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Lambert's leadership gains recognition

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The coveted ability to think outside of the box, to distance the mind from the distracting minutia of a dilemma and instead see the broader picture, doesn't develop in an instant. Like any other skill, it requires an impetus and a nurturing incubation period.



Leo Lambert
President

Dr. Leo Lambert received the William M. Burke Presidential Award for Excellence in Experimental Education because, with Elon at his side, he has helped create a landscape in

which the student body isn't limited to the textbook and whiteboard for its lessons.

"Experiential learning is defined as learning that helps students connect knowledge and experience," Lambert said, emphasizing that the goal of his various initiatives is to ensure that students don't just work toward a task for the sake of completing it or working for an arbitrary number of hours.

Citing the construction of a house for Habitat for Humanity as an example, Lambert said while the house itself is significant, it's more important to understand what the root causes of poverty are, and why an organization such as Habitat for Humanity exists in the richest country in the world.

"Dr. Lambert's support in the realm of experiential education is extraordinary, as exemplified by the participants in the award who came forth with heartfelt thanks and to tell stories and share thanks for his continued support for their initiatives," said Pam Brumbaugh, director of experiential learning.

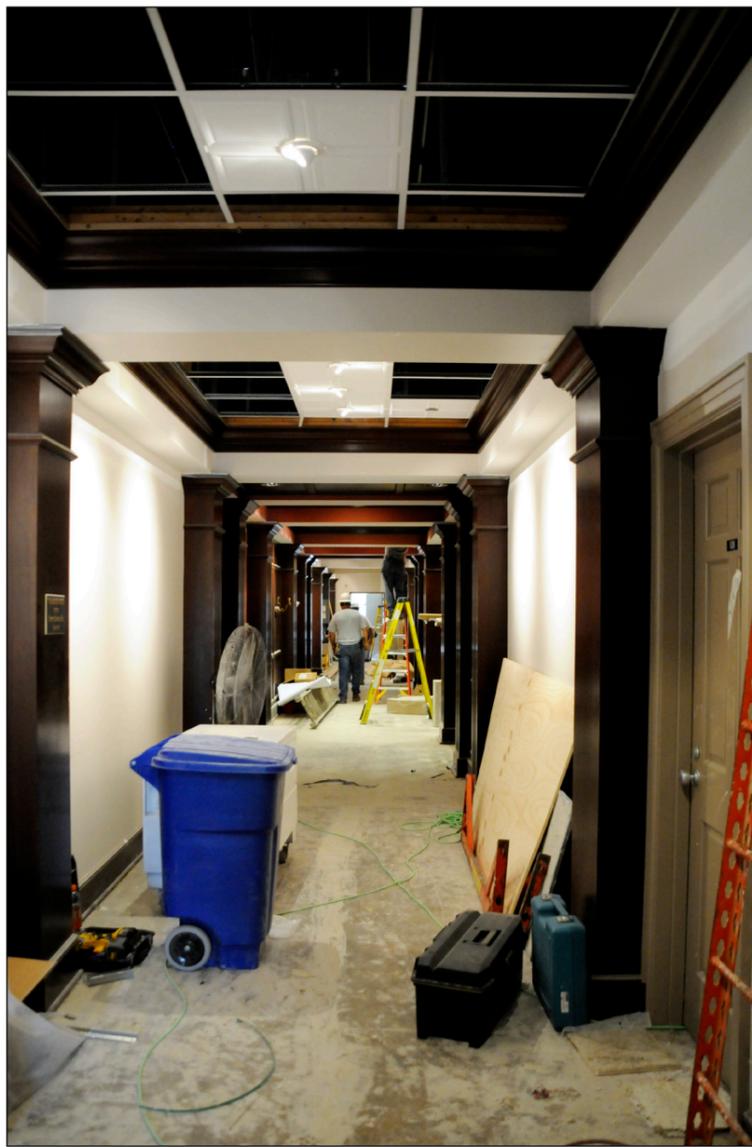
But Lambert was quick to redirect any credit given to him for Elon's experiential success back to the faculty and staff, saying the award was "100 percent about Elon," the nomination form is quick to address his reticence to accept personal acclaim.

"Although Dr. Lambert unflinchingly rewards and recognizes the successes of others rather than crediting himself, his hand, his mind and his resources are always at work behind the scenes providing the conditions in which experiential education can thrive" said Pam Kiser, interim dean of Elon College. "This award provides the perfect and long overdue opportunity to recognize Dr. Lambert for his leadership."

Lambert was equally reluctant to single out a particular project as the best representative of his, and Elon's efforts, though Elon Academy is the closest to his heart.

"Kids believe university education is in their grasp, and we're giving them the means to do so over three summers

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iMedia at ELON

Interactive Media graduate program finds home in Powell, kicks off Monday

Elon University's first Interactive Media graduate program kicks off Monday with orientation. The iMedia program will consist of 38 students in the charter class who all come from different undergraduate programs across the country, including Elon. The second floor of Powell has been renovated and will house the entire program. Previously, the second floor of Powell held classrooms and computer labs. Orientation will begin at 8 a.m. with registration and a continental breakfast. Following will be a Welcome to Elon University session, from 8:30- 9 a.m., then campus orientation including health center information, library overview, student affairs and career center information until 10:15 a.m. After orientation, a Class of 2010 picture will be taken, as well as Phoenix Card set-up and a campus tour. Students will then have a breakfast with School of Communications faculty and staff. Finally, there will be an orientation with the School of Communications from 2-4:30 p.m.

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LINDSAY FENDT | Staff Photographer
The second floor of Powell, left, is still under construction to house the iMedia program.

Legendary broadcaster dies at 92 Walter Cronkite's impact felt at Elon during speech and visit in 2003

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Walter Cronkite, the man who was the most trusted voice in America for more than two decades, passed away on July 17 at the age of 92. Cronkite was the long-time broadcaster of the CBS Evening News.

Cronkite brought America the news of the John F. Kennedy and the Martin Luther King Jr. assassinations, the Watergate scandal and the Vietnam War. He also announced to the world when the first man to walked on the moon.

There were only three major news networks at the beginning of Cronkite's tenure. Soon, he emerged as the consistent voice night-in and night-out who delivered the news to the nation.

Many will remember Cronkite for bringing them their news every single night. His tag line, "And that's the way it is," became a staple. It is now an iconic line in journalism.

Cronkite gave his last broadcast with the CBS Evening News on March 6, 1981, after 19 years as the anchor.

Cronkite's visit to Elon

Elon University got a taste of the legendary broadcaster when he spoke

on campus on April 8, 2003. Cronkite was joined by David Gergen, a former adviser to four presidents.

"He still seemed to be very much on his game even at his age," said Harlen Makemson, associate professor of communications. "He seemed to be very intellectually curious and engaging with the crowd. I remember him getting a few laughs along the way."

Makemson did not meet Cronkite personally, but was a professor at Elon when Cronkite came to speak.

Cronkite and Gergen's conversation occurred in Alumni Gym in front of more than 2,900 spectators. The two spoke about Cronkite's coverage of Vietnam, the Kennedy assassination and the United States' involvement in Iraq at the time.

Brooke Barnett, associate professor of communications, did have the opportunity to spend a few minutes with Cronkite one-on-one during the reception at President Leo Lambert's house after Cronkite's talk.

"What I remember most about him was despite his age, he was incredibly energetic about journalism and journalism education," Barnett said. "He was interested in how we were training. He was protective about journalism."



Walter Cronkite
Nov. 4, 1916 - July 17, 2009

Vietnam - the tides turned

Cronkite spoke frequently about being objective as a journalist: "In seeking truth, you have to have both sides of the story."

There's continuing conversations about whether this objectivity exists in television news, with some news stations now known to swing to one side of the political spectrum.

When Cronkite returned from

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Elon Academy brings college aspirations to high school students

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For some Alamance County high school students, it's not just another lazy summer. They've dedicated their time to Elon Academy—living and learning on Elon University's campus during the summer, hoping for a chance to go to college.

At the closing dinner and showcase July 9 in McKinnon Hall, the program showed off its first graduating class.

Deborah Long is Elon Academy's director. She recruits gifted students from troubled high schools in the area.

"The way the Elon Academy started

was with President Lambert," Long said. "Lambert said we need to do something for the community; we're losing too many children."

The drop out rate is up to 6.28 percent in Alamance County, compared to a state-wide average of 4.97 percent.

In 2006, Cummings High School in Burlington almost shut down because of the high amount of drop outs. But at the academy, students are kept busy with classes all day and live in the dorms with student mentors.

"Many of these students, they say that without Elon Academy checking up on them all the time, they don't know what they're future would look like,"

said mentor Patrick Holloway.

Holloway has been a part of the program for three years.

"You find people coming up to you and thanking you for helping them out over the last four weeks and it just makes it completely worth it," Holloway said.

The kids are appreciative of the program and the mentors.

"They were really supportive and helped us with everything we needed," said student Elizabeth Tish.

Most of these students come from poor families and tough backgrounds, but they're smart. Each summer, they work to get themselves out of a cycle of

dropouts.

"What's amazing about these students is how determined they are to go to college and how grateful they are for this program," Long said.

Patrick Reid is one of those students, ready for a future. He said Elon Academy is getting him there.

"It makes everyone here more determined and it makes them want to try harder," Reid said. "I think that's really going to help us all later in life."

The program continues throughout the school year with programs on Saturdays. The students attend the summer session three times before graduating from the program.

The man who rose from the 'Ashes' of an Irish childhood

Frank McCourt dies of cancer at 78

Ashley Barnas
Reporter

Frank McCourt, famed author of the memoir "Angela's Ashes," died July 19 of meningitis and ultimately, melanoma. He was 78 years old and living in New York.

It was in 1996 that McCourt plucked from the gutter his golden ticket to fame: Scribner published "Angela's Ashes," which led to his Pulitzer Prize for Biography or Autobiography. He wrenched himself from the poverty stricken slums of Limerick, Ireland, and shared his childhood and tales of adolescence with readers who swiftly fell in love with his Irish charm.

McCourt visited Elon University on February 13, 2007, to deliver the Baird Pulitzer Prize Lecture, titled "Was I Teaching or Was I Learning? I'd Say Both." Earlier that day, he shared memories of his life in Ireland and his three decades as a New York City public schools teacher during a question-and-answer session.

"He was a delightful guest," said George Troxler, former dean of cultural and special programs. "He was very generous with his time."

McCourt was on Elon's campus from the morning until the evening of his lecture in McCrary Theatre.

"My job was to escort him all day from the pick-up at the airport to the book signing after the reading—about 12 hours worth," said Cassie Kircher, associate professor of English. "My memory is that he made my job so much fun. He had a good sense of humor and he talked issues—education, especially. I really liked him a lot."

In preparation for McCourt's visit, Kircher had her intermediate writing students read a chapter from "Angela's Ashes," "and we talked about the difference between memoir and the personal essay. Students liked that chapter, and many of the students were already familiar with his work," Kircher said.

Troxler said the education professors were especially excited for McCourt's visit, and set their students to the task of reading his newest book at the time, "Teacher Man," in preparation. The memoir, published in 2005, reflects on McCourt's time as a teacher in high schools and colleges in New York.

"During lunch, four of us talked about his book 'Teacher Man,' and he spoke pretty passionately about teaching inner-city students," Kircher said.

McCourt also wrote "'Tis," a memoir that picks up where "Angela's Ashes" left off, and "Angela and the Baby Jesus," an illustrated children's Christmas story about McCourt's mother, Angela, as a child.

"McCourt is a realist," Kircher said. "His writing is concrete and direct and unsentimental."



PHOTO COURTESY OF ELON UNIVERSITY RELATIONS
Pulitzer Prize winner Frank McCourt visited Elon in 2007 as part of the Baird Pulitzer Prize Lecture series.

The raw truth of his stories remained with readers, delighting and haunting alike. During his visit, McCourt pointed out that if he did not have the challenging childhood he did, then he would not have had something to write about. The words he shared with his Elon audience are echoed in the first words of "Angela's Ashes":

"When I look back on my childhood I wonder how I survived at all. It was, of course, a miserable childhood: the happy childhood is hardly worth your while. Worse than the ordinary miserable childhood is the miserable Irish childhood, and worse yet is the miserable Irish Catholic childhood."

The adversity he faced as a young boy in Limerick and the simplicity with which he grew up, was evident and admired during his short visit to campus.

"The day of his visit was really rainy, but he just went with it and didn't seem worried about getting his shoes wet or not having an umbrella," Kircher said.

McCourt kept his audiences laughing and engaged, signing books and taking photos with anyone who approached him. It was apparent that students, faculty and staff took a keen interest in his courage and admired his development into the white-haired and twinkle-eyed man with a gentle Irish-American soul.

"He gave the impression of a delightful Irishman. That's what he was," Troxler said. "He engaged with people. He talked with people. He was an outgoing person—not all authors are."

McCourt was 66 years old when "Angela's Ashes" was published.

"My feeling was that McCourt might have been sort of amused at how famous he became so late in life," Kircher said. "I think that made him really likable. He wasn't a prima donna in any way."

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PHOTO COURTESY OF ELON UNIVERSITY RELATIONS
When Walter Cronkite visited Elon in 2003, he was joined by David Gergen, adviser to four U.S. presidents and chair of the Elon University School of Law Advisory Board. Cronkite spoke to 2,900 people in Alumni Gym.

Elon remembers Cronkite's influence

covering Vietnam after the Tet Offensive, he had a well-known speech calling for troops to be removed from Vietnam. He said the troops needed to be pulled out and America was not winning the war.

"It was definitely not objective, that last part (of the broadcast). It was definitely an editorial," Makemson said. "It's interesting because as much as he talked about objectivity and in many cases did practice it, that was a pretty good example when he didn't."

Cronkite's influence on public opinion was certainly seen after his commentary on Vietnam.

"It was a key defining moment," Barnett said. "When he came back from Vietnam, the tide turned when the most public-trusted person turned."

President Lyndon B. Johnson understood the influence Cronkite had over the American public.

"If I've lost Cronkite, I've lost middle America," Johnson said after Cronkite returned from Vietnam.

A consistent voice through the good times and the bad

Throughout his career, Cronkite was tasked with giving Americans the news on historic events. Many of these events would go on to shape America for years to come.

One of the most well known moments occurred when he gave the public the news of President John F. Kennedy's assassination.

As he delivered the news, Cronkite became noticeably choked up, took off his glasses and bowed his head for a moment.

"I think he was just a really, really good journalist. He was a human

being," Barnett said. "When he was choked with Kennedy's death, that was a human being moment."

Cronkite was tasked with not only bringing Americans tragic news like the Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr. assassinations, but also triumphant moments in our nation's history.

When the first man walked on the moon, Cronkite was there to deliver the good news to the country.

Makemson, who recently published a book titled "Media, NASA, and America's Quest for the Moon," said Cronkite started covering the space program in the late 1950s.

"When America landed on the moon in 1969, he knew the astronauts; he was friends with many of them," Makemson said. "He shared in the excitement of what had happened because he had been in the middle of so much of it."

Place in Journalism History

Cronkite has been called the greatest news anchor of all time. Without missing a beat, he brought the public the news during critical points in America's history.

Makemson recalls when he was old enough to start remembering Cronkite as the primary voice in television.

"I just remember him as an individual who folks would turn to," Makemson said.

With many different news outlets now, a primary voice for news is a false idea in today's cable news world.

But in his time, Cronkite was that voice. He was the voice that brought both good news and bad, happiness and tragedy, to the people of America.

And that's the way it was.

Holland House provides home for Elon's Catholic community

Alexa Milan
Managing Editor

Now that Holland House has moved across the railroad tracks, a new branch of the Elon community will soon be able to call it home. Beginning in fall 2009, the house will become the new Catholic Newman Center.

The Newman Center will be a place where Catholics on campus can study or gather for small group and leadership meetings. The center will feature a kitchen, eating room, study room, student office space and common room.

"I want it to be a place where people can go to relax, get away from their schoolwork for a couple of hours and spend some time away, either in prayer or conversation with other Catholics on campus," said senior Justin Sposato, president of Catholic Campus Ministry.

Holland House was recently moved from East Campus to South Campus across from Holt Chapel, where Catholic Campus Ministry celebrates mass as part of their Wednesday Night Catholic program.

When the decision was made to move Holland House, Sposato said President Leo Lambert contacted Father Gerry Waterman, the Catholic campus minister, about the possibility of turning it into a Newman Center.

"(Lambert) explained that it would be moving across the tracks over the summer, and we were welcome to use it as soon as it was moved and renovated," Sposato said.

Elon is the sixth university to feature a Newman Center in the Diocese of Raleigh. UNC Chapel Hill, UNC Wilmington, N.C. State University, East Carolina University and Duke University also have Newman Centers.

"We are trying to build a Catholic community, and what better opportunity to do it than with a Catholic Newman Center on campus," Waterman said. "It's not a worship space, but it is a gathering space and a meeting place. It's a study place and a faith community building place."

The Newman Center is named after John Henry Cardinal Newman, an Oxford man who lived during the 1800s and was agnostic until he found Catholicism.

"He lived at a university and promoted Catholic study and fellowship," Waterman said.

Another way Waterman and Catholic Campus Ministry hope to promote fellowship is by offering living space for three Catholic students on the second floor of the Newman Center. Waterman said the students who live in the center should be actively



After making its move to South Campus in June, Holland House is set to become the new Catholic Newman Center at the start of fall semester. Catholic Campus Ministry hopes to have a blessing and dedication of the Newman Center during Family Weekend in September. FILE PHOTO

involved in Catholic Campus Ministry and interested in furthering its mission.

The second floor of the Newman Center will also house recent Wake Forest University graduate Anne Ward, the newly hired peer ministry coordinator. Ward will serve as a liaison between Waterman and the students.

Senior Melissa Gaisser, Catholic Campus Ministry's director of music, said she is excited the Newman Center will give Catholic students on campus a place to call home.

"Having the Newman Center allows us the opportunity to create more of a community among the Catholic students at Elon, and it will help the students grow both spiritually and socially," Gaisser said.

Waterman said he hopes one of the ways the center will allow the Catholic community to grow is through the ministry's interaction with other faiths on campus. He said he would like for the Newman Center to co-sponsor events with the Truitt Center,

which he described as the umbrella for all religious life on campus.

Waterman also said in addition to the center serving as a place for Elon's Catholic students to bond, he would like to periodically involve other religious life organizations on campus.

"I want it to provide opportunities for learning about not only the Catholic faith but other faiths," Waterman said. "To know a little bit more about others helps to respect others more."

Catholic Campus Ministry is currently discussing having a blessing of the Newman Center during Family Weekend. Sposato said he hopes Lambert and Bishop Michael Burbidge of the Diocese of Raleigh will attend.

"We feel quite honored to be the first of all the religious life organizations to have a space on campus," Waterman said. "And I think that's just the beginning."

iMedia program gearing up for summer start

Laura Smith
News Editor

At the end of the summer, Elon University will install its fifth graduate program. The Interactive Media program will begin in August and the second floor of Powell is well under way to housing the accommodations.

Beginning construction in June, the second floor of Powell no longer houses classrooms for history, but computer labs, interactive classrooms and editing suites. Finishing touches are being put into the program and classes are set to start the end of August for the charter class of 38 students.

"All the basics for the program have been handled or are being handled, David Copeland, Program Director and Communications Professor, said. "That means orientation, registration, first classes, anything that's required for students is being taken care of."

Students entering into the program consist of 22 Elon graduates while others come from school such as Colgate University, Furman University, UNC Chapel Hill, University of Miami, N.C. State University and more according to Dean of McEwen Communications School, Paul Parsons. Students range from backgrounds in communications, art, history, philosophy, theater, biology, English, business, digital art and environmental science.

The program will consist of 12 courses total: one in August, five in the fall, one during Winter Term and four in the spring (with one being a six hour course).

Fall will consist of completion of group projects led by faculty members, Winter Term will include some sort of public good project including travel



Construction began in June to renovate the second floor of Powell with computer labs and editing suites for the new Interactive Media graduate program. Classes will begin at the end of August. JUSTINE SCHULERUD | Photographer

and spring will consist of individual projects from each student.

The program will begin at the end of August when the students who have not had a background in communications will take two classes, one in media law (taught by Jessica Gisclair) and one in media writing (taught by Glen Scott).

In August, professors Vic Costello and Randy Piland will teach digital media workshops to all students. Half the classes will be taught by existing faculty members and the other half will be taught by the three new faculty members.

The new staff includes Michelle Ferrier, Sang Nam and Phillip Motley. Ferrier comes as the managing online editor for community websites with a

newspaper in Daytona. Nam comes from the University of Wisconsin system and has expertise in 3-D. Motley also comes from the University of Wisconsin system and recently helped create a new major in serious gaming at the school.

The School of Communications had a national search and in the end "we ended up hiring three experienced professors all who have worked in interactive media as a professional," Parsons said. "That's a criteria for us is professional experience."

The classrooms and editing bays will all consist of Macintosh computers and products, just as there is in the School of Communications.

The staff of the program is optimistic for a successful year ahead and the

knowledge the students will get out of it.

"One thing of which we're certain is that the world of media is changing," Copeland said. "Interactivity is where we see most media heading, and it is important that journalists, no matter whether they're in tradition print or in broadcast stay on the cutting edge of technology. It's where the jobs will be, and it's the way information is being shared."

Parsons agrees with Copeland. "I believe this is the future of media, that more and more audiences want to interact with their content," he said. "They want to ask questions, they want to get that content in text, in visuals, maybe in graphic form but they want the content coming to them in different formats and they want to be able to interact with the content. This program is really for those who want to be content creators and content managers."

Parsons said the class size will stay about the same in the future at around 38 students.

"We think this is a nice size because the program stays small enough to be personal," he said.

Parsons said he is aware of what this program can bring to the students.

"Interactive media is a particularly hot field, anyone with skills, whether they have the degree or not, anyone with some interactive media skills is going to be a stronger job applicant," Parsons said. "The world of media is changing so rapidly that I would say there is a great desire for youth for people who get it, who understand who can take the concepts of social media and apply them in a useful way for an organization."

Elon Law School offers students optimal environment to prepare for bar exam

Pam Richter
Summer Editor

Today, around 1,200 students from across the state of North Carolina will sit down for part two of the bar exam. Yesterday, part one of the exam was given at the Raleigh Fairgrounds.

The bar exam is the test recent law school graduates take in order to become attorneys.

Countless hours of studying take place in preparation of this exam, which has about a 70 percent pass rate.

For about 30 recent Elon law school graduates, preparation for this exam made less stressful, with a one-of-a-kind program.

The Elon Law School offers the opportunity for students to live on campus for free during the end of May and the entire months of June and July.

"I haven't heard any one else doing this," said Damon Duncan, a member of the Elon Law School's charter class.

Duncan and his wife Melissa, decided to take advantage of this opportunity. Damon explained that Elon President Leo Lambert and Gerry Francis, executive vice president, met with a group of law school students to figure out the best way possible for the most students to pass the exam.

"We can completely focus on studying for the bar exam," Damon said. "It's almost like going to boot camp. You go and everything is provided for you and the only thing you have to worry about is training and getting ready for the bar exam."

The bar exam is given twice a year in North Carolina. The first time it was given was in February.

It is a two-day exam and on the first day, 12 essay questions are given. Day two consists of 200 multiple-choice questions.

"It's almost more quantity than competence or intelligence," Melissa said. "Can you learn all of that information?"

Both Damon and Melissa said they have put a solid eight to 12

hours a day since they moved into their new home in Colonnades B on May 25.

Damon said that one of the reasons why people fail the exam is because many people work during the day and do not have enough time to devote to studying.

"If you are working eight hours a day at least, I can't even imagine having deal with this," Damon said. "One of the goals is they offer this to us and we don't have to work during the day. We don't have to worry about paying for meals or anything like that."

The students who have lived on campus throughout the summer have had meal plans as well. Damon said the people who didn't take advantage of this opportunity had family commitments and homes that were established.

"There's a lot of people who do it and get by and pass the bar," Damon said. "The fewer distractions while studying for this, the better. It would be difficult if you had to worry about making money or holding down a job."

In addition to free room and board and free meals, the students were able to receive loans through the university so they could pay for prep classes for the exam. On the days of the exam Elon rents out a room and will provide the students with a free lunch.

If both Damon and Melissa pass the bar exam, they said they hope to open up a branch of Damon's father's law firm, Duncan Law, in Greensboro. It will focus on bankruptcy and civil litigation cases.

"Assuming we both pass, that's the plan," Melissa said.

For Damon and Melissa — who both graduated from Elon with undergraduate degrees in 2006 — this solidifies why the selected to attend the Elon Law School.

"This is what Elon's all about," Melissa said. "Taking care of you as a student and a person and making sure that you're not just a number."

Lambert stresses experiential learning in university education

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and with follow-up work during the school year," Lambert said. "It's hard not to have your heartstrings tugged watching young students in Elon Academy."

Along with Deborah Long, the director of Elon Academy, Professor Thomas Arcaro and his work on Project Pericles also earned praise from Lambert.

"More than any other project, it underlines what it means to have a deepened sense of civic understanding," Lambert said.

Echoing his sentiments against one-shot service, Lambert highlighted Project Pericles' focus on long-term investments in social problems through years of study and academic application.

Although he valued his education out of the classroom during his collegiate days, working on the student paper and serving as the co-director of a swimming program for the handicapped, it was not until he was at the University of Vermont in Burlington that the importance of experiential education came to light.

As the assistant director of the Living Learning Center at the University of Vermont, a series of residential learning communities featuring faculty and students living and working alongside one another, Lambert had the opportunity to work with students outside of the classroom.

"It was powerful to see students take charge of their education," Lambert said, noting that many students, although not continuously hitting the books, were nonetheless investing themselves in their areas of study throughout the day and well into the night.

As for the future, neither Lambert nor Elon is looking to rest on its laurels.

"Experiential learning is one of the great hallmarks of the university," Lambert said, and as such Elon is looking to build off of the projects that, in Brumbaugh's experience, have other schools wondering just how the university does it and how they can do the same.

Lambert wouldn't divulge any specific details about the university's upcoming projects, but he did hint that the university's new strategic plan, which will be revealed in October, will shed some light as to where Elon will be in 10 possibly award-laden years.

Miss North Carolina dances her way to the crown despite obstacles

Elon alumna Katherine Southard overcomes difficulties posed by scoliosis

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Summer News Editor

Doctors told her it would be impossible to dance again, but Elon alumna Katherine Southard ('07) didn't let that stop her. As the winner of the Miss North Carolina Pageant this year, Southard not only has the opportunity to perfect her dancing skills, but also plans to help others who are facing the same challenges she once did.

Since early childhood, Southard has battled scoliosis, a medical condition that causes curvature of the spine. Instead of a straight back, her spine curved to the side, deforming part of her body and making dance extremely difficult.

Southard was only two years old when her mother enrolled her in dance lessons, but it did not take long for her parents, teachers and fellow classmates to realize she lacked the ability to perform like the others.

"(Dancing) was frustrating because I didn't look like the other girls," Southard said. "My back curved and my ribs stuck out. And they all tried to get on me for (dancing) improperly, but I wasn't. We finally realized I physically couldn't dance correctly because of my spine."

Despite the pain and difficulty, Southard continued to dance throughout school and eventually majored in dance at Elon. In 2005, Southard underwent surgery to correct the curve in her spine with potentially devastating results to her dance career.

"I think it's important not to give up," Southard said. "It's hard to realize in the moment, but having gone through this

I feel like I'm a much stronger person than I was before."

Refusing to toss out her ballet shoes, Southard continued to dance after the surgery. Dancing was still painful and more difficult than before, but her passion for the arts proved to be stronger.

"For someone who said I wouldn't be able to (dance) anymore after surgery, the fact that I overcame it gives more confidence and encourages me to overcome obstacles," Southard said.

Before her corrective surgery, Southard participated in the 2005 Miss North Carolina pageant.

"When I (competed) in 2005, it was before I ever had the surgery and after that I thought 'I'm done' because I have to have this surgery," Southard said. "And I had it, and really pageants are just a way I can get back into dance and try to be better."

Southard competed in 2008 as Miss Mount Holly and did better than she had in the 2005 competition. After placing second runner-up, she decided to continue training and preparing for the 2009 pageant as Miss Raleigh. After three years of participation, she was finally crowned Miss North Carolina.

"I think it's one of those things where you're in the moment and you don't even think," Southard said. "I remember looking at my family. My sister was jumping up and down and my dad had a blank, shocked look on his face."

Southard's responsibilities range from fundraisers and pancake breakfasts to working with the United Service



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Katherine Southard, who graduated Elon in 2007, was crowned Miss North Carolina after three years of participation in the competition. She first competed in the pageant in 2005.

Organization in support of troops and addressing the North Carolina House and Senate on the issues of scoliosis.

"(I'm working on) getting information packets to children so parents can learn how to screen their child for scoliosis themselves," Southard said. "It's unbelievable how many people have contacted me. I had 180 friend requests on Facebook, many from girls who didn't know that (scoliosis) is an issue."

Southard plans to travel to Las Vegas in January for the Miss America competition. She said she looks forward to the different atmosphere and the possibility of being crowned Miss America despite the handicaps and challenges she has faced.

"You need to embrace adversity instead of running from it," Southard said. "Embrace the good things or the bad things that come along."

Burlington's unemployment rate: one of highest in North Carolina

There are more than 4,000 jobless people in the Burlington

Lindsay Fendt
Reporter

Elon junior Roger Black remained in Burlington this summer with the intention of finding a job. He had already been promised a position at Red Bowl Asian Bistro before heading home to Atlanta until the lease on his apartment began in June.

"When I came back, I went to Red Bowl and the manager told me that he could not fit me into the schedule and that I needed to look for another job," Black said.

But finding a job in Burlington proved to be more difficult than he anticipated.

"I went to dozens of different places," Black said. "I applied to everywhere I was qualified for, and at most of the places there was someone else there filling out an application with me."

Black is not alone in his job search. According to Bureau of Labor statistics, there are more than 4,000 jobless people in Burlington bringing the unemployment rate to 12.2 percent — one of the state's highest.

"One of the key reasons for the higher rate here is our reliance on manufacturing jobs," said Robert

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- Roger Black
ELON UNIVERSITY JUNIOR

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Harkrader, the director of planning and economic development for the city of Burlington. "It has been one of the hardest areas hit in the economic downturn."

Manufacturing is Burlington's third largest industry and according to the BLS, it has seen one of the largest drops in employment.

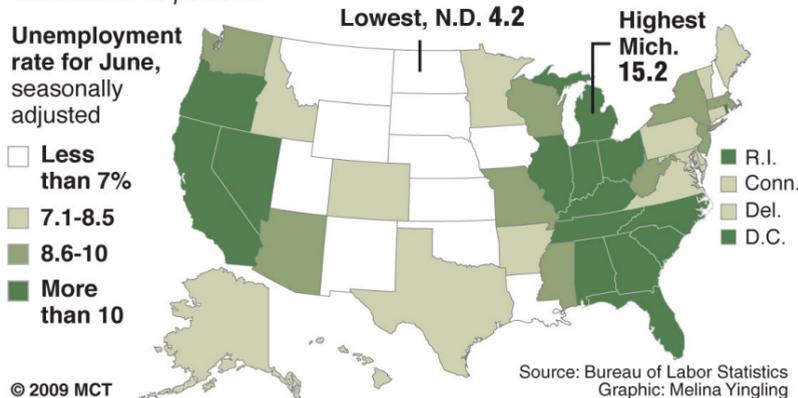
According to Tom Tiemann, the department of economics chair at Elon, the size of the city's manufacturing sector is an issue that will keep the unemployment high for sometime after the recession.

"It will stay higher than in most of the state and nation," Tiemann said. "In the long run, the entrepreneurs in town will find new ways to make a profit and things will recover."

While many of Burlington's economic woes can be attributed to the state of the national economy, Harkrader still says the city's government is doing whatever

Jobless rate by state

The national rate for unemployment in June was 9.5; 15 states had rates above 10 percent.



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The jobless rate in North Carolina is more than 10 percent. Burlington's unemployment rate is 12.2 percent one of the state's highest. Michigan has the highest unemployment rate with 15.2 percent

it can to create more jobs.

"We try to bring new capital investments into the city," Harkrader said. "We just need to get out of this funk with the national economy."

While manufacturing jobs have been the most affected, students shouldn't expect to have an easy time finding a part-time job upon returning to school.

"You can tell just by walking around Burlington that it's not doing well," Black said. "There are businesses closing everywhere. Nowhere has a 'now hiring' sign up."

Even student jobs on campus have

taken a hit. Last year Elite cut the jobs of more than half of its student workers.

Students who rely on part time employment to help pay for college will be greatly hurt by the rise in unemployment, but in general Elon has been surprisingly unaffected by the recession.

"A Few students I know of have transferred to lower cost colleges," said Tiemann, "and budgets for supplies, travel etc. are tight, but compared to most other colleges, things are good."

Obama bill makes financial aid application simpler for college applicants

Nheka Enurah
Reporter

The Obama administration has requested billions of dollars in new scholarships and credit along with a less complicated financial aid application which looks to make a college education more accessible for students.

Experts say 16 million families struggle with the application process for federal aid and "an estimated 1.5 million enrolled students who are probably eligible for Pell grants failed to apply."

The new bill aims to simplify the current Federal Application for Student Aid, eliminating questions that have no real bearing on a student's eligibility for federal aid. The current form consists of 153 questions, and millions of students and their families find it difficult to complete the application.

The bill also hopes to invest money into historically black colleges and universities as well as hispanic-serving institutions. Additional changes include an increase in the minimum amount of the Pell Grant, which is \$490 now and will be raised to \$690. It will also put \$6 billion into Perkins Loans.

Although some feel the proposed changes will benefit students, Patrick Murphy, the director of Financial Planning at Elon University, said he believes some of the changes presented could be harmful.

One of the first concerns that Murphy has involves the asset cap of \$150,000 for students requesting need-based aid. This cap would prohibit students from receiving any need-based grants, loans or work assistance.

"It is not difficult for a family that

has low income to acquire assets of up to \$150,000," Murphy said.

The new cap, which would go into effect July 1, 2011, could exclude families that otherwise would qualify for need-based aid.

The new bill also calls for drastic changes to the student loan program. Currently there are two ways in which students can get a loan. The school can act as the lender by direct lending, or a bank can lend the funds under the Federal Family Education Loan Program.

Another issue that Murphy has with the proposed bill is that it plans to do away with FFELP.

"Customer service would decrease if more schools were forced to handle all the loans themselves," Murphy said. "Some institutions might not be able to handle the new work load."

The bill will also eliminate subsidized Stafford loans to graduate and professional students after July 1, 2015. Murphy said currently, graduate students are eligible for \$85,000 in subsidized loans and an additional \$12,000 in unsubsidized loans.

Loans the government pays the interest on until a student is out of school are subsidized and are much more affordable in the long run. Eliminating unsubsidized loans as an option for graduate students could be a deterrent to students who would otherwise pursue graduate programs.

There are still a number of changes that must be addressed with the new bill.

"Elon is going to do whatever it can do to make the transition unnoticeable to students and will continue to serve the students and their families to the best of its ability," Murphy said.

Two Elon schools to aid Veterans' scholarships

Margeaux Corby
Reporter

Two of Elon University's graduate programs will participate in a new scholarship agreement meant to improve financial aid for veterans returning to school.

Elon's school of law and physical therapy will each offer three \$5,000 scholarships to veterans. The money would be matched by funds from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) giving veterans an upwards of \$10,000 extra in scholarship money.

"We targeted where we know we had veterans who could take advantage of the program," said Pat Murphy, director of financial planning.

Murphy, who spearheaded the effort after attending a conference in January, said school officials have not yet finalized the parameters of applicant selection but they will most likely follow the lead of other schools that operate on a first-come-first-serve basis.

The Yellow Ribbon Program is a provision of the newly established Post-9/11 GI Bill program, which was enacted to help provide aid to those service men and women seeking higher education. The Post-9/11 GI Bill only funds tuition expenses at the highest public in-state undergraduate tuition rate. Under the Yellow Ribbon program, veterans are eligible to receive additional funding from the Department of Veteran Affairs that matches financial contributions made by the institution.

"The purpose behind the yellow ribbon is to allow students to have better options and go to better schools," Murphy said.

He said administrators will wait and see how the program runs this year before making any plans to extend scholarship opportunities to other graduate schools or the undergraduate student body.

VA officials said the Yellow Ribbon Program is another pivotal step in providing opportunities to veterans after their service time is finished.

"The Post-9/11 GI Bill is an important part of fulfilling our promise to the men and women who have served our country so honorably," said VA Secretary Eric Shinseki in a recent statement. "Implementing this landmark legislation and providing even more veterans with a quality education is a top priority for the VA, and we are grateful so many schools are joining us as partners in this unprecedented effort."

Elon is joined by 44 other North Carolina private and public universities and colleges planning to provide financial incentives to veterans.

Wake Forest's Babcock Graduate School of Management is offering 10 additional \$6,000 scholarships under the Yellow Ribbon Program and North Carolina State University is offering 25 additional \$4,200 graduate and doctoral scholarships.

Veterans' eligible for the Yellow Ribbon Program includes those who served at least 36 months on active duty or served at least 30 continuous days and were discharged to a service-related injury.

The program takes effect August 1 and more information can be found at www.gibill.va.gov.

NEW STOP FOR COFFEE



LAURA SMITH | Photographer

Completion is scheduled to occur Aug. 10 for Elon's new plaza in front of the Academic Village. It will be the new home for College Coffee on Tuesday mornings. The plaza, which runs along Haggard Ave., is 210 feet long and 80 feet wide and will be able to hold 1,700 people. The plaza will consist of a seating wall as well as outlets for electrical power for sound lighting power. It will connect to the Academic Village by brick sidewalks. The plaza is being constructed in the space where the Holland House used to be before it was moved to South Campus on June 13.

New political seat for Dan Ingle

Drew Smith
Summer News Editor

Dan Ingle is now Alamance County's new state representative, after his predecessor's resignation amidst a storm of controversy. District 64 Representative Cary Allred resigned after police cited him for speeding 102 mph on the interstate and allegations also came out from other house members, accusing that he kissed a 17-year-old page and appeared on the House floor after drinking alcohol. Allred later admitted to the drinking but denied his embrace with the page was anything sexual.

"Once there became a vacancy the Alamance County Republican Party accepted the names of people interested," Ingle said.

Ingle gathered a majority of votes in the first round of voting. The selection committee of 25 then approved his appointment unanimously.

The investigator for Elon University's Campus Police has worked in law enforcement for 36 years and most recently served on the Alamance County Board of Commissioners.

Dan Ingle
N.C. State Representative

"The County Commissioners took up a lot of time with meetings and various functions," Ingle said. "It was a good background."

"The first week everybody said you know you're coming at a bad time," Ingle said of his initial reception. "Of course we're trying to get a budget passed." His days are made up of committee sessions, votes and speaking with constituents. He is a member of six committees.

So far, his time at the House has been a learning experience.

"I'm just trying to gather and obtain as much information as I can, getting to know the other 119 representatives the 50 senators," Ingle said.

The newest House Republican does plan to run for reelection when the term originally occupied by Allred expires next year. Right now his focus is on the state budget.

"It's a tough time for everybody right now, many shortfalls and a tough economy," Ingle said.

"We've got to be really fiscally responsible. We've got to get this budget in check."

Elon to add Honda Civic to Zipcar fleet

Sarah Beth Costello
Summer News Editor

After successfully implementing the Zipcar program two years ago, Elon plans to implement a third vehicle in August.

Elon is known for taking pride in sustainability campaigns and eco-friendly campus initiatives, which has prompted a growing interest in the Zipcar program.

"I hope (the car) will provide more access to vehicles for our students," sustainability coordinator Elaine Durr said. "We have great utilization with two vehicles, but (the third) Zipcar will allow us to have another vehicle available for more students."

Elon teamed up with the car-sharing program in 2007. It provides Zipcars to universities, businesses and cities worldwide for Zipcar members.

The two current Elon Zipcars are hybrid Toyota Priuses, parked in the Moseley parking lot. Durr said they



Elon already has two hybrid Toyota Prius Zipcars. In August, a Honda Civic Zipcar will also be available for students to use.

are expecting a Honda Civic from Zipcar in August.

"When Elon started the program we made a preference for hybrids," Durr said. "It's nice to have at least some hybrids in the program for individuals curious about them."

For an annual fee of \$35, members have 24-hour-a-day access to the vehicles at their convenience. Zipcar provides the gas, and users

pay an hourly fee for usage. Members are given a Zipcard and can reserve the cars online.

"It's a great service to use," Durr said. "I get a lot of positive feedback from parents knowing they can send their child to college and have a car provided."

Typically Zipcar members must be 21 or older to participate in the program, but the Elon program allows

students 18 and older to apply for membership.

Zipcar has existed in cities for several years and recently began providing vehicles to university settings. UNC-Chapel Hill and Duke also have Zipcar programs and many other North Carolina schools are considering it, Durr said.

Depending on how often the vehicles are used, Elon could potentially gain some of the money back.

"I certainly anticipate growth in the program," Durr said. "We've had growth since we started and I expect to see continual growth. As we continue to grow our membership I would expect utilization will continue to go up. And Zipcar may talk about adding another vehicle."

In April, the use of Zipcars between Monday and Friday averaged 42.3 percent and 77.6 percent on the weekends, exceeding expectations. Zipcar expects an average rate of usage as at least 40 percent



LAURA SMITH | Photographer

Elon's Zipcars are parked in the Moseley parking lot. Students can use the cars for an annual \$35 fee.

Consequences of swine flu still present

Morgan Little
Opinions Editor

The initial swine flu scare may have come and gone, with the nightly news no longer inundated with foreboding stories about its spread, but the virus is still making its presence known. Building up for what is anticipated to be a severe flu season, the virility of the virus, particularly in those between the ages of five and 24, is taking advantage of those most vulnerable to infection.

The Muscular Dystrophy Association, most commonly associated with Jerry Lewis and his fundraising efforts, was expecting to hold a number of summer camps for an estimated 4,300 children. By the middle of June, 1,800 have already attended 33 such camps, and 17 have since been diagnosed with swine flu.

Of the 17, one was in Utah, 10 were in Minnesota and six were in

Pennsylvania. All of them are out of the hospital at this point, and no new cases have been discovered, but because of these discoveries and the susceptibility of many participants, the remainder of the camps have been shut down.

This includes the camp that was set to take place at Camp Carefree in Stokesdale, North Carolina. Senior Abbe Golding who was set to be a counselor with the program for the second year in a row, knew that, although medically sound, the decision to close the camps was heartbreaking.

"I'm more disappointed than I can say right now, it's just hard for everybody," she said, reminiscing on just how great the experience was not just for her, but for her assigned camper, who compares the camp's onset to Christmas.

Lila Petersen, public relations manager with the MDA, shared Golding's sentiments, but knew just how quick and comprehensive the response to the

diagnoses had to be.

After discussing possible courses of action with a rapidly assembled task force from the Centers for Disease Control on June 12, the decision was made to shut down the entire program. As a result of their condition, many children with muscular dystrophy have weakened respiratory systems, leaving them prone to swine flu and in the worst cases, as the flu intensifies, pneumonia.

The nature of the camps themselves also increased the chances of infection, as the close proximity of campers and staff, coupled with the flu's 24-hour incubation period before it can be detected, intensified the need for complete cancellation.

Although unable to make up for the loss of the camps, the MDA and its 220 field offices are working on a series of measures to try and make up for the unfortunate turn of events.

Sponsors are providing passes to amusement parks and sporting events, while the Greensboro field office is considering a picnic for the campers who would have been going to Camp Carefree.

The camps are fully expected to continue unabated next year, though the MDA will be putting extensive preventative measures into place, including a prescreening of campers and staff, along with further screening as the camps continue.

Swine flu's spread isn't expected to slow down heading into the typically infectious fall and winter period.

The CDC is sternly advising all children from the ages of six months to 18 years should receive a seasonal flu shot. The Food and Drug Administration is working with pharmaceutical companies to speed up the testing process for possible swine flu vaccinations.

Construction plans in place for pedestrian underpass beneath railroad tracks

Ashley Barnas
Reporter

An upcoming construction project will make crossing the railroad tracks on Elon University's campus a safer feat. A concrete tunnel will soon be constructed under the railroad tracks near North O'Kelley Avenue, for pedestrian traffic only.

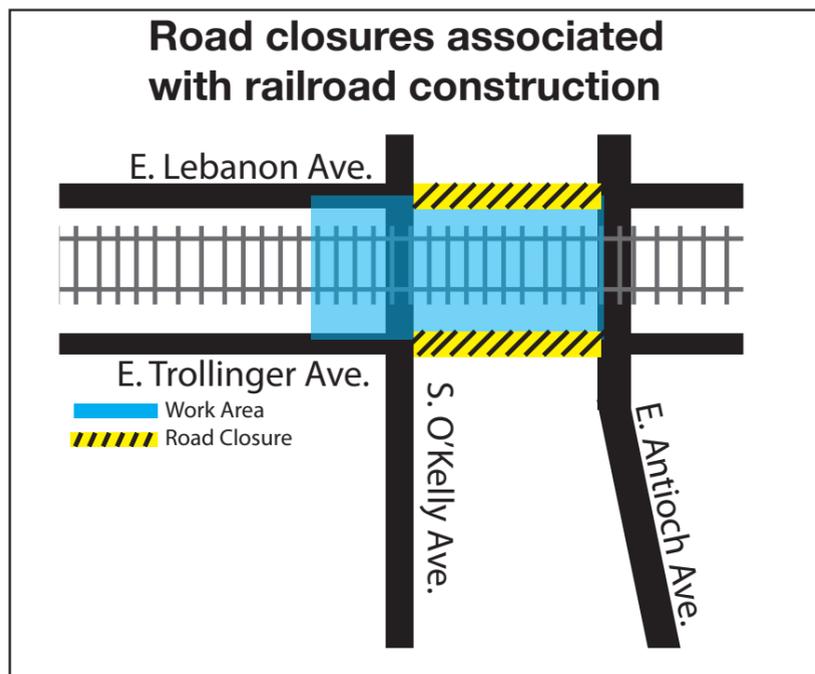
Crowder Construction Company, a Charlotte-based firm, was awarded the construction contract. Work on the underpass should begin this August and will likely take a year to complete. Similar pedestrian underpasses already exist at N.C. State University and Duke University.

"Steps include careful coordination with the university, the North Carolina Railroad Company, Norfolk Southern and the construction company," said Kat Christian, public affairs director of the North Carolina Railroad Company. "Design plans must be engineered, revised and approved. All permits must be obtained and a production timetable agreed upon."

Neil Bromilow, director of planning, design and construction management at Elon, said a benefit of the underpass "is to keep people from crossing the dangerous railroad tracks and to provide a safe access to South Campus."

South Campus is home to University Relations, Johnston Hall, Holt Chapel, Phoenix club sports fields, Harden Clubhouse and the driving range and putting green.

When construction is underway, "Trollinger and Lebanon streets will be closed to thru traffic," and "trains will roll over a temporary bridge so they won't be impacted," he said.



Portions of both East Lebanon Avenue and E. Trollinger Avenue will be closed during the construction. After construction is finished, a concrete tunnel will provide a safer route for pedestrians.

Graphic by Miriam Williamson

Christian added that "because construction can be carefully coordinated with Norfolk Southern, there should only be minor impact on train traffic."

The discussion about constructing an underpass on Elon's campus has been going on for several years.

"NCCR seeks to partner with municipalities, public and private organizations or in this case, the

university, to build projects that will improve the communities through which the railroad passes," Christian said.

Elon University and NCCR are sharing the underpass project cost of approximately \$2.25 million.

Another railroad construction project near Elon includes the recent renovation of a railroad bridge over Highway 87 in Alamance County. Christian said

Violence strikes in Burlington

Drew Smith
Summer News Editor

Many students shop at University Commons in Burlington. It's also a place where Mebane resident Austin White occasionally went on his weekend nights.

On June 26, a Friday night turned into a nightmare for 17-year-old White as he became the victim of a violent crime.

"Austin was hanging out at Target and met some friends up there," Tanya White said. "They may have been there 10 minutes when several car loads pulled up and they were chanting some gang name."

Tanya is Austin's mother. She described what happened next.

"They got out with brass knuckles, had a bat and they started jumping on the kids. They stabbed my son, multiple stabs all over."

She says the attackers pushed over one friend's motorcycle and attacked another man before turning on her son.

"He will never forget the sound of the knives clicking. Austin put his hands up and said I don't know you. He didn't remember making another step when they hit him in the head, stabbed him in the back of the head, the side of his head. They cut his nose. They tried to cut his chin off."

She said they knocked him out and kicked and stabbed him all over. Two other victims were treated and released at Alamance Regional Medical Center. Austin was airlifted to Duke Medical Center where he received more than 100 stitches. He has since declined to comment on the matter.

Burlington Police have made arrests in the case. Shortly after the attack, police arrested Rondale Langston of Greensboro. He's charged with assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury. Langston does have a criminal record and police confirm that he is a member of 9 Tray Gangsta.

Police issued additional arrest warrants on July 17. Police charged Brandon Curtis of Burlington with simple assault and Tevon Woods of Graham with assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury. Police also arrested



PHOTO SUBMITTED

On June 26, 17-year-old Austin White was assaulted in an incident in the University Commons shopping center.

Jeffrey Bowman of Snow Camp. He's charged with five counts of assault with a deadly weapon. Police said he used his car to strike the car Langston and Woods were fleeing in.

"We feel like the hero in all this is Jeff Bowman for delaying these thugs from leaving," Tanya White said. "Without him, they may have never been caught."

Tanya said this incident has shaken her sense of security. She said many people were stunned when they heard what happened to her son.

"I'm not scared of them but what

they did is very rank," Tanya said. "You just don't know what they'll do. This is unbelievable. It's like a big bad nightmare."

She said her son will have the scars for the rest of his life.

"We really need to stop this now," Tanya said.

"If you can't trust your child to go ride around town on a Friday night without someone cutting them, something needs to be done."

Anyone with information on this crime can call Crime Stoppers at 336-229-7100.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Professor releases research on Red Bull

Mat Gendle, associate professor of psychology, along with 2009 alumni Darren Smucker, Jason Stafstrom and Melanie Helderbran along with 2008 alumna Kimberly Glazer have published research on the popular energy drink Red Bull in the latest edition of *The Open Nutrition Journal*. Through studies, Gendle and the students found that the effects of Red Bull are primarily all in the mind and have no effects on the brain.

Library gets audio book players

Belk Library has introduced nine Playaway sound media players, two-ounce devices that can hold an entire audio book. The playaway does not require downloading and can hold up to 80 hours of content. Every three months, Elon will send three players back to the Playaway company to be replaced with new books.

Elon sets new priorities 2009-2010

Elon recently developed its 2009-2010 academic year priorities developed through Elon's annual planning process. Some of the priorities include initiating a review of General Studies, conducting a search for the dean of Elon College, the College of Arts and Sciences and preparing for the NCAA certification process. Others included completing a 5-year plan to expand the role of the multicultural center, continue efforts to reduce the university's carbon footprint, complete the campus facilities master plan and raise at least \$15 million in new gifts and pledges to the Ever Elon Campaign to reach \$80 million in total campaign commitments by May 31, 2010.

Alumni win Fox contest

Colleen Callahan and Carolyn Klasnick, Elon alumni from the class of 2009 have won the GLEE Photobucket Show Us Your Gold Star Potential contest by the photo Web site, Photobucket. It was sponsored by the Fox comedy series, "Glee."

Their submission was an episode of a series called "Transitions," which Callahan created in her seminar project class and focuses on helping Communications students in their transitions from college to career. Their prize includes \$500, a trip to Los Angeles and attendance to the Teen Choice Awards and after-party.

Professor publishes research

School of Communications assistant professor Barbara Miller had an article published in the *Journal of Applied Communication Research* for the summer of 2009. Her article, titled "Digging Deeper: Crisis Management in the Coal Industry," focused on crisis management/communication practices within the coal industry through the eye of high reliability organization concepts and sensemaking theory.

A growing concern

MISCONCEPTIONS AND PERCEPTIONS OF LEGAL AND ILLEGAL DRUGS ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES

"It was the scariest moment of my life," explained an Elon sophomore. "I woke up and my body was shaking, I had no idea what was going on ... all I knew was that I needed to gain control of my life and get rid of this addiction."

Starting his junior year of high school, the student began taking Adderall, a prescription stimulant drug that helps with Attention Deficit Disorder. Diagnosed at the age of 3, he had a hard time focusing and felt socially awkward in many instances. He entered high school and noticed some of his friends taking this drug and decided it might be effective for him.

"As soon as I began taking it, my grades dramatically improved from a 3.0 to a 3.7 GPA," he said. "I could finally take the honors and AP classes that I wanted and made the grades that I always dreamed of making without experiencing any side effects, at first."

Story by Shea Northcut
Reporter
Photos and graphics
MCT Campus

Gradually, he began noticing a shift in his personality, body and overall attitude about life. The side effects began picking up a year later when he felt physically ter-

rible, faced depression and regularly dealt with insomnia. When coming into college, he realized he couldn't function without this prescription, but also knew it was time to make a change.

"It got to the point that the bad things were outweighing the advantages when taking the drug," he said. "I came to the point of realizing that my well-being is more important than my grades and I had to change or else I would eventually hurt myself."

This student ultimately decided to stop using Adderall and switched to a less addictive prescription drug, Vibiance. He brought the extra Adderall that he had left over to school, and help others when they need to be extra attentive.

"It is now socially accepted to use prescription drugs recreationally," he said. "The majority of people I know have used, or are currently using, these types of drugs to help them, especially during exam time. I don't see it as (harmful) by giving them these because the secondary effects fall later in the use or abuse of these drugs."

The rising social norm of the abuse of both legal and illegal drugs is sweeping the college scene and has increased during the past decade. By observing the actual perceptions of drug use on campus, misconceptions are cleared and the process that a student may face is better understood.

The student used spoke on the condition of anonymity.

ALCOHOL USE AND ABUSE

"Alcohol is the biggest drug issue that is found on our college campus," said Lauren Martin, coordinator for substance education Lauren Martin.

According to the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University, 40 percent of full-time college students binge drink and/or abuse prescription and illegal drugs. It was found in 2001 that more than 1,700 students died from alcohol-related injuries. In reviewing the causes of high-risk drinking on campus, the NIAAA Task Force on College Drinking (2002) described the problem as a "culture of drinking" among college and university students.

"Elon struggles with this issue more than ever," Martin said. "We are actually higher than the national average on high-risk drinking."

The report from Elon's Presidential Task Force on Alcohol indicates the most recent Core Alcohol and Drug Survey data says Elon students "drink almost twice the amount of alcohol per week" as students nationally. It is also shown that students who arrive on campus already have an existing pattern of underage drinking. The 2004 Cooperative Institutional Research Program Survey indicates the number of new students coming into Elon who drank in high school is nearly 20 percent higher than the number of their peers in other institutes.

When Elon students were polled in the National College Health Assessment, a comprehensive health survey on drugs, sexual and mental health and nutrition, the numbers were significantly skewed. After being asked the question, "Within the last 30 days, how often do you think students used alcohol?" only 2 percent thought the typical student never drinks,

54 percent thought students drink on one or more days, and 43 percent thought students drink daily.

In actuality, 17 percent of students don't drink, 15 percent of students didn't drink within the past 30 days and 30 percent of students never plan to drink. Because numbers are high for the use of alcohol on campus, EL actively strives to combat the problem.

"We need to focus on our campus and we need to let students know what the issues are and try to help them out now before they get caught in the real world," Martin said. "We are here to prepare students for a healthy life both in and out of college."

FROM A NATIONAL TO A LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

It was shown in a recent study done by the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University that nearly half of American college students abuse drugs or binge drink at least once a month. When looking into the drug use at Elon in a local study done by the National College Health Assessment, 62.7 percent of students reported that they have never smoked pot, 20.7 percent have used marijuana, but not in the last 30 days, and 7 percent used marijuana one to two days within the past 30 days.

Overall, 95 percent of Elon students report not using cocaine, and 98 percent of students report refraining from the use of ecstasy. Although alcohol statistics remain high and use of undercover prescription drugs may be unknown, the use of hard drugs on campus is below the national average according to recent findings of the NCHA study.

FINDING HELP

Before a student makes the progression to the abuse of drugs and the viability of being caught, there are ways for students to prevent this from happening. Simply being a friend and recognizing signs of addiction, prevention can take place.

Jana Lynn Patterson, assistant vice president for student life, acts as a therapeutic intervention for students to come to in times of trouble. With all judicial affairs pushed aside, Patterson explained how she helps students by offering advice to prevent further repercussions.

"I probably deal with about six or seven students per year that are struggling," Patterson said. "I will say to them that I want to make sure you are safe and to get you to the right resources. By the time they come to me, they are most relieved to come because they are out of control and academics are gone ... they need structure and support."

Patterson said the main problem she observes with most cases is students make decisions based on what is happening currently rather than thinking on down the road.

"Through proper counseling and help, I find that about 60 to 70 percent of the time, intervention works," said Patterson. "Most of the time, if we start the students with counseling then we get them thinking about what they are doing and help them on their way to recovery."

COUNSELING SERVICES

Elon offers counseling services that struggling students can take advantage of when dealing with drug-related issues. Bruce Nelson, director of counseling services, explained how the services the health center offers are critical in helping a student.

"Here at Elon, the counselors see around 10 percent of the student body on any given year," said Nelson. "We see students that face issues with substances, disordered eating behavior and depression."

Students who come in for counseling face an assessment to see how they can best be served. The health center offers three main tracks of treatment: direct service for everyone who comes in, use collaboration with family and faculty and link resources such as an outside counseling center. When asked if there was a rise in the number of cases the counseling services has dealt with, Nelson was quick to respond.

"Overall, I have seen more complex situations come in here," he said. "It is now more of a combination of issues, such as stress and anxiety, paralleled with drug abuse and eating disorders."

Equipped with four full-time counselors, the health center focuses on short-term crisis oriented issues and is free of charge. Nelson said if the health center is not the right resource for the student, Elon links the

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EXCESSIVE BEHAVIOR

Clockwise from top left: Surveys indicate bingeing continues to saturate campus life in spite of widespread public education and prevention programs; Cannabis is more harmful than ecstasy and LSD according to the U.K. Academy of Medical Sciences; Wisconsin college students drink their beer bong before the Wisconsin football game; A marijuana plant; According to a 1997 study by the Harvard School of Public Health, 42.7 percent of college students are binge drinkers; The use of hard drugs at Elon sinks below the national average according to a NCHA study.

with outside resources and makes the best effort to help each student out.

THE RINGER CENTER

Located just down the street from Elon in Greensboro, N.C., is The Ringer Center. This is a counseling service provider that has served Greensboro and surrounding areas since 1996 and is Elon's main source for students to seek further help for their drug abuse.

"At The Ringer Center, you are not just another face," owner Stephen Ringer said. "We have a handful of Elon students that come here throughout the year that face substance abuse, including both drugs and alcohol."

Ringer said how most of the center's student clients feed from UNC Greensboro, but it has patients that come from other local schools including Elon, Wake Forest and Guilford College.

"I think the main issue that college students face is the external pressure that comes in to drink and do these drugs," he said. "If bowling is the main activity, that is what students will focus their energy on, just like drinking can be the main activity which draws in the focus of many."

WHEN STUDENTS ARE CAUGHT

When a student gets caught for the use of drugs or an alcohol violation, there are many steps that are taken to ensure a student's safety and enforce the consequences. If caught, students have the chance to represent their case with judicial affairs and to present their side if they choose to do so.

"We want to be fair and give the students time to prepare," said Smith Jackson, vice president and dean of student life. "Penalties will not be decided until Judicial Affairs meets with the students to hear what they have to say."

Although actions must be taken to enforce the rules, Jackson said that there are much larger issues at hand.

"The main thing we are worried about is the impact on the individual more than anything," Jackson said. "I hope that people are doing better things for their future. People really need to take into consideration the choices they decide to make."

POLICE INTERVENTION

When police officers bust a scene and catch students buying or selling drugs, the student is charged with a citation or an arrest and is placed under the North Carolina Court System and judicial affairs. Chuck Gantos, director of campus safety and police Chuck Gantos, said in the 13 years he has been at Elon, the illegal choice for most students is predominantly marijuana and some cocaine use.

"I remember one incident about seven years ago where we

found some students at the Danieley Center that we went in on a non-related incident," Gantos said. "We found that they were growing mushrooms in a closet and they had an actual log that they were keeping a daily tab on the yield they were producing ... they were very analytical about the process and it kind of blew our minds."

Gantos said the main issue is alcohol use because it mainly leads to vandalism and thefts around campus.

"We probably have around three to four cases a week that involve some type of alcohol violation," said Gantos. "I really think alcohol is a problem on every college campus because it is now a social norm to drink underage, which creates a conflict."

JUDICIAL AFFAIRS

When a student is caught and charged with drug possession or it is a serious case, Elon Judicial Affairs comes into play and must take action as the student faces further repercussions, such as suspension.

"When a student is found guilty, we have a judicial conference," said Jodean Schmiederer, assistant dean of students. "Students come in and are presented with potential charges and they are able to share their side of the story ... from there we determine what charges they are going to face."

She said the student can schedule another time if they want to bring in a witness to represent them or other documentation to justify their actions. Sometimes cases can range from one day or can last over a longer, extended period of time.

"A parent letter is sent out a couple days later unless a student is arrested for drug use and the parent is immediately contacted," Schmiederer said. "Students are required to meet with the dean on rotation or myself before they are allowed back on campus because being here could cause a disruption to the Elon community."

Being on the judicial side of the situation, can be difficult at times to see students have to face penalties for their actions.

"We are equally concerned about them as a person as we have to also be the disciplinary intervention in the process," Schmiederer said. "Our role is to help them all understand the process of what is going to happen and hold them responsible for their actions."

She said most Elon parents are on board with Judicial Affairs as they also want the best for their child.

"Part of being a parent is working with children to understand the difference between right and wrong," Schmiederer said. "We all want the best for the student in the long run and want to see them succeed in the future. It is all about the collaboration we can create with the parents to produce the best help for each student."

SPARKS

"I am the faculty adviser for SPARKS and work closely with these great student leaders," said Lauren Martin, coordinator for substance education. "With the help of these students, all young people can come to terms with the active issues that they face day in and day out."

The mission statement of this organization is to advocate and facilitate healthy lifestyle choices, personal safety and personal well-being. Some topics addressed by this student group include self-esteem and body image, alcohol education, sexual assault, prescription drugs and hookahs.

"This has been a great organization for me to get involved with to raise awareness of these issues to students all across Elon," sophomore SPARKS educator Kelsey Glover said "I think it really does make a difference for students because so many people have several misconceptions."

Some drug prevention efforts offered by SPARKS include low risk grants, also known as the "Fun Fund," that different organizations can apply for to have extra funds toward a non-alcohol related event.

Editorial

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PENDULUM PRINTING MONTHLY DURING THE SUMMER

Just because most students leave campus for the summer doesn't mean the news stops. The Pendulum will release twice during the summer on June 24 and July 29 in an effort to continue covering important campus news events. We will also be updating our Web site with any breaking news.

As always, we welcome feedback from the community regarding our content. We look forward to providing Elon University with the same consistent news coverage in the summer as we do during the regular academic year.

The journey's no reward

Using incentives to meet society's goals

A defining principle of capitalism is the reward, the rightful reimbursement of those who excel in their fields, given to those of cunning minds and agile bodies. It is often argued that without incentives, a nation stagnates and economies flounder, acting like a donkey staring back at its owner without a carrot dangled before it, encouraging the animal's forward momentum.

To be sure, there are other ways to persuade the donkey to perform the desired task, but many of these options aren't applicable to modern society.

No employer in his or her right mind would thwack an inefficient worker's bum with a stick. Instead, incentives like raises, promotions and bonuses are dangled before us, giving greater significance, presumably, to our labors.

Workplaces have been inundated with this method of encouragement. Just as salesmen may get a raise for earning the company a certain amount of revenue, a baseball player can earn bonuses for playing a certain number of innings over the course of a season.

But controversy arises when this concept is applied to other facets of society. Two sensitive issues, teen pregnancy and education, are now being exposed to the idea of the dangling carrot, which in these cases comes in the form of cash.

College-Bound Sisters, an organization at UNC Greensboro, pays girls between the ages of 12 and 18 not to become pregnant. Each day they remain childless, a dollar is put into a college fund that can only be collected upon their graduation from high school. All of the money comes from a four-year state grant.

In New York City, the Sparks program pays students in 59 poverty-stricken schools according to their performance on a series of 10 tests. This year, almost two-thirds of participating schools enjoyed higher margins of improvement on state-mandated tests than the average school in the rest of the city.

More than 5,800 students took part in Sparks during the last school year, with fourth graders earning up to \$250 and seventh graders netting upwards of \$500, depending on their performance.

Theoretically, there's nothing wrong with these plans, provided that every member of society is regarded as an employee in one form or another, with obligations to the overall societal order. Women who receive a college education, as opposed to those giving birth during their teen years, have a better chance at success, so why not give them a monetary push in the right

direction?

And if children are continuing to fail state tests despite continued efforts by teachers to spark interest in their studies, then it would seem to make sense that offering money (particularly to students embroiled in poverty) would give them an extra gallon of gas in the tank.

A study published in the Journal of Occupational and Organizational Psychology titled, "The effects of pay level on organization-based self-esteem and performance," furthers a long-standing theory that monetary incentives are effective in boosting productivity not because of the beguiling powers of cash, but instead because they are translated by the recipients as representations of their employer's increased faith in their abilities. Enhanced performance stems from this improved sense of self-confidence.

There are problems with translating this study to locations outside of the workplace. If the underlying problem between decreased performance is a deficient sense of self-worth, then shouldn't teachers be putting more emphasis on student confidence, with a particular focus on nurturing them prior to elementary school to get a head start?

And is the success of College-Bound Sisters tied solely to the money, or are the weekly meetings with fellow group members and consoling really the driving force behind the organization's effectiveness?

But, it's also possible to draw more sinister implications from both of these programs. Paying students for good performance at school may encourage them to excel in their studies, but isn't it essentially a form of child labor, particularly if the students' equally impoverished parents apply undue pressure on scholastic success because of the cash they can take from it?

Government-funded programs paying citizens to limit their reproductive activity, birthed from the debased pursuit of eugenics early in the 20th century, have a terrible history. Although College-Bound Sisters is based in a noble cause, where does the application of the basic concept stop?

It comes down to whether or not society wishes to encourage good behavior because such conduct is the right and just thing to do, or because the individual can profit from it.

Keep in mind that we all saw just how well the blind pursuit of monetary incentives worked in the finance industry prior to the current recession.

To the victors go the spoils: When a pat on the back isn't sufficient

Winning a Nobel Peace Prize (2008): \$1,400,000



Alex Rodriguez's 2005 AL MVP award: \$1,000,000



Purchasing a 2009 GMC Sierra Hybrid: \$2,200



Top marks on a test in fourth grade under the Sparks program: \$25



Doing the right thing, or succeeding in a humble, non-monetary fashion: \$0

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ILLUSTRATING THE ISSUES:



Opinions

The end of ignorance Honesty, but no action in Pakistan



Neel Arora
Columnist

In one of the most surprising turnarounds in Islamabad's enduring policy of denial, President Asif Ali Zardari admitted to the collusion between his state and militant Islam, a first by any head of state in Pakistan, on July 8.

"Militants and extremists emerged on the national scene and challenged the state because they were deliberately created and nurtured as a policy to achieve short-term tactical objectives," Zardari

confessed to a group of civil servants, in what seemed to be a rather innocuous gathering in Islamabad.

Despite numerous accusations and continued international pressure to dismantle the terror networks existing within its territories, the Pakistani establishment has never come out with an official statement recognizing its support for the Islamists.

Until now, Pakistan's alliance with the militants has been assumed, and at times even taken for granted by the international community. Zardari's "candid admission of the reality," carries a legacy since the inception of Pakistan as a nation.

For far too long, Pakistan has been suspected of using militancy to fight its proxy war against Indian forces in the disputed territory of Kashmir. Over the past two decades, the jihad seems to have extended well into Indian territory.

The horrific attacks in Mumbai last November come to light. The evidence suggesting that the repeated terrorist efforts have originated from Pakistan is overwhelming. Whether they were a part of Pakistan's "short-term tactical objectives" is well within reckoning.

The fall of the Soviet Union can be linked to Pakistan, where the Mujahidin was, in part, created with the blessings of Washington and Langley.

In the aftermath of the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan, it was Islamabad that backed the treacherous Taliban regime, thinking Pakistan would gain some amount of control over the region and create a strategic advantage over India. The fire they fueled seems to have left behind several burns, and continues unchecked.

Pakistani jihadists have been captured not only in Afghanistan, but also in Iraq, Chechnya and even parts of Africa. Since the fall of the Taliban regime in Afghanistan, their leaders have used Pakistan as a safe haven to regroup and continue waging their jihad against coalition forces and innocents the world over.

Zardari's unveiling of one of the world's worst-kept secrets may be an attempt to diffuse international pressure, with a civil war ensuing in the country, ironically pitting him against the Taliban.

But there is no point in him stating the obvious if Islamabad is going to continue with its old policy line and do little about their extensive network of jihadists.

Islamabad has been full of promises in the past, but sustainable action beneath the peripheral has rarely ever followed suit when dealing with extremism. Now is the time for action.

Zardari can complain all he likes about America using Pakistan "as a blunt instrument of the Cold War," and for supporting corrupt totalitarian military regimes to achieve its own objectives, leaving Pakistan in the dust. But he cannot deny that his country has reaped the benefits of militancy and it is only now, with the jihadist insurrection completely out of hand that Zardari speaks out.

His revelation should not be viewed as an act of repentance, rather, it should be observed with caution. These are just words attempting to prevent or delay action, and maybe even shield Pakistan's instability and inability to control what was once their brainchild.

But, as far as the Islamist connection goes, Pakistan's days of denial are no more.

Disasters in-waiting



Derek Kiszely
Columnist

Last year, just three days before Christmas, an environmental disaster of epic proportions woke the residents of Kingston, Tennessee in the middle of the night.

Today, to the few people who are even aware the event occurred, it is known as the "TVA Kingston Fossil Plant coal-fly ash slurry spill." But on that fateful night, Kingston residents only knew chaos after an earthen dike ruptured at the nearby power plant.

Within seconds more than a billion gallons of coal combustion waste poured out of the storage pond and rushed down the valley. The ashen-gray, toxic muck covered the surrounding land with up to six feet of sludge, spanning more than 300 acres, or the equivalent of 1,660 Olympic-size swimming pools. The volume of ash and water was 100 times greater than the amount of oil spilled in the 1989 Exxon Valdez disaster.

The first tests conducted by the Tennessee Valley Authority showed "no threat" to the area's drinking water. But on New Years Day, the first independent tests, conducted by the Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry laboratories at Appalachian State University, showed "significantly elevated levels of toxic metals" in nearby streams, threatening the ecosystem and raising serious concerns about the safety of drinking water. To this day, cattle can't graze on affected pastures.

Unfortunately, not enough has been done to prevent another spill, and the reality is that something similar could very likely happen here, in North Carolina.

The Environmental Protection Agency recently revealed North Carolina is home to 12 "potentially high-hazard ponds," more than any other state. These sites, like the one in Tennessee, have existed for years with little -to-no federal regulation.

The EPA's high-hazard rating means that people would most likely die if a dam failed, and if a storm or structural failure did cause them to leak into the surrounding communities, there would be "significant property damage" and immeasurable damage to the environment.

The EPA initially refused to disclose the locations of 44 "high-hazard potential" sites to the public but eventually relented and released the list that the Obama administration had previously insisted be kept secret.

Given the EPA's purpose, it comes as a surprise to find out that they were stonewalling the public on this issue. But this is the same agency that lied to New Yorkers about the quality of air after the Sept. 11 attacks left high levels of asbestos in the dust that covered lower Manhattan.

Coal combustion waste, a byproduct of burning coal, is full of highly toxic chemicals that can cause birth defects, cancer and other ailments. Coal ash dumps also contain millions of pounds of toxic metals such as arsenic, lead, cadmium, mercury, chromium and selenium, which can cause cancer or damage to the nervous system and other organs if ingested. A study from the Oak Ridge National Laboratory found coal ash to be several times more radioactive than shielded nuclear waste, yet coal ash is subject to little regulation.

Yet there are stronger protections for household garbage than for coal ash across the country.

This means that North Carolinians will be forced to wait months until the EPA finally takes action, even though they've had three decades to do so. In the meantime, an enormous amount of toxic material has gone largely unregulated. Because there are no federal regulations regarding the disposal of coal ash, the task is handled by each state.

North Carolina's power companies say their disposal methods are safe and economical. Sure, they're "safe and economical," until there's an unexpected ash pond catastrophe, like the one in Tennessee. Thankfully there hasn't been a catastrophe in North Carolina. But just because it hasn't happened doesn't mean it can't.

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A holiday without meaning



Sarah Costello
Summer News Editor

July always arouses a resurgence in superficial patriotism among Americans who otherwise do not exhibit such emotions.

American flags are more prominent on porch rails and mailboxes, Wal-Mart has a Fourth of July area set aside for decorations and red, white and blue potato chips, and many flock to see the climatic fireworks shows on the special holiday most celebrate in some form or another, but few understand.

Like Christmas, Independence Day has become too commercial. It's a shallow holiday whose meaning is long forgotten and often overlooked.

The love of this country does not run deep, and true patriotism in America is a misunderstood concept. While many think the definition of a patriot is voting during elections, abiding by the law and possessing a basic understanding of the judicial system, true patriotism runs much deeper.

"Patriotism is supporting your country all the time, and your government when it deserves it," Mark Twain said.

Many mistake devotion to a country as love for a government, which is a flawed and dangerous misconception.

Patriots love their country, it's foundation, set standards of living and will do everything in their power to ensure that absolutely nothing compromises the values and morals said country stands for.

"Every good citizen makes his country's honor his own, and cherishes it not only as precious but as sacred," President Andrew Jackson said. "He is willing

to risk his life in its defense and is conscious that he gains protection while he gives it."

It is ironic the citizens of the greatest nation in the world lack loyalty to the only country that offers absolute freedom. Americans are quick to complain and slow to act.

Rather than using their constitutionally-guaranteed rights to make a difference, they are content to remain complacent, allowing their nation to radically change for the worse.

One of the many problems plaguing Americans in this epoch of post-modernism and hedonism is a "going-with-the-flow" mentality. When asked, many cannot even explain what they believe.

The Declaration of Independence is not an ancient historical document. It is as relevant today as it was in 1776 and should be honored as such - not rewritten to abide by the dictates of new leadership. We are guaranteed only three inalienable rights, which are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness - pursuit being the key word.

Health care is not a right. Equal opportunity is not a right. Government intervention is not a right. The redistribution of wealth is not a right.

Instead, we are guaranteed an equal playing field where everyone has the ability, whether rich or poor, healthy or sick, black or white, male or female, to pursue our desires.

Life is not fair and there are clear distinctions in America between the millionaires and those living beneath the poverty line. But one's status in life should not dictate loyalty to their country. It is our duty to uphold the Constitution and to act as our forefathers did when their liberty was in jeopardy.

Cowards and slackers may ignore the signs of quickly changing tides, but we need to step up to ensure our current leaders do not succeed in making changes that should not be made. It's time to take a patriotic stand.

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the full story...



Style

Digital postcard project paints historical picture of Elon

Alexa Milan
Managing Editor

The front of campus is marked by the Administration Building, a brick rectangle with an octagonal tower at the front. The campus faces south, with an oval driveway connected to Lebanon Drive. A power house is located next to Alumni Gym that operates the campus' central heating, lighting and water systems. The three-story East Dormitory is the college's first residence hall.

This is the Elon captured in the Elon Postcard Collection Archive, the first digital project completed by Belk Library's Archives and Special Collections. Though the Administration Building has since been replaced with Alamance, Long now stands where the oval driveway



PHOTO COURTESY OF ELON UNIVERSITY RELATIONS
Katie Nash (left) and Beth Morris (right) took part in Belk Library's Archives and Special Collections first digital project.

once was, Belk Library has replaced the power house and East Dormitory no longer stands between Duke and Smith Dormitory, the postcard project gives the Elon community a glimpse of the university's early years.

"I'm hoping people will be curious about where they work and go to school, and also learn more about archives and special collections and what we have," said Katie Nash, special collections librarian and archivist. "We don't just have old books and old pieces of paper here."

Nash assembled the project with Beth Morris, a UNC Chapel Hill graduate student and 2006 Elon graduate. Nash and Morris sifted through the library archives' collection of more than 150 postcards and selected 30 that captured how Elon has developed and evolved. The postcards in the project date from 1900-1973 and feature some buildings current students will recognize and some they won't.

"I thought if we could do buildings that are no longer on campus, it's not only going to appeal to alumni who might remember the buildings but also to current students, faculty and staff," Nash said. "Hopefully it will wet their appetite to learn more about what this campus was and how it evolved."

Nash and Morris began working on the project in January when Morris learned about an internship with Belk Library through Chapel Hill's School of Information and Library Science. Morris began by researching what other schools had done in similar projects. She then made a database in which to store all the metadata she and



PHOTO COURTESY OF ELON UNIVERSITY RELATIONS
Beth Morris holds two of the historic postcards that are now part of the Elon Postcard Collection Archive.

Nash collected about each postcard before scanning the postcards into the computer.

This metadata includes a description of the postcard, a transcription of what is written on the card, the publication year, the publisher, the original format and size of the card, a citation and historical notes.

"The process for the postcard project was extremely fun for me because I was able to set up the entire collection to be digitized and was then able to digitize the collection myself," Morris said.

Neither Nash nor Morris had any experience working on similar projects, but Nash said she decided it was time to use the Internet to share the library's materials because the archival field as a whole is starting to go online.

"We've learned that a digital project takes a lot of work and a lot of time and a lot of energy," Nash said. "But now we have a foundation so if we want to do another one, we know what we're getting into."

One idea Nash has for a future project is based on James Madison University's "founding documents" site, which lets users scan through faculty minutes,

student letters and academic catalogue entries from the school's early years. Another idea involves using photos of early classes and professors, but Nash said she wants to formulate a theme first.

"There are a lot of ideas I have for putting different things online," Nash said. "But then it boils down to the time and the staff and the technology help that will have to be involved."

Nash said another possibility is adding to the digital postcard collection. But for now, Morris said she hopes students can enjoy the site for what it currently has to offer.

"(The project) can be a great resource for Elon 101, history, English and art students, as well as many others," Morris said. "I hope they can simply appreciate the collection and find it useful, helpful or meaningful in some way."

Want to view the new Elon Postcard Collection Archive? Visit <http://techapp.elon.edu/post-cards>.

Students are SURE to gain valuable experience with summer research

Justine Schulerud
Reporter

While college students across the country search tediously for their ideal summer job, a select group of Elon students land their job by doing just a bit of research - actual research, that is.

This summer 28 students are spending their vacations on campus researching a range of topics pertaining to their majors. These students were selected from a large pool of applicants to participate in the Summer Undergraduate Research Experiences. This program is designed to that have students and their mentors work collaboratively on their chosen projects.

Students must first be nominated by a professor, who would act as their mentor, and then send in a proposal that was put together by both them and their mentor.

To apply, the student must have completed their freshman year at Elon and have an overall and major, GPA of at least 3.0. The applicants are selected based on their personal fulfillment as a student and the match of the faculty and their project with the given criteria.

Many of the participating students are Honors Fellows who are required to attain a certain amount of research work before graduating. There are also student participants that are not Honors Fellows that must reach a required number of research hours needed to graduate.

Each participant will end up completing eight journals, one for each week of their work. Along with the journals everyone must attend meetings with all of the other students.

Upon completion of their projects they will present their projects at Elon's Student Undergraduate Research Forum day.

This summer's projects range from dance to chemistry. The type, method and purpose of each research project varies for each student.

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Angela Ramer

Rising Senior Angela Ramer, an anthropology and international studies major, is conducting research with North Carolina's smallest and youngest state recognized Native American tribe. She works with the Occaneechi band of the Saponi Nation's youth group. Angela voiced an interest in doing ethnic graphic research about two years ago. A member of the tribe suggested that she work with the youth group.

The youth group is made up a core group of 14 kids, along with their parents and elders. Ramer concentrates on the development and advancement of the youth.

She observes, studies, and documents their ability to retain the information and their interest levels. The overall purpose of her study is to help the tribe find the tools to integrate in both the indigenous and mainstream white culture.

Kirby Sypek

Following the trend of working with youth, rising senior Kirby Sypek, is working with elementary school teachers. As an elementary education major, she and mentor, Assistant Professor of Education Terry Tomasek,

created a project where she observes teacher's identity within the first few years of teaching.

She started by interviewing first year teachers that plan on teaching a second year, and then analyzing them.

She hypothesized there is a gap between those wanting to become a teacher, and first year teachers, and their stories could aid pre-service teachers' development.

"This project is very relevant to me because I want to be a teacher," Sypek said. "I'm really thankful I got to do SURE. It's been great hearing about other people's projects at the luncheons, learning more about research, and being able to spend ample time focusing on one thing."

Sara Dennin

Many of the research projects are scientifically based, with a wide variety of categories, including chemistry, engineering, physics and exercise-sport science. Chemistry major Sara Dennin is working on a biochemical project that has a medical application. She is working with high-density lipoproteins, more commonly known as "good cholesterol." HDL has recently been found to contribute to heart disease. Dennin is researching the process that makes this harmful, hopefully discovering the mechanisms of how HDL damages the body biologically. With that information, a medication can then be created to inhibit the process from occurring.

"I am applying to medical school this coming year and thought that this was a great way to apply my chemistry knowledge to my love for medicine," Dennin said.

Dan Glass

Dan Glass, an engineering physics major, is one of the younger participants this summer. Since the engineering physics program is five

years, his college plan is a bit different than most.

Glass' goal and project for the summer is to be able to bond tiny magnetic particles to form magnetic beads. After completing that with multiple successful results, he will then explore different ways to control the size of the particles in a stable suspension of two liquids that do not naturally mix, or a colloid. He is concentrating on creating the magnetic polymer known as Ferro Fluid-Poly Dimethyl Siloxane.

Paige Kensrue

Exercise sports science major, Paige Kensrue, is concentrating on the soreness that follows a day or two after an intense workout. She is seeing if guided imagery healing has an effect on how people perceive their pain, affecting their soreness and furthermore, their performance.

To conduct this experience Paige has participants performing a variety of physical fitness tests. Then, after 48 hours she has them return and perform the same tests, followed by filling out a few questionnaires pertaining to their soreness.

"I've always been interested in sport and exercise psychology, so it kind of dwindled down to what I'm working on," Kensrue said.

Rachel Perlman

The collection of projects also included projects such as Rachel Perlman's creation of a new form of dance, known as "conTAPorary." For her project, rising senior and dance major, Rachel is working towards creating a hybrid dance utilizing three different dance genres, including contemporary modern, contemporary jazz, and rhythm tap.

Perlman will conduct field research, video analysis, literature review and then finally, creative research, which includes actually creating the dance.

A summer of loss: The entertainment industry says goodbye to three iconic performers

Alexa Milan
Managing Editor

The summer is usually a time for fun fashions and major movie premieres, but the end of June brought tragedy to the entertainment industry as it lost three entertainers in one week. The week began with the passing of Ed McMahon on June 23, followed by the deaths of both Farrah Fawcett and Michael Jackson on June 25. Here is a look back at the lives of these artists and the lasting impact they had on Hollywood.

Michael Jackson
(Aug. 29, 1958-June 25, 2009)

Gary, Ind.-born Michael Jackson, dubbed the King of Pop, began performing at just 6 years old as a member of The Jackson 5. After a successful Motown run with the group despite physical abuse from his father (which Jackson first recounted in a 1993 interview with Oprah Winfrey), he released his first solo album in 1972.

His acclaim as a solo artist rose in 1979 with the Quincy Jones-produced "Off the Wall," which spawned hits like "Don't Stop 'Til You Get Enough" and "Rock with You." He followed that album with "Thriller," which became the best-selling album of all time. In addition to the title track, "Thriller" also featured "Billie Jean" and "Beat It" and secured his place as a pioneer of music videos.

Jackson released a string of other hit albums including "Bad" and "Dangerous." He also popularized the moonwalk, co-wrote the single "We Are the World" with Lionel Richie to benefit the underprivileged and wowed audiences with his intricate stage performances.

Though his public image was tarnished by his increasingly odd behavior, his changing appearance and two sets of sexual abuse charges in 1993 and 2005, of which he was not convicted, the lasting impact he made on music is undeniable. He was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame twice, sold more than 750 million albums, had 13 number one singles and won 13 Grammy Awards.

Jackson died at age 50, leaving behind his parents, his siblings and his three children. Reports say he died of cardiac arrest, but the cause of the cardiac arrest is still unknown.

Farrah Fawcett
(Feb. 2, 1947-June 25, 2009)

Farrah Fawcett began her acting



PHOTOS COURTESY OF MCT CAMPUS
Clockwise from left: Michael Jackson, Ed McMahon and Farrah Fawcett's deaths shocked Hollywood when all three passed away in one week. McMahon died June 23 and Fawcett and Jackson both died June 25.

career by appearing in a string of commercials and TV guest spots on programs like "I Dream of Jeannie." In 1976, Fawcett became a household name when she landed the role of Jill Munroe on the hit TV series "Charlie's Angels."

While on the show, Fawcett became a pop culture icon. Young women began emulating her trademark hairstyle, and a poster which appeared in Life magazine of Fawcett in a red one-piece swimsuit became the best-selling pin-up poster of all time.

Fawcett left "Charlie's Angels" after one season to pursue other acting opportunities. In the 1980s, she won critical acclaim for her performance as a sexual assault victim in the off-Broadway play "Extremities." She reprised the role in the film adaptation and received a Golden Globe nomination.

She was also nominated for an Emmy Award for her performance in the TV movie "The Burning Bed." Fawcett is most remembered for her roles in the 1970s and 1980s, but she continued acting through the 2000s in films like "The Apostle" and "Dr. T and the Women."

Fawcett was diagnosed with anal cancer in 2006. After undergoing chemotherapy and surgery, Fawcett appeared to be cancer free, but the cancer returned in 2007. She documented her battle with cancer in the TV special "Farrah's Story" before succumbing to the disease at age 62. She leaves behind her long-time partner, actor Ryan O'Neal, and their son.

Ed McMahon
(March 6, 1923-June 23, 2009)

Prior to his career as an entertainer and host, Ed McMahon was a fighter



pilot with the Marine Corps during World War II. He served again during the Korean War before joining the game show "Who Do You Trust?" with Johnny Carson in 1957.

McMahon and Carson joined "The Tonight Show" in 1962 with Carson as the host and McMahon as his sidekick and announcer. McMahon's exuberant introduction of "Here's Johnny!" became his trademark until he left the show in 1992.

In addition to "The Tonight Show," McMahon hosted "Star Search" from 1983-1995. He also hosted The Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy Association Telethon and a number of game shows.

In addition to his hosting jobs, McMahon appeared in a few films like "The Incident" and "Fun with Dick and Jane." He also promoted products and services like Budweiser, FreeCreditReport.com and Pride Mobility.

Toward the end of his life, McMahon was hospitalized for a variety of health problems including pneumonia. He died at age 86, leaving behind his wife, four biological children and one stepson. McMahon had one other son who died of cancer in 1995.

Other recent celebrity deaths

While Jackson, Fawcett and McMahon may be the most recognizable, they weren't the only celebrities that died recently.

Karl Malden: Veteran character actor best known for his Oscar-winning turn in "A Streetcar Named Desire," died July 1 at age 97 of natural causes.

Billy Mays: Infomercial mainstay who promoted products like OxiClean, Orange Glo and Kaboom and was featured on the Discovery Channel series "PitchMen," died June 28 at age 50. His cause of death is still unconfirmed but early autopsy results indicate hypertensive heart disease.

Steve McNair: Football quarterback who played for the Tennessee Titans and most recently the Baltimore Ravens, died July 4 at age 36 from multiple gunshot wounds.

Harve Presnell: Stage and screen actor best known for his roles in the Broadway musical "The Unsinkable Molly Brown" and as the father-in-law of William H. Macy's character in the Coen Brothers' "Fargo," died June 30 at age 75 of pancreatic cancer.

Gale Storm: Actress and singer best-known for starring roles in the 1950s sitcoms "My Little Margie" and "The Gale Storm Show," died June 27 at age 87 of natural causes.

Mollie Sugden: British comedy actress known for her role on the long-running sitcom "Are You Being Served," which gained popularity in America on PBS and BBC America, died July 1 at age 86 of an unspecified illness.

Fred Travalena: Comedian and impersonator known for late-night talk show appearances and voice work on animated series, died June 28 at age 66 of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

Gidget: Chihuahua who rose to fame as the mascot for Taco Bell in the "Yo quiero Taco Bell" commercials, died July 21 at age 15 of a stroke.

Couple fosters growth of local art in Burlington

Lindsay Fendt
Reporter

Jim and Carolyn Teague's small upstairs studio is packed with art.

Paintings cover almost every inch of wall space, prints are filed away in boxes along the floor and mannequin heads and crafts fill the countertops. But there is one painting, on the wall right next to the door, that may have changed the face of the Burlington art community forever.

It's a painting of the Mexican Quebrada that Jim did in 1969, for which he won his first prize in an art competition.

"That inspired me to carry on," Jim said. "It made me want to do more in the art community."

He carried on, and in 1972 he became the founding president of the Burlington Artists League, created along with 10 other artists, including his wife Carolyn who was the founding secretary.

"In 1972 there was no place for artists to exhibit their work in Burlington," Jim said. "We decided, along with six or seven other artists, to form the league."

After more than 35 years of the



LINDSAY FENDT | Staff photographer
Carolyn and Jim Teague, married Burlington-based artists, have both been actively involved in the Burlington Artists League since 1972. Jim served as the League's founding president and is now the gallery chairperson, while Carolyn helps with membership.

BAL's commitment to the promotion of art, artists now enjoy many more opportunities to display their work than in the past.

Today, members of the league's art

can be seen in businesses all around Burlington, including several pieces hung in the Kernodle Center at Elon. Recently, the BAL opened a new gallery in the Town Square Mall where anyone

who belongs to the league can display their work.

"We don't jury anything that comes to the gallery," Carolyn said. "We take anyone's work as primitive as it is."

Jim is now retired after 27 years as a drafting teacher at Western Alamance High School and Carolyn retired in 2000 from the Social Security office. While both have taught art classes at Alamance Community College, they now spend most of their time doing work for the BAL.

"We have been busy promoting other artists more than ourselves," Carolyn said. "But we want to encourage others to do art. Burlington has been good to us."

Both Jim and Carolyn have held a variety of officer positions in the BAL, but Jim is currently the gallery chairperson and Carolyn helps with membership. Neither of them receives payment for the countless hours put into the league — instead they are driven by helping other artists.

"Everyone is focused on getting their work from under the bed and out of the closets and into the world," Jim said. "It's a good feeling to sell your work and know it brings people joy."

Judging speeches by their authors

Award-winning poets to visit Elon

Morgan Little
Opinions Editor

For those who prefer their language lean and taught, with each scarce word worth its weight in literary gold, the following poets will be among the many guest speakers visiting Elon's campus this fall.

C.K. Williams

Who: Winner of the Pulitzer Prize for his collection "Repair" in 1999, and current teacher of creative writing at Princeton University.

Where: McCrary Theatre

When: 7:30 p.m. Sept. 22

The critics say: "A matchless explorer of the burdens of consciousness, C.K. Williams has always written brilliantly about human pain, that which we inflict upon others and upon ourselves, and that which we experience in dreading what we're fated for." Jonathan Aaron, *The Boston Globe*

The Pendulum says: "Finding beauty and anxiety in the small increments of time upon which our psyches depend, Williams is comfortable analyzing both the precarious nightly embrace of a lover and deconstructing the youthful self-destruction of a fellow poet."

Williams says:

"I waited, hoping you'd wake, turn, embrace me, but you stayed in yourself, and I felt again how separate we are all from one another, how even our passions,

which seem to embody unities outside of time, heal only the most benign divisions, that for our more abiding, ancient terrors we each have to find our own valor."

Thorpe Moeckel

Who: A relatively new poet whose first collection, "Odd Botany" won the Gerald Cable Award and who currently teaches at Hollins University with the Masters of Fine Arts program.

Where: Yeager Recital Hall

When: 7:30 p.m. Oct. 6

The critics say: "Moeckel's poems are dense with the vocabulary and sensibility of a naturalist, intent on writing the physicality of a wild landscape and the experience of moving through it and being shaped by it." Catherine MacDonald, *Blackbird*

The Pendulum says: "A poet completely taken aback by nature's peculiarities and enamored in its myriad, complex beauties, Moeckel zeroes in on the observations of a man whose stunted, incomplete sentences run forth unencumbered by the enormity of their descriptions."

Moeckel says:

"Honeysuckle stuck in its mania of twining, spiders plump as they'll get, their webs ragged with inedibles — leaf bits, old legs: here is the broken ground, the hinge on which seasons squeak like crickets or towhees."

MOVIE REVIEW

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Heigl's new movie isn't so 'Ugly'

Adam Constantine
Film Critic

Most chick flicks, which is the genre "The Ugly Truth" falls under, are tailored mostly to women or couples who are looking for a funny, heartwarming tale about a couple's erratic love life. While "The Ugly Truth" does deliver that rather cliché fairytale of a story, the hilarity of this movie exceeds expectations.

Abby (Katherine Heigl) is a producer for a local network that has been in her family for generations. But with ratings plummeting, there is talk of the network being bought out. Abby must find a way to get more people watching the news network before it is too late.

The network's solution? A late night talk show host named Mike (Gerard Butler) who is in charge of a show called "The Ugly Truth," where he gives advice to men and women about relationships. But this is no Dr. Phil or Oprah as his methods are more about lewd language than consoling words.

But in the film, no matter how crudely he phrases his wording, what Mike says is true, no matter how ugly. (Get it? Get it? Truth... Ugly? Ugly truth?)



PHOTO COURTESY OF MOVIES.YAHOO.COM
Katherine Heigl and Gerard Butler star in "The Ugly Truth," a comedy about a crude talk show host and his unlucky-in-love producer.

Like the name of the movie? Never mind.)

When Mike first starts on the show, his crude antics are a shock to everyone in the studio. But when the ratings fly through the roof, no matter how much Abby protests Mike becomes the hit new part of the show.

Even though the show begins running smoothly, Abby still has problems of her own in her personal life. Mike, being the charmingly insensitive yet observant male that he is, picks up on this.

When he finds out she can't get the guy she thinks is the one for her, he makes a personal challenge to her: He helps her get this guy and she gets off his back, or if he can't then he will quit on the spot.

The film follows

the journey of the two as Mike successfully guides Abby into the arms of her dream man. But he realizes for the first time in his life he may be leading someone down the wrong path.

Heigl, the once hit star on "Grey's Anatomy," has seen her career skyrocket on the big screen. This latest film just adds to her collection of solid acting performances. She delivers an excellent role as the studious and under-experienced businesswoman unfamiliar in the area of men.

Heigl and Butler do the awkward dance of unknown lovers very well in a film that provides spontaneous laughter throughout. This is one of the few films that couples can enjoy together.

MOVIE REVIEW

★ ★ ★ ★ ☆

'Half-Blood Prince' is the most spellbinding 'Potter' flick yet

Alexa Milan
Managing Editor

Though all of the "Harry Potter" movies have been entertaining, "Prisoner of Azkaban" stood out above the rest as a critical favorite. Enter David Yates' masterful adaptation of "Half-Blood Prince," which with its strong character development and eye-popping visuals has quickly become the best "Potter" film yet.

In the sixth and penultimate installment in the series, Harry (Daniel Radcliffe) has three mysteries to face. First, after Voldemort's return at the end of the fifth film, the magical world is on the brink of war. With Voldemort's death eaters attacking wizards and muggles alike, there is a feeling of impending destruction.

Dumbledore (Michael Gambon) tasks Harry with looking into Voldemort's past to piece together the tools to destroy him. Part of this exploration includes retrieving a memory from potions professor Horace Slughorn (Jim Broadbent) that may be the key to Voldemort's defeat. Harry also suspects that Draco Malfoy (Tom Felton) is somehow involved in Voldemort's plans.

Second, Harry obtains a potions book with the mysterious inscription "property of the Half-Blood Prince." Filled with notes scribbled in the margins, the Prince's advice steers Harry to the top of the class. But some of the book's notes are more than just helpful homework hints,



PHOTO COURTESY OF MCT CAMPUS
Rupert Grint, Emma Watson and Daniel Radcliffe star as Ron, Hermione and Harry in the series' penultimate installment. In "Half-Blood Prince," Harry must look into Voldemort's past to learn the tools to destroy him.

and Harry has no idea about the Prince's true identity.

Finally Harry and his friends deal with the mysteries of the opposite sex. Now 16 years old, Harry finds himself growing closer to Ginny (Bonnie Wright), who suddenly seems like more than just Ron's (Rupert Grint) little sister. Meanwhile, Hermione (Emma Watson) comes to terms with her feelings for Ron, but may face competition from the outgoing Lavender Brown (Jessie Cave).

"Half-Blood Prince" serves mainly as a bridge between Voldemort's return and the final battle. This story

is more driven by the characters than action, but Yates still manages to keep things interesting. He creates a dark atmosphere that emphasizes the urgency of impending war but balances it out with some light-hearted romantic humor.

For the most part, the film's romantic subplot works well. It emphasizes the fact that Harry and his friends are still adolescents and have to continue growing up, even with a war coming. Ron and Hermione's relationship plays a key role in the seventh book and is established well here, though Lavender's over-the-top romantic

gestures prove a bit overwhelming.

This film is by far the most visually stunning of the series with its top-notch special effects and cinematography. The quidditch scenes and the film's climax are particularly impressive, and a dark look is maintained throughout the film even in its lighter moments.

The performances are also better than they've ever been. Radcliffe, Grint and Watson are all very comfortable in their roles now. They have all matured as actors, especially Radcliffe, who shines in both comedic and dramatic ways in this film.

Gambon, whose portrayal of Dumbledore has been divisive in this past, is spot-on here. At times he is warm while other times he is devastating. Felton also gives a particularly nuanced performance. While he was only a bully and a coward in previous films, here he is determined yet genuinely fearful of the task Voldemort has given him.

The film leaves out some parts of the book and adds others, which will likely disappoint some fans, but Yates still creates a cohesive story. What makes a great book doesn't necessarily make a great film. This is a great film, and fans who want it to be 100 percent faithful to the book should just read the book.

Yates has a clear understanding of the world J.K. Rowling created, and he has made a beautiful film with "Half-Blood Prince." If this movie is any indication, his "Deathly Hallows" will be the truly epic conclusion this series deserves.

Harrilchak adjusting well to baseball life after Elon

Pam Richter
Summer Editor

Cory Harrilchak was grinning from ear-to-ear as a handful of fans approached him for autographs after a game earlier this month at Burlington Athletic Stadium. Harrilchak, a former Elon baseball player, was selected by the Atlanta Braves in the 14th round of the June 2009 MLB draft. He currently plays with the Danville Braves, the Braves' rookie level minor league affiliate.

Harrilchak, primarily an outfielder with the Braves, returned to Elon's backyard for the first time when the Braves played against the Burlington Royals in mid-July. Tonight, he is back in Burlington as the Braves are in the midst of their second series of the season in Burlington.

"I feel comfortable here," Harrilchak said in reference to playing down the road from his alma mater.

A Cary, N.C., native Harrilchak was excited his friends and family could watch him play.

"They've been watching me play for years, so it's no different," he said. "It's pretty cool now that I'm playing pro ball and they are still able to come watch me."

With the Braves this season he is batting .340

with 22 RBIs and 12 walks. He is also part of a team that is in first place in the East division of the Appalachian League by two and a half games.

For Harrilchak, he said the minor leagues aren't too much different than college ball.

"It's a little adjustment getting used to the wooden bat," he said. "I'd also say it's slightly a better step up in pitching. Other than that it's the same game."

Last season with the Phoenix Harrilchak batted .336, hit 18 doubles and was a First Team All-Southern Conference pick by the league coaches. He also scored a program-record 79 runs.

"My coaches (in Danville) are constantly preaching things that I have been taught the past two years," Harrilchak said. "It's not much of a difference as the coaching goes. I'm used to everyone and everything being done certain ways. My coaches prepared me very well for this."

For the Elon alumnus, he has one specific goal in mind during his time in the minor leagues.

"Play great and move up," Harrilchak said as he continued to sign autographs for fans, with a grin on his face.



FILE PHOTO
Cory Harrilchak runs to third base in a game against LaSalle University in the 2009 season. Harrilchak is adjusting well to minor league baseball with the Danville Braves.

Phoenix looks to younger players for success

Pam Richter
Summer Editor

For Kelsey Evans, an incoming freshman with the Elon women's basketball team, the future with the team is uncertain. Evans originally signed with Western Carolina, but switched to Elon after a coaching change at Western Carolina.

Former Western Carolina head coach Kellie Harper left the school to become the head coach at North Carolina State and Evans decided to change her college choice and attend Elon.

"It's just one of those things that fell in our lap," Elon head coach Karen Barefoot said. "We didn't expect it. She's a great kid, a tremendous student and a great basketball player. It's hard to put in words the type of person she is."

Evans is currently enrolled in summer classes at Elon, but Western Carolina hasn't fully released her yet. She may need to sit out the 2009-2010 season because of eligibility rules.

A decision on Evans' future should be made within the next week or so, Barefoot said. The coach also said she has "nothing to do with it" and the decision is being talked about between Western Carolina, Evans and her family.

Evans is a native of Raleigh, N.C. and played at Wakefield High School last season. During four years at Wakefield Evans helped her team to a 108-8 overall record. As a senior she averaged 18.5 points and 10 rebounds per game.

"She's one of those players, if you watch her play, she does all the dirty work," Barefoot said. "She grabs rebounds. She can defend. She does a lot of little things that I think will help us be a better ball club."



PHOTO SUBMITTED
Freshman guard Ali Ford dribbles the ball in the North Carolina East-West All-Star game on July 20. Ford finished with a game-high 20 points and was named the MVP of the game.

Incoming freshman earns MVP at All Star Game

Elon women's basketball incoming freshman Ali Ford was the MVP at the North Carolina East-West All-Star game on July 20. She scored 20 points, which led all scorers, and helped the West Team to a 87-77 victory.

"Ali can score. She's a great scorer, and has tremendous vision," Barefoot said. "She can shoot and she can deliver. She's a point guard that can do it all."

Freshman Eleisha Hairston and Kelsey Evans also represented the Phoenix in the game. Hairston played with Ford on the West team, while Evans played on the East team.

These players are part of Barefoot's nationally-ranked recruiting class.

"It's going to be exciting and have a different look," Barefoot said. "We'll still be young. A fan told me the other day on the phone that we're going to be diaper dandies."

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Eight Elon football players to preseason All-SoCon teams

Eight Elon football players were named to the Preseason All-Southern Conference teams. The team was selected to finish third in the Southern Conference.

Senior offensive lineman David Harrison, wide receiver senior Terrell Hudgins, senior defensive lineman Eric Ludwig, sophomore linebacker Joshua Jones and senior defensive lineman Karlos Sullivan were named to the first team.

Second team honors were earned by junior Scott Riddle, junior running back Brandom Newsome and junior defensive lineman Brandon Ward.

After the 2008 season, six of those players earned honors from the SoCon league's coaches.

The Phoenix opens its season at 7 p.m. Sept. 5 against Davidson

College at Rhodes Stadium. Elon alum caddies for British Open winner

Frank Williams, a 1979 Elon graduate, caddied for Stewart Cink in the British Open earlier this month.

Williams played baseball at Elon from 1977-1979. He has caddied for Cink for 11 years.

In his career Williams also caddied for Don Reese, Davis Love III, Curtis Strange, Scott Simpson and John Cook.

USA wins 2009 World Baseball Challenge

The USA Baseball National Team (Collegiate) won the final game of the 2009 World Baseball Challenge on Sunday in British Columbia, Canada.

Elon baseball head coach Mike Kennedy was the team's pitching coach.

The pitching staff had a 2.16 ERA in 24 games this summer. The staff gave up 51 earned runs on 118 hits.

The team finished the season with a 19-5 overall record.

Engel releases the men and women's Cross Country schedule

Elon men and women's cross country Coach Christine Engel released the schedule for both teams this month.

Elon will host the first-ever Elon Invitational on Sept. 12.

The Phoenix will host the Southern Conference Championships on October 12.

The team begins its season Sept. 4 at the Wake Forest Relays.

The NCAA Regional will be held in Louisville, Ky. and the NCAA Championship will be held Nov. 23.

Athletic department announces changes to staff

Elon Director of Athletics Dave Blank announced Erica Madden Roberson as the director of media relations for athletics. Roberson will become the primary media contact for the Phoenix men and women's soccer, men's basketball and men and women's tennis teams.

This hire begins the transition of the media relations department from the previous sports information department.

Roberson, graduated from Indiana University in 2002 with a Bachelor of Science in Sports Communications.

While an undergraduate student at Indiana Roberson was the media contact for five teams.

She was an assistant Sports Information Director at Davidson College from 2002 until 2005.

After working at Davidson, she was the Assistant Sports Information Director at Furman University from 2006 to 2007 and in 2009.

Blank also announced several promotions within the Elon Athletic Department.

Brian Tracy is promoted associate athletic director for external affairs; Sarah Thomas is now director of community relations and special events; Megan Donald is director of Web site operations; Michael Jacobs is the director of marketing and ticket operations for athletics.

Tracy joined Elon in 2005 where he was an assistant director of development for athletics. In 2007, he was promoted to the director of the Phoenix Club.

Thomas, a 2005 Elon graduate, was the previous assistant director of the Phoenix Club.

Donald was the previous assistant director of marketing for Web site operations for two years. Prior to that she served as an assistant sports information for four years at Elon.

Jacobs was named the director of ticket operations in spring 2008. Prior to joining Elon, he was an assistant ticket manager at Charlotte.

Sports

Burlington Royals bring fans together for 39 years

Pam Richter
Summer Editor

Walking into Burlington Athletic Stadium, a stadium that seats about 3,500 fans, it's hard to believe that Bartolo Colon, Manny Ramirez, CC Sabathia and Jim Thome all stepped foot on this field.

Actually, all of these current and well-known major leaguers played baseball in downtown Burlington, N.C. At the time, these major leaguers played in Burlington, the team was associated with a different organization.

For 21 years, the quaint stadium was home to the Burlington Indians, a minor league baseball team affiliated with the Cleveland Indians.

In 2006, the team switched and then became affiliated with the Kansas City Royals. Now known as the Burlington Royals, the minor league team is a rookie-level baseball team that plays in the Appalachian League.

The team's manager is Nelson Liriano, who is a former Kansas City Royals player himself. He has been a coach with the Royals organization since 2002, but this is his first season in Burlington.

"For me it's (Burlington)

new. I enjoy it," Liriano said. "The field is in good condition. When you have that, you enjoy playing there."

Liriano, played in the major league for 11 seasons. He was signed as an amateur free agent by the Toronto Blue Jays in 1982 and went on to make his major league debut on Aug. 25, 1987 with the Blue Jays.

The former major league player said he tries to teach his players some lessons he learned as a former player.

"You have to have confidence, have to listen, you have to watch, look around and learn to take advantage, then you can be a good player," Liriano said.

As a minor league manager, Liriano has specific goals in mind.

"Try to have the guys have the ability to move on, to play at a higher level, that's our job," Liriano said.

Already this season, the Royals have had two players move on from the team and move onto a higher level of minor league baseball.

The Royals season runs from the end of June through the beginning of September. The team had some players drafted in the MLB draft in the



Burlington Royals second baseman Ryan Woods tags out the Bluefield Orioles' Larry Riviera at an attempted steal at second base.

LINDSAY FENDT | Staff Photographer

beginning of June.

With a wide range of ages of players, Liriano does see a difference between those who were drafted out of high school and those players who were drafted after college.

"There's a big difference," Liriano said. "The guys in college are more mature, so they understand quicker the

message."

And what exactly is that message? It's what Liriano also describes as his biggest challenge as a minor league manager.

"To make younger players understand why they signed," he said. "They have to know their goals and why they are here. What they need to know

is to get better and to move on."

Players, manager and even the team affiliation has changed in Burlington. But throughout its 39 year history, one thing has remained constant for baseball in Burlington. The lights will continue to shine at Burlington Athletic stadium for minor league baseball.

Phoenix Notes: Improvements added to Rudd Field to enhance fan viewing

Pam Richter
Summer Editor

In the upcoming men's soccer season, fans will have a different view of the game from Rudd Field. Permanent bleachers began being constructed in June and will be completed for the start of the 2009 season.

"Renovations are fascinating," Elon head coach Darren Powell said.

The bleachers will hold about 300 spectators. According to Powell, the fans are going to have a choice on whether to stand on the fence or watch the game in the stands.

"It's now going to be more fan comfort. Before most people were standing on the fence," Powell said. "Now people will be able to have a choice to sit and enjoy the game."

Powell said that the attendance has grown over the past few years. In the first round of the SoCon tournament season against Wofford last season, there was a record of 1,107 fans.

"We feel we can create best college atmosphere around the country," Powell said.

Schedule set for upcoming season

The Phoenix will play a 19-game regular-season schedule during the 2009 season. The team will open up the season when it hosts High Point on Sept. 1. Four teams the Phoenix will play were in the NCAA Tournament last year.

"(The) Philosophy from this office



Rudd Field will now have permanent bleachers available for fans at the start of the 2009 season. But if comfort isn't the main goal, fans can still stand along the fence. Elon begins play on Sept. 1.

LAURA SMITH | Staff Photographer

is to play as tough out of conference schedule as possible and to challenge the players," Powell said.

On Sept. 26, Elon will begin to defend its regular season SoCon championship, when it opens up conference play against Georgia Southern.

"Good players want to play good teams," Powell said. "What it (this schedule) allows us to do is to see how good this team can be. We want to play

the best of the best."

Captains for 2009 season announced

Seniors Steven Kinney and Clint Collins have been named the captains of the Phoenix soccer team for the fall.

"They both have been in the program for three years," Powell said. "They will be able to relate to the players on the

squad well."

Kinney, from Norcross, Ga., was a First Team All-Southern Conference selection the past two seasons. This will be his third season as a captain.

Collins, from Marietta, Ga., was an All-Southern Conference Selection as well. This will be his first season as a captain.

O'Keefe named Associate Head Coach

Jason O'Keefe has been promoted from assistant coach to associate head coach for the 2009 season. O'Keefe served under Powell for two seasons.

"Jason has done a tremendous job over the past few years on the field and recruiting," Powell said. "Jason is a valuable asset to our program and we want to make sure we take care of him."

O'Keefe helped coach the team to back-to-back winning seasons and a 2008 SoCon regular-season title.

Freshmen compete in NC All-Star Game

Two incoming freshmen, Nicholas Butterly and Gabe Latigue, participated in the 2009 North Carolina East-West All-Star Soccer Game held on July 21.

"We've got a talented group of freshman again," Powell said. "Their job now as freshmen is trying to make an impact on the team."

Butterly and Latigue will be among six freshmen joining the Phoenix squad in the fall.