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North Carolinians optimistic about federal bailout

Whitney Bossie
News Editor

The results of the latest Elon poll reveal that 48 percent of North Carolina residents approve of the federal government's efforts to provide assistance to troubled banks and other financial institutions. More than half of respondents think the bailout will have a positive effect on the economy.

The poll was conducted from Sept. 29 through Oct. 2, in the days leading up to lawmakers' recent decision to aid the finance sector with a \$700 billion

bailout package. Several questions asked for respondents' reactions to the country's current economic woes.

Many North Carolinians oppose the proposed bailout, with 40 percent of respondents indicating that they do not support it. Thirty-two percent believe it will negatively impact the economy.

"This is something that people are concerned about," Hunter Bacot, director of the poll, said. "It's affecting even the most basic things."

In comparison to the results of a mid-September poll, state residents

have since adopted a more dismal economic outlook. In the earlier poll, 38 percent of respondents thought the national economy would worsen in the next year. Now, that number has jumped to 45 percent.

"People are basing their opinions on current situations," Bacot said. "Given how the economic conditions have affected individuals, the results aren't surprising."

The number of residents who expect the state economy to deteriorate has increased as well, with 37 percent indicating it will worsen in the next

year, as compared to the 27 percent who gave the same answer two weeks earlier.

"People have been adversely affected and they aren't expecting improvement any time soon," Bacot said. "Food prices have gone up, gas prices have gone up. Even buying pizza for the poll is more expensive than it was at this time last year."

North Carolinians' responses reflect a larger, national trend, as more

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Ever Elon campaign launches this weekend

Andie Diemer
News Editor

This Saturday marks the official launch of the Ever Elon Campaign, a comprehensive program that has been almost two years in the making and will focus on the school's endowment and funding as well as providing funds for the completion of three buildings on campus.

At Tuesday's College Coffee, a preview of the campaign was revealed to educate the community on how it can become involved and help shape the future of the university.

The program, which has been backed by Elon's Board of Trustees, will work to continue building and creating new opportunities at Elon. These include getting more students to study abroad, awarding more research grants for student-faculty collaboration and constructing a larger Convocation Center that will be able to house everyone on campus.

Chuck Davis, director of the Ever Elon Campaign, said the campaign's endowment goal will be released Friday. Elon's current endowment is about \$82 million.

"Our campaign priorities for endowment are very much related to supporting students," Davis said.

Whether this is through merit- or need-based aid scholarships or study abroad grants, Davis said this campaign will impact everyone, even if the direct funds are not going toward student activities.

"Supporting our faculty has a direct correlation on student experience in the classroom," Davis said. "We're trying to endow new professorships to ensure the experience for our students in the classroom is always cutting edge and top notch."

While growing the endowment is the focus of the campaign, Ever Elon will also work to finish building Lindner Hall as well as create a multi-faith center adjacent to the church and a new athletics facility.

Gifts began being counted on June 1, 2006. From that time on a diverse committee, which encompassed students, faculty, staff and board members, worked to create the nuts

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Mexican muralist denied visa



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Senior 2008 Periclean Scholar Erin Shirley, left, and Susan Battie, director of the Schools for Chiapas, right, teamed up with Gustavo Chavez Pavon, middle, during a Winter Term trip the 2008 Periclean Scholars took to Chiapas, Mexico last year.

Plans to bring Pavon to Elon halted by customs

Olivia Hubert-Allen
Editor-in-Chief

Gustavo Chavez Pavon was ready to come to America.

He had a place to stay and transportation was lined up. He had a letter of invitation from Elon University and a letter of support from U.S. Congressman Howard Coble (R-NC). Most importantly, he had one remarkable mission: To help unite a community.

But on Sept. 18, the Mexico City muralist who was set to come to Elon as an artist-in-residence was denied his visa.

The official reason cited was section 214(b) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, which states that visa applicants must have compelling ties to their homeland to ensure they will return home after their stay in America is over. A house, family, bank account or job usually serves to prove a reason to return, but

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Cause of student hospitalizations still unclear

Andie Diemer
News Editor

After two students were hospitalized last weekend for internal bleeding, the Health Department said they still have not been able to find any conclusive origin or diagnosis of the illnesses, according to Assistant

Vice President for Student Life Jana Lynn Patterson.

Patterson said after having a phone conference with the county and state officials Friday, there is still no consistent pattern of where the students ate either on or off campus or where they live.

The Health Department said there

is no pattern of food-borne related illnesses, Patterson said. However, the Health Department and state lab are still conducting cultures taken from the students and the results were not available at press time.

After being released from the hospital Sept. 28, juniors Mike Milano

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Bailout bill approved by House; Bush signs, stocks plummet

Andie Diemer
News Editor

Following President George W. Bush's signature on a \$700 billion bailout bill to help keep America's economy afloat Friday, the U.S. financial situation began to envelope the rest of the world. On Monday, stock prices plummeted, both nationally and internationally, causing many to reevaluate the world's banking system.

Even though the rescue package bill, which passed 263-171, was passed in an effort to protect Americans financially, it couldn't combat the snowball effect of a crumbling economy.

On Monday the Dow Jones Industrial Average closed below 10,000, which is the first time it has hit that low in almost four years. It fell 800 points before a late rally pushed it down 369.88 points, at 9,955.50. The Dow first fell to 10,000 on March 16, 1999.

The Federal Reserve announced Tuesday that they will buy a large amount of short-term debts to help resolve America's credit clog. They are planning to purchase commercial paper, a short-term mechanism that will finance day-to-day operations, like making payrolls.

The Treasury Department set temporary guidelines for hiring money managers to oversee the bailout bill and prevent conflicts from ensuing on Monday as well, according to CNN.com. Many analysts said they do not foresee many dramatic changes in the short term, though the bill should be more effective in the long run.

Last week, President Bush said the \$700 billion rescue package will help restore assurance in America's financial system.

"It's going to take a while to get in place a program that, one, is effective and, two, doesn't waste taxpayers' money," Bush said. "It's going to take awhile to restore confidence in the financial system."

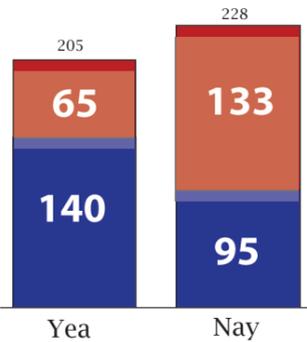
Since banks are reluctant to administer loans to one another, companies and individual consumers, the rescue package will aim to absorb bad assets, like troubled mortgage bonds. This will allow banks to begin loaning money again.

CNN reported that the Federal Reserve also took action to keep the financial crisis from growing out of control by establishing an additional \$300 billion available to banks in exchange for damaged assets on Monday. While this number raises the amount available to \$600 billion, they said it may continue to expand to \$900 billion.

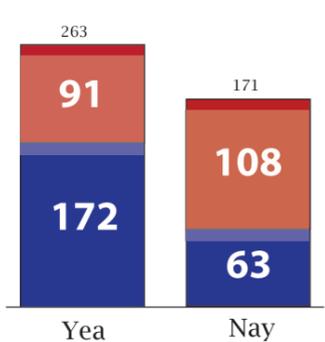
The Federal Reserve also established short-term loans in an effort to keep global financing moving. But all of these efforts combined didn't stop depositors from Europe, Mexico and Brazil from attempting to escape the stock markets.

The German government officials announced Sunday they would backstop all bank deposits after a German mortgage mender rescue plan failed, causing the public to infer economic problems outside of the United States were much more severe. Many European exchanges also

Sept. 29 vote:
Bill defeated



Oct. 3 vote:
Bill passed



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CAROLINE FOX | Graphics Editor

posted some of their worst losses in history. London's FTSE fell 7.9 percent, France's CAC-40 index fell 9 percent, Russia's stock index fell by 19 percent before being halted and Germany's DAX-30 fell 7 percent, CNN said.

Indonesia's stocks slumped by 10 percent while Asian stocks fell by 5 percent.

In Asheville, N.C., on Monday, Democratic presidential nominee Barack Obama called for a new federal economic stimulus package.

He said Monday's stock market drop is a "reminder that the rescue package that was passed last week is not the end of our efforts to deal with the economy," Obama said. "It is just the

beginning."

He said a new stimulus would encompass relief from high gas and food prices, assistance for both the local and state governments to maintain payrolls and extend unemployment insurance.

While traders shifted capital to safer outlets, such Treasury bonds and gold, oil prices actually fell 6.5 percent from the record high in July to \$87.81.

Even though it may take time to see the economy become stronger, Bush urged believing in the moves the government was making.

"One thing people can be certain of is that the bill I signed is a big step toward solving this problem," he said.

Annual anti-abortion rally aims to speak for the voiceless

Keegan Calligar
Reporter

Local residents lined sidewalks of Church Street in Burlington Sunday afternoon as part of an annual anti-abortion protest held across the nation. Life Chain is always held on the first Sunday of October.

Life Chain was started in 1987 by a small California ministry called Please Let Me Live. Participants stand on sidewalks for one hour, holding approved signs denouncing abortion and avoiding conversation.

Burlington participants held signs reading "Abortion Kills Children" and "Lord, Forgive Us and Our Nation," among other things.

Corinne Pivins of Graham said she participates in Life Chain to impact others.

"[We] let the community know that abortion exists, abortion kills children, abortion hurts women [and] abortion causes social problems," she said. "We believe life begins at conception, that God gives life and only God can take that life away."

She added she only votes for pro-life politicians. Burlington resident Tammy Page said she only votes for politicians against abortion as well.

"I think it's very important we vote in November," Page said. "I think we need to realize this is killing. This is killing a life. Even though it is not a life we can see, it's still a life and we definitely need to keep that in mind in November when we vote."

Page said that she agreed with Gov. Sarah Palin, the Republican vice presidential nominee, who has said she would not support abortions, even in cases of rape and incest.

"Irregardless [sic] of how it got there, God created [the baby]," Page said.

Elaine Goodman, an Elon resident, said abortion heavily influences her political views.

"It is my number one reason for going to vote," she said.

Goodman was accompanied Sunday afternoon by her six children. She said her children know what abortion is and are against the practice as well.

"I explain to them as best I can what abortion is, and they are with me 100 percent," Goodman said. "They wanted to be here, too."

Poll shows Palin exceeded expectations but still lost

Noelle Clemente
Reporter

An informal poll of 230 Elon University students, faculty and staff conducted by 18 students in the reporting for the public good class after the highly anticipated vice presidential debate showed Democratic nominee Sen. Joe Biden to prevail over Republican nominee Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin.

The results of the poll show 37 percent declared Biden the winner and 28 percent had no comment or did not watch. Twenty-three percent supported Palin's performance and 12 percent viewed it as a tie.

With the election approaching in nearly a month, this debate was an extremely important opportunity for these candidates to not only meet, but also have their only debate in the race.

Junior Kristin Riggs said she didn't think there was a winner.

"It's just two different people expressing their views," Riggs said.

Though both Biden and Palin spent a majority of their

time defending the stances of their running mates, the debate did give the audience the opportunity to see each of the vice presidential candidates in action and on their own terms.

Junior Ashley Flanagan said each candidate won in his or her own way.

"I think that Palin had really low expectations and she did a good job, seeing that she had such low expectations," Flanagan said. "But I think most people would probably say that Biden won based on his experiences, but I think Palin held it together."

Dean of the School of Communications Paul Parsons had a similar sentiment.

"I thought it was a victory by both for their various purposes," he said.

He eventually sided with Biden saying, "I thought that Joe Biden won the debate. At the same time I thought it was a victory for Sarah Palin, in the sense that she surpassed expectations. She showed a feistiness that I think endeared her to her constituency."

Most expert analysts found Biden to provide more

specific responses while Palin's spirited responses likely gained support of the Republican base.

A common complaint during polling was that Palin was simply skirting the issues.

Senior Chris Briggs said Joe Biden was the clear winner.

"His answers were just more coherent and on-topic," Briggs said. "Palin tended to only approach questions she wanted to answer while Biden tackled all questions that were asked."

Some people, like junior David Hitch and Communications Professor Ocek Eke, said even though she delivered well, Palin appeared very coached while Biden thought more on his feet.

Biden and Palin will not meet again face to face in debate. Obama and McCain will debate again at Belmont University on Tuesday, Oct. 7.

The poll was conducted between 11:00 and 11:30 a.m. Oct. 3 morning and spanned most areas of campus.

Keegan Calligar, Lesley Cowie, Andie Diemer, Daniel "Hobie" Temple and Hannah Williams also contributed to this article.



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Twenty-three percent of respondents in an informal poll of Elon students, faculty and staff said Palin won Thursday's debate, as compared to the 37 percent who sided with Biden.

Wallace Chandler Fountain flows again this week after repairs

Rachel Cieri
Reporter

Contrary to rumors circulating around campus, Wallace L. Chandler Fountain is not sinking into the ground nor is it breaking in two from a massive crack. In fact, construction on the fountain is nearly finished, and it is expected to be filled with water this week.

According to Director of Construction Management Neil Bromilow, the problems with the fountain are not nearly as severe as the rumors imply.

Because the structure is made from a massive amount of concrete, there were several hairline cracks radiating from the center like spokes on a bicycle wheel, he said. Water was seeping through the tiny cracks, and in order for them to be filled in with caulk they first had to be expanded.

"It's not unnatural for something that's made out of that much concrete," Bromilow said. "Think of a sidewalk, that's made out of concrete and [it] cracks."

As the structure was settling into the ground the walls of the fountain began to bow out, causing some of the ceramic tiles to come loose.

"Imagine that you've got an air mattress with rocks under it," he said. "Over time, the air mattress changes shape to conform to the rocks underneath it."

This is all part of the fountain's structural shifting. The places where the cracks and "fault lines" appeared have been filled with rubber-like joints to absorb any future movement as the

Rumor vs. Reality:

Rumor: Chandler Fountain is sinking into the ground because the foundation was not built correctly.

Reality: The fountain is not sinking. It's shifting like any concrete structure.

Rumor: There is a huge crack in the fountain.

Reality: There were several tiny, hairline cracks in the concrete and they had to be expanded before they could be filled.

fountain conforms to the ground.

While it was dry, maintenance was performed on machinery like ventilation and pumps used to operate the fountain.

The bottom, originally black to give the illusion of depth, was painted blue to make it more aesthetically pleasing. Lights have been reinstalled to illuminate the water at night.

Much speculation about irreparable damage stemmed from the length of time the fountain was filled with construction crews rather than water, but Bromilow explained that weather has delayed repair efforts.

For the bottom to be painted the concrete needed to be bone dry, which requires five days of sunshine. Instead, construction crews got frequent rainstorms.

Whenever it seemed like they would finally be able to start, the clouds



DAVID WELLS | Photo Editor

Chandler Fountain stands empty in front of Koury Business Center as workers repair damages. The fountain began running again on Tuesday morning.

rolled in, Bromilow said.

"If you ever need a drought broken, I'll bring you the fountain," he said.

Construction crews were waiting for a water-resistant coat to dry and machinery to calibrate before filling Chandler Fountain. Bromilow said he does not expect to have to perform maintenance on the fountain for another 10 years.



Visit www.elon.edu/pendulum for video about the fountain's repairs.

Media groups host viewing of vice presidential debate

Bryce Little
Reporter

On Oct. 2 students from Elon's chapters of the Radio Television News Directors Association and the Society of Professional Journalists met in classrooms in McEwen to watch the vice presidential debate between Sen. Joe Biden and Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin.

Afterward, members from the two groups had an informal discussion about who was the better candidate and ultimately which parties were hurt or helped by the debate.

"The vice presidential debates can be completely uneven, completely go out of control and not even be that great for a candidate and still win," senior Kevin Kline said.

After intently watching the debate, students conversed about both candidates' views on the Iraq War, the energy crisis and the economic downturn.

"I thought both candidates were prepared and came to the debate well rehearsed and ready to take each other on," said Mackenzie Ames, co-president of RTNDA.

Many students agreed both candidates did as well, or better, than expected.

"I think she [Sarah Palin] is doing really well," senior Jinni Phipps said. "Compared to her interview on Katie



BRYCE LITTLE | Photographer

From left to right: Junior Meredith Gulley, senior Bethany Swanson, senior Olivia Hubert-Allen and junior Tim Barber led the discussion after the vice presidential debate.

Couric, so far so good."

Some students were surprised at Palin's ability to stand against the more experienced Joe Biden, but expectations were still low after Palin's recent interviews with some media outlets.

"Sarah Palin exceeded expectations," Kline said. "My expectations were not terribly high for her. Sarah Palin had a lot less to lose than Biden did because when you have your expectations low you have a lot less to lose."

Visit www.elon.edu/pendulum for video about the debate screening and post-screening discussion.



Elon students polled for national survey

On Monday, about 3,000 Elon students received an e-mail about a poll that will function as a scientific survey of college students in four battleground election states.

According to an e-mail sent by Dean of Students Smith Jackson, between 15 and 20 schools in North Carolina were contacted to participate in Cornell University's Survey Research Institute for its "CBS News Youth Vote Poll."

"They wish to get students' opinions on the candidates, the issues that matter to young voters, your level of engagement in this campaign and your take on the political landscape in the Internet age," Jackson said.

The results will be revealed on the CBS Evening News with Katie Couric and will be printed in the Oct. 17 issue of The Chronicle of High Education and on CBSNews.com, Chronicle.com and UWIRE.com.

Organizers to resubmit Pavon's application, hope partnership emerges

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sometimes the government needs more. Pavon is upset his visa was denied, but says he is not surprised by the verdict. He suspects his time spent in Venezuela could be to blame.

"I want to thank everyone at Elon for this attempt at a cross-culture experience," Pavon said. "I am saddened that it has been put on hold by this oppression."

Pavon was set to live in Alamance County for the last three weeks in October and paint a mural on a wall outside of the YMCA in downtown Burlington. Organizers said Pavon was going to make the mural a community effort in not only the planning, but also the painting.

"The whole concept for bringing him in was to develop a deeper relationship

with the Latino community," Cary Worthy, director of the Alamance County Arts Council, said. "We want to use the arts to help that dialogue."

Tom Arcaro, professor of sociology and director of Project Pericles, said focus groups were to be conducted with a diverse group of Alamance County residents to see what the mural should be about.

"The mural project was going to help us learn more about our community," Arcaro said.

He said after the focus groups were over, organizers would have planned to "offer a document to be used by the City of Burlington and other entities that are interested in this type of pulse-taking of our community."

Elon first got involved with Pavon

when the 2008 Periclean Scholars met him in Chiapas, Mexico last year.

The students' original intention was to help with construction on a school. They were able to get Pavon to paint a mural with them on one of the exterior walls.

"We picked out paint with him and our students painted this beautiful mural with him," Arcaro said. "Students immediately said, 'Wow this would be a great Periclean-in-residence. Lets have him do a mural at Elon.'"

But talk soon turned to using Pavon's visit as a chance for Elon to connect to the Alamance County community and the local Hispanic population. Arcaro was able to get the Alamance County Arts Council and the Alamance Community YMCA on board

to help bring Pavon here.

"There is just so much we can share cross-culturally," Pavon said.

Pavon, who has painted murals in Mexico, Germany, Spain, Denmark and the Netherlands, was also the first artist to paint on the wall between Palestine and Israel.

"It was supposed to be a project that lived out the goal we have of creating better and deeper bonds between Elon and the surrounding community," Arcaro said. "It was about doing something proactive in response to the growing heterogeneity in our population."

For now, organizers plan to resubmit Pavon's visa application in hopes that they will still be able to bring him to Alamance County, just at a later time.

Acappallooza rocks sans instruments



BETSY SISE | Photographer

Elon's all-female a cappella group, Sweet Signatures, hosted its annual a cappella festival, Acappallooza, on Saturday, Oct. 4 at 8 p.m. in Whitley Auditorium. The festival featured performances by the UNC Greensboro Spartones, the Virginia Tech Juxtaposition, University of Maryland PandomiUM, University of Richmond Sirens, Duke Pitchforks and Elon's Sweet Signatures, Twisted Measure, shown above, and Rip_Chord.

Williams named new Multicultural Center director

Miriam Williamson
Design Editor

The Multicultural Center is open to every student, of every culture— not just minorities — and this is something Leon Williams, the new director of the Multicultural Center, wants to make more well-known.

"What we need to establish is a broader perspective of diversity and strengthen the cultural awareness of unique diversities on campus," Williams said.

To do this, Williams plans to intensify programs to promote cultural awareness and respect, as well as create overall awareness of the multicultural programs at Elon.

He complimented the efforts Elon has already made, saying the staff at Elon, the Multicultural Center staff and L'Tanya Richmond, the previous director of the Multicultural Center, have already come far.

"Ms. Richmond did a great job," said Ashley Jenkins, student program coordinator of SMART (Students Mentoring and Advising Rising Talent), a mentoring program for multicultural freshmen at Elon. "She did everything she could for Elon. We're all very glad to have [Williams]."

For Williams, one of his main focuses is integration.

"Anytime you're implementing diversity, one of the challenges in higher education is integration," he said.

He wants to encourage the implementation of integration in every aspect of life in the Elon community: academic, co-curricular and even in the community outside of the university.

Dean of Student Life Smith Jackson included this as one of the goals he hopes to see Williams achieve.



MIRIAM WILLIAMSON | Photographer

Provost Gerry Francis, left, and Chaplain Richard McBride, right, meet with Leon Williams, the new director of the Multicultural Center.

"It is for all students," Jackson said. "Students want to know others who are different from them. It will expand from African-Americans to other minorities and then include all students."

Williams, his wife Rochelle and their two children, Sierra, 10, and Elijah, 4, moved to Elon from Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa where he was the director of intercultural programs for eight years. While there, he oversaw diversity initiatives, recruitment, retention and co-curriculum.

"We built support systems for students to connect with campus and to assist with the transition," Williams said.

With experience as an assistant football coach on a collegiate level, sports are also a major part of Williams' life and students should expect to see him in the weight room and working out on campus.

"I'm excited about joining intramurals," he said. "But no one has approached me yet."

Williams invites all students to be a part of the Multicultural Center and the services it offers. To get involved, students can e-mail Williams at lwilliams25@elon.edu, call the center at (336) 278-7299 or stop by Moseley 221.

The Multicultural Center offers several information sessions where students can learn about the services that are available.

Former U.S. Secretary of State to speak at Spring Convocation



Madeleine Albright

Former U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright will speak at the Spring Convocation for Honors on March 31 in Alumni Gym.

Albright was the first woman to serve as the U.S. Secretary of State from 1997 to 2001. She has held numerous other high-ranking political positions, including acting as a U.S.

permanent representative to the United Nations and as a member of President Clinton's Cabinet and National Security Council.

While in office, Albright reinforced America's alliances, advocated democracy and human rights, and promoted U.S. trade and business, labor, and environmental standards abroad.

Spring Convocation will honor both Dean's List and President's List students, the faculty, graduate students, the Class of 2009 and the members of the Elon Society.

Past speakers at Spring Convocation include Colin Powell, Elie Wiesel and John Glenn.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Elon chosen for national coalition

Elon has been selected as one of 45 U.S. colleges and universities to form a national coalition called Bringing Theory to Practice Project. As a part of the coalition, Elon will receive grants over two years to support campus activities that encourage learning.

The coalition is an independent project in partnership with the Association of American Colleges and Universities.

National Campaign hosts debate tonight

The Elon chapter of the National Campaign for Political and Civic Engagement is hosting a debate between College Democrats and College Republicans tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Whitley Auditorium.

The issues debated will be: the environment, the economy, foreign policy and education.

Interest meetings for Elon Academy mentors

There will be interest meetings held tonight and on Tuesday, Oct. 14, for students interested in becoming an Elon Academy mentor. Tonight's meeting is at 6 p.m. in McEwen 011 and Tuesday's meeting is at 4:30 p.m. in Koury Business Center 242.

Latino American Film Series begins tonight

The department of foreign languages is teaming up with La Casa de Español to host a screening of "Madeinusa" tonight at 6:30 p.m. in Koury Business Center 346.

The film, which was directed by Claudia Llosa, was awarded the Golden India Catalina. It is also the first film to be shown in the Latino American Film Series.

Invisible Children Walkathon

Elon's chapter of Invisible Children will host its second annual Walkathon on Saturday, Oct. 11. There will be food, games, music and prizes for participants and observers.

The entrance fee is \$5, and all proceeds will go toward building a school in Uganda. The event will take place at Rhodes Stadium from 4 to 8 p.m.

"Fully Awake" screened in NYC

A film produced by elondocs was screened at the New York Museum of Modern Art last weekend. The film, titled "Fully Awake: Black Mountain College," explores an experimental model of higher education used in North Carolina from 1933 through 1957.

"Fully Awake" will also be shown at the Guggenheim Bilbao in Spain from Oct. 28 through Feb. 8.

Elon launches new semester-long student exchange program

Elon confirmed its new student exchange program through Associated New American Colleges earlier this week.

Through the program, students will be able to spend a semester at any ANAC-member school, including Arcadia University, Ithaca College and Wagner College.

For more information about Elon's ANAC student exchange program, visit <http://org.elon.edu/anac/index.html>.

University sells its e-waste to Greensboro refurbishing company

Current plan includes switching old computers for new ones every three years

Shelley Russell
Special Projects Editor

With almost 4,000 computers on campus, Instructional Campus Technologies has its hands full managing, troubleshooting and fixing malfunctioning machines. But what happens when a computer gets older and the problems can't be corrected as easily?

When Elon's first technology plan was developed in 1999, many computers on campus were between seven and nine years old.

Only departments with money to spare could afford newer machines.

"We tried to standardize the computers over a three year period to get them all up-to-date," said Chris Fulkerson, assistant vice president for technology.

Elon's current technology plan includes the task of switching out faculty and staff computers every three years. But Fulkerson said the average lifespan of a computer on Elon's campus is about four years.

"While faculty and staff are given the option to have their computers switched out, many of the staff keep their computers for an extra year," Fulkerson said.

As of 2008, faculty and staff have been given the option to purchase their computer from the university after the three-year time period.

Other computers that are in good condition after three years are placed on campus as student-worker machines, lower-level office machines, data-gathering machines or word processing machines.

The Purchasing Department also organizes a sale for faculty and staff each year, featuring many computers that have been in use on campus for three or four years.

Fulkerson said he remembers the first sale in 2000, when many faculty and staff could not afford computers at the market price of \$2,000-\$3,000.

"We try to get as many [computers] together as possible for the sale," Fulkerson said, "We go to eBay, look at the price range and pick the lowest price, within reason."

Proceeds from the sale go back into the university's general fund.

But there are some computers that don't make the cut — such as the computers in well-frequented labs, including Belk Library, Duke and McEwen Communications. According to Fulkerson, these machines go straight to recycling.

Elon has been selling its computers to LDS Holdings, Inc., a refurbishing company in Greensboro, since 2002.

According to David Worden, director of environmental services, LDS will pick up any remaining computers to be either refurbished or broken down into raw materials.

"If we can't refurbish the parts, they go overseas," said Bill Lee, president of LDS Holdings, Inc.

LDS recycles raw materials both overseas and locally through multiple brokers that sell the materials by the pound worldwide.

Among the most popular materials is pure copper, which sells for \$3 per pound, and scrap metal, which sells for \$1.50 per pound, according to Lee.

The Government Accountability office recently reported that the United States is exporting e-waste to other countries, including China, in violation of regulations set in place by the Environmental Protection Agency.

This violation specifically targets the exportation of waste made up of cathode ray tubes (CRTs), which are used in older computer monitors and television screens. Many CRTs

ADDITIONAL E-WASTE RECYCLED AT ELON:



Environmental Services takes printers, as well as projector lamps, projectors and televisions and gives them to LDS Holdings, Inc. for refurbishing



Battery recycling depots located around campus:

- Phoenix Card Office
- Belk Library
- ESTV office
- Danieley Common

can contain up to four pounds of lead, which can be highly toxic, according to an article from www.computerworld.com.

Elon began switching its CRT monitors to LCD screens in 2004. Less than three percent of campus computers have CRTs, Fulkerson said.

Fulkerson said that Elon students wrote a letter in 2007 to the administration, complaining about Elon's e-waste.

"They didn't bother checking to see what we did," Fulkerson said.

"They just assumed all computers were on a three-year cycle. With everything considered, it's really four to five years."

The 2009 technology plan targets the university's computer rotation as a goal to study empirically in the future. The administration is not currently considering extending the time period for switching out their computers.

"A lot of people think we should replace computers every four to five years, as long as it's someone else's computer," Fulkerson said. "What about the exceptions? Who makes that determination? Once you make one exception, where do you draw the limit?"



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Sophomore Carolyn VanBrocklin sorts through textbooks in the Campus Shop.

Elon Law considers merits of electronic textbooks

Elon Law professor attended a Seattle meeting to discuss the future of law textbooks

Jake Martin
Reporter

In a meeting held in Seattle last week among e-book device makers, book publishers and a couple dozen representatives from law schools across the nation, the future of learning was discussed. Elon University was represented in the talks by law professor Steve Friedland, who described the invitation to the event as an honor for the newly accredited law school.

Amazon did not send a representative to the talks as was originally planned, but Adobe and Sony Electronics had several people present. Major book publishers and law school representatives joined the e-book device makers in preliminary talks to consider the potential of electronic books on college campuses.

Amazon's Kindle and other e-book devices made by Adobe and Sony could lead to a breakthrough in how students get information. In today's digital age, where many aspects of everyday life have changed, one might begin to wonder if the traditional paper book will soon be replaced by an electronic version.

"Books probably will not disappear, they will not become dinosaurs," Friedland said. "But we need to consider possibilities in portable learning through these devices."

The talks centered specifically

around what to do concerning law course books.

Students easily spend hundreds of dollars on these books in a semester and they tend to take up a lot of space. While e-book devices aren't cheap — the Kindle costs \$359 — the devices are thinner and weigh less than the typical paperback. Also, textbook prices could drop considerably with the absence of paper.

"We're going to have to realize that this is going to take education," Friedland said. "What are these devices capable of? What can they contribute to learning?"

Since devices like these have not been seen on such a wide scale before, it will take a lot of learning on the part of educators to realize what the capabilities and possible downsides to this kind of technology would be, he said.

Before educators can reach a consensus on how to incorporate this type of technology into learning, they will have to determine whether or not it will serve both a desirable and necessary educational purpose.

"Are we going to achieve anything or are we just going to add bells and whistles?" Friedland said.

He said what educators are witnessing now is a generation of students that are used to the digital age affecting almost everything they do, and books may just be the next thing.

Elon introduces new Public Health Studies minor

Keegan Calligar
Reporter

Elon students interested in public health can now expand their studies, as the university recently began offering a public health studies minor.

Amanda Tapler, a lecturer in the department of health and human performance and the coordinator of public health studies, said that she began developing the minor after the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U) launched The Educated Citizen and Public Health Initiative in January 2007.

"It's my area of expertise, so naturally I was drawn to that," she said.

Tapler then met with about 12 professors from various departments to determine if there was interest in developing a new minor.

Tapler found that professors were interested, and said that around the same time, writing boards were placed on campus and students were encouraged to write down any classes or curriculum they wanted offered at Elon.

"Public health came up several times on the boards," she said.

She then submitted a grant proposal, which was accepted.

Tapler said that the minor was always meant to be interdisciplinary and noted that students with varying majors are already exploring public health.

She cited documentaries about Hurricane Katrina and hurricane-relief service work as examples of students' interest in the area.

Students interested in the minor must take two core classes: introduction to public health and introduction to epidemiology.

Students must also take 12 semester hours of electives.

Seniors Dana Wolff and Seanna Baird are among the students who have already declared a public health minor.

"This minor has enabled me to explore different aspects of public health and helped me with my applications for graduate school," Wolff said. "I intend to pursue a career in public health, so the more experience I gain now, the more prepared I will be."

Baird noted that her studies are relevant outside of the classroom.

"The core public health class was really interesting because it forced me to think about all of the different everyday things, such as smoke detectors, floss and the [Food and Drug Administration], that have all come out of Public Health initiatives," she said.

In addition to Tapler, the public health studies committee members include Dr. Eric Hall, associate professor of exercise/sport science; Dr. Betty Morgan, associate professor of political science and public administration; and Kristen Sullivan, professor of human services.

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Students must follow university and town rules

Students can be held accountable for violations of Elon town laws and ordinances and Elon University's Honor Code

Whitney Bossie
News Editor

Students come from towns and cities across the country to study at Elon for four years. That means new people, different places and unfamiliar rules.

As members of the Elon University community as well as the Town of Elon, students must adhere to more than one set of standards. They are accountable for both the university Honor Code and town laws and ordinances.

Jana Lynn Patterson, assistant vice president for student life, said awareness is important when living in a new area.

"We think it's important for our students to be familiar with town ordinances because we believe they want to be good town citizens," she said. "They don't want people to think badly of them. Also, there are consequences when there is a violation of an ordinance, and we don't want students to put themselves in bad situations."

Any Town Police reports involving the actions of Elon students are shared with University Judicial Affairs, meaning students can be punished by both the university and the criminal or civil system.

Patterson said she's confident in students' desire and ability to respect

the rules.

"Once people understand that the town is serious about enforcing ordinances, there aren't many problems with it," she said.

Town of Elon officials suggest that students be familiar with several ordinances in particular.

Off-campus apartments and houses:

Town ordinances prohibit more than three unrelated people from living in a single residence. Town officials are obligated to enforce this ordinance if a violation is reported.

Patterson said she is aware of several recent violations of this ordinance by Elon students.

"The town has no option but to enforce the ordinances if a violation is reported," she said. "A couple of these cases have gone to court, but the town has won."

Town noise violations:

No unreasonably loud sound levels in the town, especially between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m., and no loud noises near any school, church or court during operating hours.

Trash and littering violations:

It's against the law to throw, drop or leave any trash on public or private

properties within town limits.

Community appearance standards:

No indoor furniture or appliances on porches or in yards.

Alcohol laws (state and local):

It is illegal for anyone under 21 to possess, consume, purchase or attempt to purchase alcoholic beverages.

It is illegal for anyone to aid and abet in the sale, purchase or consumption of alcohol to anyone under 21. It is also illegal for an of-age person to allow anyone under 21 to use or attempt to use his or her driver's license to purchase alcoholic beverages.

It is unlawful for anyone to consume or transport open-container alcoholic beverages in any public area, including public streets, sidewalks, town-maintained buildings and municipal parking lots.

The university plans to form a Town Student Committee to improve relationships between permanent town residents and Elon students, chaired by senior Torin Reedstrom.

"The university has become increasingly aware of its off-campus population," Reedstrom said. "This committee will be helpful because both parties have to coexist in the Town of Elon."

If you're interested in applying for a position on this committee, contact Reedstrom at treedstrom@elon.edu. The committee's first meeting will be held the week after Fall Break.

More information regarding town ordinances is at www.elonnc.com.

Tips for hosting parties:

1. Inform your neighbors when you're having a party and ask them to tell you if noise levels are becoming too loud, instead of calling the police first.
2. Keep parties to a controllable amount of people.
3. Provide enough parking for all guests.
4. Don't allow guests to block roads or driveways.
5. Be familiar with your responsibilities if you serve or allow alcohol. You are responsible for all guests, even if they bring their own alcohol.
6. Don't let anyone drive under the influence. You could be held liable if they are injured. Safe Rides, E-Rides and cabs are smart alternatives.
7. Clean up the area immediately following the event.

College students face confusion in voter's registration process

Beth Peterson
Reporter

The 2008 election has garnered unprecedented attention from this generation of young voters. Yet around the country, some students have been misled to believe they can't vote.

Cases involving the circulation of fraudulent information have been prevalent in key battleground states, such as Colorado and Virginia, and in areas surrounding college towns, such as Greenville County (home to Furman University) and York County (home to Winthrop University) in South Carolina.

A Republican county clerk in El Paso County, Colo. was accused of falsely informing Colorado College students from other states that they couldn't register to vote if their parents claimed them as a dependent on their tax returns, according to McClatchy Newspapers.

The New York Times reported a similar episode at Virginia Tech, in Blacksburg, Va. The report said that a local registrar issued releases

suggesting that out-of-state students could no longer be claimed as dependents if they registered to vote in Blacksburg.

Peter Kiwitt, a professor in the School of Communications, said an Elon student experienced similar confusion. Kiwitt overheard a student mention that she was unable to vote in North Carolina because her parents claimed her as a dependent on their last tax return.

"I'm very concerned that in our democracy it is a political strategy to disenfranchise voters," Kiwitt said.

He added that this strategy was just one of many tactics used over the years by officials of both parties to sway the vote in their favor.

In this election, members of the Democratic Party in the previously mentioned states believe that Republican officials are attempting to limit student registration because the 18-24 demographic has shown strong support for Barack Obama.

Sujatha Jahagirdar, program director of the Student Public Interest Research Group's New Voters Project

in Washington, told McClatchy Newspapers that she encountered problems when she posed as a college freshman and called registrar's offices in Greenville and York Counties.

She said after informing officials from each county that her parents listed her as a dependent, she was told she couldn't vote in either area.

In North Carolina, recent polls have shown that the presidential election will be a close one. In a mid-September Elon University Poll, 41 percent of respondents said they would support the Republican Party in the presidential election, while 35 percent said they would support the Democratic Party. The six-point difference was within the poll's margin of error.

Confusion over requirements for qualification to vote could possibly swing the state's vote one way or another.

Many student organizations at Elon are making an effort to get students registered before North Carolina's deadline, which is Oct. 10. The National Campaign, College Democrats

and College Republicans are a few participating in voter registration drives.

Many candidates on the local, state and national levels have campaign headquarters in Alamance County. These organizations are attempting to encourage college students to register, as well.

"As a part of the Obama campaign, we work hard to register people to vote rather than deterring people from voting," said Brian Ireland, an Obama field organizer for Alamance County.

Both presidential candidates' Web sites offer information on how to register to vote and how to request an absentee ballot.

As the deadline to register approaches, students must first decide whether to vote at home or in Elon. Either form can be obtained by e-mailing polengage@elon.edu with your campus box number and the state where you are registered. The correct form will then be sent to your campus box.

Whitney Bossie also contributed to this story.

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Pink hair for a cure

RIGHT:
All members of Zeta Tau Alpha got pink hair extensions on Monday to honor Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

The group decided to get pink extensions in order to raise awareness for the cause around campus. They will wear the extensions throughout October.

Here, junior Chelsey McGinnis gets a pink hair extension on Monday at Design Forum.

The salon will offer the extensions again on Oct. 16 for community members who want to support the cause. The extensions cost \$15 and will be available from 10 a.m. through 7 p.m.

Proceeds will be donated to ZTA's national philanthropy, which is Breast Cancer Education and Awareness.

The sorority raised more than \$300 on Monday.



DAVID WELLS | Photo Editor

Freedom comes at a cost for many students

Judicial violations are highest during September and October as students adjust to new environment

Lesley Cowie
Reporter

After spending the last 18 years living with their parents, many college freshmen look forward to moving in to their dorms and making their own decisions.

The freedom of staying out past curfew is just one of the luxuries enjoyed by ecstatic freshmen.

But along with the freedom of decisions come the consequences.

According to Whitney Pack, coordinator of judicial affairs, September and October are the months with the highest number of judicial violations.

"It makes sense because I think a lot of the time freshmen are coming in and really adjusting," Pack said.

She said freshmen want to know the rules and boundaries, how things are enforced and how to deal with all the time and freedom.

Last year's statistics showed there were 250 incidents in September and 150 in October that required restitution hours.

Pack said those numbers are not exact, but are close. During the rest of the year only between 25 and 50 incidents occurred monthly.

"Once you get past September and October, it's very even because after that point, you take out that factor of students really not knowing the environment, not knowing the culture," she said. "That's where you really get across-the-board similar violations for freshmen as well as upperclassmen. It really goes down from there."

Judicial officials often assign students restitution hours after they violate a decree on campus, although there are some exceptions. Any nonviolent violation, Pack said, could require community service hours.

"It's really based on the individual student and the situation," she said. "All alcohol violations have a certain number of minimum restitution hours that are the recommended sanction listed in the handbook."

The general sanction is typically 10 hours.

Although students get restitution hours for other violations, Pack said alcohol cases are the most common violations that come through the judicial affairs office.

"If it's a very serious violation, [students] might be sanctioned to a greater number of hours," Pack said.

"But also if it's just multiple minor violations, that would be another reason [for more hours]."

The deadline for completing restitution hours equates to one week for every five hours assigned, plus one week of planning time to place a student in a correct site.

To make the hours count, students must also complete a timesheet and have their site supervisor sign it.

Restitution hours may be completed on-campus or with off-campus organizations.

Recently, the Special Olympics contacted the judicial affairs office, asking for volunteers and referees, Pack said.

"We are a little bit more selective with off-campus [opportunities]," she said. "It depends on the hearing officer's discretion and the type of violation. We really want to make sure that it's a good relationship for both the site as well as the student."

For on-campus activities, students may work in an administrative office or help different clubs and organizations that are hosting events.

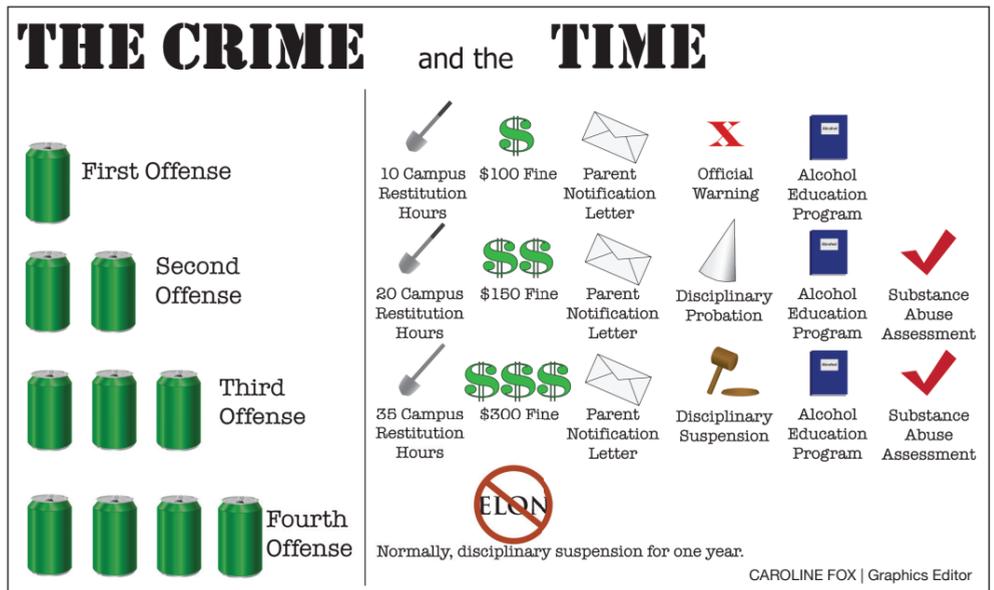
Pack said that many students used last fall's concert as an opportunity to complete their house by helping with set-up and clean-up duties.

The Invisible Children

Walkathon also contacted judicial affairs seeking volunteers.

"[Restitution] gives students an opportunity to meet people they otherwise wouldn't have met," Pack said. "If they are working in an office with administrators, hopefully they'll get to build some relationships with faculty and staff members. Additionally, if they are working an event with a student organization, we hope that they gain an experience and a perspective of a new organization."

For more information about violations, sanctions and restitution please see the Student Handbook.



Ever Elon goals include increasing research grants and scholarships

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and bolts of the campaign. Everything from how to "count" a gift to minimum donation amounts was tackled.

Current results of Elon's endowment include buildings, such as Moseley, Koury Business Center, the Academic Village and Belk Library, and other amenities like

scholarship programs. Donors can opt to specify what they would like their money put towards, such as athletics or abroad experiences.

"Thanks to the generous support of countless others before us, all of this has been a reality and has significantly impacted our Elon experience," SGA Executive President

Chase Rumley said.

Rumley said the visions to improve campus can materialize, but only through donations from the Elon community, including students, their families, faculty, staff and friends.

"This campaign is about every single person," he said. "It's

about everybody chipping in and making a difference. Every gift from every student, regardless of size or designation, counts for the campaign."

For more information, visit: www.elon.edu/e-web/administration/2008_09_institutionalpriorities.xhtml.

Majority of poll respondents blame Republican Party for economic crisis

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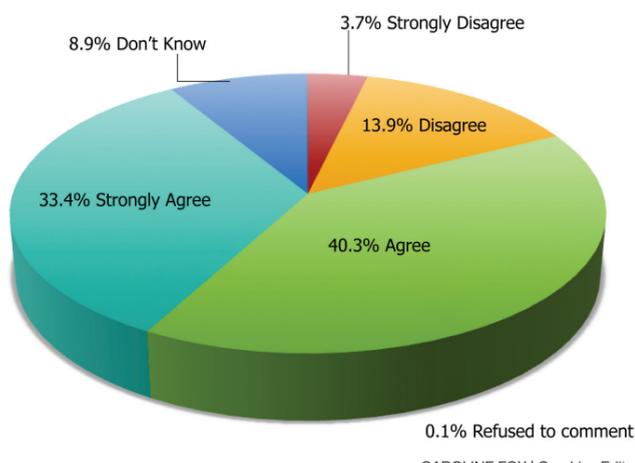
consumers cut back on spending in expectation of a continued economic decline. Falling house values, high gasoline prices and the recent Wall Street financial crisis have led many consumers to lose confidence in the economy.

A majority of poll respondents placed the blame for the current crisis on Republicans. Forty-eight percent said the GOP was at fault, while just 24 percent blamed Democrats. Likewise, when asked which presidential candidate would do a better job of managing the economy, 44 percent of respondents chose Barack Obama over John McCain at 42 percent.

"The president usually gets the blame for situations like these," Bacot said. "That may explain why a strong majority blamed Republicans."

These results differed from those of the last poll, in which respondents showed stronger support for the Republican Party.

The majority of North Carolinians support the federal government's effort to provide assistance to troubled banks. Here are the results from the Elon Poll after asking **Do banks need increased regulation by the federal government:**



No answers yet on stomach bug

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and Dan Rickershauser have visited the doctor once and will go for another checkup today. Both said they are feeling fully healthy again.

Patterson said the state official for communicable diseases said on Friday there was no need for alarm, since the baseline numbers for patients who presented had a broad range of similar gastrointestinal symptoms are around the same for this time from 2007-2008 and 2008-2009.

There were only 72 cases with the same symptoms during the same time period this year, which is only a one percent increase, Patterson said.

"[This] is not significant given the size of our residential population," she said.

Currently, the Health Department is talking to about 20 students. Most of these were contacted through the Health Department's own investigation and they did not receive medical treatment on campus.

In an effort to help students understand the importance of proper hand washing to combat communicable illnesses, Elon's annual hand washing campaign has been moved up to this week. Free hand sanitizer will be available in Moseley from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. until Thursday.

While a student was hospitalized a few weeks ago for a positive strain of salmonella bacteria, the Health Department said there is no known connection between the instances. That student is now fully recovered, Patterson said.

"The Health Department has not indicated or recommended any changes in food procurement, handling, storage or preparation for ARAMARK," Patterson said.

For precautionary measures, Physical Plant cleaned and sanitized a few areas on campus, where some of the sick students live on campus.

Patterson said she has talked about cleaning procedures to students that may have been sick and live off campus to ensure their health.

She said the county health department is no longer requiring the school to report all cases of similar symptoms to the Health Department for follow up, but that the administration will be taking a modified protocol for the next two weeks instead.

"Our protocol will be to report to the Health Department if a patient presents with symptoms that meet more stringent criteria," she said. "We have been reporting all cases of the specified symptoms this week, regardless of severity."

She said in the event that more severe symptoms appear the staff will forward a sample onto a lab for normal testing that the Health Department will be notified so they can evaluate the sample as well.

Debate over library location continues

Alyse Knorr
Design Editor

The heated discussion over the construction site of a 15,000-square foot Elon library continued at the Elon Board of Aldermen agenda meeting on Monday, Oct. 6, when citizens spoke out with conviction.

About a dozen citizens, all wearing "Library at the Park" stickers on their shirts, attended the agenda meeting to advocate for the Beth Schmidt Park location.

The crowd showed a largely hostile attitude, interrupting board members shouting out questions and even accusations during the discussion.

Bob Kittenger cited less traffic, a safer environment and the playground setting as advantages to the Beth Schmidt site.

"This is brain development as well as brawn development," Elon resident Dottie Olson said of the playgrounds.

Olson stressed the importance of a newsletter survey to gauge the opinions of the community.

"I do not understand why there is a reason a survey has not gone out," she said.

When asked whether the board would send out such a survey, Mayor Jerry Tolley answered: "I don't think so," and explained that surveys are not usually used to make decisions like this one.

"I think our board has a pretty good idea on this," Tolley said. "I guarantee you that we're listening to people out there all the time."

Alderman Davis Montgomery mentioned that he has received about 60 e-mails expressing opinions on the library location.

Citizens also expressed concerns over Elon University's presence in the dealings.

If the other proposed location, Comer Field, also known as Firehouse Field, on Williamson Avenue, is chosen, the library will be built on university-owned land.

"It seems that Elon University has

skewed and altered the decision-making process," Tom Conally, a resident of the Town of Elon, said.

"Why is the university doing this?" Elon resident Shirley Meyer asked. "The only advantage I can see is it will be bringing people into a retail area."

Ken Mullen, assistant vice president for business and finance, spoke at the meeting as a university representative and said that while the university does want more foot traffic through its downtown area, it ultimately offered to build the library to help serve the community.

As for the retail space that will be built around the library, Mullen said the university is planning a "high-class retail village" to serve families, the community and the students.

"I don't want you all to think the university is the enemy in all of this," he said.

Tolley spoke out to defend the Firehouse Field location, noting that the university wouldn't charge the town for the land, and that the location would lend ample land for expansion and parking.

He also pointed out that the Firehouse Field location is more central and would serve more town citizens.

"It's rather easy to see which way you're leaning," Olson said to Tolley.

Town citizens at the meeting accused Tolley and Alderman Ron Klepcyk of possibly letting their Elon employment affect their votes.

Tolley serves as director of the Elon Society and Klepcyk is Elon's director of human resources.

At one point during the public comments section, Olson directly asked Tolley and Klepcyk to recuse themselves from the vote.

"Am I correct that you are employees of the university?" Olson asked.

Klepcyk defended his Elon employee connection by stating: "I've convinced most people in the past that I vote for what is best for the town."

Tolley said he would only vote in the case of a tie.

The proposed sites:

Beth Schmidt Park

- Located off Cook Road
- Would make the library the only library in the county located in a park
- Has proximity to Twin Lakes

Firehouse Field

- Close proximity to downtown and elementary school
- Preserves park location
- Promotes image of urban development

The board will not vote on the library issue at its next meeting, because all of its members will not be present.

The Oct. 6 agenda meeting also included a presentation by Elon Police Chief LaVell Lovette about how the force has become more fuel-efficient in light of recent gas price increases.

The 15-car fleet spends a total of \$750 per week on fuel.

Lovette noted better vehicle maintenance, more effective driving and more foot patrols as measures taken to save money on gas.

She also noted that the department has discontinued random patrols and now operates direct patrols only.

On Tuesday, Oct. 14, the board will vote on whether to create a traffic code making parking illegal on Blakey Hall Lane and whether to release \$2,378 in unpaid 10-year-old property tax records to clean up old budget books.

ORGANIZATION BRIEFS

Invisible Children Walkathon

Elon's chapter of Invisible Children will host its second annual Walkathon on Saturday, Oct. 11. There will be food, games, music and prizes for participants and observers.

The entrance fee is \$5, and all proceeds will go toward building a school in Uganda. The event will take place at Rhodes Stadium from 4 to 8 p.m.

Push the Music

Come support the national philanthropy of Pi Kappa Phi on Thursday, October 9, with music, featuring Sweet Signatures, Twisted Measure and Rip_Chord.

All the proceeds will go directly to Push America, which works to raise funds and awareness for people living with disabilities around the nation. Doors open at 7:30. Tickets are \$5, or \$4 if paid with Phoenix Cash. Phoenix Cash accepted in advance and at the door.

Join Elon Hillel for services during Yom Kippur

Elon Hillel will be hosting Yom Kippur services this week.

Tonight: Erev Yom Kippur/Kol Nidre at UNC Chapel Hill. Meet at 4:45 p.m. at Boney Fountain.

Thurs, Oct. 9: Yom Kippur a.m. at Temple Emanuel in Greensboro. Meet at 9:15 a.m. at Boney Fountain. Break the fast at 6:15 p.m. on 2nd floor Moseley.

Elon Volleyball Dig for the Cure

The volleyball team will be raising money for the Susan G. Komen foundation during their home game on tonight at 7 p.m.

Every dig made raises money for the foundation. Dig for the Cure T-shirts will also be sold at the game.

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Editorial

The Pendulum seeks to inspire, entertain and inform the Elon community by providing a voice for students and faculty as well as a forum for the meaningful exchange of ideas.

Talking about teen pregnancy should be a priority

When the news about vice presidential nominee Sarah Palin's daughter Bristol was announced last month, the country's attention finally turned to an issue that has plagued the nation for some time now: teen pregnancy.

Palin's daughter Bristol is pregnant at 17 years old. The father of her baby, Levi Johnston, is 18.

Despite recent decreases in U.S. teen pregnancy rates, America still has the worst rates in the developed world. According to 2004 statistics, the United States' overall rate of teen pregnancy was calculated at 760,000 a year, meaning that every hour more than 87 teens become pregnant.

The country should be talking about more of these teen mothers than just the vice presidential nominee's daughter. Why is discussion on the topic so scarce?

Maybe parents don't talk about it to their teens because it's too hard and uncomfortable for them to do so. Maybe members of the religious right and traditionalists don't talk about it because they treat sex like something dirty and base, as opposed to something healthy and natural for mature adults in healthy, committed relationships.

Whatever the reason, sex and teen pregnancy are not talked about enough. Americans certainly don't have a problem watching it on "Gossip Girl" once a week, listening to it in music filled with gratuitously sexual lyrics, or writing about it on gossip Web sites.

That's not the problem. But apparently, talking about sex seriously and like adults is a problem.

Fortunately enough, this month may be the perfect time for Americans to try doing it.

October is "Let's Talk Month," a national public education campaign sponsored by the nonprofit organization Advocates for Youth.

Let's Talk Month was designed to foster discussions about sex in schools, religious organizations, community agencies, the media and families. What better time for Elon students to converse about this issue than now?

Elon students could start with an informed discussion about the direct effects of teen pregnancy on society — perhaps with the fact that sons of adolescent mothers are 13 percent more likely to spend time in prison.

Or maybe the \$7 billion taxpayers spend per year on welfare aid for teen mothers could be discussed.

Conversation topics could also include the mothers themselves — the fact that seven out of 10 of them will drop out of school and fail to earn a high school diploma, for instance.

And no discussion would be complete without mentioning the children of these teen mothers. These children have a higher likelihood of being born prematurely or with a low birth weight. They are also more likely to be abused or neglected in their childhood.

There are many places where discussion doesn't take place, like public schools, where many at-risk students receive abstinence-only education that leaves them completely in the dark about how to

protect themselves from pregnancy.

Advocates of abstinence-only sex education prohibit access to information about contraception for teens. They prevent teens from having safe sex by taking away protection that could prevent disease and teen pregnancy.

In reality, limiting contraception access does not lower the number of teens who choose to have sex. Instead, it only raises the number of teens who have unsafe sex.

In order to drastically lower teen pregnancy rates in the United States, American society must deviate from the abstinence-only direction entirely.

Instead, schools and education programs need to promote safe sex, inform teens about forms of protection and eliminate the sexual taboo in American society that prevents teens from receiving the sexual health information they need.

Americans must make the decision as a country to commit to the formation of an honest, open relationship with teens in which educators can provide them with the knowledge and resources they need to make healthy relationship decisions instead of leaving them in the dark to make ignorant choices with dangerous results.

In order to fight teen pregnancy, society must first be comfortable enough to talk about teen sex. So let's start there.

ILLUSTRATING THE ISSUES:

Beware of the 'Freshmen 15'



Cartoon by Lars Bredahl

ARAMARK pricing is hard to swallow

The variety of food options at Elon is undeniable. Many campuses only allow meal plans to be used in the dining halls and only a few allow meal plans to be used in restaurants, but how much do all of these items actually cost students?

For a freshman living on campus, the lowest meal plan allowed is 11 a week. Despite ARAMARK's deceptive \$2.50 cash equivalency deal, on this plan one meal is actually worth \$10.68. This means that those delicious sandwiches in downstairs Colonnades actually cost \$21.36 rather than the \$5 many people assume they are paying.

The most outrageous pricing, is the 1889 Grill Room. For a 10-ounce steak, they charge three meal plans (\$32.04), and if a side of bleu cheese is desired it is an additional meal plan swipe (\$42.72). At B. Christopher's, a high-quality steakhouse in Burlington, a customer pays \$32 for their most expensive steak, and the restaurant will throw the bleu cheese in for free.

Other ARAMARK venues also price gouge. At the Fountain Market in downstairs Colonnades, the prices often double that of discount grocery stores. For a box of Nutri-Grain bars at the fountain market you will pay \$4.49, but at Target students only have to pay \$2.33. Two dollars may not seem like much to pay for convenience, but if a student pays in meal plans they will be paying more than \$20 for food easily bought at a grocery store for less than \$5.

The sad truth is that ARAMARK's death grip monopoly on Elon dining services means there is virtually no competition to challenge the food corporation. According to Elon's contract with ARAMARK, even university organizations holding meetings with food are supposed to purchase all of their items through ARAMARK. The only real option for students is to look off campus for better deals.

The everyday ARAMARK staff students interact with are not perpetrators. They are doing their jobs, serving customers and making meals the campus enjoys.

It is Elon's relationship with ARAMARK higher-ups that is unhealthy and in need of change.

The fact of the matter is that even though it may seem like students are paying less every time they use a meal plan rather than reaching into their wallet, it is actually significantly cheaper to pay in Phoenix Cash or go to the grocery store for microwavable meals. In some cases, even going out to dinner is cheaper than staying on campus for a "nice" dinner at one of ARAMARK's sit-down restaurants.

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Opinions

Elon classes should be canceled Election Day



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Columnist

When young Americans turn 18, they can sign contracts, serve on juries and enlist in the military ... oh yeah, and vote. This isn't another article about why Elon should join the Amethyst Initiative (seriously it's time), but rather, this is a call for Elon University to set a new national trend. Elon should cancel all classes on Election Day.

November 4 is Election Day for the United States of America. This election will be the 11th election since The Voting Rights Act of 1965, which allowed all U.S. citizens, regardless of race, the right to vote.

For many Elon students, this election will be an exciting first-time experience. Many students will close those secretive curtains and cast their votes for the most qualified candidate (or trendsetter). On Election Day, nothing can get in the way as Elon students as well as faculty and staff make history.

Well ... nothing except for classes.

Though the statistics vary from source to source, approximately 55 percent of the American voting population voted in the 2004 election. When looking on an even larger scale, the American voter turnout has not come close to the 60 percent mark since the presidential election of 1968. Many people often wonder: How could a nation whose founding principles guaranteed the right to vote have such a low turnout?

Though everyone has a theory, it is time for America to face the facts. Americans don't vote for two reasons: First, everyone is afraid to talk about politics. As a nation of talkers, people need to talk more and make politics a normal topic of conversation. Without politics being a hot topic of conversation, it will never be the top thought on American minds.

Second, Americans don't vote because they are too busy. Whether it is a college/high school student voting in-between classes or parents voting around their work schedules, daily duties stop Americans

from getting to the polls.

From the class of 2012, approximately 25 percent of the student body is from North Carolina, nine percent is from Maryland, and eight percent is from Virginia. That's 42 percent of the freshman student body, and all three of those states are within driving distance from Elon.

Although the absentee ballots are a viable option for Elon's student body, so is registering to vote as a resident of North Carolina. The process is extremely easy, and any student that registers by October 10 will be able to vote in Alamance County.

In the United States there are only two certainties in regards to voting. First, America will call every election the most important election of its time. Second, the voting population will continue to be low unless Americans are given the time to vote.

Elon prides itself in student involvement. Let Elon have a day and establish a tradition dedicated to involving students with politics. On November 4, as Elon's Tuesday classes start, it would be nice to see more empty classrooms and longer voting lines.

PETA's message ignores human needs



Ashley Jobe
Contributing columnist

The heart-wrenching photos and video clips of chickens fluttering their wings in panic, of dogs writhing on the floor in pain and pigs wallowing in feces — those are the tools PETA uses to get meat-eating, fur-wearing Americans to see the disastrous effects of living lives without regard for animal suffering.

Many couldn't agree more — show those people what it's like to be killed in the name of fashion and nourishment. It's all unnecessary. Really, it is — take those caged hens back and let those cows run free. The world is their pasture.

Of course, we know that isn't all there is to PETA's argument — they want to stop the "needless and cruel murder of animals" and use unreferenced evidence that proves that "meat is unhealthy," that "feeding prison inmates bean burritos instead of beef burgers could go a long way toward ending the cycle of violence" and that "meat eating causes impotence."

Forgoing the use of animal products will, inevitably, solve all of the world's problems. PETA brings its cameras into the lives of people, portraying them as ruthless, heartless murderers.

If billions of people in the world didn't eat meat and the American economy didn't thrive on the mass production of meat-based fast food, Americans might be tempted to feed into that prospect.

Have animals died brutally by the hands of humans for human consumption? Yes. Is it a problem that can be solved by urging Americans to become vegetarians, boycott pet foods like IAMS, spay and neuter their dogs and refuse to wear the skins of animals? Probably, but the need for meat will not go away, and the implosion of the infrastructure upon which American stands will not be worth a plot of land sanctioned off for animals to

live in harmony.

The cruel, careless killings of animals need not continue the way it does now. But PETA is asking millions of Americans to change their diets, their wardrobes and their lives on account of animal rights. It's not a realistic prospect.

When Americans who are struggling in poverty are looking for any work they can find (and that work may arrive in the form of slaughtering pigs) and any food they can find (most of which can be found for 99 cents on a McDonalds dollar menu), asking them to give up what little they have to survive and depend on isn't exactly ethical either.

PETA states repeatedly that they are the voice the animals don't have. They sound more like a group of people determined to eradicate the usage of animals to aid the human race in any way possible. It sounds like a group of people placing animals above the people they are asking to fight for their cause.

Has PETA truly investigated the economical and financial repercussions of leaving millions of Americans involved in the mass meat production enterprises unemployed?

Backsliding into a no-meat way of life is just not feasible in a world with a growing population of 6.5 billion people. The PETA organization knows that humans have been eating their animal counterparts since the dawn of time, and one would hope they appreciate what a splendid, balanced cycle of predator and prey that existence must have been.

But to deprive starving mouths of meat and to state that, "the easiest way to end cruelty to animals is to go vegetarian," doesn't seem to meet the mark.

Once more, the question must be asked: Who wouldn't be grief-stricken by those horrid images?

It is widely misunderstood that those unwilling to protest against huge fast food corporations and federal laws inviting the mass slaughter of domesticated animals in our country have no emotional ties to the images seen on peta.org. It is about the lack of solutions PETA offers and the balance that could never be achieved in the ideal, PETA world.

Challenging 'norms' is necessary for personal growth and enlightenment



Brooke Kassner
Contributing columnist

What is normal exactly? Or, more importantly, what is normal to each society, each culture, mainly to college students across America?

Zoom in on Elon — the norms of Elon students. The other day, sociology professor Paul Namaste came to class with his beard half-shaven. At first no one wanted to say anything — perhaps he woke up late or perhaps it was a bet. Finally, one student got the urge to ask him what happened. Much to everyone's surprise, he did not forget to shave the other half. It was then the class was sent on a mission — to break a norm around Elon.

Every now and then, students may see someone acting or dressing in a way which does not fit the norm of that region. People do things as jokes all the time, especially in this typical college setting.

This half-shaven beard was a minor-scale lesson for students to see how people react when they are confronted with something that does not follow the way things are usually done. Students need to question the epistemology of these norms, because somehow we have ended up with following a certain pattern without realizing it.

In the last couple of weeks students may have witnessed someone walking around campus with a painted face, perhaps playing an accordion throughout the grounds.

Things that people do not normally think about suddenly seem odd when they are faced with them in a familiar environment. Why is it that riding a bicycle in a gold party dress past McMichael seems odd? Or why is going to class with no shoes on seen as disgusting? Is it weird that society has created this norm that driving exactly the speed limit is just annoying? More importantly, has American culture addressed the various reasons why it is so awkward when men talk while at the urinal?

Everyone lives in his or her own subcultures in today's world. After taking up an entire sidewalk on one of the main walkways to do math homework, people just moved to the grass and gave me odd looks as they passed by, although there was someone who did offer to help pick up my books.

Yes, this does demonstrate the kindness on campus, but also the disinterest or just awkwardness that people feel when they see something that is not "normal."

Do not be afraid to ask your fellow classmates "why?" Elon strives to accept diversity, so if the university is so diverse why should it have 'norms?' Maybe giving two kisses on the cheek when saying goodbye to friends, well probably for the female Elon population, is not as strange as some may think.

Until students learn to confront the norms around campus, and in various cultures, wearing wool socks and shorts in the heat is out of the question.

Learning Communities do best to serve



Adnan Huq
Contributing columnist

Lately, specific Learning Communities here have been charged with becoming arbitrary organizations.

For those who don't know, Learning Communities (LCs) are groups of residents living together in order to enhance their academic goals, maintain a close-knit community-style living environment and to grow beneficially and socially.

Additionally, they carry out LC-specific activities, depending on what values they represent. It's

a great idea, but it can go downhill fast if they don't carry out their initial objectives as an LC in the first place.

In particular, students complain that the Collective Action and Responsibility Learning Community (affectionately known as the Service Learning Community or SLC), located on first floor Staley, don't do much of anything. Criticisms have come from other LCs and the general student body.

They charge that the SLC is all but defunct. When have they last heard about an event organized by

Collective Action? When was the last time anyone saw any of them take part in social responsibility affairs? What do they even do in the first place?

Despite the immediate public's concern about this group's activity, SLC is actually a rather involved committee. Their campus and public service events are incredible — they average about three to four service projects a month, each proposal carrying its own particular theme.

Before students even arrived on campus, the SLC was busy mending problems in the nearby Burlington area. And finally, they've already mediated housing arrangements for low-wage families in Greensboro. Their work extends beyond campus gates.

Collective Action and Responsibility is the oldest Learning Community on campus, and they actually do the most monthly service out of any other LC. Last year, they conjured up two teams for the Elon Walk a Thon and even raised the most money for the LC Challenge.

Before accusing an organization of lacking any activity, look at their accomplishments. Whether it's behind the scenes work, off-campus relief or just plain old unmerited campus events, Learning Communities are usually up to the tasks they're presented, and more.

The closing and sale of several key financial institutions has taken its toll on the American economy, sending it into the worst downfall since the Great Depression. Professors wear expressions of dismay, exhaustion and regret as the prospects of their 401(k)s and investments take a slide. And unless you're packing some hefty investments of your own, it might be hard to relate to the concerns of the millions of "grown-ups" stressing about the economy. But, the economy affects — well, everything. So get ready. The seat belt sign has been turned on, there is turbulence ahead.

[The University]

The bad news: Tuition increases? Almost certain.
The worse news: Elon has lost 10 percent, or \$8.5 million, of its \$85 million endowment.
The good news: It could have been twice as much without a little luck.

Large institutions like Elon are not very different from large corporations. Several key things change during an economic downturn, such as the number of people who buy a university's service, the amount of money earned from investments and the amount of interest the university must pay on debt. Elon has been affected by the economic crisis in four key ways.

1. Two small insurance companies that Elon uses were owned by American International Group, a company that recently received a bailout from the Federal Government.

Elon has dozens of insurance policies that cover everything from boilers to entire buildings. Two of those insurance policies were held with insurance companies that were owned by insurance giant AIG, which was brought back from the grave by the Federal Government with an \$85 billion bailout. State regulations require all insurance companies to keep a cash reserve of the money supporting insured property, so Elon is still insured. But AIG will have to sell off some of the small insurance companies and Elon needs to ensure that the buyer of its insurance plans is still rated as highly as the previous companies were. It's not detrimental, but certainly a headache to deal with.

2. Elon pays higher interest on existing debt.

Like any institution of its size, Elon has a considerable amount of debt from construction projects. When the university builds something on campus, it sometimes uses bonds that can be paid off in 20 or 25 years. Each week, the bonds the university has used are "auctioned off" and huge companies buy these bonds based on an interest rate that is set each week. So if the bond is \$1 million and the interest rate is 4 percent, the institution that buys the bond stands to make \$40,000 — not a bad chunk of change considering these types of investments are tax exempt. But now, many of these bond buyers are sitting on the sidelines and waiting to see what happens in the American economy. To attract buyers into the risky market, the university has to pay higher interest rates on these bonds. In short, a building that once would have cost Elon \$12 million, now could cost several hundred thousand dollars more.

3. Elon's endowment slips — but it could have been worse.

"I've often said that I'd rather be lucky than good," said Gerald Whittington, vice president of business, finance and technology. "Good people get killed every day."

During the month of September, Elon was lucky. In a planned move, the university had pulled its money from the control of one set of investment managers and was planning to move it to another set of investment managers. Between the switch, Elon's money was sitting in a protected account in cash. During two of the most volatile weeks in the American markets, parts of the university's money was out of the market.

"Since the end of the last fiscal year our endowment is down 10 percent [\$8.5 million,]" Whittington said. "Had we not been in cash during that most volatile time

we could have lost 20 percent [\$17 million]. We are not without good news — but it is the silver lining of a black cloud."

Now the endowment is in the hands of the new managers and under the influence of the stock market.

4. Liquidity crunch has tied money in the market.

About 1,000 colleges and universities invest in the Commonfund, a large set of investment funds that only colleges and universities can use. The Commonfund outsourced creation and management of short term investments to Wachovia. On Sept. 29, Wachovia made a surprise announcement to the Commonfund saying that it was pulling out immediately.

After the news broke, every college and university would have likely wanted to pull all of its money out of the Commonfund. But, a significant amount of the money the Commonfund has is invested in short term investments, like 90-day treasury bills. In order to get cash, these short-term investments must be sold in a market. And surprise, surprise — nobody's buying.

The Commonfund told the universities that they could only immediately withdraw 10 cents on every dollar that they have invested. Many colleges use regular withdrawal from the Commonfund to pay for things like payroll and operational costs. In Elon's case, the 10 percent they were able to pull out wasn't enough to cover immediate expenses, so Elon had to go to other investments to fill the gap. Other colleges and universities did not have extra liquid assets they could pull from, and some were forced to borrow money to make payroll.

"You are investing your money in something and then they are telling you that you can't get it all back when you want it," Whittington said. "That's not quite 1929, but it's reminiscent of it."

Whittington said that the university plans to tread carefully into the future.

"Were we impacted? Yes. Are we all going to die? No. Do we have to manage our way through this in a very keen way? Yes, absolutely," he said.

The university will be careful about any discretionary spending it does but plans to keep forward momentum at the institution. The renovations to the second floor of Powell in preparation for the incoming class of new interactive media graduate students are still planned to be done this summer, but the administration is keeping mum about other building projects.

One thing they aren't hiding is the likelihood that tuition will take a hike next year.

"There's no doubt about it. We're a tuition dependent institution and if we're going to have to cover an increased [operating] expense, tuition is going to be the principal means by which we do that," Whittington said.

Last year tuition saw an 8.6 percent increase, or \$1,910, from the 2007-2008 school year and room and board rose 6.4 percent, or \$474.

[Career Prospects]

One of the biggest concerns that students have is the prospect of getting a job after graduation. With a rising unemployment rate and future job cuts a possibility, there is some reason for concern. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2.2 million more people are unemployed now than were unemployed a year ago. This reflects a 1.4 percent rise in the unemployment rate from 4.7 percent a year ago to 6.1 percent today. The hardest-hit industries are construction, manufacturing and retail trade. Growing industries include mining and health care.

Recent graduates may have to change their expectations for a first job if they are in a struggling industry, experts say. Students should also anticipate the job search process taking longer. Unlike in previous years, they are not only competing with other recent graduates, but also industry veterans who may have lost their jobs at another company.

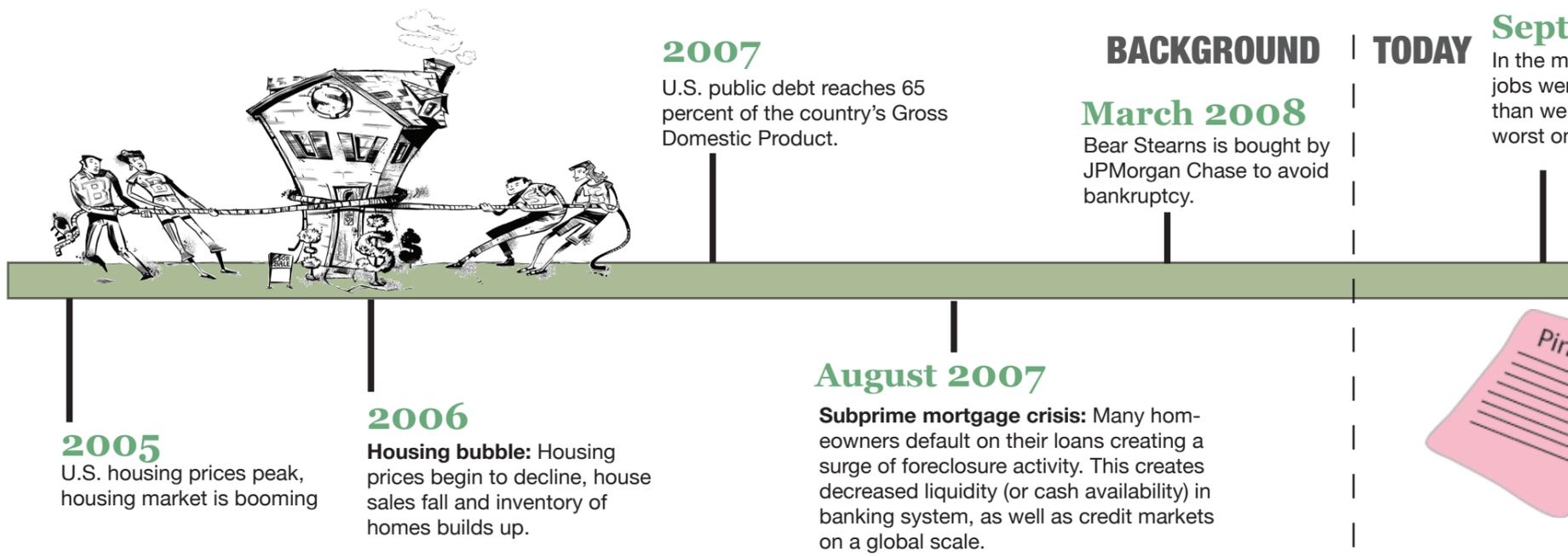
"[Students should] be thinking, 'I'm going to have to be faster, quicker, smarter and stay at it longer so I can differentiate myself from somebody else to get a job,'" Whittington said.

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[Off-Campus Housing]

This entire economic crisis began with the bursting of the housing bubble in 2005 and 2006. Now, students who live in off-campus houses and apartments may have to shoulder some of the weight that the owners of their property are facing.

There are two different reasons that renters could see hikes in rent payments for next year.

1. Owners might be stuck in mortgages they can't afford.

When buying a house, some people signed onto costly mortgages with the plan to refinance later, which would lower monthly mortgage payments. But with the housing bubble burst, homeowners are often unable to negotiate cheaper rates, forcing them to pay more each month than they can afford. If the owner of the property you live on is in that situation, they may raise rent prices to help defer the costs.

2. During the past few years the prices of utilities have risen.

Prices for house utilities like natural gas, water, cable/Internet and electricity have been on the rise during the past few years. Homeowners have been bearing a lot of extra costs, especially following a summer with some of the highest crude oil prices on record.

Students who pay a rent rate that includes utilities can expect to see some fluctuation in the rent rate to reflect the increasing utility prices.

Freeman & Company, the real estate company that owns 12 properties in Sheridan Place and all of Oak Hill, hasn't had any problems with the mortgage crisis but have been hurt by rising utility costs.

"It's possible that we may have to raise prices next year," Sybil Holt, an agent at Freeman & Co. said, citing the prices of utilities as the reason. Though Holt doesn't know for sure about rent rates, she was certain that the economy has taken a toll on the real estate industry.

Despite economic challenges, the owners and managers of off-campus properties don't anticipate a change in demand for housing around Elon anytime soon. They cite a growing student body and the need for independence.

Richard Parker of B.C. Parker Real Estate, which manages properties like New and Old Trollinger Apartments, West End Apartments and Partners Place among others, says his business has not had trouble filling its rentals.

"We have a really low vacancy rate," Parker says, "It's probably less than 5 percent."

[Financial Aid]

The interest rates of unsubsidized federal student loans are fixed at 6.8 percent, after a bill that was passed in July of last year. It would take an act of Congress to raise or lower the interest rates of those loans. Subsidized Stafford loans are actually on a timetable that will see the interest rates of those loans decrease during the next four years, eventually dipping to 3.4 percent during the 2011-2012 school year.

Other federally funded student loans like the Perkins program will also stay at the fixed rates that were established by Congress.

But not all is constant in the area of student loans. Private loans, which are often taken out by people who don't qualify for need-based aid, have fluctuating interest rates to reflect the economic climate. Hard times will call for increased interest rates.

Also, the number of private loan companies is getting smaller since many loan companies have consolidated or closed. Though the major lenders that Elon recommends such as Wachovia, Bank of America and Sally Mae are still around, smaller companies like My Rich Uncle and Student Loan Express have had to stop lending to students.

"Their source of money is drying up so they just can't afford to stay in the game anymore," said Pat Murphy, director of financial planning.

To compete for the private loans that are available, students and their parents are going to have to demonstrate a higher creditworthiness than they would have in the past.

"There are some people that may have been able to get a private loan that won't be able to now," Murphy said. "That problem is very school-specific, and it depends on the clientele that the school is catering to. It's not been that much of a problem here at Elon."

Some news reports have misleadingly stated that federally sponsored loans were going to see increases in interest rates. But what is really going on is loan companies are giving students fewer ways to lower the interest rates on those loans. For example, the College Foundation of North Carolina used to offer an interest rate below the federally set 6.8 percent if a student would pay the loan back early. Programs like this will dwindle, but the interest rate will not "rise" it will only return to the normal rate.

[Admissions]

Growing numbers of applications and improving class profiles has been the hallmark of Elon admissions for the past decade. Students who apply to Elon also apply to some of the most competitive public institutions in America — like UNC Chapel Hill, College of Charleston or James Madison University. Typically, Elon does well to compete for students with these institutions, but the economic slump could change that.

"Families will look at the change in the resources they have and see if they need to look at a private school or a public school," said Susan Klopman, vice president of admissions and financial planning. This year, Klopman predicts that Elon will lose more applicants to public schools.

Elon's closest public rival, UNC Chapel Hill, offers in-state tuition for \$5,397. But, for out of state students, Elon tuition is currently competitive, only charging \$1,781 more than Chapel Hill's \$22,295.

Despite economic challenges, Elon admissions had received more applications by September than they had at the same point last year. The school also had a historically high number of visitors, in spite of the Southeastern gas crunch. But the application process may not be where people are crossing private colleges off the list.

"It's late spring [after financial aid is offered] when families will look at the bottom line," Klopman said. A tightening loan climate will make getting money for college more difficult, primarily for families that don't qualify for need-based scholarships.

To adapt to the economic challenges, Klopman predicts Elon will accept a higher number of students with the expectation that fewer will choose to enroll.

"The next class might have a different academic profile from previous years," Klopman said. "But it won't be dramatically different."

Admissions will monitor the economic situation through the spring to regulate how many students to accept. Though the current situation looks grim, Klopman said she is thankful that there is time to prepare for the changes.

"Thank heavens it's October and not March," she said.

[Your Wallet]

If your checking and savings accounts are in an FDIC insured bank, then you are protected up to \$100,000.

If your cash is in a money market or mutual fund then you don't have FDIC protection and you may risk losing a few cents on the dollar. You may also have limitations on how much money you can withdraw at a time.

If your credit card company fails, you still must pay your bills because those loans will be taken on by another lender. Banks looking to increase profits may issue more credit to you if you have a good credit score. But be wary of letting your spending limit get the better of you because you might have trouble paying those debts back in a struggling economy.

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Sept. 15, 2008

Lehman Brothers, a 158-year-old Wall Street firm, files for Chapter 11 bankruptcy. This marks the largest filing for bankruptcy in U.S. history.



Sept. 29, 2008

The House fails to pass a \$700 billion bailout package that would have the government buying distressed assets. The Dow tumbles 777 points.

October 2008

Stocks fall. The Dow is down 345.11 points. The Nasdaq Composite loses 91.32 points.

Sept. 6, 2008

U.S. takes over mortgage-lending companies Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. Merrill Lynch & Co. sells itself to Bank of America.

Sept. 16, 2008

U.S. government saves American International Group from bankruptcy in an \$85 billion bailout. Through warrants, the government acquires a 79.9 percent equity stake from the company.

Oct. 6, 2008

The London market declines by 8 percent in the largest single-day drop in its history. This indicates the domino effect that will be felt around the world.

Style

'Sculpture walk' unites Arts West with rest of campus

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When students came back to Elon from summer vacation, many of them probably noticed something a little different about Haggard Avenue.

The walk to Arts West, which once involved traipsing across people's front yards, is now adorned with a new sidewalk and several huge sculptures.

The plan for this new "sculpture walk" came together over the summer and involved a wide range of Elon staff, from President Leo Lambert to the art department faculty.

The plan revolved around the idea of making the far side of campus more accessible and more attractive.

"The idea is to link Elon West with the rest of campus," said George Troxler, dean of cultural and special programs.

Before the sculpture walk was put in place, Elon only had two pads to showcase sculptures outside the Center for the Arts.

A sculpture walk was originally suggested by Anne Simpkins, associate professor of art.

Lambert had been looking for other places on campus to display sculptures, so the plan for more outdoor artwork was added to the plan for more green space and walkways on Haggard Avenue.

"The goal is to provide a better permanent place to display art on campus in a very visual way," Troxler said.

Tom Flood, superintendent of landscaping and grounds, came up with the architectural design, while Troxler was approached about acquiring the sculptures.

There are now five pads along the walkway, starting just past Skids, and



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The sculptures along Haggard Avenue create a scenic path to Elon's Arts West building and seek to connect the building to the rest of campus. They will line the path for two more years before new sculptures will be rotated in to take their place.

two pads at the end of the walkway next to the Arts West building.

Troxler enlisted the help of Michael Fels and Mike Sanford, both professors of art, in finding enough sculptures to fill the pads.

"There are surprisingly few artists doing large-scale work and the demand is quite high," Fels said.

Fels and Sanford are both members of Tri-State Sculptors and put the word out about the sculpture walk through the organization.

Over the summer, Fels and Sanford found some available sculptures, mostly from professors and graduates of East Carolina University.

Fels said the logistics of the project and coordinating delivery times

proved challenging as the only day the sculptures could be delivered turned out to be move-in day.

The delivery of the sculptures did not actually interfere with the move-in process, and Fels said the benefit of connecting Arts West to the main campus outweighed any difficulties.

"There's this great myth out there that we're out in Antarctica, but really it's about a five minute walk," Fels said.

Fels said the new sculpture walk should provide both a safe walk and a cultural trip to the art building.

But the sculptures that are on Haggard Avenue right now won't be there forever.

Those sculptures will be in place for

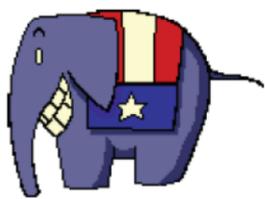
two years before new sculptures will be rotated in.

Next year, the Elon community will get to see a more temporary display of a larger number of sculptures.

"Next year, we're having a sculpture conference where we'll have 100 to 120 sculptures for a limited time, both interior and exterior works," Fels said.

Troxler said that the sculpture walk should be enjoyable to those on campus and to the greater Elon community.

A brochure is currently being designed that will feature pictures of the sculptures and give people more information about the project.



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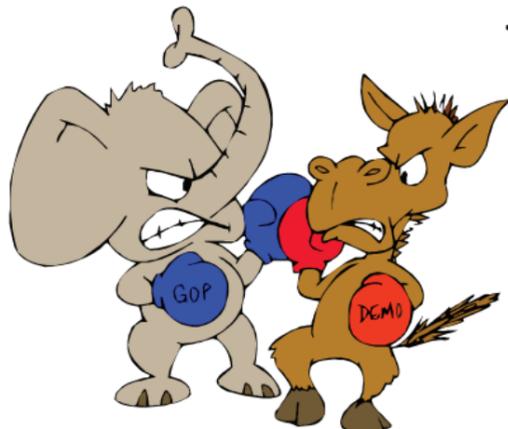
TONIGHT



Whitley Auditorium @ 7:30pm

The College/Law School Republicans will debate against the College/Law School Democrats in a match-up that will include discussions on the Environment, Economy, Education, and Foreign Policy.

Following the moderated debate, the speakers will take questions from the audience.



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September: A good month for indie fans



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TV on the Radio's newest album, "Dear Science," is full of unique guitar and vocal sounds that produce a clean, crisp product.

Chris King
Reviewer

September was good to indie rock fans everywhere. In one week, three leading indie bands released new CDs. Now that the hype has died some, it's time to step back and see which of these CDs stands up the best.

First up is Kings of Leon, a band comprised of three brothers and their cousin. The group's dirty, swampy sound has gained them a respectable fan base. With last year's "Because of the Times," they added something new to the mix, developing their grimy blues into something that had a powerful, cathartic feel to it. "Only By the Night," their newest album, continues along that path of epic rock, with lead single "Sex on Fire" having a cleaner sound and a chorus that has lead singer Caleb Followill howling and moaning all while the music builds.

The band makes some great grooves on tracks like "Crawl" and "Manhattan" as Caleb and cousin Matthew bounce guitar lines back and forth over the steady rhythm provided by brothers Jared and Nathan. While the album is pushing forward and broadening their sound, there are some missteps ("I Want You" is one of the duller songs you'll hear all year)

and it doesn't hold up as strongly as the band's previous effort.

Next is the heavily-hyped sophomore effort from the Cold War Kids, "Loyalty to Loyalty." Way back in 2006 when early tracks from this blues garage gang hit the Internet, the blogosphere went crazy, declaring them rock's savior and the best band since the Arctic Monkeys earlier that year.

Once the buzz cleared, it was possible to look at the CD and see that it was an ambitious but flawed effort from a band trying something new.

With "Loyalty" they expand even more, adding in spacious production (most of the guitar tones sound like they were recorded in an empty wine cellar) and tempo changes (check the breakdown in "Every Valley Is Not a Lake," whose piano line sounds suspiciously like Carole King's "I Feel the Earth Move").

The band can make some awful songs ("Avalanche in B" comes to mind) but the biggest step down are frontman Nathan Willet's lyrics. On the first album, Willet told brilliant vignettes of robbers, thieves and murderers. Here, most songs just seem like vague ideas tied together through the music. Despite the lyrical step back, the band manages to have fun and make another great album.

And last, but definitely not least is TV on the Radio. Their last album, "Return to Cookie Mountain," was full of intentionally muddy sounds, distortion and looping beats with lyrics about death and love. It also happened to be one of the best albums of 2006. With their newest, "Dear Science," these Brooklyn art-rockers have done it again, making what stands, at this point, as the best album of the year.

Doing a 180 from "Cookie," this album has very clean, crisp sounds, full of bright horns and dancing guitar lines. Tracks like "Crying" and the first single "Golden Age" keep this party going. These happy sounds can't mask that lead singer Tunde Adebimpe is still singing about war and "living in the shadow of your family tree."

Guitarist and backup singer Kyp Malone contributes his ethereal falsetto to back the power of Adebimpe's lead howl. All the while, producer and member David Sitek throws brilliant beautiful sounds into the glorious mess.

The band sounds unlike anything else, and refuses to compromise its sound, which in a time where dull rap and pop acts rule the charts, is something to admire.

Poet Malena Morling to visit Elon



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Malena Morling, a native of Sweden and UNC Wilmington professor, will read poetry at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 13 in Yeager.

Amanda Kennison
Reporter

On Monday, Oct. 13, Elon welcomes another visiting writer to campus. Gifted poet and UNC Wilmington creative writing professor Malena Morling will join Elon students and faculty for the day.

Morling, originally from Sweden, came to the United States to study creative writing at New York University. To further her writing skills, she also studied at the University of Iowa's writer's workshop. Morling currently has two books of poetry, "Astoria" and "Ocean Avenue." Her work has also been featured in some of the most respected publications, including the New York Times Book Review, the New Republic, Washington Post Book World and the New England Review.

In addition to creating her own poetry, she also translates work into Swedish and English. She has translated the works of Swedish poet Tomas Tranströmer into English. American poet Philip Levine chose Morling for the New Issues Press Poetry prize, and Morling actually translated some of Levine's work for the Swedish journal "Artes." Among her many accomplishments, Morling has been awarded the Guggenheim Fellowship, a Lotos Club Foundation Prize, The Rona Jaffe Foundation Writers Award and an Academy of American Poets Prize.

Professors from Elon's creative writing department determine which writers to bring to campus. Morling's closeness to Elon and experience in the literary world made deciding to bring her on as a visiting writer an easy decision.

"I love her way of thinking in a poem and her lyrical, almost mystical attentiveness to the world," said Kevin Boyle, chair of the English department.

While on campus, Morling will share that thinking with a number of classes. During the day, she will visit classes to talk about poetry and her craft as a writer. Students will get a taste of her teaching skills and her thoughts on being a writer. But the reading will be her major event.

Students and faculty are urged to come out and listen to Morling. Her reading promises to be an interesting experience.

"Her poetry loosens up the subconscious mind," Boyle said. "I find it almost trance-like. She's also very personable, kind and generous."

So for those who enjoy poetry and writing or are just looking for an interesting cultural event, come listen to Morling. The reading will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Yeager Recital Hall.

Apparently 13 is a lucky number this year. In addition to Morling's reading, Elon can look forward to the next visiting writer, Cristina Henriquez, on Nov. 13.

MOVIE REVIEW ↘

'Blindness' creates too much intensity for viewers

Adam Constantine
Reviewer

When a novel is turned into a movie, it can be hit or miss. Often the movie just cannot portray the intense emotions that a book carries. But there are instances such as "Blindness" where the images and emotions in a book are portrayed in such a way that it is too much for a movie audience to witness.

What starts out as a normal day for one man (Yusuke Iseya) suddenly takes a turn for the worst. On his way home he is struck with immediate blindness explained as a white light pulled over his eyes. What makes this case even more peculiar is that the man who helped him get back home becomes infected with this same blindness. This soon turns into a fast-spreading epidemic of blindness with no cause or cure to be found.

People all over the city have been infected with no way to get help. The government steps in to get them to a quarantined area, basically a prison where they would be contained like animals. There is just one woman, Julianne Moore, who does not get infected.

Even though she stays in constant contact with those affected, she is not struck with the disease. She then takes it upon herself to find a way out of the hellhole that they have been put in and return to the outside



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world.

This is why you don't choose a movie based on the previews you see in the theater. Anytime there is an epidemic of some sort in a movie there is some science behind it that explains it. Whether it is done well or not is another story. But "Blindness" gave no scientific explanation at all as to why any of this was happening. It just happened for no reason.

The movie had such a negative theme to it that it was hard to bear. The graphic brutalization of women was too much and almost impossible

to watch. The relationships among the characters were unconventional and led to perplexing results of courses of events.

While some of the special effects were done to try and make you feel the way the characters felt, it was dizzying and annoying to a point it was frustrating to watch any part of the movie. The bottom line is this movie will not appeal to large audiences, or to medium-sized audiences for that matter. If you are really desperate to know about this movie, just read the book.

Folk four on tour: next stop, Elon

Festival of Four to perform internationally-acclaimed folk music on Oct. 14

Mary Bedard
Reporter

Accomplished musicians Viviana Guzman, Richard Patterson, Radim Zenkl and Guillermo Rios will perform at Elon on Oct. 14 as the Festival of Four, an internationally-acclaimed group currently touring nationwide.

Festival of Four performs over 70 concerts every year on university campuses and in concert halls across North America.

"Almost all the music on the program was folk or traditional music from some spot on the globe," a Fort Worth Star-Telegram review said. "The only thing the works had in common was that they were all delightful. The performance never lacked a sense of joy and genuine love for the music. They proved that classical guitar recitals do not have to be grimly serious to be good."

Each of the four musicians achieved successful careers prior to joining the Festival of Four.

Viviana Guzman, a Chilean-born flutist, received numerous awards, such as the Institute of Hispanic Culture award, and won first place in contests like the New York Flute Club. Guzman has released five CDs, including her solo CD "Flute Fantasies," and her music video has premiered in 31 countries.

Likewise, the founder and a guitarist in Festival of Four, Richard Patterson, has an active international career. He is not just a featured soloist in the Americas, Europe, Asia and Africa. Patterson is a featured artist on more than 20 recordings, which have cumulatively sold more than 1 million copies.

He has studied with the world's leading guitarists and his compositions have been used in feature films, television, radio and on two CDs featured by Sharper Image.

Radim Zenkl, the 1992 U.S. National Mandolin Champion, was born in the Czech Republic but escaped in 1989 for political freedom and for the opportunity to further his musical aspirations. His interest in Bluegrass emerged from listening to smuggled classical records while living in the communist Czech Republic.

Zenkl has been praised for his development of the "duo-style," which gives the effect of two instruments playing simultaneously.

According to the Los Angeles Times, "Zenkl doesn't just play the mandolin. He revolutionizes it."



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Globally renowned folk band Festival of Four performs its eclectic mix of music in over 70 concerts each year at concert halls across North America.

Want to go?

What: Festival of Four

When: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 14

Where: Whitley Auditorium

Admission: \$12 or free with Elon ID

The last member of the quartet, Guillermo Rios, plays the flamenco guitar. Rios created an instructional video popular worldwide and was the first flamenco artist to ever win the Ford Foundation Composition Grant. He has also created a new style of flamenco composition, featured in his recording "Soul of Spain."

The New York Times has praised him as "an unusually passionate flamenco guitarist; he plays with an exhibitionist's flair and an underlying sense of drama."

Festival of Four combines the master pieces of the quartet, featuring music from all over the globe.

"The four musicians performed throughout with sensitivity and grace, each a master of their instruments," raved The Journal-Standard, an



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Illinois paper. "Their dynamics, ensemble feel and intonation were superb."

In addition to the Lapp flute, mandolin, flamenco guitar and classical guitar for which the quartet is known, the group uses an array of instruments including the D'Tzu, penny whistle and Gemshorn.

For more information and to hear clips of the group, visit its Web site at www.festivaloffour.com.

Cooking easy: Breakfast burrito



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Chelsea Bozone
Reporter

Food: It gets us to class, it helps keep us alert and it aids bonding at many social events. For the college student, food is a necessity. Most students are faced with the prospect of eating at one of Elon's many dining options for breakfast, lunch, dinner and everything in between.

But sometimes it gets tiring having to go out to find something to eat. Here is a fast, simple, college-friendly recipe that can be made in your dorm room using Elon-approved devices.

At the grocery store, next to the eggs, there are really convenient egg cups. In one little cup there are two eggs ready and waiting to be scrambled. Shake them up, pour them into a microwave-safe cup, add some milk and you are well on your way to having breakfast in your room.

Once your eggs are cooked and your favorite fixings have been added, throw everything into a tortilla, wrap it into a burrito and iron to make crispy.

Breakfast in the dorm room: once impossible, now a reality.

Dorm Room Breakfast Burrito
What you'll need:

- Two eggs (or one egg cup)
- Splash of milk
- Whatever you like to put in your eggs (cheese, vegetables, etc.)
- Tortilla

Directions:

- 1) Scramble your eggs (shake cup or take a fork to them).
- 2) Add eggs and a splash of milk to a microwave-safe dish.
- 3) Microwave for one minute.
- 4) Stir eggs with fork and add fixings.
- 5) Continue to microwave for another 30 seconds.
- 6) Place scrambled eggs in a tortilla and wrap it like a burrito.
- 7) Wrap in tin foil and iron until desired crispness.
- 8) Enjoy!

CONCERT REVIEW ★★★★★

Celtic Crossroads brings taste of Ireland to Elon

Julie Halm
Reviewer

Drums pounded, ancient instruments sang and feet stomped as Celtic Crossroads brought a little taste of Ireland into McCrary Theatre for a one-show engagement Wednesday, Oct. 1.

A group of seven musicians and two Irish step dancers, all born in Ireland, form the high-energy group. They used a mix of modern and traditional Irish and Celtic music to keep their audience entertained.

The show seemed to have a little something for everyone in attendance. The group performed everything from soulful ballads to the Cotton-Eyed Joe. Their traditional instrumental music ranged from the graceful slip jig to the steady pounding of the more traditional jig.

The dancers themselves also provided a somewhat varied performance. Some steps were very traditional, while others drew from styles of dance such as tap and the unique flair of the flamenco and Irish mix that was made known



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worldwide by Michael Flatley during his Riverdance tours.

Overall, the performance provided a good look into the evolution of Irish music and dance and kept audience members on the edges of their seats. They never

quite knew what to expect next.

The seven musicians played an impressive 22 instruments during the hour-and-a-half-long show. Even one of the dancers picked up the fiddle and joined the group for the last song of the evening.

While each member seemed to have a specialty or a favorite, everything from the traditional Irish uilleann pipes to the acoustic guitar and from the fiddle to the harp, were incorporated throughout the night.

"I was really amazed at how they were able to incorporate ancient and modern instruments into their show," junior David Hitch said.

Celtic Crossroads also varied its performance style during the show, from slow solo performances with the remainder of the band sitting quietly out of the spotlight, to members jumping offstage while playing.

The band was in the lobby of McCrary after the show to sign autographs and to take pictures as well as promote its CD, which can be purchased at its Web site, www.celticcrossroads.ie

Celtic Crossroads is currently touring throughout the South and headed to South Carolina after the concert at Elon. The group will start its next U.S. tour in December, although dates and locations have not yet been released.

'The Pavilion' reunites high school sweethearts

Blackbox play follows story of ex-lovers who meet again at a high school reunion

Corinne Ayoub
Reporter

High school sweethearts will reunite in Elon's next play, "The Pavilion," which premieres Oct. 8. "The Pavilion" is a play that addresses the themes of the inability to be happy in an age where people are constantly wanting more, the unwillingness to forgive and the desire to right a wrong.

Peter, played by Jeffrey Ostermueller, and Kari, played by Danielle Martin, are high school sweethearts who meet again at their high school reunion. Peter tries to talk to Kari at the reunion but she is cold to him.

As the play progresses, the audience learns that Peter got Kari pregnant in high school and then abandoned her.

"The character of Kari is such an interesting woman," Martin said. "She's dealing with things that we've all dealt with — bitterness and pain, and eventually acceptance and growth. I feel extremely lucky and thrilled to have the chance to bring her to life. Her strength and maturity paired with her vulnerability and honesty has made this the role of a lifetime for me."

According to Ostermueller, the realistic nature of the play makes it easier for the actors to work on it smoothly.

"Our process of working the play has been very smooth," Ostermueller said. "The nature of the writing allows us to interact on stage on a very human level."

Kari is eventually encouraged by her friend Angie to listen to Peter after wanting nothing to do with him.



DAVID WELLS | Photo Editor
Jeff Ostermueller (front right) and Danielle Martin (front left) rehearse a scene from "The Pavilion" with castmates looking on. The play opens at the Blackbox Theatre Oct. 8.

He confesses his love to her at the end of the play, and Kari says she wants to remember old times they had but doesn't want anything to change.

Ostermueller expressed the real-life meaning of the play:

"While there are plenty of characters with big personalities in this play, there is so much embedded in what we, as human beings, say or choose not to say to one another," he said. "This makes this play so interesting and very rewarding to be a part of."

Kevin Otos, assistant professor of theater and the play's director, said he agrees with the real-life ideas

expressed in the play.

"What I find amazing is how people relate to this play, its characters and situations," Otos said. "It is funny, touching and a wonderful articulation of the bittersweet wisdom and dignified humor that comes with reflection and life experience."

Samantha Noble, a senior acting major who plays multiple roles in the play, said "The Pavilion" is a great piece of art.

"It has wonderfully funny moments, but it also touches on the sadness and remorse Peter and Kari feel about their

failed relationship," Noble said.

"I think it will affect people of all ages because it is about living life to the fullest and in the moment and treating the people you love with kindness and respect."

"The Pavilion," where Act 1 takes place and where Kari and Peter reunite, is a symbol of a directional moment in time.

"The Pavilion" won the American Theatre Critics Association Best New Play Award. Craig Wright, the author of "The Pavilion," is now the head writer for ABC's "Dirty Sexy Money." The play will run through Oct. 14.

Want to go?

What: "The Pavilion"

When: 7:30 p.m. Oct. 8-11 and Oct. 13-14; 2 p.m. Oct. 11-12

Where: Black Box Theatre

Admission: \$12 or free with Elon ID. Call 336-278-5650.

How to: Write a resume

Rebecca Wetherbee
Reporter

A good resumé serves as a personal advertisement — it will pique an employer's interest and help an applicant land an interview. Within a few seconds, potential employers can glean the applicant's professional experience, strengths and academic accomplishments. Employers receive resúmes in bulk, and often spend less than 30 seconds assessing each one. It is essential for a resumé to stand out. It should highlight strengths and experience in an organized,

easy-to-read format.

Remember: brief is best! Try to fit your whole resumé on one page.

When describing your responsibilities at previous jobs and internships, be sure to use active verbs such as "achieved," "created," "examined," "executed" or "solved."

Use a clean, simple layout with a few indented margins. Don't be afraid to bold, underline or capitalize sections in order to highlight them.

Be sure to proofread! If you need extra assistance, contact the Career Center at (336) 278-6538, or visit them in Duke 101.

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Include all your basic information at the top of the page: name, contact information, education and objective. The objective is the position for which you are applying.

The body of the resumé should list your relevant experience, special skills and accomplishments and awards. The information at the top of the page should be the most relevant to the job to which you are applying. Information should also be organized in reverse chronological order — the most recent experiences at the top of the page.

Print your resumé on good quality paper with an ink-jet printer. If the employer requests them, list your references on a separate sheet of paper and send them with the resumé. References should include the person's full name, title, business, address and phone or fax.

OVERHEARD AT ELON U

"Ever walked in on a conversation and wish you hadn't? Overhear a comment that made you wonder just how rigorous Elon's admission process is? Here's the place to share."

Junior Nick Massa created "Overheard at Elon U," a Facebook group that highlights ridiculous comments made by Elon students.

The group features daily posts and hosts more than 780 members.

"Is Bush a Democrat?"
-overheard by Heather Laskin

"So, the Holocaust came before the Civil War, right?"
-overheard by Kristen Feeney

"He's from Hungaria, right?"
-overheard by Georgina Oram

Guy: "The Dow Jones went below 10,000 today."
Girl: "Who's that?"
-overheard by Michael Shortall

"Do you guys get random friend requests from Middle-Eastern men? Sometimes they send me messages in languages I can't read."
-overheard by Andie Diemer



MEREDITH LARKIN | Photographer

Freshman Freda Thompson is the new baton twirler for the marching band. She has added a new twist by incorporating two fire batons at once into her routine.

Elon's feature twirler gives a whole new meaning to 'The Fire of the Carolinas'

Meredith Larkin
Reporter

The band, color guard and dance team march onto the beaten football field at halftime. The crowd cheers and claps, and the band plays Elon's fight song. When the show is about two-thirds complete, the steady clapping becomes a roar. Freda Thompson is the center of attention.

Freshman Thompson is Elon's newest feature baton twirler, and she's the star of every halftime performance. She hurls heavy metal knives above her head and balances flaming batons inches from her body — all while cart wheeling, kicking and dancing.

Thompson's big smile hides her nerves.

"The first game I was absolutely terrified," Thompson said. "I went out on the field and was looking around the stadium and heard someone say there were 10,000 people at the first game. I was just completely terrified because it was not like my small hometown football game. I was just like, 'Wait, are they cheering for me?'"

Performing is nothing new for the Hickory, N.C. native. She has been twirling ever since she was seven or eight years old, with a

short hiatus during her middle school years due to a competitive coach.

As a child, Thompson participated in Drum Majorettes of America competitions.

"I actually won something when I was really little, but I mean, it's [nothing]," she said humbly.

By the time she was in high school, Thompson knew she wanted to twirl for Elon. She had been in contact with Tony Sawyer, Elon's band director, since her sophomore year.

Sawyer said he was pleased to have Thompson join his team.

"Our feature twirler is the 'carrier' of the fire for the Fire of the Carolinas marching band through the use of fire batons," he said. "One of Freda's additions to our tradition this year is two fire batons at once, very exciting to watch. I can say that Freda is certain to continue to carry forth our now strong tradition of great feature twirlers at Elon in the Fire of the Carolinas marching band."

Thompson choreographs all her own performances. Not only does she carry the fire for the marching band, but she hurls it, twirls it and luckily has not been burned by it.

"The fire has singed my arms," she said. "If you look at my arms after I've twirled, the hair on my

arms has been singed a little bit, but I don't feel it at all. It's just because it gets so close to the fire."

Juggling knives has proven to be slightly more dangerous.

"They're actually not sharp but if you hit yourself, it hurts very badly," Thompson said. "I've hit myself I don't know how many times before. I've always had so many bruises and people are like 'what happened to you?'"

She says that she always answers, "I was playing with my knives!"

Performing at Elon's games has had unexpected benefits for Thompson. Before she came to Elon, the freshman was nervous about being away from home, but she soon bonded with her fellow performers.

"Everybody on the color guard completely adopted me into their little family and that was nice because I felt so alone at first," Thompson said. "It's been absolutely wonderful."

But Thompson is still surprised when people recognize her off the field as the baton twirler.

"When people see me as the twirler, I don't want them to think that I have to act a certain way," she said. "I just want to do what I do and have fun doing it."

International students blend cultures from different societies

Christina Edwards
Reporter

Elon University is nationally recognized for the number of students it sends abroad each year. But for some Elon students, an international experience was just part of growing up. Seniors Chika Kusakawa and Jordan Mohr were both born outside of the United States, and have successfully blended both cultures.

Kusakawa was born in Japan and moved to California when she was 5 years old because of her father's job. As a child, she had to learn to balance both the Japanese and American cultures.

"I attended Japanese language school for about six or seven hours on the weekends, so my weekends were cut short, which I hated," Kusakawa said. "But I am now very appreciative of that since I have the ability to communicate easily with all of my family, relatives and friends. Growing up in two languages was a norm for me. I wonder what it's like to

know only one language."

Mohr also speaks more than one language — he knows four. He was born in Germany and lived in Germany, Singapore, Guatemala and Mexico before moving to Greensboro, N.C., when he was 12.

"[We spoke] English usually," he said of his family. "But for the first two or three years of my life, I learned Bahasa-Indonesian when I lived in Singapore. When I was a kid growing up in Weinheim, I naturally was taught German. As I moved to Guatemala and Mexico, I learned Spanish."

In addition to being multilingual, both students have taken advantage of the cultures and traditions of more than one society.

"New Year's is such a large holiday in Japan, we celebrate with a traditional meal every day for three days straight," Kusakawa said. "But we still do the countdown and the party hats on New Year's Eve. There are also children's days in Japan, which we used to celebrate. [We] also celebrated Thanksgiving. It was fun



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Senior Chika Kusakawa visits Miyajima in the summer of 2005 with her family. They return to Japan to visit as often as possible.

celebrating the traditions of both cultures throughout the year."

But having a multi-national identity wasn't always easy for the students.

"There have been times when people hear me speaking Japanese and assume I don't understand

English," Kusakawa said. "I feel judged. Or they speak slower or down to me. But once I start speaking English, they realize that I understand them perfectly fine. It's fun to see their reaction."

For Mohr, the stereotyping surpassed borders.

"My dad once told me as

I was being pushed in the stroller I'd randomly sing the Indonesian national anthem," he said. "Sure enough, the locals would do a double take as they saw this brown-haired, blue-eyed Caucasian kid sing in Bahasa."

Such experiences shaped his younger years, but Mohr has no regrets.

"I should say that my childhood was vastly different," said Mohr. "I understand that not many young Americans have the chance to see the world. I highly recommend that seeing the land of your ancestors gives you tremendous appreciation for who you are."

Kusakawa said she believes her experiences have been somewhat universal.

"I never felt lost or overwhelmed in one culture over the other," Kusakawa said. "I always knew where I was from and have always been proud of that. I've had times when I felt like I stuck out of the crowd, but I think everyone has those moments in life."

The cost of study abroad: Is it worth it?

Noelle Clemente
Reporter

Recent economic turbulence has had some students cutting back expenses, and for some, this means foregoing a study abroad experience.

With the Euro trading for \$1.48 and the pound for \$1.85, a semester abroad seems like an increasingly costly endeavor. Dr. Larry Basirico, dean of international programs, said it may be too early to say if the economic crisis will significantly affect Elon's study abroad programs.

"Most students come to Elon knowing that they are going to study abroad," Basirico said. "A difference of \$500 or \$1,000 is not enough of a deterrent for most families."

This fall 174 students are

studying abroad. Although this is comparable to previous years, total enrollment in Winter Term programs is 40 students short of what it was last year.

Ben Kaufman is a junior preparing to spend Winter Term in India, and says that expenses haven't lessened his excitement.

"It's worth a lot more than money can give," Kaufman said. "It's the experience, and an opportunity to submerge myself in a culture completely different than what we have available to us here."

But some students who are currently abroad are more vigilant about expenses than their peers have been in previous years.

Tess Kukovich is a junior studying in Seville, Spain this fall.

"I planned a budget with my

parents, and so far so good," said Kukovich. "I am just having to be more careful than I would at home about buying little things, because those add up."

Living with a host family has decreased some of her expenses, but she still finds herself spending a lot of money on nightlife and dining.

"The experience isn't something that a poor exchange rate could take away from me," she said.

Elon offers some scholarships and financial aid for study abroad, most of which are need-based.

The study abroad office, located in Carlton, offers information about different forms of federal loans and grants.



Students explore alternative postgraduate options

Carolyn Vanbrocklin
Reporter

Most students have a basic idea of what they'd like to do after college. They'll earn a diploma and go wherever their major takes them. But what about the students who have yet to hear their calling? What about the students who can't see themselves leaving Elon for an office job? Some alternative postgraduate options include AmeriCorps, the Peace Corps and Teach for America. These are all service-based organizations, which give people an opportunity to serve in a community that is in need. Each organization offers the chance for participants to make the world a better place. Members gain real-world experience, build leadership skills, develop cultural sensitivity and sometimes become fluent in a new language.

AmeriCorps State and National

Every year, 75,000 volunteers work with AmeriCorps, a service organization based in the United States. There are three programs under AmeriCorps: AmeriCorps State and National, AmeriCorps VISTA, and AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC).

AmeriCorps State and National is the largest group under AmeriCorps. Volunteers go to needy communities and volunteer in the fields of education, public safety, health and the environment. Participants must be at least 17 years old or older to become involved.

Salary and benefits: Members receive a modest living allowance. At the end of the project, volunteers are awarded \$4,725 to help with college costs and student loans, or for further education.

Locations: AmeriCorps State and National has programs in every state and U.S. territory, as well as on tribal reserves.

Length: General range of 10 months to one year.

AmeriCorps NCCC

AmeriCorps NCCC is a full-time, residential program and volunteers live on one of four different campuses.

AmeriCorps NCCC teaches participants how to "strengthen communities and develop leaders through national and community service."

NCCC is targeted to men and women aged 18 - 24. **Salary and benefits:** A modest living allowance, healthcare benefits, and a \$4,725 award for student loans or higher education.

Locations: Denver, Colo., Sacramento, Calif., Perry Point, Md., Vinton, Iowa.

Length: 10 months.

Teach for America

Teach for America recruits college graduates of all majors and interests, as well as working professionals, to teach in urban and rural public schools. There are currently over 6,000 members serving in over 1,000 schools in 29 regions across the United States.

Salary and benefits: \$30,000 to \$47,000 in urban sites, \$27,000 to \$45,000 in rural sites, health benefits, an education award of \$4,725 for higher education and student loans and loan forbearance.

Locations: Atlanta, Baltimore, Charlotte, Chicago, Connecticut, D.C. Region, Denver, Eastern North Carolina, Greater New Orleans, Greater Philadelphia-Camden, Hawaii, Houston, Indianapolis, Jacksonville, Fla., Kansas City, Las Vegas Valley, Los Angeles, Memphis, Miami-Dade, Mississippi Delta, New Mexico, New York City, Newark, Phoenix, Rio Grande Valley, San Francisco Bay Area, South Dakota, South Louisiana and St. Louis.

Length: Two-year commitment.

Peace Corps

The Peace Corps was founded for American students to serve the United States by working to create stability and peace in developing countries. According to the Peace Corps' Web site, its mission has three goals: To help the people of interested countries to meet their need for trained men and women, to promote a better understanding of Americans on the part of peoples served, and to promote a better understanding of other peoples on the part of Americans. Today, there are over 8,000 volunteers in 68 posts in 74 countries. The minimum age of participation in the Peace Corps is 18.

Programs: Education, youth outreach, community development, business development, agriculture, health, HIV/AIDS, information technology, and environmental areas are covered in the Peace Corps. Within these areas, there is a variety of duties and responsibilities.

Salary and benefits: One year of non-competitive eligibility for a federal government employment, a partnership with colleges and universities that offer credit during and after Peace Corps service, up to 48 days of vacation time after two years of service, a living allowance that allows members to live similarly to those with which they work, \$6,000 for the adjustment to life back home, and medical benefits.

Locations: The Caribbean, Central America, Mexico, South America, North Africa, the Middle East, Africa, Eastern Europe and Asia. Currently active areas include Mexico, Central America, the western coast of South America and parts of Africa and Asia.

Length: All members must commit to 27 months of training and service.

AmeriCorps VISTA

AmeriCorps VISTA is dedicated to fighting poverty.

For one year, volunteers work full-time at a non-profit organization or local government agency.

Volunteers can work to promote literacy, improve health services or create businesses and community programs.

Members do not directly interact with tutoring children or building homes. Instead, the focus is on the administrative aspects of the organization they serve.

Participants must be at least 17 years old to become involved.

Salary and benefits: Healthcare benefits, student loan deference or forbearance, a modest living allowance, one year of non-competitive status for a federal government job, access to a network of VISTA alumni and either a \$4,725 award or a \$1,200 post-service stipend.

Locations: Every state and U.S. territory.

Length: One year.

And you thought *your* date was bad

Last month, we asked to hear your bad date stories. Most of us have had at least one, but after hearing this story from Susan, a junior, our experiences just don't seem as bad. Congratulations, Susan. Your date was the worst ever!

"I met this guy at the bar. I guess that should have been the first red flag that this might not be the best date ever. I thought he was cute, and was kind of enjoying the attention he gave me. He doesn't go to Elon, but was visiting a friend who is a student here.

At the end of the night, he asked me to go to dinner with him, and I agreed. Little did I know, it would be me who deserved a shot at the end of the night!

It took him forever to find my apartment. I later found out he got lost and showed up at someone else's apartment looking for me. He finally showed up, and I realized he definitely wasn't as cute as he had been at the bar!

Dinner was a disaster. I was drilled with very personal, intense questions - definitely not first-date material. He started with asking what I look for in a guy and asked all about my past relationships. I don't know exactly what kind of guy I want, but I do know what I don't want: a personal trainer who breakdances and DJs at techno clubs! Yes, that is what this guy does for a living.

He proceeded to tell me every detail of his dating history, and when he wasn't busy telling me his life story, he was making fun of me for the small things he found out about mine. I just wanted to yell at him to leave me alone!

We were finally ready to leave the restaurant, but before we left the parking lot he asked me what we should do next. Looking back, there are probably a million things I could have said to get rid of him, but instead I told him I had plans to go to a party with my roommate. Of course, he invited himself along.

As soon as we got to the party, I rushed over and begged my roommate to save me. We quickly devised a story, and told my date that my roommate wasn't feeling very well and needed to go home. Since he had driven me to the party, I assumed he would drive us both back to our apartment. Wrong! First, he told my roommate to walk home alone, then asked why I needed to go with her. When I said I felt obligated to take care of her, he told me that he was going to stay at the party.

Keep in mind, I invited this guy to the party. He doesn't go to Elon. Who stays at a party where they don't know anyone? Answer: The worst date ever. After numerous failed attempts to get my date to leave with us, my roommate and I left the party. We literally ran from the apartment!

Apparently, everyone else caught on to the fact that my date was not exactly a great guy and tried to get him to leave. It was obvious to everyone except him! He stayed behind, and my friends started to text me about all the awkward things he did. Apparently, he started drinking and showing off some unique dance moves. He left the party eventually, but not before giving everyone his business card.

The next day, I got a phone call

from him but I ignored the call. I haven't heard back from him since. Hopefully he found a girl who enjoys break dancing and techno music and also doesn't know how to take a hint!"

Next month, we want to hear about your awkward roommate experiences. Tell us about your miserable living situation and you could win a gift certificate! Submit stories to pendulum@elon.edu by noon on Nov. 12.



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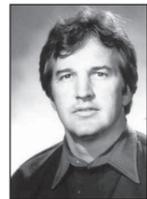
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Tolley's significance extends beyond football

Pam Richter
Reporter

A successful football player, coach, author and mayor are just some of the accomplishments that round out Jerry Tolley's resume. Tolley, former head football coach at Elon and a current member of Elon University's advancement staff, was recently named to the 2008-09 Hall of Fame class for the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.



Jerry Tolley

"I figured it has been so long since I had anything to do with being a football coach, maybe it will happen, maybe it won't happen," Tolley said. "It still didn't dawn on me how significant it was until everyone started getting excited about it. It's pretty neat, especially after such a

long time."

Tolley cemented his place in Elon's record books by winning back-to-back NAIA national football titles in 1980 and 1981. His overall coaching record is 49-11-2 with a winning percentage of .806, the highest in the history of North Carolina collegiate football.

"One of my favorite lines [that] I told the fellows the most is that someone has to win the national title and it might as well be us," Tolley said.

Tolley began his college football coaching career in 1967 as the defensive coordinator at Elon. Later, he was named the assistant coach by Shirley "Red" Wilson. Under Wilson, the team had unprecedented success, finishing No. 2 in the nation in 1973.

"When I took over I had a dream and a nightmare," Tolley said. "The dream was to win a national title and the nightmare was maybe I wouldn't win a game. I don't know which one motivated me the most."

The hallmark of Tolley's career was his teams' ability to win close games. In contests decided by nine or fewer points, his teams won 22 of 24 games.

"When it came down to the fourth

quarter, two things were for certain; we knew we were going to win the game and the other team knew we were going to win the game," Tolley said. "Elon had been such a dominant force from about 1972 all the way up to 1977 that we just had an attitude we were going to win."

Prior to arriving at Elon, Tolley was a successful track and football star at East Carolina University. He set nine all-time football records, five that are still intact today.

Of the 13 athletes recognized, Tolley is one of only four acknowledged for meritorious service to football and the surrounding community before, during and after a career. Tolley has had a profound impact on both the East Carolina community and the Elon community.

"The NAIA Hall of Fame recognizes the remarkable contributions of student-athletes, coaches and athletic administrators," Jim Carr, NAIA president and CEO, said in a press release. "The individuals that make up the 2008-09 class represent talent, hard work and sheer determination. These men and women are proven competitors, teachers, mentors and wonderful representatives of character-driven intercollegiate athletics. The NAIA is thrilled to celebrate their work and storied careers."

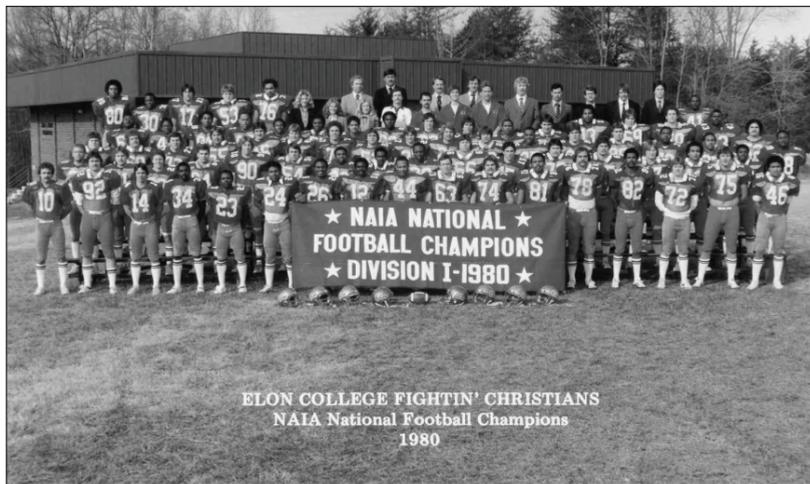
He used his talents as a football coach to become a successful author. He has published five football books, with his first selling 16,000 copies.

His books have sold in every state and in more than 25 countries.

Tolley's first book was titled "The History of Intercollegiate Athletics for Men at Elon College." This was part of his doctoral dissertation.

His other books are a collection of football drills. Some titles include, "The American Football Coaches Guide Book to Championship Football Drills" and "101 Winning Football Drills: From the Legends of the Game."

Tolley writes to football coaches around the nation asking them to send him drills. He rewrites these drills and assembles them into a collection. Legendary football coaches such as Bobby Bowden, Joe Paterno and Jim



ELON COLLEGE FIGHTIN' CHRISTIANS
NAIA National Football Champions
1980

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Tolley's 1980 team amassed a 13-1-0 record, including three playoff wins against Concord State, East Texas State and Northeastern State to propel them to the championships.

Tressel have all contributed to his books.

"It gives me a chance to do something on the weekend," Tolley said. "I'm obsessed with it. On a Saturday I can write and write for 12 hours."

Tolley is now the mayor of Elon. He is currently serving his third four-year term. While he was the head coach, he served on the Appearance Commission for the town.

It was different for Tolley to be the mayor, making the drastic shift from head football coach.

"When you're the football coach you're in charge," Tolley said. "When you're the mayor you're not in charge. You have these other board members. The mayor of Elon doesn't have a vote unless there's a tie."

Under Tolley the Town of Elon constructed a 23-acre recreational park complex, which includes an American with Disabilities Act approved playground.

Dr. Fred Young, who served as Elon's president from 1973-1998, said that he "was a moral leader for the athletes, for the university and the community. He constantly brought out and sought out the best in everyone."

It is obvious that Tolley has had

many accomplishments in a wide range of occupations. None more important than being a good father.

He prides himself most on his family success. Both of his sons were young at the height of his coaching career. Since he was busy coaching, he had limited time with them, but he said he still managed a close relationship.

"What I'm most proud of is that I raised two wonderful boys while I was coaching football," Tolley said.

Tolley retired from coaching at the top of his game following the 1981 championship season. He said he considers that move one of the smartest in his career and he has never regretted it for a day.

Tolley's accolades include NAIA District 26, state, regional, area and NAIA Coach of the Year honors. His coaching accomplishments are so unparalleled on the Elon campus that his coaching tenure is referred to as the Golden Era of Elon football.

In August of 1982, the Greensboro News & Record said: "[Tolley] established what now must be Elon's golden era. He has a record more shining than Wilson's, more impressive than that of the legendary D.C. 'Peahead' Walker, in his pre-Wake Forest days at Elon."

Dance team's electric energy, creativity lights up the field

Samantha Calvert
Reporter

Elon's Dance Team comprises 21 girls who perform during halftime at the football and basketball games.

Because of that, the dance team often stands in the shadow of two of Elon's best athletic programs. Sharing the field with the marching band, cheerleaders and water boys do not add to the team's visibility either.

Due to the small amount of space for the team on the field, the team uses pom-poms to accentuate its moves and draw attention to the performance. The team must adapt its choreography to fit the music played by the marching band.

Although creativity is somewhat limited during the football games, dance team members enjoy the experience.

"The atmosphere is so electric at football games," said dance team member Michelle Murphy. "When we get to perform in front of all of our friends and everyone else, it is just amazing."

During football season, the team's routines include a halftime performance with the marching band and small routines in the stands during each home game.

Despite constraints in the fall, the dance team's role during basketball season is radically different.

The team has free reign of the court, showcasing more complicated dance moves to its own soundtrack in front of a more intimate crowd in The Nest.

"At football games the crowd is so far from us, but at basketball games the crowd is right in our face,"



DAVID WELLS | Photo Editor

From left to right, Liz Harrington, Michelle Murphy, Jessica Lindsay and Kristen Bennett perform during the halftime show at Saturday's football game against Southern Conference foe Furman University. The team is present at every home football and basketball game.

Murphy said.

The team splits into two separate teams for basketball games. The gold team, consisting of upperclassmen, performs at the men's games. Michelle Murphy, Elise Porter and Jamie Lee are co-captains for the gold team.

The maroon team, which includes mostly underclassmen, performs at the women's games. Liz Harrington,

Danielle LeBlanc and Catherine Siegel are co-captains for that team. Both teams are working on new routines for the upcoming season.

Team members have training in a variety of dance genres. Practice commitment is a big responsibility. The team rehearses on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, with weight training on interim days.

Although the dance team and marching bands do not usually accompany the Phoenix on away games, the team has plans to make it to the football postseason if applicable.

Members also accompanied the men's basketball team to Charleston during its impressive Southern Conference run last season.

Shutout wins characterize women's soccer season

Erik Kendall
Reporter

The women's soccer team hosted the College of Charleston and The Citadel last weekend to kick off Southern Conference play at home. Just two days after earning its first point in conference play against College of Charleston in a tie, the match against Citadel was deemed "a must-win" by Head Coach Chris Neal and the team delivered just that. "We are in a good spot," Neal said following his team's 2-0 win over the Citadel on Sunday. The victory gave the team a 5-4-2 overall record and a 1-2-1 conference record, as well as a bit of momentum heading into the teeth of its SoCon schedule. The scoring began just over five minutes into the game when a shot deflection left senior Kerri Speers with an open net. But the line judge called a controversial offside judgment that was not shared by the crowd at Rudd Field or Neal. "My relationship with the officials has always been the same, I argue," Neal said. "I fight for the girls, because they play so hard for me." It did not take long for Elon to make up for the goal that was not. Just about four minutes later junior midfielder Alix Heinicke slammed home the assist from sophomore Brittney Hallberg for the first goal of the game with 36:45 remaining in the first half. "It was a give-and-go play, and [Hallberg] fed it to me perfectly," said Heinicke. "It felt like a pretty good strike." Another goal was added by senior Katie Persichini via an assist from junior Molly Calpin on a corner kick later in the first half. Elon's ball-



LINDSAY FENDT | Assist. Photo Editor

Forward Brittany Hallberg dribbles past a Citadel player during Sunday's 2-0 win at Rudd Field. Hallberg assisted teammate Alix Heinicke in the Phoenix's first goal of the game. The win improved the Phoenix to 5-4-2 overall, which matches the 2007 season total wins.

controlling strength took control from there, allowing only one shot on goal for The Citadel in the entire match. The 2-0 win is something the team can hopefully build from to achieve its goal of improving in the conference this year and making it to the postseason. In order to achieve their goals, the Elon women will have to play to their strengths against a tough remaining schedule. "We are not a very high scoring

team," Neal said. "What we are good at is ball control and time of possession." He also said that fact that every Elon victory this year has come via a shutout is merely "luck." "It is always tough to lose when the other team doesn't score," Neal said. The conference victory did not come without a cost. In the second half Elon suffered the loss of sophomore defender Alanna Winsper with an unspecified injury. Senior goalkeeper Lizz Johnson was

also a bit shaken up in defense of her shut out, but did not leave the match. In a recent match, junior captain Laura Norwind tore her ACL and is in need of season-ending surgery. The Phoenix will remain at home this week, where it is undefeated, as it will host Appalachian State on Friday, Oct. 10 at 7 p.m. It will travel to play Western Carolina on Sunday, Oct. 12 before two straight SoCon away games in two weeks.

Cross country teams take first-place seat

Michelle Longo
Sports Editor

For the first time since 1996 the women's cross country team raced to a first place finish Saturday morning. Their male counterparts were also able to grab the crown placing both Elon teams on top at the Hagen Stone Classic hosted by UNC Greensboro. "The win was a culmination of the team working hard all summer and since they got back to school," Head Coach Christine Engel said. "It shows their hard work and how they keep getting stronger and handling the courses better." Emily Fournier lead all participants, pacing to a time of 18:29.5, good enough for a first place overall finish. Catherine Rossi and Caitlin Beeler also recorded top-10 finishes for the day, clocking a 19:20.1 for seventh place and a 19:34.8 for ninth place, respectively. "It is a huge deal for Emily to get a collegiate victory and it is also sweet for the team," Engel said. "It is pretty exciting to have success on the individual level as well as on a team level." On the men's side, Elon beat out UNC Chapel Hill and Southern Conference foe UNC Greensboro for a first place finish. "Our win on Saturday has solidified us as a top team in the conference," captain Rick Meyers said. "Hopefully other teams have recognized that we are ready to race." Meyers led the way for the Phoenix, cruising to a third place overall finish with a time of 26:03.5. William Schefer, Justin Gianni and Matt Richardson also turned in top-10 performances. Schefer finished eighth, with Gianni and Richardson finishing ninth and 10th, respectively. "This meet was a confidence-booster as far as placing goes," Gianni said. "It was a tough course and we are all getting a feel for what times we will be able to run at the conference meet."



KATY BURNS | Photographer

Freshman Clay Sankey raced to a 27th-place finish with a time of 27:31 on Saturday at the Hagen Stone Classic.

This is the first time all season the Phoenix has captured a first place win. The men have finished third in two meets and second in the other. The women have finished third in one and fifth in the last two meets. "It just goes to show how much depth we have and depth that is only going to get stronger over the year, gaining more experience in every grade, especially the freshmen," Beeler said. Both teams return to action Oct. 17 just in time for Fall Break when they travel to Boone to participate in the Blue Ridge Open, the last meet before the conference finals. "The team is highly motivated and they hold themselves to a high standard and get excited about the progress [they make] week to week," Engel said. "That in itself is the reason they are motivated for training each week and also for the Appalachian State and the conference meets."



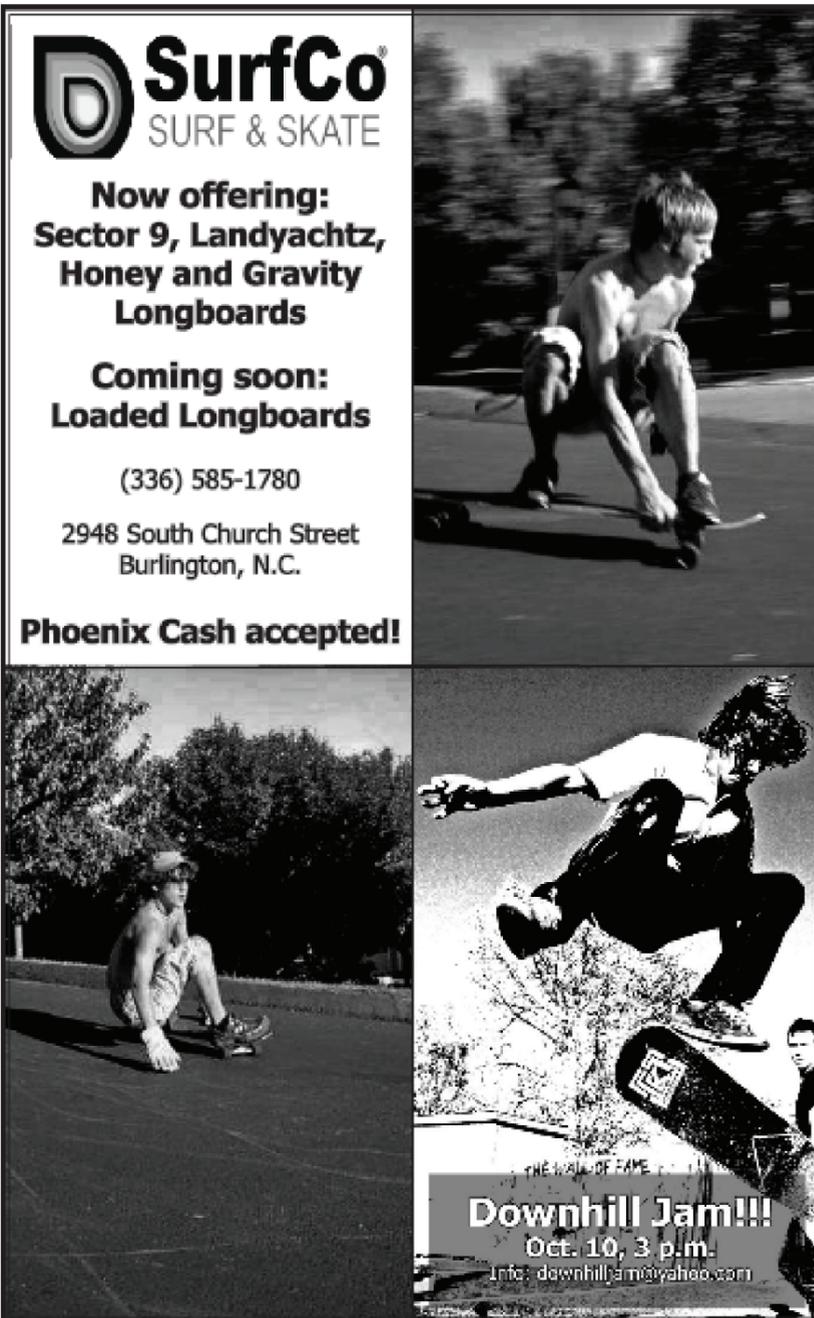
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Digging for a cure

Volleyball fundraising event works to eliminate breast cancer-related deaths

Michelle Longo
Sports Editor

In 2003, Lisa Marston's mother was finally beginning the recovery process from a long battle with breast cancer. Around the same time, Marston, then head volleyball coach at UNC Charlotte, was asked to put together some type of athletic fundraiser with her team.

The timing couldn't have been better.

"People were doing fundraisers all over the country for different causes," Marston said. "[Dig for the Cure] was just sort of my brain child. Because of my mom, I thought it would be a good way to make a connection with something that was personal to me and my team."

Dig for the Cure is a program committed to raising money and awareness for breast cancer research. High school and college volleyball teams across the country collect monetary pledges based on different criteria, such as a player's digs in a match, total team dig or a flat donation.

Participating schools designate one home volleyball match in October, which is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, to donate all money raised to the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

"I chose the Komen Foundation because all their branding was kind of girly," Marston said. "It was something the girls could latch on to and the name was recognizable. People would be more willing to donate because it was an established foundation."

The first year of the program, Marston's Charlotte team was

the only team to participate.

Each member asked at least 10 people to pledge money and by time the inaugural game was finished, \$3,600 was raised.

By the second year, Marston had garnered more awareness of the program and added multiple teams to the schedule. The University of South Florida has been participating in the program since the second year.

This year, there are more than 175 programs participating in the benefit. Eleven of the 12 Southern Conference teams grace that list, including Elon. It will be the Phoenix's second year participating in the event.

"I am so proud and happy to have the SoCon doing it," Marston said. "It says so much about the leadership of the SoCon and the head coaches. Mary Tendler [Elon head coach] and Tim Cowie [Davidson head coach] really pushed it. Elon University was one of the leaders getting the whole conference involved. It is a great role model for everyone else. They really embrace what I am doing and spreading."

Marston's goal per team is \$2,000, which she says is easily attainable and most teams even exceed it.

"You see how much we can raise and it is only one day," Tendler said. "Just one day with one team makes such an impact, so when everyone takes part in it it's great. It is just a great event."

Most teams do even more fundraising. Charlotte and N.C. State wear pink jerseys during the game and auction them off afterward. San Diego State University uses pink-paneled volleyballs while most other

teams wear pink and white ribbons in their hair.

Elon is selling pink Dig for the Cure T-shirts for \$10 each. The team will be sporting those same shirts before and during the game in addition to pink shoelaces and hair ribbons.

"It is a special day for me and the girls, even for the entire conference," Tendler said. "I am proud of the girls. They are actively trying their hardest and it is obvious it is important to them. They are happy to do it."

Senior libero Kelley Blakewood has scored double digit digs in 16 of her 19 games played this season. She has never earned fewer than seven digs in a match, setting her high at 23 on Sept. 28 against Western Carolina and again Oct. 5 against Wofford. In her last six games, Blakewood has tallied no fewer than 18 digs. As a team, Elon averages 15.4 digs per game.

"This event means a lot to all of us," Blakewood said. "It is all about trying to get people involved, excited and ready for a great game while keeping them supportive and aware."

Marston identifies her two main goals as raising money and awareness and providing a united community service project for the volleyball community. She said she envisions all volleyball programs becoming synonymous with the fight against breast cancer.

"We grew about 100 percent this year and there is a chance we could raise close to half a million," Marston said. "But, I don't think we have tapped into all the possibilities yet. I have so many ideas for the future of this program."

SoCon teams hosting Dig for the Cure Schedule:

- Elon - Oct. 8
- The Citadel - Oct. 8
- UNC Greensboro - Oct. 11
- Furman - Oct. 18
- College of Charleston - Oct. 19
- Wofford - Oct. 19
- Georgia Southern - Oct. 20
- Appalachian State - Oct. 24
- Western Carolina - Oct. 25
- Chattanooga - Nov. 1
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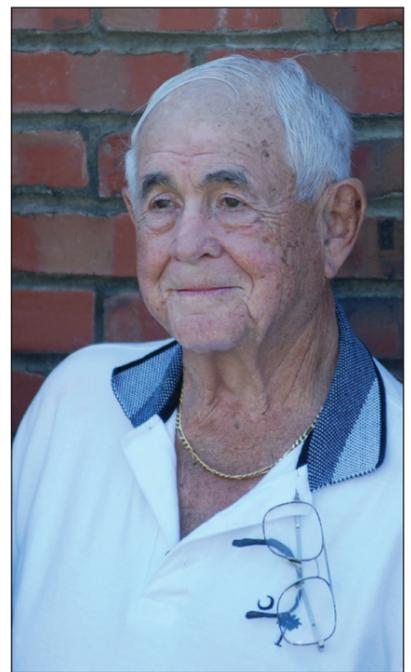
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Furman victory marks fifth straight win for Phoenix

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Linebacker Joshua Jones and defensive back Walker White assist on the tackle of Furman's freshman wide receiver Sederrick Cunningham. Cunningham tallied two receptions for 18 yards, with a long of 11 yards. White recorded a team-high seven solo sacks.



Former Elon Head Coach Sid Varney was honored at halftime of Saturday's game, along with some of his former team's members. Varney and the 1957 squad went undefeated that year 6-0-0. Former players established a scholarship in his name to be given to future Elon athletes.



Sophomore running back Brandon Newsome drags three Furman defenders into the end zone with him in the third quarter. Newsome rushed for a total of 190 yards, 161 of those rushing and 29 receiving. He scored two of Elon's four touchdowns for the afternoon.



Sophomore wide receiver Lance Camp rushes the ball for part of his 98 all-purpose yards. He rushed for 31 yards and tallied 40 kick return yards in addition to his 27 receiving yards.

Volleyball team refuses to quit, season stands at 13-7

Adam Lawson
Reporter

With Southern Conference action starting to heat up, the volleyball team garnered a split this weekend with a loss to Furman and a win against Wofford, bringing its season record to 13-7, 2-2 conference.

The weekend started off poorly for the Phoenix. After dropping the first two sets in its match against Furman, Elon fought hard in the third set, extending it past the normal 25-point set with several overtime points. But the Paladins were eventually able to complete the sweep and took the match 33-31.

"Coming off a loss it is easy to hang your head but we didn't," freshman outside hitter Caroline Lemke said. "We knew it was the most important to win so we just needed to get in a good rhythm for the second game."

After a hard-fought loss, Elon's fortune turned Sunday earning a win against Wofford, 22-25, 25-14, 25-18, 25-20 at Alumni Gym.

The game was similar to many others for Elon volleyball this season. For the fourth time in 13 victories this season, the Phoenix lost the first set.

"We never give up and it means a lot for us to really dig in [after lost matches]," senior libero Kelley Blakewood said. "It shows our team



Sarah Schermerhorn and Traci Stewart block a kill attempt in a lose against Furman University last Saturday at the Nest. In two games, the Phoenix recorded 20 team blocks.

has a tough heart. We really need to focus on coming out and taking the first two sets so we can win in three sets instead of five."

Blakewood and Lemke each led their team in kills and digs for both games, respectively. Blakewood tallied 21 digs against Furman and a match-

high 23 digs against Wofford. Lemke earned 11 kills in the first match and 12 in the second.

"It is great to contribute," Lemke said. "I love that I can help everyone. I would be nowhere without the setters and passers. They put a lot into it, too."

In two cases, Elon has lost the first sets and rallied for a five-set victory. Members of the team say they realize it's a characteristic that could and should be avoided.

"[Coming back] shows our team has character and we don't want to lose," Head Coach Mary Tendler said. "We need to get off to better starts. We definitely struggle with that."

If Elon is to win a conference postseason championship, getting a good seed entering the postseason is key. Right now Elon sits fourth in its division of the Southern Conference.

The remaining 14 games on the squad's schedule are against only SoCon opponents before the SoCon Tournament starts near the end of November.

"The stakes are higher [against SoCon teams]," Lemke said. "It is a lot more important. In the beginning of the season we were figuring out what we were and who we are and now we are going to prove it to everyone in the conference."

Elon's upcoming schedule is anything but easy. Included in the remaining slate is defending conference champion College of Charleston, a team Elon plays at home on Oct. 13. A newcomer to the SoCon, Samford University currently leads the North with a 4-0 conference record and a 16-2 overall mark.

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EIGHT YEARS COMING



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The Phoenix defense owned most of the game, garnering three sacks, two interceptions and three fumbles. In the third quarter, Elon did not allow Furman to capitalize on any possessions.

Elon crushes Furman for first time in eight years

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A wind of change blew over Rhodes Stadium on a cloudless Saturday afternoon. At the end of 60 football minutes, the scoreboard read Elon 31, Furman 10.

This is the same Furman University football team that has defeated Elon the last eight years in a row. The same team that helped eliminate Elon from its first-ever postseason appearance last year. It's also the same Furman team Elon's defense surrendered 52 points to less than a year ago.

"Last year, to lose a game like that and the way we struggled on defensive, it was certainly extra motivation," Elon Head Coach Pete Lembo said. "But it is living in today, this year's team and taking pride in what we do. This is a big step for this program."

It was a statement game. No longer can Elon's defense be ridiculed for losing the 2007 season. And no longer can Elon be known only for its aerial game led by the combination of Scott Riddle and Terrell Hudgins.

Last season against Furman, Riddle threw for a league-record 534 yards. Saturday afternoon, Riddle threw for a career-low 160 yards.

Similarly, Hudgins racked up 207 yards on 16 receptions in last season's game. He managed five catches for 64 yards last weekend. He also dropped a total of five passes, including two in one possession.

"Every year is a different year and every year the team is going to have different strengths and weaknesses," Lembo said. "Every week, every year is not going to be like that. The circumstances are always changing."

Times have certainly changed, and this time around the record books opened for different players.

Recent phenomenon Brandon Newsome racked up 190 all-purpose yards, 161 of those rushing. In the past three games, he has tallied a total of 478 yards and has produced most of the Phoenix's ground yardage. All together, Elon ran the ball 35 times for 231 yards. Riddle threw the leather 30 times.

For the first three quarters of the football game, the Phoenix defense allowed one field goal. When the Paladins threatened in the second quarter, safety Nolan Ward came up with a diving interception in the end zone to stop a Furman touchdown.

"We just kept fighting play after play," Ward said. "The defense can bend but not break in situations like that

and I think we came up big for the team today. We had a couple mistakes, fixed those on the sidelines and kept fighting play after play."

Nine minutes and a Phoenix touchdown later, Elon defensive end Jordan Daniel recovered a forced fumble to give the ball back to Elon.

The defense owned the third quarter, stopping all three Furman drives. On fourth and two, the line stalled a rush on the Elon 11. In the next series, Ward forced a fumble recovered by Terrell Wilson at the Elon 21.

Fittingly, Daronce Daniels intercepted a pass to end the quarter and cap off an impressive defensive stance.

"I could tell every time they came out on the field after we scored or got a turnover, the next drive, we still carried the momentum and continued to jump on them down after down," Ward said.

Furman went 8-for-17 on third-down conversions and recorded three fumbles and one interception. Elon's defense also sacked junior quarterback Jordan Sorrells three times for a loss of 21 yards.

"[Elon] are a good football team," Furman Head Coach Bobby Lamb said. "Their defense is really fast. The difference in their team this year and last year is: Number one, they can run the ball with success, and number two, their defense is very athletic."

Elon finished with 391 yards of total offense and held the Paladins offense to 72 rushing yards on 28 carries.

"I think we showed that we can pull our weight in all three phases," Lembo said. "We didn't have hardly any big plays on offense. It was just about pounding. This was kind of an old-school day, which is kind of neat."