looking muscularity and body condition. Judges don't look for extreme muscle tone like you would see on world famous bodybuilder Arnold Schwarzenegger.

"It's physique so you don't flex really hard until you're shaking," Lombard said. "You have to have flow, you cannot strain yourself, you just have to look like the most beautiful and natural human being you can possibly be."

Lombard said preparing for these competitions has taught him to share his determination with others. He helped his friend Charlie Walsh shed 25 pounds.

"He got me to come with him every day to the gym and pushed me to my absolute limit to try and make me better while also attempt-

MAINTAINING A LEAN DIET

\$60

Lombard buys roughly 60 dollars worth of personalized produce and groceries a week.

ing to further that limit," Walsh said. "He has the heart of a lion and wants to see everyone around him succeed."

His sister, Stephanie Lombard, always knew Michael had extreme determination. She knew he would be successful in all his endeavors as a physique competitor.

"Mike always had determination for things that he wanted," Stephanie said. "He would never take no for an answer."

"All in all, I would personally say that there are zero negatives in bodybuilding and that it is 110 percent worth it," he said. "The aspect about bodybuilding that I love is that it helps with everything. Your body is developing, your mind is developing and it helps you with third party activities such as the motivation it takes to study that extra hour ... it is hard to balance, but totally manageable."

Lombard will compete in more WNBFF competitions in May and June of this year in Worcester, Massachusetts.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Women's basketball earns No. 3 seed

Finishing the regular season on a 10-game winning streak, the Elon University women's basketball team (22-7, 14-4 in-conference) earned a No. 3 seeding going into this week-end's Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) tournament.

The Phoenix will head to Philadelphia, and host site Drexel University, for its first game of the CAA tournament at 7:30 p.m. March 8 against No. 6 College of William & Mary.

Elon hopes to claim its second-straight CAA title, coming off a trip to the big dance last season.

Phoenix sets school record at ECACs

With a select few members of the Elon University indoor track and field team competing at the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference (ECAC) Indoor Championships in Boston this weekend, new school records were set as the Phoenix went on to finish in 10th place as a team.

Junior sprinter Katie Arbogast broke her own school-record for the third time in the 500m race, finishing in second place with a time of 1:13.66. Senior thrower Byranna Hames also set a new personal-best and school-record in the shot put, heaving the shot 15.33m, 0.2 farther than her previous mark. Across the meet, Elon's distance medley team finished in third and set a new school-record with a time of 11:41.69.

Done with the indoor season, the Phoenix begins its outdoor season March 16 at the Charlotte Classic.

Lacrosse remains winless in 2018

Ranked No. 21 to start the season, the Elon University women's lacrosse team remains defeated after picking up its fifth-straight loss to begin its 2018 campaign. The Phoenix fell to No. 25 Stanford University March 4, 17-10.

After a seven-goal deficit faced Elon (0-5) at halftime, a late-game charge was not enough to overcome its fourth ranked opponent of five teams the Phoenix has faced to start the year. Senior attacker Stephanie Asher tallied four of Elon's goals on 10 shots. Sophomore midfielder Summer Laese added two more goals for the Phoenix.

Elon will try to pick up a much-needed first win of the season at 6 p.m. March 13 against the lacrosse powerhouse school of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill at home.

Baseball falls in series finale

Winning the first two games of the series against Georgia Southern University, the Elon University baseball team couldn't get the sweep Sunday, falling to the Eagles 4-5.

Elon sophomore starting pitcher Owen Lorenz took the loss, giving up five runs in 2.2 innings of work. With the Eagles held stagnant by the three Phoenix relief pitchers who entered the game following Lorenz, the comeback came up short, handing Elon its seventh loss in the first twelve games of the season.

THE PHOENIX FOCUS

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

RESULTS	22-7
MAR. 1 WILLIAM & MARY/ELON	82-61
MAR. 3 UNCW/WILMINGTON	58-49
SCHEDULE	
MAR. 8 WILLIAM & MARY/PHILADELPHIA	7:30 P.M.

LACROSSE

RESULTS	0-5
MAR. 1 HIGH POINT/ELON	13-14
MAR. 4 STANFORD/ELON	10-17
SCHEDULE	
MAR. 13 UNC/ELON	6 P.M.

BASEBALL

RESULTS	5-7
FEB. 28 LIBERTY/ELON	4-3
MAR. 2-4 GEORGIA SOUTHERN/STATESBORO, GA	2-1
SCHEDULE	
MAR. 7 UNCG/ELON	4 P.M.
MAR. 9 APPALACHIAN STATE/ELON	4 P.M.
MAR. 10 APPALACHIAN STATE/ELON	2 P.M.
MAR. 11 APPALACHIAN STATE/ELON	1:30 P.M.
MAR. 13 UNCG/GREENSBORO	4 P.M.

SOFTBALL

RESULTS	11-6
MAR. 2 KANSAS/CHAPEL HILL	1-2
MAR. 2 HARVARD/CHAPEL HILL	5-1
MAR. 3 UNC/CHAPEL HILL	7-3
MAR. 4 KANSAS/CHAPEL HILL	1-6
SCHEDULE	
MAR. 7 CAMPBELL/BUJES CREEK, NC	4:30 P.M.
MAR. 10 UNCG/ELON	1 P.M.
MAR. 10 UNCG/ELON	3 P.M.
MAR. 11 UNCG/GREENSBORO	1 P.M.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

RESULTS	14-18
MAR. 3 DELAWARE NORTH CHARLESTON, SC	79-86

MEN'S BASKETBALL FALLS



ERIK WEBB | SPORTS DIRECTOR

Delaware sophomore guard Ryan Daly tries to dribble around the Phoenix defense as redshirt junior guard Eric Carter sets a screen against Elon junior guard Steven Santa Ana.

Struggles down the stretch lead to short-lived postseason for Elon

Jack Haley

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Elon University men's basketball had an up and – mostly – down year. After being picked to finish third in the Colonial Athletic Conference (CAA), the team went out in quiet fashion, losing in the first round of the CAA tournament in North Charleston, South Carolina.

Before the season, Matheny was quick to set the expectations for his team.

“We have the potential with this team to be as good of a team as we've had in a long time,” he said in November. “I believe that. Now, we're not there yet, but we have a chance. We have potential ... because of the talent we have and the experience that we have.”

The season opened 40 miles east of campus to play Duke University, a team coming off a national championship appearance, at famed Cameron Indoor. Though the Phoenix lost the game 97-68, it was good exposure for the team to play a traditional powerhouse on the road and post a respectable score.

Elon got its first win of the season when it beat William Peace University in the final home opener for Alumni Gym. That game saw four Elon players in double digits for scoring, led by senior forward Brian Dawkins who had a double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds.

The Phoenix then went to Milwaukee for the Black and Gold

Shootout Tournament. Elon put on a strong showing in the Midwest, but it fell short in the finale to the host team, the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee. The Panthers in that game overcame a 19-point deficit and beat Elon with a last second jumper.

Elon rebounded and rattled off five wins in the next seven games to boost their record to 8-5 before beginning conference play. This run encompassed a homestand sweep of Radford University, the University of South Florida and St. Peter's University.

The Phoenix continued its hot streak in CAA play, winning the first two conference games played in the year, beating both Drexel University and Towson University at home. Junior guard Dainan Swoope led six Elon players in double digits against the Dragons with 21 points, and junior guard Tyler Seibring added 19.

Elon showed why it was so highly regarded in the preseason rankings at the beginning of conference play. It started 4-2 in CAA action, with key wins over Hofstra University and top-ranked College of Charleston.

But, the team hit a snag when it went to Harrisonburg to visit the Dukes of James Madison University. After leading by 10 points with 1:10 remaining in the game, JMU was able to force overtime after an Elon collapse, going on to win the game 85-74.

That loss seemed to take a toll on the confidence of the team. Elon would win just two games from there on in, seeing its last victory come exactly one month

before the season came to a close, when the Phoenix beat the University of Delaware, the team that would end the 2017-2018 campaign for them, at home 89-76.

Things took an even worse turn for the team when they lost redshirt senior forward Brian Dawkins to a hand injury in the week leading up to their second meeting of the season with the Hofstra Pride. Dawkins was out for games against Hofstra, University of North Carolina at Wilm-

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DMITRI THOMPSON
SENIOR GAURD

ington, Delaware and College of Charleston, all of which Elon lost. Dawkins was able to make a return just in time for senior night against Northeastern University, but his presence back on the court did little to stop the Huskies from spoiling the night, throttling the Phoenix 81-59.

Elon had a chance to close out Alumni Gym in style, looking to get back on track and win going into the postseason against JMU once again, but were unable to send off the historic court in winning fashion, losing 90-84.

Injury played a factor once again in that game, as Swoope came out with a blackened left-eye. He apparently suffered the

injury at the bottom of a scrum against Northeastern. Though Swoope was a game-time decision, and he practiced in shootaround by covering his injured eye to test out playing with only half of his vision, he was in the starting lineup. He contributed just seven points on 3-of-10 shooting and added four assists.

Swoope struggled in the second half of the season. The player that once was the leading scorer on the team saw his production dwindle down the stretch. In the six games lost consecutively to end the regular season for the Phoenix, Swoope shot a measly 24 percent (13-54) from the field.

This put a lot of pressure on other players, such as junior forward Tyler Seibring, and senior guard Dmitri Thompson to step up. And while both of them certainly did, without the support of Swoope it was tough for the team to get over the hump.

After the losing streak, the team entered the conference tournament in the last place as the No. 10 seed, and needed to play in a play-in game, where they met with the University of Delaware Blue Hens for the third time, to advance to Sunday's quarterfinals.

Elon battled back and forth all game, but in the end fell short to see their season end with a record of 14-18 overall, and 6-12 in CAA play. Swoope had another tough game for Elon, going 1-11 from the field, including 0-7 from behind the arc.

Thompson left it all on the court in his final game for the Maroon and Gold, dropping 27 points, while adding eight rebounds and three assists.

BY THE NUMBERS

73.3

average points per game scored by the Phoenix this season, the fewest since the 2014-2015 season.

43.9

percent of shots hit from the field, the lowest percentage since that same 2014-2015 season.

34.9

percent of shots hit from three-point range, 0.6 percent worse than last year.

14

wins this season, the fewest wins from the Phoenix since the 2010-2011 season.

“I left it all out on the court, but it's supposed to be like that every game,” Thompson said. “I try to go out there every game and play as hard as I can, and it just so happens that this is the last one I'll play in an Elon jersey.”

With Elon graduating stars such as Thompson and Dawkins, it will now be up to rising seniors guard Steven Santa Ana, forward Tyler Seibring, and guard Dainan Swoope to lead the team back to where they were projected to finish this year.

SHORT OF EXPECTATIONS



ERIK WEBB | SPORTS DIRECTOR

Senior guard Dmitri Thompson (left) and junior forward Tyler Seibring (right) hang their heads in defeat.



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Junior forward Tyler Seibring drives through the lane and the Delaware defense March 3.



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Junior guard Dainan Swoope watches as his attempt to block sophomore guard Ryan Daly's three-point shot fails.



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Senior forward Jack George glances at the scoreboard late in the second half of his final game in an Elon jersey.

It's time to right the ship of Elon men's basketball



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After a disappointing season, Elon's men's basketball team needs to make adjustments

After losing the final seven games of the season and bowing out of the Colonial Athletic Association tournament in 40 minutes, the Elon University men's basketball team is left wondering what happened.

Picked to finish third in the league and having all starters return from last year, it seemed impossible for the Phoenix to finish at the bottom of the league. But after a seven-point loss to the University of Delaware March 3, that's exactly what happened.

With the end of the season came some changes to the roster. Five seniors have played their final game, the most

notable being guard Dmitri Thompson and forward Brian Dawkins. Thompson put up 27 points in his final game wearing maroon and gold, finishing the year with an average of 12.3 points per game, the second highest for Elon players. Dawkins, adding an average of 12 points per game, was the Phoenix's third-highest scorer.

Replacing them, and the other three seniors, is going to be a challenge. For the team to be successful, the large five-person junior class is going to have to step up, which has been a struggle lately.

Junior forward Tyler Seibring has proven time and time again that he can score points under pressure. He played 85 percent of the available minutes this season and ranked first in Phoenix scorers, averaging 15.4 points per game.

That is not the case for junior guard

Dainan Swoope, who posted a total of 13 points in the final four games of the season. During his roller coaster of a season, Swoope could post no points one game and more than 20 the next. Struggling for consistency, Swoope went 1-11 in the CAA Tournament, sitting for the final minutes in hopes somebody else could connect on a shot.

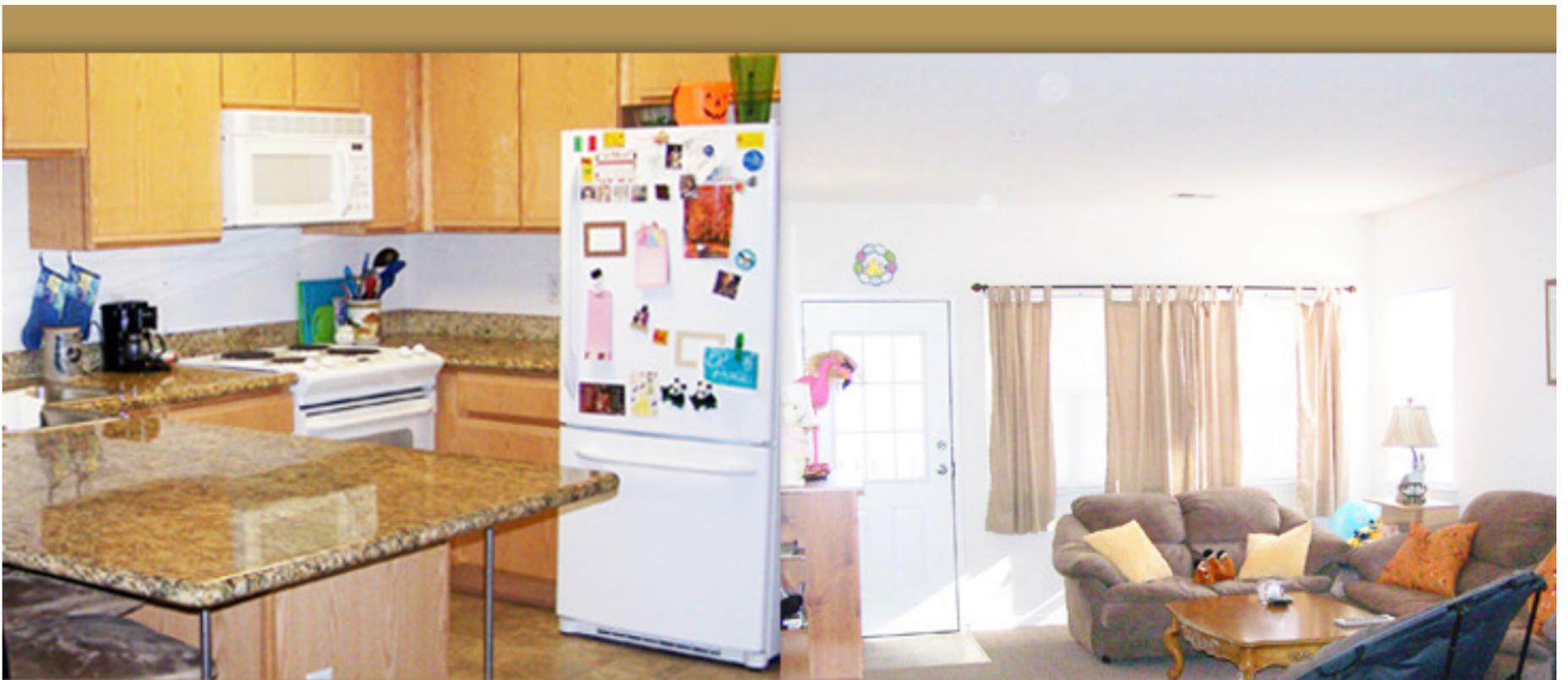
When things started to go wrong, you could count on junior guard Steven Santa Ana to show his temper. Not afraid to speak his mind, the Charlotte native almost got into a fight during the CAA tournament and has been received technical fouls a couple of times this season. Maintaining his composure would go a long way for the attitude of the team.

If the juniors aren't asked to step up, a change in attitude might start at the top. Finishing his ninth season as head

coach, Matt Matheny matched his worst CAA record since joining the league four seasons ago in 2014-2015. During this season, the Phoenix also went 6-12. Elon posted a 14-18 record this year, the fewest number of wins since Matheny's second season at the helm.

According to Elon's 990 tax form, Matheny earned \$288,622 in 2015, the ninth-highest salary of an Elon employee at the time. He earned slightly more than that this season, which ended on a never-ending skid of losses, and fans are left wondering if Matheny is worth his price tag.

Whether it's time for the junior class to step up in its final year, or time for a change in leadership, a righting of the ship must take place. In order to have a fresh start in a new building as the Phoenix move into the new Schar Center across campus.



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